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## Base Briefs

### BASE CREATES BEACH HOTLINE

For all information regarding beach status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804. All areas of Surf, Wall and Minuteman beaches are closed until further notice. Base officials are hiring people to enforce protection of the Western Snowy Plover's habitat. Target date for opening is April 5.

### CHIEFS TAKE ON EAGLES

Team V's chief master sergeants challenge the colonels at a softball game today at 3 p.m. at the softball field behind the gym. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support their favorite team.

### NEW PARKS OPEN NEXT FRIDAY

The grand openings for the new tennis courts, skatepark and roller rink are March 29 at 4 p.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 606-3832. In the meantime, base leadership asks for everyone's cooperation in staying out of the construction sites until work has been completed. Attempts to skate or walk on these surfaces will result in damages, resurfacing and opening delays. Team Vandenberg is encouraged to immediately report trespassers to base law enforcement officials at 606-3911.

### WING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing needs volunteers to march in the Salute to the U.S. Air Force Armed Forces Day Parade May 18 in Torrance, Calif. Call the Public Affairs Office at 606-3595 for more information.

### SMT RECOGNIZES AWARD WINNERS

The Space and Missile Times plans to feature Team Vandenberg's 2001 individual and unit-level AFSPC award winners in a special upcoming feature. The deadline for submission is March 29. For more information, call the Space and Missile Times staff at 606-2040 or e-mail your submissions to the [space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil) and [team.vandenberg.network@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:team.vandenberg.network@vandenberg.af.mil).

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PHOTO BY BILL HARTENSTEIN

A modified Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile carrying a mock warhead target streaked skyward from its north Vandenberg launch facility at 6:15 p.m. March 15. Thirty minutes later, a prototype exoatmospheric kill vehicle destroyed the target at an altitude of about 140 miles above the Pacific Ocean. This marks the fourth successful hit-to-kill in the Missile Defense Agency's test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Segment.

## Unit sweeps attempt to deter drug abuse

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

There are still a few people here who aren't getting the message about illegal drug use and military service.

Last year, eight Team V members found out the hard way — they were caught and convicted in courts-martial proceedings, according to Maj. Ed Damico, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing deputy staff judge advocate. So far this year, one person has been caught and convicted.

They don't get off light. The average punishment out of the nine courts martial was a bad conduct discharge, confinement for five months, forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for five months and reduction to the lowest grade, according to Damico.

## Al Qaeda still major threat to America

By JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

Washington, D.C. — Even with progress in eradicating al Qaeda, the terrorist organization remains the most immediate and serious threat facing the United States and its allies, intelligence officials said March 19.

CIA Director George Tenet told the Senate Armed Services Committee that al Qaeda and other terrorist groups will continue to plan to attack the United States, its allies and U.S. interests abroad. He also told the senators that there are ties between Iraq and al Qaeda.

Intelligence indicated al Qaeda has considered attacks in the United States on high-profile gov-

ernment or private facilities, famous landmarks and U.S. infrastructure nodes such as airports, bridges, harbors, dams and financial centers, Tenet said.

Overseas embassies and military installations are at particular high-risk, especially in East Africa, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Tenet said al Qaeda can make use of extensive cells in major European cities and the Middle East. "Al Qaeda can also exploit its presence in such countries as Somalia, Yemen, Indonesia and the Philippines," he said.

He said the Sept. 11 attacks on

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## EKV annihilates mock warhead

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER  
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The Missile Defense Agency's sixth test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Segment scored its fourth successful intercept of an inbound target launched March 15 from Vandenberg.

After a 15-minute weather hold due to cumulous clouds over the launch facility, the Orbital Sub-orbital Program long-range missile burst from its hole at 6:15 p.m.

As the target streaked into the evening sky, the sun lit the missile's contrail creating a twilight effect. This phenomenon occurs when sunlight reflects off water droplets and unspent frozen fuel particles. It usually happens 30 to 60 minutes after sunset or before sunrise.

One person from Mammoth Lakes, Calif., called about the contrail mistakenly thinking the missile had "gone awry."

At about 6:36 p.m. and about 4,800 miles away, a Payload Launch Vehicle missile carrying a prototype exoatmospheric kill vehicle interceptor launched from the Ronald Reagan Missile Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The EKV separated from its rocket booster more than 1,400 miles from the Vandenberg target warhead. After separation, the EKV used its on-board infrared and visual sensors to locate and track the target. It homed in on the target, ignoring the three decoys.

In describing the high degree of accuracy required for the EKV, Maj. Cathy Reardon, MDA spokesperson, said, "Essentially, it's like trying to hit a bullet with a bullet."

At 6:45 p.m., all eyes in Vandenberg's Western Range Control Center were on the launch console displays as the EKV pulverized the target at an altitude of approximately 140 miles above the central Pacific Ocean. The intercept took place during the midcourse phase of the target warhead's flight.

This was an integrated system test, with all representative system elements participating: space-based missile warning

sensor; ground-based early warning radar; the prototype X-Band radar at Kwajalein Atoll and the battle management, command, control and communications system located at Kwajalein Atoll and the Joint National Integration Facility in Colorado Springs, Colo. Since the system is in its research and development phase, these elements serve as either prototypes or surrogates for system elements which are in the developmental stage and have not yet been produced for actual operational use.

"Tonight's test is a major step in our aggressive developmental test program," the major said. Two more of the \$100 million tests are planned for this year. Defense officials plan to conduct 16 tests through 2006.

### TEST LAUNCH STATISTICS

- Oct. 3, 1999: successful intercept.
- Jan. 19, 2000: no intercept, clogged cooling pipe on EKV.
- July 7, 2000: no intercept, EKV didn't separate from booster.
- July 14, 2001: successful intercept.
- Dec. 3, 2001: successful intercept.
- March 15, 2002: successful intercept.

## Eighteen make grade

By 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. MICHELLE MAYO  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

More than 150 Team V master sergeants waited in anticipation for the results of the 02E8 selection board. For eighteen of those men and women, their wait was well rewarded as they found out Wednesday they were Vandenberg's newest senior master sergeants.

At 11.68 percent, Vandenberg's selection rate was higher than that of Space Command and, indeed, the rest of the Air Force.

The selection rate for Space Command was 10.44 percent, while the selection rate for the Air Force was 10.09 percent. The selection rate was the highest it's been since 1987.

The Air Force selected 1,544 of 15,307 eligible master sergeants.

"Over the past few years, senior master sergeant promotion rates represent a significant improvement when compared to percentages in the early to mid-1990's," Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The average time in grade for those selected was 5.11 years with 19.73 years time in service.

The total average score of the master sergeants selected was 674.79 points.

Officials at AFPC said promotion rates are projected to remain fairly consistent through 2003 for all grades as the Air Force reaches its goal of increasing the top five enlisted grade mix to 56 percent of the enlisted force. (Air Force Print News contributed to this story)



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Vandenberg's senior master sergeant promotion rate is higher than the national average. The Air Force E-8 promotion rate is the highest it's been in 15 years.

