

## Base Briefs

### COMMANDER CALLS TEAM V

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, will conduct commander's calls Thursday at the base theater. Attendance is mandatory for all 30<sup>th</sup> SW members. Times are as follows: 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, call 606-1318.

### FIRING RANGE OFF-LIMITS

The 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Range Complex located off San Antonio Road West, is off-limits to all unauthorized personnel. Danger signs are posted around the hazardous area of the range complex. For entry, call the Combat Arms Section, 605-5025

### LOMPOC GATE GETS FACE-LIFT

Lompoc Gate will be closed to all traffic for about six months beginning Aug. 26. The gate and the Santa Lucia Canyon Road intersection will undergo reconstruction and reconfiguration. In addition, Santa Lucia Canyon Road will be limited to one lane at times during the reconfiguration phase. Drivers should anticipate delays and plan accordingly. Call Master Sgt. Michael Bilicki with questions, 605-0549.

### COMMISSARY CLOSES LABOR DAY

The main store and the mini-com will be closed for Labor Day Sept. 2. The mini-com will be open Sept. 3 from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. While the main store is closed, customers can shop in the main store during mini-com hours.

### MINI-COM CLOSES FOR UPGRADES

Customers will not be able to shop at the mini-com during early-bird hours Sept. 16 - 20. During that time, the store will implement upgrades to their ordering systems. The main store will open at the regular time, 9:30 a.m.

### S&MT SETS RECORD STRAIGHT

The Aug. 16 issue of the *Space & Missile Times* mistakenly reported that Lompoc Unified School District bus passes are being issued by the 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron. In fact, 30<sup>th</sup> TRNS is issuing bus passes for American Star, the contract carrier that transports children from main base housing to Vandenberg Middle School. Parents whose children require bus transportation for other district schools must contact LUSD at 736-2371. For information on base bus passes, call 606-5255.

### LEGAL EXPANDS SERVICE HOURS

Beginning Sept. 9, the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Legal See NEWS Page 3



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. RICHARD FREELAND

Last year, 126 members of Team Vandenberg deployed to North Star Training Area to perfect their teamworking skills and prove their ability to survive and operate.

## IG gives execution order

Team Vandenberg prepares to deploy to North Star

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg begins Foggy Shores 02-06 here Monday.

The exercise is designed to evaluate the wing's command and control, response to various contingency scenarios and display the ability to survive and operate in a wartime environment.

Several people will also deploy to the North Star training area, a bare-base encampment where deployed members live and operate in a field environment while responding to exercise scenarios.

According to Ed Rambus, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing chief of exercises and evaluations, base exercises are di-

rected by Air Force requirements.

"The objectives for the scenarios are supplied by functional area exercise evaluators," he said. "Unit commanders and supervisors determine what they want their people to practice and I consolidate their inputs into an exercise script."

The objective, regardless of the nature of the scenario, is to help base leaders get their teams ready to handle emergencies - natural or man-made.

Preliminary deployment activities began Monday when the wing received an exercise deployment execution order tasking the wing for deployment.

Unit monitors reviewed mobility folders, identified deployable personnel and ensured training was properly documented.

Wing planners specified which people would process through the deployment line and which ones would be simulated.

Foggy Shores exercises typically last three days and run around the clock.

"This time the exercise will run from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with activities suspended during the evenings," Rambus said. North Star deployed personnel will remain at the site overnight for the duration of the exercise.

## Legal clears up tattoo questions

BY 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. ANTHONY STEWART  
30<sup>th</sup> SW Staff Judge Advocate office

Recent years have shown a trend of military members getting tattoos and body piercings and then finding themselves in hot water.

Both men and women alike choose to express themselves through tattoos or piercings only to discover that these forms of self-expression must be limited by the Air Force in order to maintain good order and discipline.

The American public and its elected representatives draw conclusions on military effectiveness based upon the image Air Force members present. The current Air Force policy on tattoos or brands and body piercings furthers uniformity of appearance, *esprit de corps* and increases morale. If members choose to undergo these practices, they must adhere to Air Force standards.

According to Air Force instructions tattoos and brands are "unauthorized" if they are obscene or advocate sexual, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination. Also "unauthorized" are tattoos, which are prejudicial to good order and discipline or bring discredit upon the Air Force. "Inappropriate" tattoos are defined as tattoos above the collarbone (visible when wearing an open-collar uniform) and those that exceed one-fourth of the exposed body part while in uniform. Commanders use these guidelines in determining whether a tattoo or brand negatively affects the member's military image. Members

with an *unauthorized* tattoo must have the tattoo removed at their own expense. Covering the tattoo is not an option. Members with an *inappropriate* tattoo are required to cover it with the uniform or remove it.

The Air Force places similar restrictions on body piercings and ornamentation. Members are prohibited from affixing or displaying jewelry or objects through the ear, nose, tongue, or other exposed body part when wearing a military uniform, performing official duty in civilian attire or wearing civilian attire on a military installation.

Women are permitted to wear one pair of small, spherical, conservative, pierced or clip earrings that are diamond, gold, white pearl or silver while on duty in uniform or civilian clothes. By implication, the policy allows men to wear earrings when in civilian clothes, but only when off duty and off the military installation.

The commander's discretion determines whether a tattoo is unauthorized or inappropriate. Commanders also determine whether a body piercing impairs the safe and effective operation of a weapon or poses a health or safety hazard. Failure to comply with the standard on body art may result in disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Air Force members have always been held to a higher standard of appearance. Their appearance with regard to self-expression must also be held to that standard.

