

BASE BRIEFS

OFFICIALS CLOSE BEACHES MAY 3

All beaches are closed May 3 for the Delta II launch. Beaches are scheduled to re-open May 4, following a successful launch. Access to Wall Beach is limited this weekend via a dirt trail off Spur Road. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials are will issue citations to people who enter closed areas. To date there have been four violations. Normal beach hours are Fridays through Mondays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804.

MILITARY GET FREE PHONE CARDS

AT&T and Wal-Mart have teamed up to put together a special Mothers Day program for active-duty military. A free one-hour phone card will be given to each service member to be used to contact their mothers for Mothers Day. Sign ups will be accepted through May 9 at local Wal Mart stores.

OPS GROUP POSTPONES DINNER

The 30th Operations Group postponed the farewell dinner for 30th Operations Group Commander Col. Mark Owen. The event is now May 10 in Bldg. 8310, on the corner of New Mexico and 8th Sts. For more information, call 606-3744.

TREND STYMIES CONTRACTORS, RAISES HAZARDS

Increased security levels and the parking restrictions associated with them have led people to begin parking on grassy areas surrounding their facilities. This prevents ground maintenance contractors from mowing the area. Motorists are reminded to park in designated areas only. For more information, call 606-2330.

SATURDAY CLINIC HOURS CHANGE

The 30th Medical Group changed the hours of operation for the Saturday Clinic. Family Practice is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the pharmacy is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Appointments are for acute and routine needs only. Customers schedule appointments by calling 606-CARE.

DENTAL SICK CALL HOURS CHANGE

The dental clinic is limiting afternoon sick call appointments to 381st Training Group students only. All others may report to the dental clinic for sick call at 7:30 a.m. for evaluation. For information, call the dental clinic at 606-8860.

WING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The 30th Space Wing needs seven more volunteers to march in the Salute to the U.S. Air Force Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, Calif., May 18. For information or to volunteer, call Public Affairs at 606-3595.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

(Right to left) Capt. Eric Ecker, Matt Presnell and 1st Lt. James Blanchard (left), members of the Guardian Challenge helicopter team check the transmission of their UH-1 during a preflight inspection. The helicopter portion of GC 2002 was reduced from three events to one. The remaining event is the preflight and reconfiguration event.

GC warriors prepare to battle it out

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Guardian Challenge 2002, the premier Air Force space and missile competition, is poised to begin in earnest Monday.

Teams from the seven space wings converge on Vandenberg to see who's the best-of-the-best in Air Force Space Command.

At stake in the 35th annual space and missile contest are the coveted Blanchard trophy for the best space ICBM wing; the Aldridge trophy for the best

space operations wing and the Schriever trophy for the best space launch wing team.

Vandenberg's 30th Space Wing won the Schriever last year. The 91st Space Wing at Minot AFB, N.D., won the Blanchard trophy, while the 21st Space Wing from Peterson AFB., Colo., took home the Aldridge.

"Guardian Challenge is a proud tradition among space and missile forces, dating back to the first Curtain Raiser in 1967," said 30th Space Wing Vice Commander Col. Richard Strathearn. "It's the

only peace-time opportunity for Air Force space wings to fully demonstrate the effectiveness of their training and procedures in a competitive environment."

"Vandenberg is still the only base in the United States where space and missile missions combine," Strathearn said.

"We're proud to host the 35th annual show down to see who's the best-of-the-best in Air Force Space Command," he added.

Teams of space and missile forces compete in a number of events: missile and space surveil-

lance, space operations, spacelift operations, spacelift maintenance, space communications, security forces, missile operations and maintenance and ICBM communication. The helicopter events have been reduced from three events to one.

Scores will be announced and trophies handed out Thursday evening during the Guardian Challenge Banquet. There, members of the Air Force and Space Command, find out who is truly at the top of their game in space and missiles for 2002.

AFSPC commander demands action after deaths

■ PETERSON AFB, Colo. — Two Air Force Space Command members are dead from what appears to be alcohol-related injuries last weekend.

Airman 1st Class Timothy McIntyre, with the 790th Security Forces Squadron at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., was killed after a vehicle accident April 27.

Airman 1st Class Krystal Thomas, of the 91st Maintenance Squadron at Minot AFB, N.D., died April 28 from injuries after falling through a plate glass window.