### VAFB'S NEWEST SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS

Michael Bilicki	30 <sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron
Benjamin Caro Jr.	533 <sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron
Daniel Cook Jr.	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Shawn Cotey	576 <sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron
Joseph Farmer	30 <sup>th</sup> Space Wing
Robert Fox	614 <sup>th</sup> Space Operations Group
William Green Jr.	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Perry Hackley	14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force
William Haskell	14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force
Yves Johnson	14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force
Mark Long	30 <sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron
Karl McDonald	National Reconnaissance Office
Paul McGinnis	30 <sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron
Michael Munnis	14 <sup>th</sup> Information Warfare Flight
Kevin Ried	30 <sup>th</sup> Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
David Steele	30 <sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron
Samuel Warren Jr.	532 <sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron
Marcus Whitesides	576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS

The following people are in the top 10 percent of their career field and eligible to attend the Senior NCO Academy: Master Sgts. Richard Butts, 30<sup>th</sup> Range Squadron; Dwight Daniel, Salvador Rodriguez, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron; Gregory Williams, Andrew Gregorsok, Jeffrey Hall, 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron.

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Team V members indulge their creativity in a variety of ways from painting to bonsai.

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A special ops troop dies in Afghanistan. Read this and more from Around the Air Force.

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Weekend forecast  
Rain expected Friday and Saturday with skies clearing Sunday.

Low/High  
45/64

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## Commander's Action line

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.

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

## Son reflects on dad's words of wisdom

By MAJ. GEORGE MITCHELL  
McConnell AFB, Kan.

I needed a job, and I was thinking about enlisting. My father, a retired Navy chief, recommended the Air Force.

He's never said if he was looking out for me or the Navy. He also talked about it not being a regular job, the importance of country, the significance of duty, sacrifice and honor, living with a purpose and the seriousness of weapons, etc.

It was over my head at the time, but I've gained an understanding of those words.

I got to basic training and enjoyed the many exercises in futility you endure that first night. Sometime the following morning, I opened my eyes to see a very large man in a Smokey-the-Bear hat leaning over me asking if I planned on getting out of bed that day. I looked around at 49 other guys looking equally incoherent, but at least they were vertical, and wondered, "Who is he and why am I here?"

That "duty" word my father had used came back to me. I don't think I understood it, but keeping it in the front of my mind allowed me to do some things I

may not have otherwise accomplished.

Then I got settled into my first duty station. I needed a job and now I had one. We worked long hours and, like many people who don't know why they're in the military, I became disenchanted and figured I'd do four years and get back to the real world.

There are many good reasons for coming into the military. I joined for a paycheck. Some people come in for an education, others to travel and a number of other reasons.

However, those reasons don't suffice when it comes down to the challenges we face daily in service to our country.

We were recalled dark and early one morning to hear that the U.S. embassy, in a country I couldn't have found on a map, had been taken. The hours became longer and days off became less frequent, but that "duty" word my father had used came back.

It made a little more sense this time, but I was still grasping.

Later, we got word of the Desert One accident and that "sacrifice" word started to take shape. I was working harder than

I had ever worked in my life and loved every sleepless minute of it. I still didn't understand all the words, but I was starting to understand the importance of "service" and understood that I was here to serve.

Years later, one country invades another country I hadn't heard of. I again found myself asking, "Why am I here?" This time my problem with "here" was being in a technical school and not out in the "real Air Force," where every day you have the opportunity to make a difference. Where every day I'm allowed to serve. I now understood that this is, in fact, an honor.

A couple of years ago, I was part of an exchange program with an allied air force. It was a challenge to be productive in an unfamiliar environment, and it was frustrating. But whenever I had a reason to visit the U.S. Embassy, no matter how exhausted or confused if felt, when I walked through the embassy gate and saw the flag, I was home.

It was an amazing feeling.

One day I was walking through town in uniform when a man called to me by my rank. I

stopped and he told me about his experiences working with the U.S. military during World War II. He didn't speak English, so it took several attempts to communicate, but he told me how much he had enjoyed working with the Americans and how much he respected our nation. He saluted, I saluted, and we each went on our way. He reminded me why I was there. I was there to serve my country and its allies, whether procuring parts for airplanes or helping an old man remember who Americans are.

On Sept. 11, I, like many others, stood in front of a television and watched as sacrifice was again explained in very understandable terms. These days I don't often wonder why I'm here.

After 23 years in uniform, I still can't define what my father's words meant, but I understand.

Everyone in uniform came in for his or her reasons, but the only real reason to be here is to serve. To serve your God, your country, and other people, but always to serve.

Why am I here? I'm here to serve. (Courtesy Air Mobility Command News Service)



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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Staff Sgt. Robert McNabb, 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron, escapes from his high-tech job by painting.

## Anaconda over, but operations continue in Afghanistan

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ **WASHINGTON** — Operation Anaconda is officially over, but skirmishes near Gardez and west of Kandahar prove the Defense Department's premise that actions in Afghanistan are not complete.

Air Force Brig. Gen. John Rosa, Joint Staff spokesman, put it simply during a press conference March 18, "Operation Anaconda is over, but Operation Enduring Freedom continues."

Rosa said teams remain in the Operation Anaconda area looking for any remaining Taliban and al Qaeda. U.S., Afghan and coalition forces have searched more than 30 caves in the region so far and have found weapons, ammunition and documents.

A patrol observed three vehicles about 45 miles southwest of Gardez Sunday, Rosa said. After watching them for a time, commanders called in helicopters to stop the convoy.

When their warning shots were met with return fire, the aircraft destroyed the vehicles. In the firefight, 16 people in the convoy were killed, one wounded and one detained. There were no U.S. casualties.

"Numerous weapons, ammunition, rocket-propelled grenades were found in these vehicles," Rosa said.

A fourth car, just a bit

separated from the other three, was stopped, found to contain a family and let go, he said.

U.S. forces also conducted a "site exploitation" of a compound in the vicinity of Kandahar, he said. Forces found a large cache of weapons and ammunition in the compound. They detained 31 people.

Operation Anaconda was important because it showed al Qaeda and Taliban that the United States was serious, "that our troops are up to the task," Rosa said.

"And we know we accomplished quite a bit." He said the U.S. Central Command does not see large groups of al Qaeda or Taliban leaving the Operation Anaconda area.

Neither Rosa nor Pentagon spokeswoman Torie Clarke wanted to quantify the number of al Qaeda and Taliban killed in Operation Anaconda.

Clarke said conditions in the area make it very difficult to get exact numbers.

She did say that Operation Anaconda had effects on the al Qaeda.

"We have debilitated and degraded to a certain extent the al Qaeda network," she said.

The operation has clearly made it more difficult for al Qaeda to work inside Afghanistan and communicate with members outside the country, Clarke said.

## NCOs use artistic skills to relieve stress

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

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

From brushes to blooms, Team Vandenberg is teeming with artistic talent. One member of the 532<sup>nd</sup>

Training Squadron has taken to painting and drawing while a 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing troop indulges in his artistic drive with a pair of scissors.

Staff Sgt. Robert McNabb, an instructor for the 532<sup>nd</sup> TRS, teaches the Space and Missile Facilities Maintenance Course. His job is highly technical in nature but the soon-to-be technical sergeant said, "Trouble-shooting is an art in itself."

McNabb teaches airmen to maintain launch facilities and launch control centers. At the end of his 15-week course, his troops can fix everything from air conditioners and generators to the kitchen sink.