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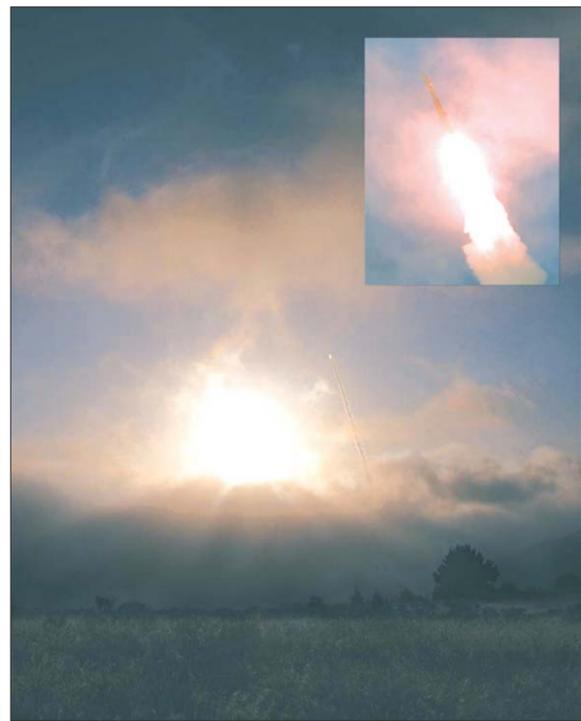


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Integrated Flight Test - 6 resulted in a successful intercept July 14, 2001.

## Missile Defence Agency delays integrated flight test

BY LT. COL. RICK LEHNER  
Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency's ground-based midcourse defense flight test, designated Integrated Flight Test 9, involving the planned intercept of a long-range ballistic missile target previously scheduled for Saturday, is postponed approximately 30 to 45 days.

The delay is due to concerns about the exhaust nozzle seal of the first and second stage rocket motors of the two-stage ground-based interceptor that was being readied for launch at the Reagan Test Site, in the Marshall Islands.

Ground testing Aug. 16 revealed a potential problem with the nozzle, which is located at the bottom of the modified Minuteman II rocket motors, and moves in order to steer the GBI after it is launched. Subsequent investigation revealed that the nozzle seals might be damaged. The Minuteman II boosters, which are more than 30 years old, serve as a surrogate booster rocket for the GBI. This booster system will only be used for one more intercept test after IFT-9 before it is replaced by a modern three-stage

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## Team V invites community to Centennial of Flight celebration

BY 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. BRADLEE KASPRZAK

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs transition student

Team Vandenberg will invite the community out Nov. 2 and 3 for the 2002 fall Air and Space show to celebrate the "Centennial of Flight," showcasing the last 100 years of progress in aircraft technology.

Headlining the show this year are the Air Force's F-16 Viper and the Navy's F/A-18 Hornet demonstration teams. Traditional biplanes will contrast with the contemporary B-2 stealth bomber if conditions permit. Rounding out the show, vintage World War II aircraft will fly in formation with modern-day fighters.

"The important thing is we want to bring people out here so we can show them what the Air Force is doing," said Lt. Col. Lee-Volker Cox, 30<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron commander.

Because of the increased security concerns over the last year, some bases have canceled their air shows. However, Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, decided in February that

the show would go on as scheduled.

Aerial aircraft demonstrations are not the only thing to look forward to this year. There will also be performances by a skydiving dog and an appearance by Robosaurus, the 40-foot, 58,000-pound monster robot. A static display will feature dozens of aircraft, including bombers and trainers. Military recruiters will also be on-hand with displays including a flight simulator.

To better showcase the many missions that Air Force Space Command encompasses, the show this year will have an increased emphasis on rocket and missile support equipment. Aerospace firms will set up assorted exhibits pertaining to their roles in the base's mission. There will be ICBM displays, an expanded space exposition and tours to the Space and Missile Heritage Center put on by base personnel. Many of the other in-house assets will also be in attendance, including the 76<sup>th</sup> Helicopter Flight's helicopters and the 30<sup>th</sup> Secu

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## Plan offers improvements, more control

RANDOLPHAFB, Texas - The Thrift Savings Plan's new computerized record-keeping system will provide more control of accounts for investors and faster processing of transactions, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here. The new system is now set to kick off in November.

During the transition period Aug. 19 to Sept. 16, access to accounts will be limited, officials said. Some of the improvements include:

— Account values posted daily.

— Account balances reported in terms of number of shares and dollars value.

— Quarterly statements by mail in January, April, July and October.

— Loans, withdrawals and transfers between funds processed daily.

### THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN for Federal employees

— Interfund transfers posted to accounts within two business days.

— Ability to increase or decrease the payment amount on TSP loans more than once.

— Online application for loans and withdrawals.

So far, about 18 percent of active duty, Guard and Reserve airmen are enrolled in TSP, which has been open to them since October. More than 77 percent of civilians are enrolled.

"As with any new system, there is a transition period from the old to the new," said Janet Thomas, from the center's civilian benefits and entitlements service team. "So, for a short while, there will be a down time where contributors will

not be able to make electronic transactions with the TSP. They will have the option to submit paper requests to the TSP service office.

"Military and appropriated fund civilian employees can access the TSP Web system at <http://www.tsp.gov>. Select "civilian" or "uniformed services," click "TSP features," and click "TSP new record keeping system."

