

Base Briefs

VIOLATIONS RISE TO 18 AT SURF

The Surf Beach violation total is at 18 now and there are two at Minuteman Beach. The maximum limit at Surf Beach is 25 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 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804.

MINUTEMAN III LAUNCH VIEWING

Launch viewing will be at the Del Punta observation site. For more information regarding upcoming launches check out the launch schedule online at <http://mocc.vandenberg.af.mil/launchsched.asp> or call the launch hotline at 606-1857.

CHANGE TO ALS GRADUATION DATE

Graduation for Airman Leadership School Class 02-E is July 17. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Attire for the evening is mess dress or semi-formal. For more information, call 606-5595.

LOMPOC HOLDS FREE BARBECUE

The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce is holding a free Airmen Appreciation Barbecue from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19 at Cocheo Park. This event is open to all base E-4s and below and their families. The band ISM is providing entertainment throughout the event.

TOP THREE OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The VAFB Top Three Association has three \$200 scholarships for active-duty enlisted members assigned to Vandenberg. Papers on an aspect of enlisted military history will be accepted July 5 to Aug. 5. Submission requirements are at: intranet/profassociations/top3scholarship/index.htm. For information, call Master Sgts. Barbara Henson at 606-7387 or Jeffery Sherrill at 606-5595.

WING HONORS TOP PREFORMERS

The Team Vandenberg Quarterly Awards Luncheon is July 26 at 11:15 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club Ballroom. Tickets are \$9 for club members and \$11 for eligible non-members. For tickets, contact any first sergeant through July 18. For more information, call Master Sgt. Steve Hopkins at 606-3230.

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AEF schedules remain same

By TECH. SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

■ WASHINGTON — The air and space expeditionary force concept was a major topic of discussion at the recent Corona meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., most notably on the lengths and numbers of existing AEF deployments.

Bottom line — the current AEF deployment alignment will remain the same, said the special assistant to the vice chief of staff for AEFs. This means 10 AEFs divided into five pairs, with 90-day temporary duty assignments for a 15-month total cycle length.

“As a result of a Corona decision, the Air Force is retaining the 10 AEFs and maintaining the 90-day rotation policy to the maximum extent possible,” said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe.

The exception to that policy would be for “stressed” career fields where some individuals, based upon current requirements, will be told to deploy as long as 179 days.

“Clearly our intent is to fix these stressed career fields as soon as possible so that the 90-day policy is a reality for all,” Peppe said.

Another Corona decision involves the two air expeditionary wings, known as “911” wings, identified in the original AEF alignment.

“By Aug. 1, the resources of those AEFs will be aligned throughout the existing 10 AEFs, and they will be tasked accordingly starting with Cycle 4 in June 2003,” Peppe said. “Based upon current operational demands, it made sense to fold these two wings into existing AEF rotations.”

Education about AEFs should be a primary concern at all levels of the Air Force, from general officers to airmen basic, according to Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper.

“The most important thing for an airman to do is to deploy on time, and we must all understand that those airmen deployed are our No. 1 priority,” Jumper said. “The Air Staff is working hard to identify and size the stressed career fields and develop short- and long-term solutions. AEF is not a hobby — it’s the system.”

“We are expeditionary,” Peppe said. “We need to be ready to deploy — ready to project our forces anywhere, any time.”

Minuteman ready to streak skyward

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Sometime between 1:01 and 7:01 a.m. Wednesday, a Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile will erupt from its underground silo here streaking skyward toward its pre-designated target.

The mission, Glory Trip-177, is part of the Force Development Evaluation Program testing the reliability and accuracy of the nation’s nuclear weapon system. The missile’s unarmed re-entry vehicle will travel approximately 4,200 miles in about 30 minutes, hitting a pre-determined target at the Kwajalein Missile Range in the western chain of the Marshall Islands.

According to Capt. Charity Hartley, launch director, this will be a ground launch. A missile combat crew from Minot AFB, N.D., will put in an enable code and two key-turns to launch the missile, Hartley said.

This is Hartley’s first time in the critical launch director position. She will direct range pre-launch and launch count-down procedures. She served her missile operations crew time while stationed at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., with the 564th Missile Squadron.

Hartley’s role is to serve as the focal point for launch operations and to serve as the primary interface between Vandenberg agencies and task force personnel from Minot AFB, ND.

Lt. Col. David Durgan leads the 27-member task force from the 91st Space Wing.

“The mission success focus, superior technical expertise and support provided by all has made preparations for this mission very smooth,” Durgan said. “Our Task Force greatly appreciates the genuine hospitality of Team V!”

The task force commander said his team has been working this mission since April 2001. The launch was initially slated for September.