Outside the classroom, McNabb enjoys painting life portraits, drawing cartoons and airbrushing starscapes. Several of his own works hang on the walls of the home he shares with his wife and 2-year-old son. Others adorn T-shirts and even more have been sold. McNabb

Painted his squadron's logo on his commander's parking spot at the training group. He also adorned a dayroom with the Latin version of "We came, we saw, we conquered."

The 31-year-old NCO said he enjoyed drawing as a child. But, his passion really ignited when he took his first drawing and painting classes while stationed at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. He also incorporates many of the techniques he learned in drafting class.

"Painting relaxes me," McNabb said. "I get a real sense of power when a project is completed." Although he admits to being hard-pressed to say a project is actually completed.

Since moving to Vandenberg in December 1999, McNabb has converted the spare room in his house into a full-fledged studio complete with drafting table, easel, brushes and a cabinet full of paint and markers in every conceivable color.

He considered taking up artistry full time but changed his mind when he considered the economics of it. He also said he loves his job in the Air Force. "I enjoy my job very much,

but it's work," McNabb said. "That's why I don't (paint) as a job."

In the 30<sup>th</sup> SW, Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard, public affairs specialist, has gone a different road to pursue his artistic flair. With a pair of pruning shears, Leonhard sculpts tiny bonsai trees.

Bonsai is the ancient Japanese art of growing dwarfed, ornamentally shaped trees or shrubs in small, shallow pots or trays.

"The art of bonsai," Leonhard said, "is to recreate some of nature's beauty in trees that are reduced in size."

The 30-year-old staff sergeant said he has always had a knack for gardening. It's something for him and his wife, Julie, to enjoy together.

When a local newspaper ran an announcement for a Bonsai sculpting class in Santa Maria, the pair were quick to sign up.

But sculpting is a slow and meticulous art. Since getting started three years ago, Leonhard has sculpted just six of the diminutive plants. Much like his job as editor of the *Space & Missile Times*, bonsai sculpting takes thorough and painstaking

care.

But in contrast with his fast-paced job, Leonhard said his trees are his "little refuge away from the norm."

"With bonsai, there are no deadlines to meet and no exact means to do a specific task," said the 11-year Air Force veteran. "You must be patient, Mother Nature tells you the timeframe."

Bonsai is also a hobby with no defined end, Leonhard said. Unlike a painter, the gardener never has to declare a work finished. Trees continue to grow so they always have to be pruned and trimmed to help them keep their shape, he said.

To keep up on the latest trends in bonsai sculpting, the Leonhards joined the Santa Maria Bonsai Club and meet once a month with other artistic gardening enthusiasts. April 8, the group will hold its annual show and sale at the Santa Maria Japanese School.

Whether it's to get a break from the job or a way to spend time with the family, artists choose many mediums to pursue their craft. Each adds his own flavor to the mix of talent on the Central Coast.

## Roller hockey rink, skate park open March 29

By 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. MICHELLE MAYO

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

■ Add roller hockey to the list of sports that Team V members can participate in.

The brand-new roller hockey rink is part of a \$600,000 quality-of-life project that also includes a skatepark and new tennis courts.

The facilities open March 29.

The 180-foot by 80-foot rink is large enough to support state, regional and national hockey championships.

"This arena can host league play from the little tikes all the way up to the big guys," said Randy Pickard, a 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron project manager. "It's also great for the kids to have pick-up games, host skate parties or just open skating."

"Every aspect of this arena is official and I believe the largest on the Central Coast," he added.

While there are no plans in the works to hold championships at the rink just yet, the youth and fitness centers are working to organize two on-base hockey leagues.

The fitness center is organizing an adult hockey "pick-up" league.

"You won't get trophy points for playing," said Amy Divilbiss, assistant director for the Fitness Center. "It's just to have fun."

The youth center is putting together a youth hockey league.

The rink is not just for hockey, it's also available as a regular skating rink.

The Fitness Center has not set aside specific hours for each. For now, it will be managed on a first-come, first-served basis.

All the people using the skate park and roller hockey rink must have a skate pass. For people interested in obtaining a pass, the Fitness Center is holding two town hall meetings next week.

"Anyone who wants to use either park should attend," said Divilbiss. "We will be discussing the rules and answering questions."

The Fitness Center will also be handing out Hold Harmless Agreements at the meeting. The agreements

essentially state the holders of the skate pass have read and understand the rules and that the Service and Fitness Centers are not responsible for injuries that may occur at the skate park or roller rink.

All users of both facilities must sign the agreement to get a skate pass.

For more information regarding the roller hockey rink, the town hall meetings or the intramural hockey league, call the Fitness Center at 606-3832.

For more information about the youth hockey league, call the Youth Center at 606-2152.

### Rink rules

■ The following is a complete list of rules governing use of the roller hockey rink.

**Hold Harmless Agreement:** All authorized users and their guests must have one on file at the Fitness Center. Skaters use the facilities at their own risk.

**Skate card:** Upon filing the Hold Harmless Agreement, the center issues authorized users a skate card. It must be carried at all times in the park.

**Authorized users:** The skate rink is for authorized ID card holders who have a skate card and their guests. Sponsors shall remain with their guests at all times.

**Parental supervision:** Regardless of age, parents are responsible for their children. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised in accordance with 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander's Child Supervision Guidelines dated Jan. 14, 2002.

**Restricted activities:** The skate rink is for skating activity only. Only in-line roller blades or roller skates permitted. Bicycles, scooters, foot traffic, skateboards and all other activities are prohibited.

**Restricted items:** No food and chewing gum inside the park. Only drinks in plastic containers are allowed. No glass in or around the skating area.

**Restricted behaviors:** Keep noise to a minimum. Inappropriate behavior, to include but not limited to spitting, fighting, horseplay and use of profanity, is prohibited.

**Illegal activities:** Use of alcohol, tobacco products and illegal substances is prohibited. Weapons are prohibited. Anyone found with a weapon on his/her person will face criminal charges.

**Trash:** Use trash receptacles provided.

**Tennis courts:** No skating on tennis court area.

**Enforcement:** Officials will check the skate rink periodically.

Breaking any of the above rules may result in suspension and/or termination of skate rink privileges. Report violations of these rules to the Fitness Center at 606-3832. Report vandalism to the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk at 606-3911.

**Hours of operation:** The facilities are open **Sunday through Thursday** from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Friday and Saturday** from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Anyone caught in the skate rink after hours may be barred from the park.

**Protective gear:** All users are required to wear protective equipment. Shirts and proper athletic footwear are required while inside the skate rink. Equipment varies depending on activity.

**Skating:** A helmet with chinstrap is required. Recommended items are: knee pads, elbow pads, gloves, wrist guards.

**In-line hockey:** A helmet with full protective face mask, shin guards, elbow pads and gloves are required. Recommended items are: hip pads, chest protector and mouth guard.