Additional information is available for appropriated fund civilian employees from the benefits and entitlements service team Web site and for Air Force military people at the TSP for uniformed services Web site.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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76th Helicopter Flight UH-1Ns will be on display at the Air and Space Show See Page A3.



Check out Destinations Central Coast at Lake Lopez See Page B1.

Weekend forecast Low clouds in the morning and evening with clear afternoon skies.



For a full VAFB weather report visit [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather\\_index.html](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather_index.html)



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There are few designated motorcycle parking slots on Vandenberg. It is illegal and unsafe for four-wheeled vehicles to park in designated motorcycle parking areas.

## Callers raise traffic safety issues

### NO HEADLIGHTS LEAVE DRIVERS OUT IN FOG

**Q** I am concerned about the lack of headlight use during the morning and afternoon fog. I have only been here a short time and am amazed at how so many people don't follow the rules. At my last base, we had a sign saying to only use your parking lights when entering base, but about 100 to 200 feet after the gate we had another sign reminding everyone to turn their lights back on.

There has already been a time that I almost got hit because I did not see the person coming due to lack of headlights.

I think that if we had a few signs posted on base in high traffic areas – mainly California Blvd. – it may increase awareness of the situation. I am just afraid someone may get hurt because of their lack of knowledge.

**A** I had the base traffic engineer investigate the situation in conjunction with security forces personnel. They determined that additional signs would not necessarily facilitate increased headlight usage, but would probably add confusion to the number of existing signs at the gates. Additionally, sign attempts have been unsuccessfully implemented in the past. Signs at gates were utilized for a six-month period, but then taken down due to studies showing that the additional postings did not add benefit to drivers on base.

Rather than installing additional signs, I have asked Public Affairs to publish a public service announcement both in the base newspaper, base website and Channel 2.

I have also asked security forces to provide selective enforcement for drivers not appropriately using their headlights in the fog. Thank you for taking the time to make our base safer for everyone.

### SPEEDING DRIVER NEARLY HITS FAMILY

**Q** My wife and children were almost run over behind the Four Seasons by a white Dodge Neon. The driver of the vehicle was far exceeding the speed limit for a parking lot. Two other witnesses yelled at the driver. He missed hitting my 5-year-old daughter by approximately three feet. This person displayed a total lack of safety for my family and didn't even have the common sense to slow down after almost striking them.

I've also noticed that on Montana Street there seems to be no speed limit for some drivers. Mornings and afternoons, California Street is a drag strip. Speed limits are ignored there, too. I am wondering what it will take before people slow down. Someone getting hurt, or worse, killed? I've contacted the law enforcement desk with no permanent results. People see a police car and they slow down. What ever happened to radar traps?

**A** I've asked that Security Forces increase their enforcement of speed violations throughout the base. Furthermore, I specifically asked for selective enforcement at the locations you mentioned: California Street, Montana Street and the Four Season's parking lot. Increased enforcement of speeding will be

done in the upcoming weeks during all shifts throughout the day. Your voice will assist in making the base safer for everyone.

### MOTORCYCLISTS FIND NO PARKING AT BX

**Q** I'm a motorcycle rider on base. I regularly park in the Base Exchange parking lot to go to the bank, post office and BX. A few years ago, there was motorcycle parking in the front of the BX. When the parking lot was modified the motorcycle parking area was removed from the front of the BX and relocated to the back parking lot behind the BX.

The parking area is usually occupied by a car because the area is not labeled clearly for motorcycles only. If a motorcycle parks in a standard parking spot, it cannot be seen until a car pulls in the space. This is how many motorists hit parked motorcycles.

I suggest re-stenciling the motorcycle parking area and correctly labeling it "Motorcycle Parking Only."

**A** Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns over motorcycle parking at the Base Exchange. I had the base traffic engineer investigate the matter. While the area is marked in accordance with the regulations, I agree that does not deter some individuals. Rather than adding additional markings, I have asked security forces to step-up the enforcement of the parking zoning at the Base Exchange. The base traffic engineer has agreed to continue monitoring the area to determine if this solution works. Safety is my top priority.



Call 606-7850 or

E-mail your message to [actionline@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:actionline@vandenberg.af.mil)



Col. Robert M. Worley II  
Commander,  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me.

It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

### Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY.....	911
Command Post .....	606-9961
Poison Control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic Appointments.....	606-2273
Information.....	411
After-Hours Urgent Care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE Services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Pharmacy Refill (recording) .....	605-0200
Law Enforcement.....	606-3911

### Officials offer safety tips for driving in fog

■ According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the best advice for driving in the fog is DON'T.

Drivers should:

- ◆ Consider postponing a trip until the fog clears. However, if they must drive, then slow down and turn on the low beam headlights. The light from high beams will reflect back and cause glare.
- ◆ Never drive with just the parking or fog lights on.
- ◆ Increase following distance and be prepared to stop within the distance clearly

visible in front of their vehicle.

- ◆ Avoid crossing or passing lanes of traffic unless absolutely necessary.
- ◆ Listen for traffic that is out of visual range. Use windshield wipers and defroster, as necessary, for best vision.
- ◆ If the fog becomes so thick that visibility is seriously impaired, pull completely off the road. Do not continue driving until visibility improves. When parked along the road, turn off the vehicle's lights -- if not, someone may see the taillights and drive into the parked vehicle.