Due to the events of Sept. 11, Durgan said, the missile was taken out of the silo on North Vandenberg and placed into storage until preparations began for this launch.

The missile was put on alert with the 740th Missile Squadron in December 1992.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

Gary Turner (white hat) and Jon Boyer, both from Boeing, apply “pucky,” an ablative material, to launch facility 9 Wednesday on North Vandenberg. A Minuteman III missile is set to launch Wednesday between 1 to 7 a.m.

The 91st SW controls 150 Minuteman III missiles, located over an 8,500-square-mile area in the north central region of North Dakota, approximately the same

size as the state of Massachusetts. The Minuteman III is a three-stage,

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Vandenberg firefighters snuff 100-acre blaze at Cypress Ridge

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Firefighters from Vandenberg and the local community combined their efforts to stamp out a wild-fire on south Vandenberg Monday.

More than 100 firemen from the base fire protection flight, Orcutt, Los Padres and Santa Barbara County waged a battle to contain a 100-acre wild-land fire that started between Point Arguello and Space Launch Complex-6 that evening.

“The Cypress Ridge Fire started at about 3:30 p.m. and the fire chief immediately requested firefighter help from the county,” said Airman 1st Class Ryan Holliday, fire dispatcher.

“We really had to move fast on this one,” said Vandenberg Assistant Chief Dan Ardoin.

The warm weather was ideal for a brush fire, he said, but the winds were favorable and moved the blaze toward the ocean. Conditions were ideal for putting the fire under control in a relatively short period of time.

It was 75 percent contained by 7 p.m. and 100 percent by 8:30 p.m., Ardoin said. To ensure a prompt response in the event of a re-ignition, some fire crewmembers stayed on the fire line overnight.

No one was injured and no structures were damaged in the blaze.

According to Ardoin, downed power lines caused the fire.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Jim McLean, Vandenberg firefighter, looks for signs of how the Cypress Ridge Fire started on South Vandenberg Monday.

Team V grabs top awards in 2001

Team Vandenberg members collected an unprecedented amount of Defense Department, Air Force and Air Force Space Command awards this year.

The *Space & Missile Times* ran a list of award winners in the April 12 issue. Some of the awards, listed below, were not available at that time.

DoD AWARD

Secretary of Defense 2001 Environmental Security Award

Bea Kephart

30th CES
AIR FORCE AWARDS

Air Force Environmental Award

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Air Force 2001 Thomas D. White Award for Air Force Base Restoration

Bea Kephart

30th CES

Air Force 2001 Base Level Personnel Superintendent Manager of the Year Award and Air Force 2001 Overall Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year Award

Master Sgt. Mark C. Long

30th Mission Support Squadron

Air Force 2001 Company Grade Nurse of the Year

Capt. Brenda Morgan

30th Medical Group

Air Force 2001 Patient Administration/Managed Care Officer of the Year

Capt. Kevin Seeley

30th MG

Air Force 2001 Public Affairs Field Grade Officer of the Year

Maj. Stacey Bako

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

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Various Team Vandenberg units change commanders in July

■ Several of Team Vandenberg’s senior leaders are soon leaving here for the next chapter in their careers. All Team V members are invited to attend the following ceremonies. Attire for each event is duty uniform for military members and daily attire for civilians.

30TH COMPTROLLER SQUADRON

Lt. Col. Delane Aguilar relinquishes command of the 30th Comptroller Squadron to Maj. John Coulahan during a brief ceremony at 10:30 a.m. today in the Pacific Coast Club. Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing

commander, will officiate. There is a reception immediately after the ceremony.

DET. 9, SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER

Col. John Wagner III relinquishes command of Det. 9, Space and Missile Systems Center to Lt. Col. Randy Turner at 3 p.m. today in the 381st Training Group Auditorium. Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, commander of Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB, Calif., will officiate. There is a reception for the new commander after the ceremony. For more information, call 1st Lt. James Helle at 606-4938 or Jody Ba-

con at 606-6771.

30TH SERVICES SQUADRON

Lt. Col. David Cannon relinquishes command of the 30th Services Squadron to Maj. Thomas Reppart during a brief ceremony at 3 p.m. Monday in the Pacific Coast Club. Col. Steven Robinson, 30th Support Group commander, will officiate. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Malisa Myers or Beverly Villegas at 606-5031 or 5033.

30TH RANGE SQUADRON

Lt. Col. Joe Hogler will relinquish command of the 30th Range Squadron to Lt. Col.

Jeffrey Follansbee at 1 p.m. July 19 in the Western Range Operations Control Center. Col. Edward Bolton Jr., 30th Operations Group commander, will officiate. There is a reception immediately after the ceremony.