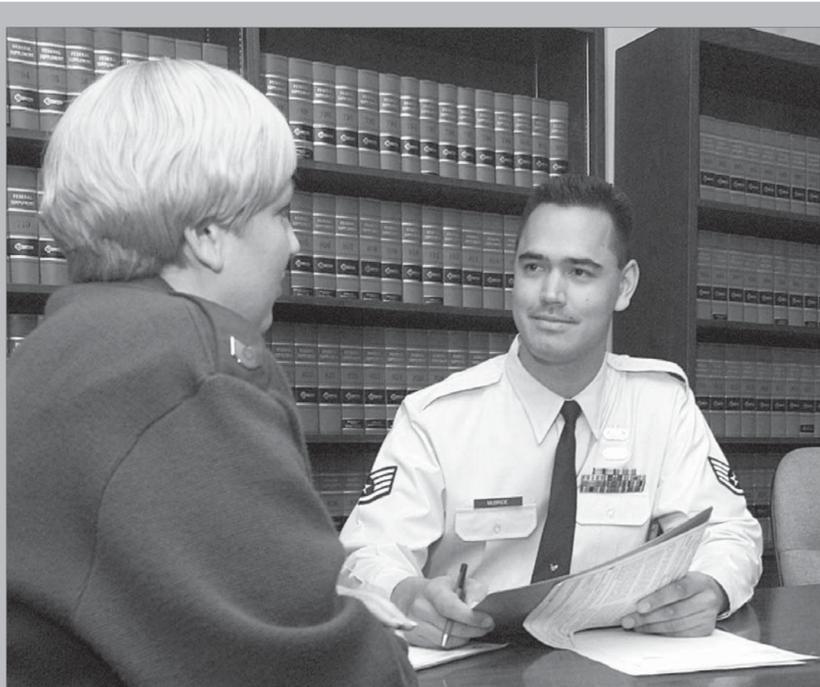


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### Team Vandenberg Spotlight

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Lonnie McBride

**Assignment:** 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate, Reserve Paralegal Journeyman

**Hometown:** San Diego, Calif.

**Time on Vandenberg:** Three years.

**Time in Air Force:** Nine years.

**Why he loves his job:** "In the legal office, it seems like every day is very different, which makes for an interesting and challenging environment."

**Supervisor's Comments:** "Staff Sgt. McBride is a dynamo with unlimited and focused mission energy," said Master Sgt. Chuck Smith, 30<sup>th</sup> SW SJA law office manager. "He is a great asset to the paralegal career field, as evidenced by his recent selection as the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force and Air Force Space Command 2001 Outstanding Reserve Paralegal of the Year."

To spotlight your troop or DOD civilian, send their name and information to [Space&MissileTimes@Vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:Space&MissileTimes@Vandenberg.af.mil)

## Fare thee well

Former vice commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Col. Dale Elliott, watches as two members of the Honor Guard fold an American flag during his retirement ceremony March 15. Elliott, a command pilot with 3,000 flying hours, retired after 28 years of military service.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KARA MCCORMICK

## SWEEPS: Command conducts random drug sweeps

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"This is an effective way of educating commanders and first sergeants who then can better educate their people," the colonel said.

Another of Worley's tools is the unit sweep.

"Unit sweeps serve as extremely effective deterrents to drug use in the military," Damico said. "One Vandenberg commander recently ordered a unit sweep at 4 a.m."

According to Christine Knierem, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group drug reduction program manager, there were 27 unit sweeps in 2001 and one random sweep. This year, they've already done 13 unit sweeps and two random sweeps.

Another of Worley's tools is Operation Night Hawk.

"Operation Night Hawk is the only true random sweep," she said. During Operation Night Hawk, security forces randomly select vehicles at base entry points. Military members in the vehicles are ordered to report to a central processing location and provide a urine sample.

After collecting specimens during unit or random sweeps, they're processed and shipped to a lab at Brooks AFB, Texas. Last year, Knierem's team processed and shipped more than 5,000 specimens. If the results are positive, she'll know about it within two weeks of the sweep.

According to Knierem, every specimen is tested for Ecstasy now given its increased availability and use.

Enter another of the wing commander's tools — his order banning military members from attending Raves or Rave-like events.

His policy letter dated Jan. 28, 2002 specifies the prohibitions and affects all military members stationed here, regardless of unit assignment.

"I hope these tools serve to help our people make the decision to stay drug free," Worley said.

He said he'll call his anti-drug use campaign a success when nobody is being caught because no one is using drugs.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

The base has already conducted 13 unit and two random sweeps this year.

## Unit hosts command contracting conference

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

Members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron welcomed more than 80 of their peers during the annual Air Force Space Command Contracting Conference held here Monday through Thursday.

The attendees came from bases throughout the command.

According to conference co-project officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jonwa Kim, 30<sup>th</sup> CONS, the purpose of the event was "to enlighten and share standardization and innovations across the Space Command contracting community."

The group also recognized annual award winners.

The 21<sup>st</sup> CONS from Peterson AFB, Colo., took honors in the specialized unit category; Senior Airman Chris Slater from the 45<sup>th</sup> CONS at Patrick AFB, Fla., was named outstanding contracting airman; and Vicki Moran from the 341<sup>st</sup> CONS at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., won for outstanding contracting support.

Each year, the conference location alternates between Peterson AFB, Patrick AFB and Vandenberg — the AFSPC's three largest contracting squadrons.

## Protect children from poisons

■ Poison Prevention Week 2002 is this week. The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Ground Safety Office offers these tips to keep your children safe.

- ♦ Use products with child resistant caps.
- ♦ Never call medicine candy.
- ♦ Store all drugs and chemicals in their original containers and out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- ♦ Never put chemicals in food containers.
- ♦ Do not take medications in front of children. They may imitate you.
- ♦ Be aware that some product labels have outdated first aid advice. Call the Poison

Control Center at 800-876-4766 for current information.

- ♦ Make sure that all old, unused and unlabelled medicines are discarded properly. All containers should be rinsed out thoroughly before discarding safely.
- ♦ Keep the phone number for the Poison Control Center attached to your telephone and make sure babysitters, friends and relatives are aware of the number.
- ♦ Purchase Ipecac syrup from a local drug store and keep on hand at all times. Use only after advice from the Poison Control Center or your physician.

## BRIEFS: Free tuition offers, commissary closes

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### AAFES CONDUCTS SURVEYS

AAFES conducts customer service feedbacks in front of the main store today and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Colleen Cushion at 734-5521.

### LEGAL OFFICE CHANGES HOURS

Effective April 3, the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Legal Office changes legal assistance hours on Wednesdays. The new hours are from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yovanne Prince at 605-6220.

### DCG RECALLS PAGERS

There is a recall of Disaster Control Group pagers Monday at 1 p.m. in the CE Classroom, Bldg. 11165. Attendance is extremely important. For more information, call Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class James Holcomb at 606-4021.

### SPRING GOODIE BAGS FOR DORM RESIDENTS

The Vandenberg Spouses' Club is putting together Spring Goodie Bags for Team V's dorm residents. The club assembles the goodie bags Monday at 1 p.m. Volunteers

are welcome. For more information, call Michelle Morey at 734-0983.

### TAX OFFICE CLOSURES

The tax office is closed March 29. For more information, call a unit tax representative at 606-3668 or 606-3650.

### COFFEE HOUSE TO OPEN SOON

The G.I. Java Coffee House at Bldg. 13406 opens April 12. For more information, call Senior Airman Mary Straub at 606-5773.

### COLLEGES OFFER FREE TUITION

Several colleges offer free tuition and books to military members. For more information, call the base education office at 605-5904.

### COMMISSARY CLOSURES FOR EASTER

The commissary is closed March 31 for the Easter holiday. The Mini-Com hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### WING NEEDS BLOOD DONORS

A base-wide blood drive is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. The Tri-Counties Blood Bank conducts the drive.