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Pelagio Perez III  
AADD Driver

### Plan on partying?

Don't drive after you drink alcohol!  
Airmen Against Drunk Driving will give you a free, no-questions-asked ride home!  
Call 698-8822 or 698-8823.



Winter Dix  
AADD Driver

**BRIEFS: Surf hits 25 violations, raves still off-limits to Team V**

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Office will provide an additional afternoon time for legal assistance 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Mondays. During these times attorneys are available for a range of legal issues. Notary services for powers of attorney, affidavits, etc., will also be available. Call Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Prince, 605-6220.

**SURF BEACH HITS 25 VIOLATIONS**

The Minuteman Beach violation total is at three and there are 25 at Surf Beach. The maximum limit at Surf Beach is 40 violations. The maximum at Minuteman is five. If the limit is reached, the respective beach will close until Sept. 30, the end of the Western Snowy Plover nesting season. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials will issue citations to people who enter closed areas. Normal beach hours for Wall, Minuteman and Surf beaches are Friday through Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For news regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline, 606-6804.

**COURSE EXPANDS SENIOR NCOS**

The Senior NCO Indoctrination Course is Sept 23 – 27. The course is for all assigned master sergeant selects and master sergeants. It's designed to bridge the gap in formal PME between the NCO and Senior NCO academies. Curriculum covers topics relevant to senior NCO duties like: military budget, manpower authorization, package writing and more. There will be panel discussions with airmen, NCOs, CGOs, the chief's group, group commanders and two former chief master sergeants of the Air Force. The Senior NCO induction ceremony is Sept. 27. E-mail Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney, base career advisor, michael.p.tierney@vandenber.af.mil

**RAVES STILL OFF-LIMITS**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander has re-issued his order prohibiting military members assigned to the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing and all tenant organizations from attending raves and rave-like events. The new order is effective through July 31, 2003. It applies at all times, including when personnel are on leave or temporary duty. Questions should be directed to first sergeants

**AAFES EXTENDS BUSINESS HOURS**

Vandenberg's Shopette, Service Station and Anthony's Pizza in the base exchange mall extended their hours of operation. The 30-day test program will determine customer needs. The following hours of operation are in effect: *Shopette* – Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – midnight; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. *Gas Station* – Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Anthony's Pizza* – Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**FLIGHT: Police dogs, helicopters attend open house**

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rity Forces Squadron military working dogs.

"One of the things we're definitely trying to emphasize is the fact that as we've moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, air power was vital but we're quickly transforming into a force where space power is becoming the pointy end of the spear," Cox said. "Since we are on an Air Force Space Command base, it's quite appropriate for us to be showing our mission for space and what we do for the American people every day and what we do for the warfighter saving lives."

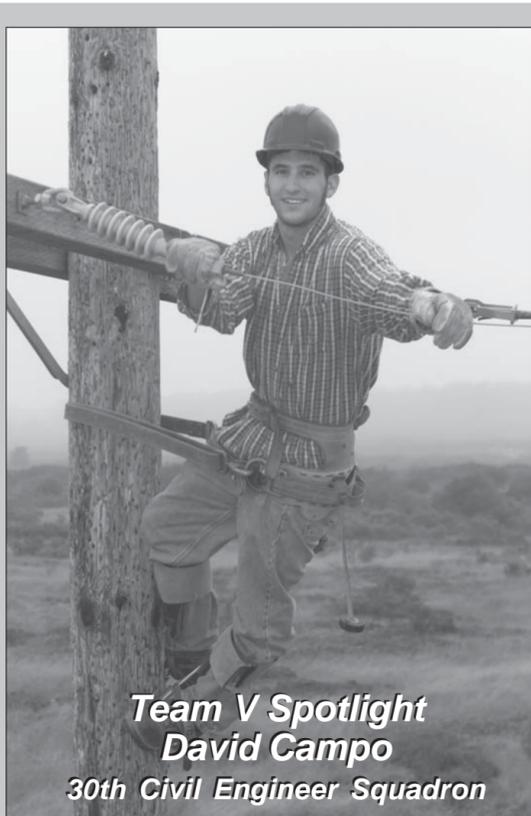
Admission for this event is free. The gates will open at 9 am with aerial acts by both military and civilian pilots planned from 10 am to 3 pm.

"There will be something going on all day long," said Don Dietrich, air and space show coordinator.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. BRUCE DZITKO

UH-1N Helicopters from the 76<sup>th</sup> Helicopter Flight will be on display at the 2002 Air and Space Show, "Centennial of Flight."



**Team V Spotlight David Campo**  
30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

**Duty:** High-voltage technician, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Infrastructure Support

**Time on Vandenberg:** 4 years

**Time in Government Service:** 4 years

**Hobbies:** dirt biking, paint ball, fishing and playing guitar.

**Educational Goals:** to pursue a degree in electrical engineering.

**Why he likes his job:** "The part of my job that I enjoy the most is working on electrical distribution lines."

**Supervisor's Comments:** "Mr. Dave Campo is an outstanding high-voltage electrician who enjoys working in the exterior electric shop as a lineman," said Lloyd Ingram, electrical foreman, 30<sup>th</sup> CES.

**IFT: Hit-to-kill technology targets warheads**

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previous tests have resulted in four successful intercepts. The last three were fully integrated tests involving all interceptor, radar, sensor, communications and battle management elements to detect, locate, track and use "hit to kill" technology to collide with a target warhead about 140 miles above the earth, traveling at a speed of more than 15,000 miles per hour.