Master Sgt. Lee Lopez

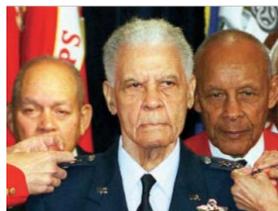


Training manager, Category IV Mission Support Employee

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ATWIND cruises to halfway point. Services pushes to increase registration. See Page 3.



Air Force pioneer Gen. Benjamin O. Davis passes away July 4 at the age of 89. See Page 4.

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

Low/High 48/68

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Safety: Are you ready-ready?

By CHIEF MASTER SGT. JAMES LEWIS
30th Space Wing Safety

“Sure I’m ready,” you say. Ready to get out and enjoy the weather, take a vacation and enjoy the summer. “Yes sir, the car’s oil was recently changed, so it’s ready too,” you say. But are you really “ready-ready?” Ready to deal with those unexpected yet inevitable circumstances that can and do occur out on the road?

On my way to work one morning recently, I saw a perfect example of not being ready-ready.

I was driving to work on Highway 1 when I noticed a mini van on the shoulder. It had a flat tire, so I pulled over to lend some assistance.

The owner was frustrated to tears because she couldn’t change the tire and she was late for work. As I set to the task of changing her tire, her anxiety waned.

Mine, however, grew. The condition of the tire was alarming. The sidewall was split wide open with a gap more than two inches long. As I looked the carcass over, I noticed the steel belting was worn through to jagged points and there were bald spots extending through all of the cord layers.

She said when it blew out she thought the engine had blown up.

No doubt about that, considering the tire’s condition.

As I installed the spare, I noticed another problem. The spare was old and the sidewalls were deeply cracked.

After finishing the job, I cautioned her about the condition of her tires and the need to go very slowly and carefully to a service station and have both tires replaced.

Usually, I’d feel good about doing a good turn for someone. Not this time. As I drove to work a series of “what ifs?” plagued me.

What if she had lost control when the tire blew out?

What if she had been carrying a top-heavy load of passengers?

What if she drove too fast on the rickety spare tire and it blew out? What if she put off getting the tires replaced?

What if I or someone else had been in her path when the tire blew out and she lost control?

Every chilling thought brought me back to something Col. David Thompson, the 30th Space Wing chief of safety likes to ask, “Are you ready-ready?”

He constantly reminds his staff that being ready to accomplish a task is not enough – we must also be prepared if something goes wrong.

To demonstrate the difference between ready and ready-ready, here are a few good examples using the blown out tire:

Ready is knowing the condition of your tires before you drive down the road.

It’s knowing they have sufficient tread, proper inflation and even wear patterns.

Ready-ready is knowing the spare tire is in good condition and properly inflated.

It’s knowing how to react and stop a vehicle if a catastrophic blowout happens.

Ready-ready is knowing you have all the required tools to change a tire, including a flashlight that works.

It’s knowing how to change a flat tire. It’s practicing the task. It’s making sure that your family members know how, too.

After you ask yourself and your family members these questions, take the time to correct any shortfalls.

Taking the extra measures to be ready-ready will make your summer more fun and a lot safer.

ALCON: Normal

A general threat of possible alcohol abuse or DUI activity exists (i.e., holidays, three-day weekends or special events).

DUI totals for the Year **16**

Ops. Group	0
Log. Group	2
Spt. Group	4
Med. Group	0
30 th SW Staff	1
14 th AF	0
381 st TRG	1
576 th FLTS	1
Det. 9	1
Others	6

GRAPHIC BY STEVE HEURING

Commander's Action Line



Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th 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 30th 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.

Call or e-mail: **606-7850**

E-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

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Lt. Col. David Cannon (center), 30th Services Squadron commander, shares ATWIND information with some Team V members during the Fourth of July picnic at Cocheo Park.

Team V hits halfway mark in ATWIND's global trek

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

With only seven weeks left in the Around The World In Ninety Days campaign, 2,183 people are registered to play here.

Vandenberg's goal is to register 4,389 people before the Air Force Space Command-wide competition ends Aug. 31.

The virtual game takes players on a global journey as they collect game pieces at ATWIND registered events.

According to John Olson, 30th Services Squadron marketing director, 75 people here have completed the 17,000-mile trip around the world. Each game piece is worth 1,100 miles.

ATWIND game pieces are available at all services activities, Olson said. The Family Support Center, Health and Wellness Center and Base Chapel also have them.

While no purchase is necessary to play, Olson said people can get additional game pieces by purchasing services or participating in services events.

Each Friday, ATWIND activities are listed in the Space & Missile Times on the 30th SVS page. Olson also sends an e-mail listing events every Wednesday.

People can log onto the ATWIND website at www.atwind.com to create their own personal identification number then enter 9999 0033 333 to

PLAY ATWIND!