AFSPC Safety Directorate reported that this double tragedy brings the tally up to three airmen dead this fiscal year from alcohol-related accidents.

The earlier death was from an automobile rollover.

The reaction from the incidents this weekend has been swift from the AFSPC commander and vice commander.

"This is a blow, not only for the families of these two young people, but for all of us in their Air Force family as well. We all feel the loss and must do all we can to learn from these most recent tragedies. The facts are clear to me: We are not doing all we can to prevent alcohol-related accidents," said Gen. Lance Lord, commander of AFSPC. "I can't and won't accept this. The stakes are too high."

He ordered commanders from the squadron up throughout

AFSPC do an "eyeball-to-eyeball" with everyone on station by no later than April 30. Their orders were clear — emphasize the risks of drinking. Those off-station — on leave, and on temporary duty — had to be contacted by phone no later than May 2 with the same message.

"I was personally saddened by the tragic deaths of two of our airmen," said Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson, AFSPC vice commander. "It's all the more tragic because these are young people who lost their lives unnecessarily — young people whose lives were entrusted to us by their families. We must take responsibility for the welfare of our

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Staff Sgt. Mitch Donick (left) and Tech. Sgt. Michael Dunning (right), 30th Security Forces Squadron administer a mock field sobriety test.

NAF commander blasts off

Maj. Gen. Bill Looney heads east, but leaves legacy

By 2nd Lt. Michelle Mayo
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Maj. Gen. Bill "Tunes" Looney relinquishes command of the 14th Air Force today in noon ceremony at the Vandenberg parade grounds.

Earlier in the week, the soon-to-be lieutenant general reflected on his two years at Vandenberg and the legacy he's leaving behind.

"When I came here, my main thrust was to continue to operationalize space... to make space a more integral part of the war-fighting capability of the nation," said Looney, who took command of the 14th AF in June 2000.

"We've done that, he said. "We're not done, but we've made a lot of progress in that regard."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Maj. Gen. Bill "Tunes" Looney talks about his vision for the 14th Air Force.

According to the general, the first step toward that end was to get the other components — air, sea and land — to accept that space is a critical enabler for them to accomplish their mission.

Though space is not a decisive force in itself, without it, the other

key players are not nearly as effective, he said.

Looney added it was only fairly recently that people truly recognized what space brings to the fight.

"There's not a conference, there's not a discussion, there's not a war council that goes on in this country that space is not a participant, which was not necessarily the case four or five years ago," the general said.

Now that space is recognized as a necessary component in America's war-fighting effort, it is involved in the day-to-day operations of that effort — from navigation, timing, Global Positioning

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Last Titan IV booster arrives at Vandenberg

By Capt. Thomas Knowles
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The last Titan IVB core vehicle to be launched from Vandenberg arrived at the base flight line aboard a C-5 transport aircraft Thursday, marking the end of an era for the venerable launch vehicle.

According to Capt. Dan Wetmore, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, the vehicle, dubbed B-26, was transported from the flight line to a Vehicle Assembly Building here, where it will undergo minor processing activities until it's ready to be brought to Space Launch Complex 4E for launch.

There are currently only two Titan IV's remaining on Vandenberg awaiting the launch

of their respective payloads. B-26 is scheduled to boost a classified payload for the Air Force in 2003.

"The Titan IVB spacelift vehicle consists of many components," said 1st Lt Deborah Newman, 2nd SLS. "Components include the core; Stages I and II, which arrived Thursday; the Solid Rocket Motor Upgrades; Stage 0, which is here at Vandenberg undergoing processing activities; and the Payload Fairing, which is in storage here as well."

Having been produced for the past 41 years at Lockheed Martin's Denver facility, the rocket has faithfully served as

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The Guardian Challenge Program Office works behind the scenes to make the event a success. See Page 3.



Let the games begin: GC teams are ready for war. Learn about the competition in the GC Insert.

Weekend forecast
Morning low clouds and fog with afternoon sun.

Low/High
45/67

For a full VAFB weather report visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html

Serving dad pie -- in the eye!



By AIRMAN 1st CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Col. Mitchell Slate, 30th Logistics Group commander helps Grace Worley, 9, feed pie to her dad Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander as part of a Guardian Challenge fundraiser April 25.