IFT-9 will be the seventh intercept test of the developmental GMD flight test program. The six

previous tests have resulted in four successful intercepts. The last three were fully integrated tests involving all interceptor, radar, sensor, communications and battle management elements to detect, locate, track and use "hit to kill" technology to collide with a target warhead about 140 miles above the earth, traveling at a speed of more than 15,000 miles per hour.

**Readers sound off about Space & Missile Times**

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

Good, bad or ugly, the results of the 2002 *Space & Missile Times* Readership Survey are in from the Air Force News on-line survey.

More than 500 military and civilian Team V members were asked to participate. Nearly 200 completed the survey.

Of the respondents, 75 percent read the *SMT* weekly. Only 47 people said their dependents read the *SMT*. Of those who read the paper, 45 percent consider it a vital source of base news.

"The *Space & Missile Times* is a good source of information, not only for active-duty and retiree personnel but for civilians who work on base and are not directly tied to the military," according to one respondent.

Another person offered a different point of view.

"The paper seems to be a compilation of mostly boring 'morale boosting' stuff that the upper brass wants to spoon feed the troops," he said. "It would be nice if they could get away from trying to project the 'perfect image' and just be a paper for people to enjoy."

Eighty percent of the readers believe the writing is easy to understand. Few of the respondents believed the *SMT* is written primarily for NCOs, officers or civilians.

Only 13 percent of readers depend on the *SMT* for news about Air Force involvement in world events. Fifty-six percent said they depend on other local news sources for this information.

Of the 186 surveys, 47 people felt the *SMT* keeps them fully informed about Air Force personnel policies and decisions. Thirty-six people think the *SMT* does a good job of keeping them informed about pay and benefits. More than 130 people think the paper keeps them informed about base events.

Not everyone shared that opinion.

"I've seen ads for events on Friday that show up in the Friday paper – you get to read about them just after the event has ended," one reader wrote.

From an overall standpoint, 65 percent of readers gave the *SMT* a thumbs up in the trustworthy information department.

About 55 percent of the readers consider *SMT* stories timely and up-to-date and 65 percent believe the information in the paper

**Survey demographics**

- ♦ 53 percent were 25-44 years old.
- ♦ 40 percent were 45 years old or more.
- ♦ 68 percent were males.
- ♦ 32 percent were work in maintenance, logistics or civil engineering.
- ♦ 55 percent were civilian employees.
- ♦ 40 percent were GS-10-12 or WG-10-13.
- ♦ 42 percent were active duty.
- ♦ 23 percent were senior airmen through technical sergeant.
- ♦ 41 percent have worked at Vandenberg for one to five years.
- ♦ 95 percent have attended college.
- ♦ 63 percent have college degrees.

Another area that drew some hostile fire was sports coverage.

"Intramural sports coverage sucks," wrote one person. "If it is football or softball, it is covered. The volleyball championship was July 15. I did not see any mention of this in the July 12 issue."

About 50 percent of the readers get their *SMT* at either their work area or base exchange. More than 50 percent of the readers would read an electronic version of the *SMT*.

Many readers were not happy with the delivery of their *SMT*.

Several cited soggy newspapers, continued deliveries at vacant homes or homes of people on vacation.

"Too many advertisements" was a common concern shared readers.

One person who has read the on-line version of the *SMT*, wasn't happy with what he saw.

"The on-line version of the paper is the worst I have ever seen!" he wrote. "It's regularly outdated, has missing links and does not offer me any information of value whatsoever."

The base newspaper staff attempts to cover all the angles, recognizing the great people who make Vandenberg's mission happen.

Recognizing that, one person commented, "The PA office is proactive in trying to cover what the readers want ... doing great recognizing Team Vandenberg award winners."

While the *SMT* can't serve everyone's needs all the time, it still carries a degree of entertainment for Team V.

"I'd say my dog gets the most enjoyment out of the *Space & Missile Times*," wrote one reader. "He likes to shred it once my wife and I have had a chance to breeze through it."

There is, however, one unrelenting fact that is unspoken in the survey: the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs office will continue striving to serve Team V better.

"The *Space & Missile Times* is an excellent source of information to the general base population – even to us old retired folks!" one respondent wrote. "Doing a superb job – keep it up!"

For complete statistics and comments, visit <http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/Statistics.htm>.

is accurate.

On recognizing local and major command people with stories and photos, 88 percent rated the *SMT* at "Satisfactory" or higher. In terms of quality, 171 people rated the *SMT* "Satisfactory" or higher.

In terms of quality and quantity of base and MAJCOM information and stories, about 50 percent felt the coverage was "Satisfactory" and nearly 40 percent rated the *SMT* higher.

"Overall, I like the paper," one person commented. "It is informative and good for news affecting the base and surrounding areas. I like the 'Community Calendar' section."

Most people agree the quality and quantity of photos and graphic illustrations meets their needs. Only nine percent gave the *SMT* a thumbs down in this area.

One person wrote, "More pictures of people doing the mission."

More than 70 percent give the *SMT* a "Satisfactory" or higher as a source of information important to the readers.

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**Peterson airman stars in AF commercial**

By PEGGY HODGE AND JOE DAVIDSON

Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES AFB, Calif. – The moment Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jessica Sanchez stepped onto the Hollywood sound stage recently, she was "crossing into the blue" at the same time.

The missile warning intelligence analyst with the 21<sup>st</sup> Operations Support Squadron at Peterson AFB, Colo., won the role of a young Hispanic woman who has aspirations for space in the Air Force's newest "Cross Into the Blue" commercial.