Register to play at www.atwind.com then visit the various ATWIND events listed on page 8

get started, he said. Everyone can use the free number once.

"Once your unique pin has been created, you fill out some general information and you are ready to 'Take Off,'" Olson said. "To help the base you must reach the 'Vandenberg Air Force Base' ATWIND destination which is two game pieces or 2,200 miles.

"We get credit for those who play at least twice," he said.

ATWIND is open to all active-duty people, retirees, civilians and their To help Vandenberg reach its first prize goal, each family should sign up every member in their household to play.

Olson said the more people play the more they win.

"Each time you play, you increase your chances of winning one of the destination prizes," he said. There are five destinations in the global journey. Prizes range from T-shirts to new cars. The prize depends on the number of game pieces each player collects and registers.

Bases throughout the command compete against each other, vying for the highest number of participants and miles logged. This year's winning base gets \$25,000 to spend on quality of life programs. Last year, Vandenberg won third place and purchased two treadmills for the Fitness Center.

For more information about ATWIND, see www.atwind.com or call 888-597-9960 for details. For details about Vandenberg ATWIND events, contact the Services Center at 605-8974.

Team surfs waves, adds to base fire rescue capabilities

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

After nearly 18 months on the job, Vandenberg Fire Chief Mark Farias, is seeing one of his personal goals for the department, come to fruition.

Late this month, 12 base firefighters will board donated waverunners during a personal watercraft class that will complete their yearlong drive to become the first Vandenberg Surf Rescue Team.

With 35 miles of coastline, a runway that requires over-ocean flight and a river on base, Farias said he saw a need for some type of water rescue team. During an emergency, he said, assistance from the Coast Guard or county teams might take hours to arrive.

When he took over as the base's fire chief, Farias put Fire Lieutenant Tom Gooch in charge of forming the team. Gooch has 30 years of firefighting and rescue experience under his belt, and like every other member of

■ The members of the Vandenberg Surf Rescue Team are:
Tom Gooch Sam Beaton Mitch Jones
Rex Harris Sean Fleming Greg Leptich
Ralph Arguijo Eddie Torrijos Matt Osborne
Bill Cavanaugh Jeremy Denton Sean Giorgianni

the team, he's an avid surfer and ocean enthusiast. Gooch said every team member was selected for their skill and comfort in the water as well as their knowledge of wave dynamics and risks.

In addition to swimming two to three times per week in the base pool, the team has completed swift-water rescue training for river rescues and lifeguard certification training for beach rescues. At the end of July when they finish personal watercraft training, the team will be able to conduct near-shore ocean rescues using two three-person waverunners.

In the spirit of doing more with less, Farias and Gooch put their heads together to come up with a way to properly equip the team without spending an arm and a

leg. Their biggest obstacle was the nearly \$16,000 cost of the two personal watercraft.

The answer came from Jeff Stewart of Stewart Honda in Santa Maria. The Stewarts donated two three-person waverunners to the team. Knowing that the team will need to upgrade their equipment, Stewart came up with a plan for leasing the waverunners. Now every nine months, the team turns in the used watercraft for new ones.

With their training complete their equipment needs met, the Vandenberg Surf Rescue Team is poised to perform near-shore rescues for recreational boaters, divers, commercial fishermen and anyone else who finds themselves in trouble in the frigid waters off Vandenberg's coast.

Team Vandenberg Spotlight



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

Senior Airman Januari Reyes

148th Space
Operations Squadron
California Air
National Guard

Duty: Satellite Systems Operator for the Milstar satellite program.

Time on Vandenberg: 15 months

Time in Air Force: 4 years, 3 months

Why she likes her job: "This is the best opportunity for me to gain valuable space experience as I pursue my Astrophysics degree to eventually work for NASA."

Supervisor's comments: "Januari is in the top one percent of my operators," said 1st Lt. Todd Lunbeck, 148th SOS operations flight commander. "She is mature beyond her years, cool under pressure, level headed, and can always be counted on to complete any task. She is absolutely invaluable to the continued success of this critical mission."

MM III: Glory trips crucial to nation's strategic deterrent posture

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solid-fuel ICBM. It has the capability to carry three independently targetable reentry vehicles armed with strategic weapons. Four sets of three targets can be stored in the missile's guidance system. The Minuteman III replaced the Minuteman I in 1971 – the 91st SW was the first wing in the Air Force to receive the Minuteman III.

"Glory trips are a crucial part of reinforcing this nation's strategic deterrent posture," said Lt. Col. Mike Fortney, 576th Flight Test Squadron commander and mission director for GT-177. He also said this launch will contribute to the certification of ICBMs on alert at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., Minot and F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

This is the fourth launch of the calendar year for the 576th.