Pride isn't just our own

By LT. COL. DAN DEMOTT
30th Contracting Squadron commander

Many of us in the military are proud of the recent successes of our war against terrorism. We're also aware of how the military and civil service supports these efforts.

But a recent experience with a company from Texas showed me just how much the rest of the civilian community supports our efforts, too.

I'm here to tell you that same pride and dedication that we put into the defense of our country is also very evident in the civilian contractors supporting us.

Being a contracting officer, I have had my share of dealings with both good and bad contractors. This recent experience was definitely one of the more positive.

I was deployed to the Joint Contracting Center at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo in support of a large contingent of multinational troops. After working long hours

for months, I sometimes wondered if we were really in this fight together.

Then I received an emergency request for equipment on Dec 23.

Picture that cartoon with the little figure rolling on the floor laughing with the caption, "You want it when?" That was me.

With great skepticism, I started my search by calling the company. Just as I expected, there was no answer. I left a detailed message on a security guard's phone, found a company website and e-mailed somebody in government sales with the particulars.

I resigned myself to the fact that we wouldn't hear from them until early January and sent out a message to the requesting unit stating so.

As soon as I sent that message, another e-mail popped up on my screen stating, "We're on a little Christmas break, but we'll see what we can do."

The company I contacted was in Houston, Texas and the individual e-mailing me was at his

sister's home in Michigan! He called an employee at her home in Houston. She e-mailed me with her home phone number. I placed a call at 4:30 p.m. Kosovo time, which was 8:30 a.m. in Houston, with my request. In just three hours, the employee in Houston went to the company's warehouse, picked up the part, drove it to the airport and mailed it.

Remember, this was Saturday, December 23.

This company's response had a huge impact on me. It renewed my faith in the fact that there are more people than we realize who are aware of what we do and willing to go the extra mile to see that the military has the tools it needs to do the job.

This company is not unlike many companies working right here on base with us. We have a lot of good contractors doing great things as part of Team V.

So, next time you are handing out praise, awards and other recognition, please remember to recognize the contractors working with you.

They have the same pride in mission that you do.

SNCO Academy: Not a consolation prize

By MASTER SGT. MARK LONG
30th Mission Support Squadron

A little more than a year ago, I received the humbling news that I was not selected for promotion to senior master sergeant.

In an attempt to lift my sagging spirits, some of my mentors praised me for being selected to attend the Senior NCO Academy In Residence Course.

At the time, I thought, "Some booby prize."

It was like being told, "Better luck next time bud, enjoy your bronze medal, thanks for playing and see you next year."

I waited nine months for my class date to arrive. And while I'd never heard anything negative about the course, I

hadn't really heard any ringing endorsements either. Maybe I wasn't listening.

At any rate, I arrived with an open mind in January -- ready to fill that last square of my professional military education requirements.

I was in for a pleasant surprise.

Right away, I was overwhelmingly impressed with the first-rate facility. The Internet just doesn't do the place justice.

When you walk inside and survey the many displays honoring our enlisted heroes, you feel the rich and proud enlisted tradition of our force.

This positive environment reminded each of us that we're part of something really special -- we couldn't help but feel like winners!

The next thing that struck me was the warm welcome from instructors and peers alike.

Don't get me wrong, our NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School instructors do a fine job, but this was different. The SNCOA instructors were really facilitators who guided discussions. They didn't talk down to us -- they were our peers.

It was all about mutual respect and sharing experiences. The theme amongst the students was "Cooperate to Graduate" and backbiting and "wood sharking" for awards was almost non-existent.

Everyone had a "we" attitude. It seemed as if simply attending this distinguished course gave each one of us the validation we needed.

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 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



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

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Down days can be inconvenient for customers

Q I'm writing in reference to the down days that base personnel receive. I never realized how much it affects our military community.

I work at the Visitor Control Center and recently spoke with a number of individuals whose needs could not be met because of a wing down day. I figure, if the Visitor Center is open, then the places where visitors need to go, such as Pass and Registration, Customer Service and Legal should also be open. Also, I will never understand why the hospital gets a down day. Customer Service offices should not be closed to the public unless there's an emergency. Couldn't we at least go into mini-

mum manning during down days to ensure our needs are met?