Although the commercial will last only 30 seconds when finished, Sanchez's journey began at her home base of Peterson in July when she answered a casting call for Hispanic women in Air Force Space Command. The film production company and the Air Force agreed that they wanted a real airman, not an actress, to portray the airman in the commercial.

Twenty-two women, officer and enlisted alike, came to the casting call. Sanchez was one of three who were asked to go to Los Angeles for a final tryout and the one who became the face of the Air Force.

"I was on pins and needles after the callback," she said. "I knew I did my best, so all I could do was wait."

Filming took place at Paramount Studios and on location at The Aerospace Corporation's Spacelift Telemetry Acquisition and Reporting System facility at El Segundo, Calif. The storyline involves a young girl adjusting a satellite dish on a rooftop in order to get a better signal for a soccer match. Years later, viewers see her at work in high-tech surroundings as a member of AFSPC.

One of four new "Cross Into the Blue" spots for television, this is the first that features a space career. The other three will focus on the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle, pararescue and the F-22 Raptor.

"It's really nice I'm seen as someone who can represent the Air Force," Sanchez said.

After three hours of filming at the STARS facility, featuring extras from Los Angeles AFB, the crew packed up its equipment and headed for Paramount Studios to finish the day.

The commercial should air later this year.

(Courtesy of AFSPC News Service)



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14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force	<b>0</b>
381 <sup>st</sup> Training Group	<b>2</b>
576 <sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron	<b>1</b>
Detachment 9	<b>1</b>
Others	<b>6</b>

GRAPHIC BY STEVE HEURING

# Around the Air Force

## Transition programs good for troops

BY ARMY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS  
KATHLEEN RHEM

American Forces Press Service

■ **NEW ORLEANS** — Transition assistance programs do a lot more than help servicemembers make a successful departure from the military. A top Department of Defense personnel expert called such programs good for recruiting and retention and for U.S. economic well-being.

Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, told attendees at the DOD Worldwide Transition Assistance Program Training Conference here they help form departing servicemembers' opinions of how the military treated them. That alone directly affects recruiting, he said.

More than 450 military, civilian and contractor transition assistance professionals are meeting to discuss ways to improve their programs in the future and learn about the impacts of recently passed legislation.

"How you and how their services and the department of defense treat them as they complete their service will leave a lasting impression," Abell said. "Your actions and attitudes directly impact how a veteran feels about service and what recommendations he or she makes to...neighbors, friends and relatives."

Abell said transition assistance programs impact retention as well. He described Army and Navy studies that ironically discovered the sooner servicemembers are introduced to the transition assistance program, the more likely they are to re-enlist.

Since 1997, about 200,000 military members have gone through transition counseling in a number of different DOD programs, he said. In this same time frame, the DOD has reduced by nearly \$100 million the amount it transfers to the Labor Department to cover unemployment benefits for separating servicemembers.

Abell explained his familiarity with the transition assistance program. As a professional staff member of the Senate Armed Services

Committee, he helped push through legislation that made the program a permanent benefit. And as a career soldier, he went through an early version of the program when he neared retirement.

"The program that I went through does not resemble the quality product that you all conduct every day," he said. Still, he said, the program he went through was "helpful" and "enlightening."

Above all, transition assistance programs are vital because the nation needs to treat its military members right.

"Now more than ever before, we must ensure that we take care of the department's greatest asset, and that's the young men and women who wear the uniform and serve our country," he said.

## AF Chief of Staff emphasizes use of ORM

BY MASTER SGT. RON TULL

Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — Think about what you are doing before you do it.

That is not a request.

Operational risk management has existed in the Air Force since 1996, but a recent inspector general Eagle Look assessment revealed that it needs to be given a higher priority. As a result, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper has directed emphasis on the process at every level of command.

"ORM provides airmen at every level with a sound, mission-enabling tool to expand our expeditionary capabilities," Jumper wrote in a recent memo. "It is time to move forward in making ORM the natural way for our people to conduct their professional and personal activities."

Risk management is frequently thought of as a safety program, according to Karen Kinkle, the Air Force ORM program manager. "It's not only injury, illness, or loss of weapon systems," she said. "There are many other types of risk, such as force protection or environmental issues. ORM can be used to identify and assess anything that might have a negative impact on a mission, whether that mission is operational, support,

acquisition or something else."

One of the goals of ORM is to create an environment in which all Air Force members are trained and motivated to manage risk in all they do, Kinkle said.

The Air Force approach is to introduce the concept of ORM to airmen in basic training and expand upon it in technical school and supervisory training. Civilian personnel most often receive training at the local level.

The Air Force uses a six-step "building block" approach:

1. Identify the hazards
2. Assess the risks
3. Analyze risk control measures
4. Make control decisions
5. Implement risk controls
6. Supervise and review

"Operational risk management isn't rocket science, but it is more than just common sense," Kinkle said. "It's a systematic approach to making decisions by balancing risk against the benefits to be gained in any given situation and then choosing the best course of action."

"Lessons learned are valuable," Kinkle added. "Let's use them, but also look at the mission or task before we do it, consider the reasons we might have problems, and establish controls to minimize the chance of failure. In order to make good decisions, whether it's deployment planning or recreational activities, we need to think about the consequences of our actions, and ORM is the best tool we have to do it."

## AF renews anthrax vaccine program

BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — The Air Force will resume administering the anthrax vaccine in the near future to airmen in, or deploying to, high-threat areas.