"We're on a roll," Fortney said. "We won't have time to relax after this launch because the next Minuteman launch is set for September."

"I'm extremely pleased with the great team effort from Lt. Col. Durgan's Minot contingent, our own 576th troops, and of course all of Team V," he said. "I'm proud to be a part of this effort."

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, serves as spacelift commander for the test.

The 30th SW averages about five Glory Trips per year. These launches not only validate weapon system reliability and accuracy, but also reinforce the safe, secure, and affordable nature of our nation's ICBM fleet – the ultimate Air Expeditionary Force topper.

NEWS: Base paper survey on-line

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AIR WAR COLLEGE SEMINAR ENROLLMENT

The Base Education Office is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for Air War College nonresident studies. Seminar meetings are held weekly, starting in early August and running until mid-June. Sign up by July 15. Forms are available at: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm>. Drop off completed applications at Bldg. 14001. Call 605-5904 for more information.

AIR COMMAND, STAFF ENROLLMENT BEGINS

The Base Education office is enrolling for Air Command and Staff College Seminar now. There is a seminar introduction meeting during the week of Aug. 5 to establish the location and time for weekly meetings and to play out the test-

ing schedule. Seminars meet for approximately 10.5 months, 3 hours per week from August 2002 through June 2003 and provide an interactive seminar environment. For more information, contact Base Education in Bldg. 14001 or at 605-5904.

2002 BASE PAPER READERSHIP SURVEY

The 30th Space Wing Public Affairs staff is surveying readers of the Space & Missile Times throughout the month of July. Everyone is welcome to login at http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm to take the survey. Public Affairs will use the information to improve the service the SMT provides Team Vandenberg. The entire process takes about 10 minutes and provides participants an opportunity to improve this valuable communication tool. For information, call Master Sgt. Ty Foster at 606-3595.

KUDOS: Awards keep rolling in

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2001 AFSPC Chapel

NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Dustin Stull

30th SW

2001 AFSPC Company Grade

Chaplain of the Year

Chaplain, Capt. Mitchell

Zygodlo

30th SW

2001 AFSPC Chapel of the Year,

Large Base

Vandenberg Chapel

Air Force Flight Safety Plaque

Winner and Unit Safety Plaque

Winner, Category III

76th Helicopter Flight

2001 AFSPC Crew Safety Award of

Distinction, Category I

Capt. Derrick Stamos, Capt.

Eric Ecker, Staff Sgt. Mario

Kuhn, Maj. Chris Ryan, and

Maj. Bill Thomas

76th HF

2001 AFSPC's Life Support Officer

of the Year

Capt. Eric Ecker

76th HF

2002 AFSPC United Services

Organization "Spirit of Hope"

Award

Airman 1st Class Carl

Robinson, Jr.

30th Range Squadron

2002 AFSPC Best Spacelift

Operations Team

30th SW Guardian Challenge

team

2002 AFSPC Best Spacelift

Maintenance Team

2nd Space Launch Squadron

Guardian Challenge team

2002 AFSPC Best Spacelift

Mechanical Technician

Tech. Sgt. Tim Moore

2nd SLS Guardian Challenge

team

2002 AFSPC Best Spacelift

Facilities Technician

Staff Sgt. Carlton Hinson

2nd SLS Guardian Challenge

team

2001 AFSPC Space Safety Award

and 2001 AFSPC Explosive Safety

Award, Category No. 2

30th SW

2001 AFSPC Sanborn Award for

Best Fire Department

30th CES

2001 AFSPC Firefighter of the

Year

Staff Sgt. John Crook

30th CES

2001 AFSPC Fire Officer of the

Year

Tech. Sgt. Tim Sandstrom

30th CES

2001 AFSPC Individual Safety

Award of Distinction,

Category No. 2

Tech. Sgt. Michael Cantos

30th CES

2001 AFSPC Services Civilian

Supervisor of the Year

Kim Saheim

30th Services Squadron

Youth Center

2001 AFSPC Services Civilian

Specialist of the Year

Pam Coffey

30th SVS Fitness Center

2001 AFSPC Communications and

Information 3VXXX Airman of the

Year

Senior Airman David Hicka

30th CS

2001 AFSPC Communications and

Information 3VXXX NCO of the

Year

Tech. Sgt. Maria Gunther

30th CS

2001 AFSPC Communications and

Information Company Grade

Officer of the Year

Capt. Marcia Evans

30th CS

2001 AFSPC Combat Camera

Award

Master Sgt. Bruce Dzitko

30th CS

OTHER AWARDS

2001 Santa Barbara County Fire

Departments Firefighter of the Year

Staff Sgt. John Crook

30th CES

2001 Santa Barbara County Fire

Departments 911 Dispatcher of the

Year

Senior Airman Darryl Burton

30th CES

**Team V --
No One
Comes Close**

On the job



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JIMMY HARPER

Staff Sgt. Gerald Redd, from the 492nd Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, launches an F-15E Strike Eagle at Incirlik AB, Turkey, July 4 in support of Operation Northern Watch.