A The 30th Medical Group sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience experienced by their customers. As a member of Air Force Space Command and the 30th Space Wing, the Medical Group is afforded down days as authorized by AFSPC. Currently, they begin advertising the closing of the facility for any particular event two weeks to one month prior to the closing date. Despite scheduled down days, patients are reminded that they have ac-

cess to their Primary Care Manager 24 hours a day by calling:

1-888-252-3299 for Urgent Care In Area during non-duty hours
1-800-242-6788 for Urgent Care Out of Area (Over two hours away from Vandenberg)

Health Care Information Line: 1-800-611-2883 (24 hours a day)

Vandenberg Pharmacy Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, Closed Saturday and Sunday and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month for staff training.



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Programs Office makes GC happen

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Vandenberg's annual event, Guardian Challenge 2002, kicks off next week amid much fanfare and celebration with the arrival of competing teams and distinguished visitors from around the Air Force and Space Command.

The 35th annual space and missile competition spotlighting the best-of-the-best in space command lasts only a week, but the coordination, preparation and planning for this year's event began almost a year ago, said Capt. Janice Hance, Chief of Guardian Programs.

Hance and her staff are responsible for coordinating the entire behind the scene actions needed to make the annual competition a success.

"Guardian Challenge gives true meaning to the term 'Team Vandenberg,'" said Lt. Col. David Christensen, 30th Operations Support Squadron commander.

The Guardian Programs Office staff is the focal point for coordinating with base and civilian agencies to help GC 2002 get off the ground with as few problems as possible.

By the time Guardian Challenge starts, the GPO staff of less than 20 have enlisted the aid of hundreds of people on and off base to stage Space Command's premier event.

Staff Sgt. Dave Najera, also known as "Super Dave," by his team mates, primarily serves in an administrative capacity but his responsibilities include finance, contracts and purchasing necessary supplies for the GPO.

Senior Airman Donna Vargas, 30th Communication Squadron, performs a different set of administrative duties. She puts together visitor and participant information packages. She also helps with baggage and tag processing and staff and escort badges. Airman Basic Alena Hefner, 30th OSS, one of the newest members to the Air Force and the team, pitches in to help Najera and Vargas with anything else that might call for an administrative touch.

Protocol affairs are important for GC2002 and that's Capt. Mike Schaffer's, 30th Range Squadron, forte.

Schaffer directs and coordinates the catering for all distinguished visitors, the opening ceremony and senior officer luncheon.

"We have had more than 57 people volunteer as DV escorts," said 1st Lt. Erik Fonseca, 30th OSS. The escorts range from the rank of airman first class to major.

They're very aware of the itineraries of the people they'll be

escorting and are tasked with making sure the distinguished guests have everything they need like lodging and transportation, Fonseca said. They can also make sure that the person they're responsible for arrives at scheduled events on time.

But for a project this large to operate smoothly, people need to communicate with each other.

That is where 1st Lt. Bryan Carlson, 30th Communications Squadron, lends his expertise to the team. The "Cable Guy", as Carlson is affectionately called by his program teammates, has the responsibility to coordinate and initiate all of the headquarters, numbered air force and GPO communications support.

"This includes getting radios for team members, setting up audio and video for events like the Curtain Raiser block party and the Guardian Challenge Banquet in the hangar," Bryan said.

If people weren't able to get where they needed to go for the events GC 2002 wouldn't happen. That's where Master Sgt. Mark Callahan, 30th Transportation Squadron comes to the rescue. He coordinates all the base transportation requirements GPO needs to make GC 2002 a success.

By far, the most labor-intensive Guardian Programs project is preparing the hangar for the banquet and score-posting said, Capt. Sam Ayers, 30th OSS and hangar boss.

"It's like preparing the place for a large concert and we're, the hangar crew, the roadies," Ayers said.

Ayers and his band of volunteers spend hours on end doing construction, electrical work and plumbing to get the hangar ready for the show.

Ayers' assistant, 1st Lt. Dominick Young, 30th OSS, coordinates 30th Civil Engineer Squadron and audiovisual support for the hangar.

"We want to make the hangar a place where we can come and celebrate being the best of the best," Ayers said.