## TERROR: CIA says terrorists could strike again

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America suggest that al Qaeda and other terrorist groups will continue to use conventional weapons. But, "one of our highest concerns is their stated readiness to attempt unconventional attacks against us," he observed.

He said terror groups have ready access to chemical, biological and even nuclear weapons information.

"Documents obtained from al Qaeda facilities in Afghanistan show that (Osama) bin Laden was pursuing a sophisticated biological weapons research program," Tenet said.

The intelligence indicates bin Laden was seeking to acquire or develop a nuclear device and that other al Qaeda cells may be pursuing a "dirty bomb" — one that spews radioactive material.

Tenet said al Qaeda or others may attempt attacks against the chemical or nuclear infrastructure of the United States in hopes of causing widespread toxic or radiological damage.

He said the U.S. and coalition war on terror has dealt severe blows to al Qaeda and its leader-

ship. The group is no longer able to run large-scale training and recruitment programs in Afghanistan, he said.

"We are uncovering terrorist plans and breaking up their cells around the world," Tenet noted. He said more than 1,300 people believed to be associated with al Qaeda have been arrested in more than 70 countries. He said this has disrupted terrorist operations and foiled potential terrorist attacks.

But, he said, al Qaeda "has not been destroyed." The terrorist network is trying to reconstitute itself. "We must eradicate these organizations by denying them their sources of financing, their sanctuaries and limiting their ability to hijack humanitarian organizations for terrorist purposes," he said. "We must be prepared for a long war and we must not falter."

Tenet said events in Afghanistan have led Iraq to launch a political and diplomatic "charm offensive." He said Saddam Hussein is undermining U.N. sanctions and putting the money he receives into his pursuit of weapons of mass destruction.

"He is trying to resurrect the military force he had before the Gulf

War," Tenet said. "Today, he maintains his ... grip on the levers of power through a pervasive intelligence and security apparatus, and even his reduced military force ... remains capable of defeating more poorly armed internal opposition groups and threatening Iraq's neighbors."

He said the United States continues to watch Iraq's involvement in terrorist activities.

"Baghdad has a long history of supporting terrorism, altering its targets to reflect changing priorities and goals," he said. "It has also had contacts with al Qaeda. Their ties may be limited by divergent ideologies, but the two sides' mutual antipathy towards the United States and the Saudi royal family suggest that tactical cooperation between them is possible, even though Saddam is well aware that such activity would carry severe consequences."

Tenet said he is also concerned about Iran and suggests that the push toward moderation in that fundamentalist nation may be stalling. He said Iran is building weapons of mass destruction capabilities and is working closely with North Korea and Russia.



Next week is your last week to donate to the Air Force Assistance Fund. Donate now and help your fellow airmen.



The Vandenberg Honor Guard is always looking for dedicated members. Call 606-3654 to join.



## Youth center earns national recognition

By Staff Sgt. OLENA M. KLEFFNER  
314<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs

■ **LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark.** – A club at the youth center here is the first one in the nation to earn the highest recognition possible from the Boys and Girls Club of America.

At the national organization's annual conference held recently in San Antonio, the Little Rock Keystone Club was the first civilian or military youth group to be named a Gold Keystone Club.

Keystone Clubs are small leadership-development groups for youth ages 14 to 18. Keystoneers elect officers, choose their own activities and plan and implement community-service projects.

"The youth center is affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club by paying dues each year to conduct the programs they offer," said Dennis Waymire, youth center assistant director and Keystone adviser. "We are considered a Boys and Girls Club just like any you see elsewhere. The only difference is that we are also an Air Force youth center."

Keystone Clubs are ranked in status as general, bronze, silver and gold, with gold being the highest level. "The club is very proud of becoming the first to be a gold club," Waymire said. "They still want to do more. It has motivated them to think outside of the box. Teens are very good at coming up with ideas. This group knows how to take those ideas and put them into action." (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Highway Patrol honors officer for heroics

■ **BELLSWORTH AFB, S.D.** – A 77<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron captain here was awarded the highest civilian honor the South Dakota Highway Patrol can bestow on a person at a ceremony in Rapid City recently.

Capt. Terrence Koudelka, a B-1 Lancer weapons system officer, was awarded the highway patrol's Certificate of Meritorious Service for the help he gave a patrolman

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attempting to make an arrest earlier this year.

"I could see that the officer was struggling," Koudelka said. "so I stopped to help him."

The patrolman had administered a field sobriety test to someone he suspected was driving under the influence of alcohol. When the suspect saw the test results, he tried to run away.

The officer caught up to the man and tackled him, but the suspect began hitting and kicking. As Koudelka was driving by, he saw what was going on, stopped his car and helped the trooper.

"If I was in his shoes and was struggling with a suspect who had the upper hand, I would want some help, whether it came from a civilian, another policeman or military member," he said.

The citation said Koudelka's quick response ensured that neither the trooper nor the suspect, who was taken into custody, was injured. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

## Peterson tests alternative fuels

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. MIKE ANDREWS  
21<sup>st</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **PETERSON AFB, Colo.** – Fill 'er up with corn, soybean oil and natural gas?

As outrageous as it sounds, Peterson is leading the Air Force and the state of Colorado in reducing consumption of petroleum and significantly reducing emissions by gassing up their vehicles with three alternative fuel options.

"Peterson is the first Air Force base, as well as the first location in Colorado, to have E-85, an ethanol-based alcohol mixed with traditional gasoline," said Master Sgt. Jim Huber, 21<sup>st</sup> Space Wing fuels flight. "E-85 is 85 percent ethanol blended with 15 percent gasoline. There are currently 24 vehicles using the E-85 fuel on Peterson today."

E-85 reduces greenhouse gas emissions like carbon-monoxide, the main contributor to global warming, by as much as 39 to 46 percent. In addition to gas emissions, it reduces petroleum use by 85 percent and

## With our sincere condolences ...



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. MARK SMITH

**ARLINGTON, Va.** — Jackie Pope-Cunningham (right), the mother of Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, looks on as Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper offers condolences to Cunningham's wife, Theresa. Cunningham, a pararescueman from the 38<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron at Moody AFB, Ga. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on March 14. The Camarillo, Calif., native was killed in action while supporting Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan as part of the war on terrorism.

burns cleaner than traditional gasoline. This reduces exhaust emissions and respiratory illnesses caused by poor air quality. One source of ethanol is corn. One bushel of corn can produce 2.5 gallons of ethanol.

"In addition to being the first base using E-85, Peterson is also known for being the second Air Force base and the first Colorado location to have bio-diesel fuel, a blend of diesel fuels and vegetable oils," said Master Sgt. Mark Trolio, Headquarters AFSPC fuel operations.

"Peterson's bio-diesel is made with 80 percent low-sulfur diesel blended with 20 percent virgin, refined soybean or grape seed oil. Commercial bio-diesel may also use recycled cooking grease," said Huber.

This bio-diesel blend is called B-20. B-20 reduces petroleum use and carbon monoxide by 20 percent. Bio-diesel can be used in any conventional diesel engine and doesn't require special storage. To date, over 9,200 gallons in the 160 vehicles have been used and there have been no vehicle problems reported.

The final alternative fuel option is Compressed Natural Gas. Natural gas is the cleanest-burning alternative fuel and emissions are much lower than traditional gasoline powered vehicles. Carbon-monoxide emissions are reduced by 70 percent when using natural gas.