Air Force delivers airman to ailing mother

By 1st Lt. Mike Andrews

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **THULE AB, Greenland** — For

many airmen assigned to remote locations of the globe, the separation from family and friends can be tough. And Thule, located north of the Arctic Circle, is one of the most remote of the remotes.

For one security forces airman assigned to the 12th Space Warning Squadron here, that separation was dramatically illustrated recently.

Senior Airman Joni Swearson was notified through the Red Cross that her mother had suffered a heart attack in Minot, N.D., and was not expected to survive.

Swearson's orderly room sprang into action, preparing emergency leave paperwork.

The challenge was not getting the leave approved, but finding transportation to North Dakota. Normally, there are only two flights into Thule each week, so the very real possibility of having to wait for one of those flights jeopardized Swearson's chances of being able to see her mother again.

Col. Craig Whitehead, then 12th SWS commander, directed the airfield operations flight commander to contact the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., for any possible flights.

The TACC found a C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft on its way back to the United States from Europe. The aircrew diverted the aircraft to Thule to pick up

Swearson, which actually reduced the cost to the Air Force by cutting nearly four hours from their flight time.

The next challenge was to open the nearby Minot AFB flightline, normally closed on the weekend, to let the C-17 land. Although getting permission was relatively easy, support personnel such as airfield operations, air traffic control and security forces, had to be gathered to meet the plane. When the plane landed, security forces performed their customs duty so that Swearson could disembark.

The 5th Operations Group deputy commander personally took her to the hospital in downtown Minot. Her family was shocked, but pleasantly surprised, to see her.

From the time she received the emergency notification until she walked into her mother's hospital room was less than 27 hours.

"It was absolutely amazing," Swearson said. "Team Thule really pulled together and showed me what teamwork is all about."

"I am so indebted, and so lucky to have such caring and compassionate leaders," she said. Swearson's mother is doing better, and Swearson has returned to her duties at Thule. "Without the help of everyone to get me home, it would never have been possible," she said. "I want everyone to know how great the Air Force can be." (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)



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Air Force releases findings in trainee's death

■ **KEESLER AFB, Miss.** — The Air Force Tuesday released a report of investigation into the death of Airman Basic Stephen Fortune, citing the cause of death as a ruptured aortic aneurysm.

The investigation board determined the aneurysm was congenital and existed before Airman Fortune entered the Air Force.

Airman Fortune died on May 24, after he collapsed while negotiating an obstacle course during basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The report was the result of an investigation directed by Maj. Gen. John Regni, 2nd Air Force commander here.

Colonel Robert Simmons, commander of the 982nd Training Group at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, was appointed to conduct the investigation.

The investigation included interviews and statements from military training instructors, medical personnel and many of the trainees who participated in the run.

The investigation was directed to discover and document the facts surrounding Airman Fortune's death.

"On behalf of the entire Air Force family, I offer my sincere sympathy to the family, friends and fellow trainees of Stephen Fortune," said General Regni. "We lost a fine young airman." (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.)

Symposium addresses AF women, war

■ **WASHINGTON** — Air Force women deployed to the Middle East a decade ago faced unique health and emotional challenges as they successfully performed their missions during the Persian Gulf War, a military researcher said.

Air Force Reserve Col. Penny Pierce, a flight nurse who served six months in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, was one of 30 speakers at a recent women's health symposium at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

During her presentation, "Deployment Considerations of Military Women," Pierce discussed findings from her recently concluded 10-year health surveillance study of 521 Air Force women who had served in the Gulf region during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"One of the things we wanted to do was just to document and describe those physical and emotional health effects of women who served during that time," Pierce said, adding that little official research was available before her survey on how deployments affect military women.

Pierce said her findings also helped researchers determine how the women's families fared following deployment, specifically their children.

The colonel said survey respondents pointed out that most field latrines they encountered offered little or no privacy. Some had barriers to screen users, but respondents believed that most were inadequate. The situation embarrassed many of the women and caused them to endanger their health.

Pierce said bottled water was plentiful in the hot gulf climate, but the Air Force women said they limited their water intake to delay trips to the latrine. Many women became dehydrated as a result, she said.

Health care for women was another hot topic, Pierce said, noting that having "timely gender-specific health care in deployed locations...is probably the most

important thing" the women cited in the survey. Respondents said that most health care providers they encountered were not physicians, but male medics who knew little of female health concerns.