According to a July 25 message from Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper, inoculations should commence within 90 days.

"Anthrax as a bioweapon is a reality. The five Americans killed last fall are proof of this horror," Jumper wrote in the message to major command commanders. "Their deaths, coupled with the

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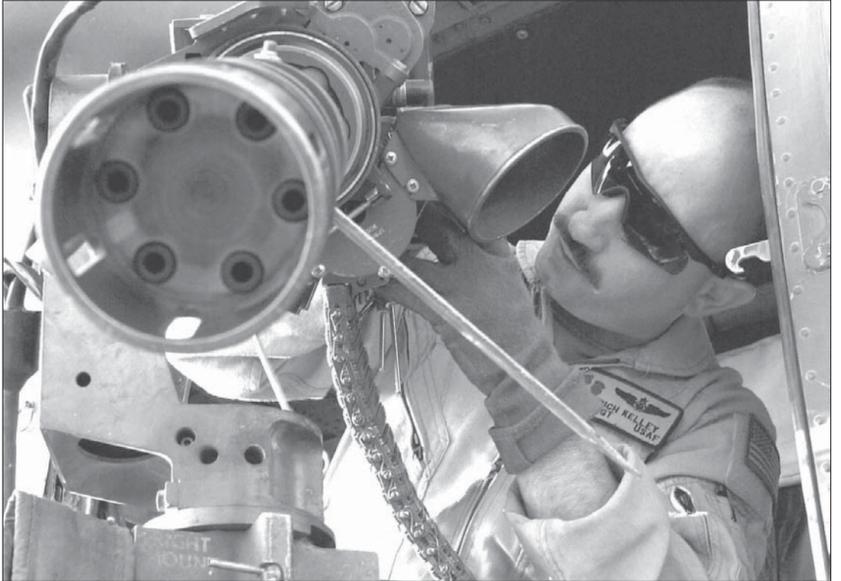


PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. REYNALDO RAMON

**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM** — Staff Sgt. Rich Kelley loads rounds of 7.62 mm bullets into a GAU-2B minigun Aug. 15. Kelley, from the 66<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., is currently serving at a forward-deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

knowledge that political regimes and terrorist groups hostile to this country are increasing their efforts to develop or obtain anthrax serve as a siren directing us to prepare for the risk of future attacks.

"The anthrax vaccine is the most effective means available today to protect our forces," Jumper wrote. "Although antibiotics were used following the anthrax exposure last fall, they provide effective treatment only if exposure is known before symptoms appear."

To that end, the best currently available, round-the-clock protection is vaccination.

"Vaccination provides a critical layer of protection that may be augmented by antibiotics and other measures," Jumper wrote.

The Department of Defense will resume the program as quickly as it can distribute adequate supplies and educate its members. For more information, visit the AVIP Web site, [www.anthrax.osd.mil](http://www.anthrax.osd.mil).

## From WarFat to WarFit

BY TECH. SGT. MELISSA PHILLIPS

90<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **F.E. WARREN AFB, Wyo.** — The statistics are...well, flabby.

Only 56 percent of F.E. Warren's active-duty members are passing the annual fitness test. The overall Air Force statistics aren't much better — only 65 percent are eking through, 10 percent points shy of what the Air Force considers the

standard. Warren was rapidly on its way to being a 90-pound weakling having sand kicked in its face by 98-pound weaklings.

Warren's answer was to get WarFit.

In January 2002, Warren decided to start an experimental program called WarFit, which takes the emphasis off fatness and places it on fitness as an indicator of individual health.

The program concentrates on maintaining a ready, warfighting force by enforcing the long-standing requirement that all active-duty members will exercise on duty three times a week, as mission allows. It encourages squadrons to exercise together and create an exercise plan that fits into their duty schedule.

Fitness will become a part of the mission, not just something to do when you find the time, said Deena Ellin, Air Force Space Command WarFit exercise physiologist stationed at Peterson AFB, Colo.

It's designed to improve the readiness of active-duty members and set in place a lifestyle change. Its mantra: fit for life.

Warren is one of two bases in AFSPC testing the new fitness program. The other is Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

If adopted at the Air Force level, one of its biggest selling points for the active-duty member is that it's designed to take the punitive aspects out of the current weight

management program.

"The Air Force loses more than 450 troops a year with the current weight management program, and a lot of them are really good troops who are having trouble losing weight," said retired Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Brady, former 90<sup>th</sup> Space Wing command chief master sergeant. "That concerns me, senior leadership here and leadership across the Air Force."

WarFit is not a replacement for the Air Force Fitness Program and the Air Force's Weight and Body Fat Management Program. It runs parallel to those programs for testing purposes, and military members enrolled in the WBFMP will still have to meet those standards while participating in WarFit.

Staff Sgt. Eddie Pope, 90<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron, is a WarFit participant. Though he never failed his bike test, he was deemed overweight and placed on the WBFMP.

Since exercising on his squadron's fitness program, Pope lost six percent body fat and 20 pounds.

"I like WarFit better than the WMBFP simply because there are no repercussions," he said. "It looks at the whole individual, instead of saying, 'Okay, you have love handles; you're not good for the Air Force.'" (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

# Intramural Sports

## Softball playoffs scores

### Tuesday's scores

CES 1	14	SFS 1	13
NRO	7	CS	3

576th FLTS 1	17	SFS 2	19
381st TRG 2	9	OG1	13

### Wednesday's scores

CES 1	17	CS	11
SFS 1	8	576th FLTS 1	16

NRO	14
SFS 2	13

(The championship game begins at 6 p.m. tonight. A second game will follow if necessary.)