Some of the organizations offering their time and assistance are the local NCOA chapter, the Vandenberg Top 3 Association, Health and Wellness Center and the Santa Maria Elks Club.

The other GPO staff members are Capt. Steve Long, IMA to U.S. Strategic Command; Dayna Castro, 30th OSS, protocol; 2nd Lt. Kenneth Johnston and Lence Mortensen, 381st Training Group; Capt. Patrick Maloney 30th Range Squadron, coordinator for DV arrivals and departures; and 2nd Lt. Tracie Ryan and Cary Brunger, 381st TRG, competition venues and graphics.

"The GPO staff is only the tip of the spear," added Hance. "None of it would be possible without Team Vandenberg working in unison to make Guardian Challenge possible."



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Staff Sgt. Mitchell Crum, 30th Logistics Group, pulls up rope from the highlift to attach one of several team banners that will be displayed in the hangar during the Guardian Challenge 2002 Awards Banquet.

Vandenberg Civilian Spotlight



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Name: Joaquin Tinker

Assignment: 30th Operations Support Squadron machinist

Hometown: Victorville Calif.

Time on Vandenberg: 8 years

Time in civil service: 14 years

Hobbies: Enjoys backpacking and time with his children, Marc and Katie.

What he likes about his job: Building prototypes with the latest technology and tools to make an idea reality.

Supervisor's comments: "Joaquin's noteworthy accomplishments demonstrate a singular dedication to excellence and reflect favorably upon himself and the 30th Space Wing," said Dell Barritt, director of the Training, Device, Design and Engineering Center.

14th Air Force Command Chief heads for Rockies

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

■ The 14th Air Force command chief is heading for the Rocky Mountains.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, has been named the new Air Force Space Command command chief to serve with Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC commander.

Kriete's tenure as the 14th AF command chief was only 18 months, but the chief said he'll never forget the time spent at Vandenberg with the 14th AF. "I will miss a great group of space professionals," the chief said. "The 14th is a close-knit group of people striving for the same mission."

Because it's a small headquarters, the chief said, people don't get lost in it and they can't hide. "Everyone is actively engaged," he said.

When Kriete took over as command chief in November 2000, he didn't have a goal or a vision for the 14th. His focus was on the team and its people.

"My concern is for the people. From all aspects, not just enlisted, but officers and civilians as well," the command chief said.

"Because they are part of an integral team."

If the chief had a goal, it was to make it better for those that will follow.

Kriete pointed to the many new programs the base has started that benefit and recognize those that stay in.

"When someone re-enlists, we should make a big deal about it," he said. "Retention is a challenge for us, and we need to let those who stay understand how much we appreciate them." Making sure senior leadership has the right pulse on the people is the chief's biggest concern.

Learning to listen to the people and giving the commander honest and candid feedback on the things he needs to hear and wants to hear are key to his position, he said.

The chief continued to say that sometimes he has to tell the commander some things he doesn't need to hear, but should hear it so the commander is in better tune with the people.

While serving the position of command chief for the 14th AF, Kriete has learned to

be more inclusive. "General Looney is very good about including all the people and not just some of the people," said the chief. "I have been able to learn from him and make my decisions to better affect everyone."

Maj. Gen. Bill "Tunes" Looney, 14th Air Force commander, had many favorable words to say about the chief. "He possessed the experience and talents I felt were needed by a command chief," said the commander. "Additionally, he possesses great people skills and was highly recommended by chiefs and general officers alike."

The general also said the Air Force is a big part of Kriete's entire family.

"His wife, Rebecca, was as committed to Air Force people as the chief, and she had a great reputation as a full partner on the leadership team," Looney said.

Looney passed on to the command, "The men and women of the AFSPC have no idea how fortunate they are to have the leadership team of the Lords and Krietes." Chief's message to the 14th Air Force is to be ready. "When a door of opportunity opens you better run through it, because that door closes pretty quick," he said.

The chief said luck and great supervisors both past and present, have a lot to do with his career progression. "I'm farther than I ever imagined I would get," he said. Before leaving the Central Coast, Kriete passed on kind words to Team V. "I have been truly blessed to be a part of the Flying Tigers. We'll look at what a great time we've had with the 14th Air Force, which boils down to the people," chief said. "It's all about the people."