As a consequence, Pierce pointed out, many respondents said they simply put off addressing health issues until they could see a doctor, preferably a woman.

The Air Force women, she added, also cited the scarcity of female physicians in the gulf region.

Turning to "home front" issues, Pierce said that Air Force women deployed to the gulf who had children back home had more emotional worries than women, and men, without children.

Pierce said that differences between women and men should be leveraged rather than magnified in order to make the U.S. military stronger and more efficient. Information provided by long-term studies like the Air Force women's deployment survey, she added, can help to make that so.

"Women usually will not complain, but they may vote with their feet and get out," she said. (Courtesy of American Forces Information Service.)

Officials release officer's promotion video

■ **AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER, Randolph AFB, Texas** — In an effort to educate all airmen on officer promotion boards, the Air Force Selection Board Secretariat here, has produced a new

video to counter common misunderstandings of the process.

Four hundred copies of the 19-minute-long video have been distributed to all Air Force installation public affairs offices and a 19.5 MB video file can be downloaded from the selection board homepage, located at:

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/sbs/SBSMain/Pages/SBSIntro.asp.

"How Officers Are Promoted" provides an updated insider's view of boardroom activity including how records are scored and what board members actually do when evaluating candidates for promotion.

"It's important for officers and supervisors to know how the Air Force promotes officers," said Capt. Bill Conley, video production coordinator. "The video is another means to share this knowledge and increase the understanding of the promotion process throughout the Air Force."

The video explains the process from the choice of who sits on selection boards to how board members endorse the final promotion list.

One point of emphasis is the importance of each officer keeping his or her records current and correct.

"We have a great promotion system and there are many safeguards in our promotion process to ensure it remains great," said Col. Wendy Campo, chief, selection board secretariat. "The video highlights the various safeguards as well as other important promotion topics, to ensure Air Force members receive fair and equitable consideration." (Courtesy of AFPC News Service.)



PHOTO BY HELENE STIKKEL

President Bill Clinton (left) and Elnora Davis McLendon (right) pin the fourth star on the epaulets of retired U.S. Air Force Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Dec. 9, 1998.

Air Force pioneer dies at age 89

By **TECH. SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT**
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the Air Force's first black general, died July 4 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here of Alzheimer's disease at age 89.

Davis, promoted to the rank of general by President Bill Clinton on Dec. 9, 1998, is recognized for his role in breaking the color barriers in both the Army and Air Force. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery Wednesday.

Born Dec. 18, 1912, in Washington, Davis was the son of an Army cavalry officer. At age 14, following a flight with a barnstorming pilot at Bolling Field, he decided he wanted to fly.

Davis' long battle with military racial segregation began in 1932 when he became only the eighth black to enroll at West Point. In an attempt to force him to quit, upperclassmen ordered other cadets to give him the silent

treatment.

During his four years at West Point, Davis never had a roommate, never shared a tent when in the field and ate his meals in silence.

The young cadet persevered. When he received his diploma and commission in 1936, he was only the fourth black cadet to graduate, ranking 35th in a class of 276. Following graduation, he joined his father as one of the few black officers in the Army.

The newly minted second lieutenant tried to follow his dream of flying, applying for flight school with the recommendation of the West Point superintendent. The Army, however, accepted no blacks into its air corps in any capacity — flying or support. What followed was an assignment to the infantry as the commander of a segregated service company at Fort Benning, Ga.

Two years later, he became an ROTC instructor at the all-black Tuskegee Institute of Alabama. He served briefly at Fort Riley, Kan., as aide to his father, Brig.

Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the first black to earn a general's star.

When President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the creation of a flight training program for blacks at Tuskegee, then-Capt. Davis was selected to lead the first class of 13 student pilots — thereby becoming the first Tuskegee Airman.

In the years following desegregation, Davis ultimately rose to the rank of lieutenant general, retiring from active duty Feb. 1, 1970.

Following his military retirement, Davis served as safety director for Cleveland, commanding the city's police and fire departments. He later became director of civil aviation security and was named by President Richard Nixon as assistant secretary of transportation, where he helped cut the number of airline hijackings in the United States from 34 to zero in less than two years. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News.)

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30th Services News

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LIBRARY

READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

ATWIND EVENT!
until Aug. 3

Summer Reading Program for Ages 3 to 13.

Packets can be picked up through July 20.
Call 606-6414 for more information.

Categories of Readers:

- Just Starting, ages 3 to 5
- Beginner Readers, ages 6 to 7
- Intermediate, ages 8 to 10
- Advanced, ages 11 to 13

EVERYONE who signs up can get a certificate and prizes. (Those who are leaving Vandenberg before Aug. 3 let the library know)

OUTDOOR REC

WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP-

Join the fun Saturday. The one-day trip costs \$55 per person. ATWIND event!

HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDE at the

Circle Bar-B-Ranch Saturday. Cost is \$40 per person. ATWIND event!

SAILING TRIP-

FITNESS CENTER
TODAY - SOFTBALL ALLSTARS.
For more information on the activities listed above, call Curtis Dunster at 606-5908.
Fitness Center 6 p.m.

SWIMMING POOL

YOUTH WATER POLO-

Sign up now learn this exciting water-based team sport! The fundamentals and conditioning of water polo will be offered to boys and girls, ages 8-14. The next three-week session starts July 22 and runs through Aug. 9. Sessions are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. For additional information,

BOWLING CENTER

WINTER LEAGUE SIGNUPS-

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This Week's Places to Play!

Friday through Thursday

FRIDAY -

- Fitness Center - All day
- Golf Course - All day
- Library - All day
- Outdoor Rec - Camping Package Rental
- Family Support Center - Thrift Savings Plan, 11 a.m. to noon
- Lunch & Learn - Photo Panorama, Bldg 9360, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Pacific Coast Club - Social Hour (members), 5 p.m.

SATURDAY -

- Outdoor Rec - Horseback Riding
- Outdoor Rec - White Water Rafting
- Bowling Center - Youth Bowl
- Golf Course - Youth Golf
- Skills Auto Hobby - All day
- AETC - Brunch, 8 a.m. to noon
- Family Aquatics Center - Family Fun Night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY -

- Foggio's - Family Dining

MONDAY -

- Pacific Coast Club - Newcomers' Orientation, 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Pacific Coast Club - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Lunch & Learn - Excel Macros, Bldg. 9360, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY -

- Bowling Center - Eat all day
- Child Development Center - Career Day
- Family Support Center - Pre-Separation Briefing, 8 to 9 a.m.
- HAWC - High Blood Pressure Risk, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Family Support Center - Resume Writing, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- HAWC - Stress Management, 2 to 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY -

- Equipment Checkout - Rental Day
- Family Support Center - Manage Your Move, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Golf Course - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Family Aquatic Center - Water Aerobics, 11:30 to 12:15 p.m.
- Lunch & Learn - Excel 2000 - Pivot Tables, Bldg. 9360, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Child Development Center - Share-a-Snack, 2 p.m.
- Services Center - Body Conditioning, 5:30 to 6:25 p.m.

THURSDAY -

- Bowling Center - Bowl All day
- Leisure Travel - Tickets All day
- Skills, Arts & Crafts - All day
- HAWC - High Blood Pressure Risk, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Library - Story Time, 10 a.m.
- Family Support Center - Investment Planning, 11 a.m. to noon
- Breakers - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Go to 30svs.com for more ways to play!

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The 30th Services Squadron

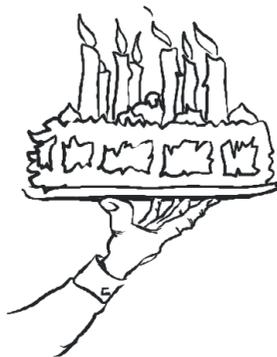
will conduct a menu planning meeting at the Breakers Dining Facility July 22 at 10 a.m. in the History Room. All unit representatives are encouraged to attend. Both 30th Space Wing and 381st Training Group people are welcome. Call Senior Airman Jennifer Kottke at 606-3219 or Deborah Myjak at 606-1219.



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The 30th Services Squadron will once again host the Quarterly Birthday Meal

on July 23 at the Breakers Dining Facility. Doors open at 6 p.m. Meal starts at 6:30 p.m. Those celebrants having birthdays in April, May or June need to contact their first sergeants for all the details or call Deborah Myjak at 606-1219. You may bring a military or dependent guest.



GOLF

TODAY -

Company Grade Officers' Tournament. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY -

Organizational Tournament from 11 a.m. to noon.

Outdoor Recreation

July 26

Port Hueneme Sportfishing

Depart July 26 at 1 a.m. from Equipment Checkout.

Return to Vandenberg AFB approximately 7 p.m.



DEEP SEA Fishing

Sign up deadline: July 24, COB

\$65 per person

includes rod and reel, hooks, weights, line, boat ride and bait.

\$60 per person if you have your own set-up.

No ice chests or coolers allowed on the boat.

ATWIND EVENT!

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Bunks are available.

LATINO NIGHT in the E-Lounge

Pre-trip briefing: July 24 at 5 p.m. 9 p.m. to 2 p.m.

KARAOKE in the O-Lounge

at the Equipment Checkout, 6 to 10 p.m.

For more information, call Curtis Dunster at 606-5908.
CLUB CARD DRAWING between 5 and 8 p.m. (Must be present to win)