Natural gas-powered vehicles produce little or no evaporative emissions. Currently 60 vehicles on base use compressed natural gas. (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

## Space adds new dimension to Japan's Keen Edge '02

By Capt. RICHELLE DOWDELL

■ **YOKOTA AB, Japan** – Four space officers assigned to Pacific Air Forces recently provided space support to the Commander, United States Forces Japan and Commander, United States Air Forces Japan during the bilateral command post exercise, Keen Edge 02.

Four captains formed a "Space Cell" providing support to the Fifth Air Force Crisis Action Team and USFJ Joint

Operations Center.

Those captains are Dean Helmick, from Headquarters 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Carl Jones from Misawa's 35<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Dave Meteyer from Kadena's 18<sup>th</sup> Wing, and Dacie Heth from Hawaii's Air Force Reserve.

The "Space Cell" presented daily space status briefings to the commander, requested reach-back support, performed daily missile warning duties, and supported the Air Force and Joint Information Operations Working Groups. Additionally, upon completion of the exercise the three weapons officers, Helmick, Jones, and Meteyer were asked to conduct a "Red Team" analysis against 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force operational plans.

Helmick, Jones, and Meteyer were recognized as "Game Ball Recipients" for their excellent "Red Team" contributions during the formal exercise hot wash.

"Keen Edge 02 was an excellent opportunity to exercise space support in a joint environment," Helmick said. "The Space Cell had to spend some time thinking outside the container to determine how Space can best support Military Operations Other Than War—but in the end we got it done."

Keen Edge is part of an annual exercise series that alternates between field training exercises (called Keen Sword) and command post exercises.

During Keen Edge, various Japanese and U.S. headquarters staffs employ computer simulations to practice the steps they would take in the event of a crisis or contingency.

Approximately 1,300 U.S. and Japanese personnel participated in the exercise. (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

## Space shuttle to launch cadet-developed satellite

■ **COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** – U.S.

Air Force Academy cadets on the FalconSAT-2 Small Satellite team here have learned that their FalconSAT-2 satellite is scheduled to be launched aboard NASA's Space Shuttle STS-114 in January.

This comes after two weeks of recent testing on the qualification model of the

satellite at Kirtland AFB, N.M. The cadets are now preparing to build the actual flight model.

The mission of the FalconSAT-2 will be to measure space plasma phenomena that are known to adversely affect space-based communication, such as the Global Positioning Satellite, and other civil and military communications, said Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Class Luke Ball, from the small satellite team.

Because of the successful tests on the qualification model, only minor modifications must be made to the flight model design before launch, he said. The cadets are now finalizing those modifications.

The design and fabrication of the flight model is also under way, and the cadets plan to complete construction of the flight model this semester for testing and delivery to NASA this summer, Ball said.

The qualification model is nearly identical to the flight model in every respect, from the structural components to the electrical connections and wiring, he said.

Testing on the qualification model is more rigorous and reduces risk by not damaging the flight model, he said. It was done to validate the design by testing it to higher standards than what is required for the flight model.

The FalconSAT program is managed by the Air Force Academy's Small Satellite Research Center, under the direction of Lt. Col. Jerry Sellers and Dr. Ron Humble. Twenty-six cadets currently participate in the program, along with faculty and contractor support.

The FalconSAT program is made possible through support from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Space & Missile Center Space Test Program and the U.S. Air Force Academy Association of Graduates. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Boom's away



PHOTO BY CAPT. DAVID ENGLIN

**ISTRES AIR BASE, France** – An Air Force Reserve Command KC-135 Stratotanker boom operator deployed to the 16<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Wing here, "passes gas" to an F-16 Fighting Falcon from Aviano Air Base, Italy. The F-16 was on a mission securing the skies over the Balkans. The tanker crews have been part of the 16<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing's total force team here since late September.

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# Community Calendar

## EVENTS

**22 FRI** Members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces

Squadron serve as hosts and waiters during Red Lobster's "Cops and Lobsters" fundraiser in Santa Maria today. All proceeds go toward Special Olympics. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Derek Greene or Staff Sgt. Rebecca Faalzadeh at 605-0569.

The Vandenberg Spouse's Club holds a **movie night and pajama party** tonight at the Services Center from 7 to 11 p.m. For more information, call Dawn Orban at 734-2218.

The Dunes Center at the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Preserve offers **guided tours** to visitors. The center also has hands-on, interactive exhibits such as a virtual reality, no-sand-in-your-shoes tour of the preserve and computer exhibits of dune birds, amphibians, reptiles and arthropods for children of all ages. The center is open from noon to 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. For tour reservations, call the Dunes Center at (805) 343-2455.

**23 SAT** Visitors can enjoy **walking tours** of historic downtown Santa Barbara every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Covering four square blocks, the tour takes guests through historic Spanish downtown. For more information, call (805) 965-6407.

**24 SUN** True Vine Ministries, Inc. holds a **Spring Revival Sunday** at 10 a.m. at 533 S. Avalon St. in Lompoc. The guest evangelist for the event is Rev. Terron Gattis of Oklahoma. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Merrett at 606-9876.

The **Chapel Community Night** is every Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Bldg. classrooms. For more information, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

The Protestant parish sponsors a weekly event for the whole family Sunday. A **time for praise, worship and fellowship** begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Classes for the whole family begin at 6 p.m. For more information, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

**26 TUES** Airman Leadership School Class 02-C graduates

Tuesday evening at the Pacific Coast Club. The **graduation banquet** begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner follows at 7 p.m. Attire for the evening is mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Col. Mark Owen, 30<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, is the guest speaker. For more information or to RSVP, call 606-5595 by today.

The Lompoc Museum offers guests a glimpse into local history from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Trained docents lead **guided tours** by appointment only. Admission is \$1 for adults and free for children and museum members. For more information, call the museum at 736-3888.

**27 WED** The Vandenberg-Lompoc Jewish Community **annual Seder Service** is Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The entire community is invited to participate in the service and meal. Cost is \$21 per adult. For more information or to RSVP, call Anita Friedman at 605-7564 or 736-5822 or Dr. Lawrence Riemer at 736-9477.

**28 THUR** The Temple Beth El invites members and non-affiliated Jews to the synagogue's **annual Passover Community Sedar** Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the temple in Santa Maria, 1501 East Alvin St. For more information, call (805) 928-2118.

**29 FRI** The Vandenberg Spouses' Club offers **scholarships** to college-bound students demonstrating exceptional commitment to academic excellence, extracurricular activity and community involvement. Graduating seniors

## "Eye see," said the ...



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

**Erin Seward (left) and McKenzie Stone (right) read eye charts as American Red Cross volunteer Patricia Kuth and Tech. Sgt. Alex Amavisca from the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group evaluate their vision. Second and Fifth graders from Crestview Elementary received the screening as a routine annual check-up during Vision Care Month. As a minimum, children's vision should be checked before they enter the first grade.**

in the class of 2002 who are dependents of active duty, retired, or deceased military members are eligible to apply. This also includes California-based home schooled seniors and spouses of active duty or retired military members. Anyone interested in applying for these scholarships should contact their high school counselor or Terri Hatten at 734-0282. Applications must be received by March 29.

The Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department holds an **Easter Egg Decorating Workshop** March 29 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Anderson Recreation Center. Deadline for sign-up is March 22 and the sign-up fee is \$3 per person. The Lompoc Kiwanis Club holds an **Easter egg hunt** March 30 beginning at 10 a.m. Times vary for different age groups. Call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation department at 736-6565 for more information.

**6 SAT** The 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group holds a **Women's Health Celebration Day** April 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Vandenberg Recreation Center. For more information, call the Medical Group at 606-3011.

**10 WED** **Registration for Crestview Elementary School kindergarten** for the upcoming school year is April 10 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. for students whose last names begin with A through M and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for students whose last names begin with N through Z. For more information, call the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371, Ext. 301.

**15 MON** **Registration for Los Padres Elementary School kindergarten** is April 15 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for students whose last names begin with A through L and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for students whose last names begin with M through Z. For more information, call the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371, Ext. 301.

**20 SAT** **Special Olympics** returns to Vandenberg April 20 at the base track. The Vandenberg Special Olympics committee needs several hundred volunteers to be athlete escorts, event workers, set-up/tear-down teams and more. Anyone from Team Vandenberg can volunteer. Call Capt. Trevor Flint at 606-0101 to volunteer.

**27 SAT** The **Central Coast Home and Rec Show** comes to the Mid-State Fairgrounds April 27 and 28. The event is the largest home and recreation show on the Central Coast with more than 120 vendors. For more information, call (805) 781-2750.

**30 TUE** The USAA Educational Foundation conducts a **child passenger safety technician certifica-**

**tion training program** for military and civilian people on Vandenberg. The course is April 30 through May 3. Class size is limited to 35 people. For more information, call Valerie Andersen at 606-5338.

## CLASSES

**22 FRI** The Health and Wellness Center offers **TIGLE Lunchtime Relaxation** every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the HAWC. Linda Bastine guides participants through various exercises for mind relaxation. Relaxing the mind is one of many ways to manage stress. No registration is required. For more information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

**Step-parenting education and counseling** is available to couples experiencing the unique challenges of step-parenting. Linda Bastine is available for one-on-one assistance regarding parenting, marriage enrichment and stress management. Call 606-9958 to schedule an appointment.

The Family Support Center offers a **California Veterans Home Loan Home Loan Class** today at 1:30 p.m. Learn application procedures and the basic Veterans Administration Home Loan Guaranty application process and the basic CALVET Home Loan Program. For reservations, call Sunny Park at 605-0134.

**23 SAT** **Hula and social dances** for kids meet every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Everybody Can Dance, 135 E. Clark in Orcutt. Classes are for ages 4 and older. Cost is \$25 per month. For more information, call (805) 348-3314.

**25 MON** Learn the basics of **financial management** at a Financial Basics Workshop Monday at 11 a.m. in the Family Support Center. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration and information.

**6 SAT** Allan Hancock College holds a **Nursing Student Workshop** from 10 a.m. to noon April 6 in the AHC Forum, Bldg. C, Room 40, on the Santa Maria campus. For more information about the workshop or AHC nursing programs, call (805) 922-6966.

## MEETINGS

**22 FRI** The **Women's Friday Bible Study** meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 752 Pecan Ct. in East Housing. Currently, the group is studying "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place," by Beth Moore. For more information, please call Michele Husfelt at 734-7181.

**26 TUES** Vandenberg's **Single Parents' Support Group** meets for lunch every second and fourth Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The group is open to Vandenberg's military and civilian single parents. The next meeting is Tuesday.

**Air Force Sergeants Association** general membership meeting is Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Base Service Center, Bldg. 10122.

The meeting is open to all AFSA members and any enlisted member or retiree desiring to join. For questions, call Tech. Sgt. Debra Wheeler at 606-2563.

The **Protestant Adult and Youth Bible Study** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights in the Chapel 1 Annex. Currently, participants are using the discipleship book "Growing In Christ." For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Ken Gordon at 734-1816 or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

**27 WED** **Men's Weekly Bible Study** is held at 6 a.m. in the Breaker's Dining Facility every Wednesday.

**28 THUR** **Titan Toastmasters** meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Base Library. Participants can learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure, supportive environment. Meetings are open to all interested parties. For information, call Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, Ext. 3627 or Chief Master Sgt. Archie Mitchell at 605-8081.

**6 SAT** The **Women's Saturday Morning Bible Study** meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Religious Education Complex Administration building. The current topic is "Spiritual Warfare." For more information, call Genette Howard at 734-1693 or Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

**9 TUE** The **Lompoc Valley Bicycle Club** meets at 7 p.m. the second

Tuesday of each month at the Baker's Square Restaurant on North H Street in Lompoc. The group is family and singles oriented and consists of about 30 members ranging in age from 1 to 70 years. Activities range from casual, mountain and road-bike rides to cross-country road rides. There are also regularly scheduled rides to Buellton and Orcutt for breakfast.

**18 THUR** The **Vandenberg Top Three Association** meets at noon every third Thursday of the month in the Services Center. Membership is open to all master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants who are permanently assigned here. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cary Rosson at 606-6232.

## HEALTH

**25 MON** People can visit the Health and Wellness Center's **Relaxation Room** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. HAWC guests may enjoy the massage chair, listen to soft music and melt their stress away. Call the HAWC at 606-2221 to reserve a 30-minute session.

The Health and Wellness Center offers the **Sensible Weight Loss class**, a 90-minute class instructed by a dietician and exercise physiologist. Participants learn to identify principles for safe weight loss

and weight control. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

Certified instructors lead **indoor cycling classes** in the Services Center. During the class, participants simulate riding hills, valleys and flat roads by adjusting the resistance on the fly-wheel, body position and speed. People at any fitness levels benefit from this aerobic activity. Required equipment includes a water bottle and a towel. Classes begin at 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; at noon Fridays; at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and at 8 a.m. Saturdays.

Instructors lead **intermediate step aerobics classes** in the Services Center. Since these classes introduce more complex patterns and propulsion, participants should be familiar with the 12 basic steps and their use in workout patterns. Instructors demonstrate step and intensity modifications for novices and advance steppers. The class wraps up with abdominal strengthening and a cool-down stretch. The 30- to 40-minute classes begin at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mondays and at 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**26 TUE** The Fitness Center holds **box aerobics classes** in the Services Center. Borrowing from boxing, martial arts and self-defense exercise programs, instructors lead participants through a kicking and punching aerobics routine. The class wraps up with abdominal strengthening and post-workout stretching. This is not a martial arts, boxing or Tae-Bo class. The 45- to 60-minute classes begin at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 9 a.m. Saturdays.

Instructors lead a **Yoga fitness class** in the Services Center. Modified for all fitness levels, traditional Yoga positions flow to create a workout that properly warms the muscles for flexibility. As the body is strengthened and stretched, the cardiovascular system is stimulated. Breathing is emphasized to achieve the full experience. Classes begin at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. Fridays.

## SPORTS

The **Vandenberg Women's Soccer Team** needs players. The team plays in the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association League and is open to all women over the age of 18 years. Interested players should call Capt. Ann Curtis at 606-2382 for further details.

The **Diana Youth Softball Booster Club** needs board members. Those interested should call the Youth Center at 606-9374 or Kari Rosson at 734-1028.