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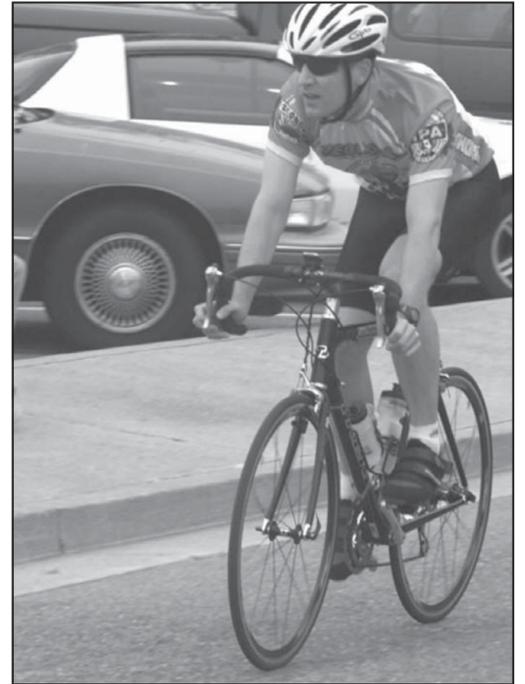
Youth soccer coaches are still needed for the upcoming season. Call Kristi Bonneau at 606-9374 for more information or to sign up.



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## Triathlon tests Team V athletes

The fitness centers' triathlon Saturday included a 400 meter swim, a 20 kilometer bike ride and a 5 kilometer run.  
Bottom Left: Cornelius Puiulet knocks out the swim portion of the triathlon. Puiulet was the overall male winner with a time of 57:38.  
Left: Ben Zywicki finished with a time of 1:16:07.  
Below: Rob Kiteil finished with a time of 1:10:24.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

## Destinations Central Coast

### Editor's Note:

I've been living on this base for four years now and the biggest complaint I hear from single and married people alike is that there's nothing to do around here.

But this is California! It's the land of sunshine and the perpetual tan, right? Well, maybe not on the Central Coast, but we are in the middle of the valley of flowers, surrounded by wineries and enveloped by national forests. There has to be something to do around here.

When the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing's newest public affairs "trained killer," Senior Airman Brian Hill, arrived fresh from a one-year remote in Korea, he put his wealth of experience to work and came up with some terrific ideas for the Space & Missile Times. And thus Destinations Central Coast is born. Each week, the staff here will venture into the local area and give you our take on what there really is to do around here.

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA  
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When I told my boss I wanted to go to Lake Lopez for the day and write a story on Mustang Waterslides, his reaction was enough to tell me I was on the right track.

"What?" he yelled. "Where the heck is Lake Lopez and what's a Mustang Waterslide?"

Admittedly, I first learned about the waterslides last summer when the youth center here decided to take about 160 children to the slides for the day. I must admit I was skeptical of the center's plan. I didn't see how the staff could possibly keep an eye on every single child in a huge water park. Well, as it turns out, my fears were really unwarranted. What I found was a comfortable, well-supervised and safe environment.

By the way, did you know Mustang Waterslides is the only slide park in the local area? The next closest is at Magic Mountain in Los Angeles.

And it really is local. It's only about 50 minutes from Vandenberg's main gate. I was traveling with my 6-year-old and she really only had time for one, "Are we almost there yet?" between the time she

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[www.mustangwaterslides.com](http://www.mustangwaterslides.com)

became bored of the scenery and the time I could honestly say, "Here we are!"

As Highway 101 slides into Arroyo Grande, the Grand Avenue exit takes you on a winding trip through the heart of AG. I can't wait to get back there to do some window-shopping. The town seems full of old-fashioned charm and modern appeal.

There's a \$5 fee to enter the Lake Lopez Recreation Area, which grants you access to all the boating, fishing, camping and sliding you can do. From there we headed over to the water park, impeded momentarily by a family of deer who paused to stare us down in the road.

The water park is made up of the 25,000-gallon, split-level pony pool with three slides and two giant mushroom fountains. There are two 600-foot slides that pump 1,800 gallons of water uphill each minute and four hot tubs heated to a comfortable 100 degrees. The park has eight lifeguards and one emergency medical technician on duty at all times and there are plenty of life jackets available for the novice swimmer.

Lunch can be as expensive or as practical as your wallet and energy level will allow. There's a snack bar inside the water park if you want to indulge your children in the vast array of candy, popcorn and hotdogs available. Or, you can head



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

### Families from the Central Coast enjoy the good weather and aquatic entertainment at Mustang Waterslides.

right outside the gate to a huge picnic area complete with charcoal grills and shaded tables.

The thing I really liked about Mustang Waterslides is the way they cater to parents' needs. Along with the ever-present lifeguards and free life vests, they don't charge parents the full rate if they're only going to lie by the pool and keep an eye on their kids. Mom and dad can pick up an observer pass, good for all day, for only \$1. Other slide and pool passes range from \$4.25 to \$15.

All in all, my daughter and I had a great time. The park was small enough that I was able to keep and eye on her from my spot by the pool, yet big enough to keep even the chronically bored teenager entertained. I'll definitely let her take the trip with the youth center next year. For this year you'll have to hurry out there. The park closes for the season Sept. 29.