The **Vandenberg Youth Center's youth baseball season** is right around the corner. Any player with base access who is between 5 and 13 years old is eligible to play. Players receive a new uniform, a picture packet and a trophy for participating. Registration is \$45 for Youth Center members and \$50 for non-members. Volunteer coaches are also needed. The youth sports office is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Youth Center to sign up or call 606-2152 for more information.

## AT THE MOVIES

### Today

#### I am Sam

Starring Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer  
Sam Dawson has the mental capacity of a 7 year old. He has a daughter with a homeless woman who abandoned Sam with his daughter. But as his daughter, Lucy, reaches 7 herself, Sam's limitations start to become a problem at school. Rated PG-13, 132 minutes.

### Saturday at 3 p.m.

#### Snow Dogs

Starring Cuba Gooding Jr., James Coburn  
When a Miami dentist finds out that he's been named in a will, he travels to Alaska to claim his inheritance. Once he gets there, his dreams turn to mush. He discovers he's been left a mischievous team of sled dogs - Diesel, Scooper, Nana, Yodel, Sniff, Mack Demon and Duchess - who have it in for him. Rated PG, 99 minutes.

### Saturday

#### Count of Monte

#### Cristo

Starring James Caviezel, Guy Pearce  
Edmond Dantes is a sailor who is falsely imprisoned in an island prison for treason and eventually escapes. He becomes rich and wreaks revenge on the men who framed him. Rated PG-13, 131 minutes.

### Sunday

#### Collateral Damage

Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, John Leguizamo  
In one fleeting moment, L.A. firefighter Gordy Brewer loses everything that he had ever cared about. When Gordy's wife and child are killed in a terrorist attack, they're considered "collateral damage." The official U.S. investigation stalls, so Gordy heads to war-torn Colombia alone to track "The Wolf" down. Gordy's relentless pursuit leads him from the jungles of Colombia back to the streets of Washington where the bomber is preparing to strike again. Rated R, 115 minutes.

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.



■ The Vandenberg Network broadcasts AFTV news on Channel 2 at the following times: 7:30, 9, 11:30 a.m., 4 and 8 p.m. and midnight.

• A neonatal team saves the life of a newborn on the island of Okinawa.

• A look at the Air Force's contribution to security at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

• A half century of humanitarian assistance by people from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

• The changing and expanding role of Ramstein AB in Germany, where USAFE has its headquarters.

• Vandenberg's little-known but vital Air Force petroleum office and its major contribution to the service's mission.

• The recovery of a downed Air Force helicopter in the San Juan National Forest in Colorado.

A profile of a Penn State University ROTC detachment that received a signal honor for its outstanding performance.

Air Force Television News is also available on the Internet at www.af.mil. Send comments to aftvnews@afnews.af.mil.

# S 30th Services



# NEWS

## YOUTH CENTER

It's coming, March 30  
The Annual

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Hunt will begin at 9 a.m. sharp!  
Location: Youth Center.

Ages: through 10 yrs.  
Please bring your own basket.

For more information, call Wendy at 606-2152.

## Vandenberg AFB Fitness Center

It's the **GRAND OPENING**



of the NEW  
**Skate Park**  
**Skate Rink**  
**Tennis Courts!**



**March 29th • 4 p.m.**

Activities begin at Skate Park, move to the Skate Rink and finish at the Tennis Courts.

**Come on out, join the fun and try out the new facilities!!!**

### REMEMBER...

all skaters need a hold-harmless agreement on file with the Fitness Center **AND** a skate pass. Questions? Call the Fitness Center at 606-3832.

## Skate Park/Skate Rink TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday and Thursday, 4 p.m.

Fitness Center, Basketball Court



Children under 18 must have a parent present.

Come with your questions, sign the hold-harmless agreement and get your skate pass! Questions? Call the Fitness Center at 606-3832.

Enter the drawing to be one of the first to skate or play tennis!

## V.I.T.T.

Vandenberg Leisure Tours

Experience the splendor of...

# YOSEMITE



April 28 to 30

including a special side trip to the spectacular Mariposa Redwood Grove. \$225 per person sharing, single, add \$175

Includes two nights, superior room, Yosemite Lodge and transportation. Call 606-7976 for more information.



Massage Therapy

Will be closed through April 1.

To book appointments or purchase gift certificates while we are closed, call 605-4748.

## GOLF

WEDNESDAY -

Ladies Priority, 8:32 to 9:04 a.m.

**REMEMBER these weekday specials -**

**Tuesday -**

Active duty green fees are half price and carts are the 9-hole rate,

**Wednesday -**

All carts are the 9-hole rate, range buckets are \$1 off.

**Thursday -**

Retired military carts are 9-hole rate.

**Friday -**

All contractor and guest green fees are \$5 off.

## BOWLING

THURSDAY -

The Bowling Center has Thursday Family Night with Thunder Alley and Rock 300 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost: \$6 for three hours of bowling including rental shoes and bowling equipment. Come listen to the music and enjoy the glow in the dark pins.

## FITNESS

SATURDAY - Power Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m., Services Center

MONDAY - AM Abs, 7:05 to 7:20 a.m., Fitness Center Basketball Court

TUESDAY - Women on Weights, 9 to 10 a.m., Fitness Center

Is your workout on track? Call one of our personal trainers for help at the Fitness Center, 606-3834.

## SWIMMING POOL

Looking for a great summer job as a lifeguard???

**LIFE GUARD TRAINING -**

April 1 to 5, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Course Cost: \$75 per person (includes materials, books, fees)

Red Cross Lifeguard Training is the best place to start. This course provides the skills and knowledge for an individual to properly assume the responsibility of a professional lifeguard at a swimming pool.

The course also includes the following:

- CPR for the professional rescuer
- First Aid
- Automated Electronic Defibrillation (AED)

Attendance is mandatory for all class sessions. Participants must be 15+ years of age. The first day of class will include an in-water skills test. For more information or to register, contact Jennifer at 606-3581, Family Aquatics Center, Bldg. 10144.

## YOUTH CENTER

### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the Youth Center's School Age Program Summer Camp begins April 1. Registration is open for all children who will have completed Kindergarten by June 6. Priority is given to those currently enrolled. Camp runs June 6 through mid-August. For more information, call the Youth Center at 606-2152.

**Keep a lookout for future 4-H events at the Youth Center!** Call the Youth Center for more information on the 4-H rabbit group at 606-2152.

Looking for some fun??? Check these great activities offered by...

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

# Horseback T-R-A-I-L-R-I-D-E

at the Circle Bar-B-Ranch

March 30 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**\$4000**

per person

- 10 a.m. Depart Outdoor Recreation
- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Riding time
- 2 p.m. Depart; return to Vandenberg approximately 3 p.m.
- Ages: 7 years and up
- Weight limit: 240 lbs.

Call Curtis at Outdoor Rec, 606-5908 for more information or to make a reservation.

## Sign up for these Outdoor Recreation activities today!!!

SATURDAY - SANTA BARBARA SAILING TRIP 12 to 4 p.m., \$45 per person.

APRIL 26 - DEEP SEA FISHING, Port Hueneme Sport Fishing \$65 per person. Sign up deadline: April 24, COB.

STARTING IN APRIL - KERN RIVER WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIPS \$55 per person. One day trips. Includes lunch and transportation. Call Curtis at 605-5908 or Jeff at 605-7615 for more information.

BAIT FOR SALE - Outdoor Rec has bait available for all types of fishing!