FILE PHOTO

Command Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, 14th Air Force

Global Hearts still going strong

By 2nd Lt. Kelly Masters

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The Global Hearts program is gearing up for another wave of customers set to come their way toward the middle of May.

Global Hearts is available for all families of military personnel who are deployed, serving on a remote tour, or on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days.

The program is tri-chaired, headed up by Chaplain (Maj.) Dave Terrinoni, Staff Sgt. Todd LeFebvre, readiness NCO and Kim Saheim, program specialist for open recreation.

And they're up to the task, according to Saheim. "We're expecting a bunch of people to be deployed in May, and we're ready to help support their families while they're away."

The unique set-up of this program really makes it easier to provide that important support, said LeFebvre. "We pool our resources to get things done. We all have our specialties," she said.

LeFebvre gives an out-briefing to all military personnel who will be deployed for more than 30 days. At that time, he provides information about some of the Global Heart's services including free lawn care, Thursday night dinner at Breakers and the twice-annual car care, which is funded by the Air Force Aid Society.

LeFebvre's out-brief is the beginning. He's a one-stop shop, not only reminding departing personnel of the program but also signing up their families and assigning them membership cards all at the same time. He is also the guy who ensures that a care package is sent out to each deployed member within two-weeks whenever possible. Saheim has an easy-going nature, a quick smile and is a self-proclaimed "party expert" which makes organizing monthly activities for the Global Hearts families fun for her.

And she remembers well -- being a wife left behind when duty called. "That bonding of people in

similar situations, that's really important -- especially for first-timers," said Saheim.

Her job makes it a little easier for her to have an inside track on discounts and information about base-wide activities the Global Hearts group can piggyback on, she said.

Chaplain Terrinoni brings more than just the crucial financial support for Global Hearts. He provides the church annex for meetings and is "an infinite resource of ready, energetic volunteers," said Saheim.

The fact this program is such a success is testament to the amount of heart and hard work provided by Team V, said Saheim.

Running this program is no easy task, because everyone is deployable, LeFebvre said.

"Programs like this are vital Air Force-wide," he said.

"People being deployed understandably have a lot on their minds -- that their families will be cared for should not be one of them," said Terrinoni.

TITAN: The mighty Titans retire after 40 years of service

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the United States' most powerful and largest expendable launch vehicle. Its long history has seen varied missions -- the first of which included service as an intercontinental ballistic missile.

"Its service began in 1961, when the Martin Corporation rolled out the first Titan I, a kerosene and liquid oxygen propelled ICBM equipped with a single nuclear warhead," said Wetmore.

In May of that same year, a Titan I was taken to Vandenberg for the first ever Titan silo launch. Since that time, the Titan has been an important part of Vandenberg's launch history and its success.

"In 1963, it was upgraded to become the Titan II, which utilized hydrazine and a less volatile oxidizer," said Wetmore.

In 1966, Vandenberg saw the Titan III, the first Titan specifically designed for satellite launch. From that point, it evolved into what we know today as the Titan IVB.

Throughout the years the Titan saw numerous other missions and roles to include launching Gemini astronautics, Viking spacecraft, Voyager missions, Cassini, and most recently, critical national security payloads.

During its more than 40 years of

service, over 350 Titan launches have taken place, 196 of which have taken place at Vandenberg. Only three of those launches have been Titan IVB models.

"It is almost impossible to put into words the sense of pride that each one of us feels about the Titan program, what it has meant to us at Lockheed Martin, and the critical role it continues to

serve for the U.S. Air Force and our nation," said G. Thomas Marsh, president and general manager of Lockheed Martin Space Systems - Astronautics Operations in a recent ceremony. "In a way, it is sad to see this amazing rocket system approach the final phase of its service, but it is extremely gratifying to know that many of its capabilities have been incorporated into our next-generation launch vehicle - the Atlas V. And there is no ques-

tion in my mind that the Atlas will continue to be America's most successful launch vehicle for the future."

The Lockheed Martin built Atlas V and Boeing built Delta IV Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles are scheduled to replace all current Titan, Delta and Atlas heritage systems. The Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle is the Air Force space lift modernization program designed to reduce the cost of launching by at least 25 percent over current space launch systems, saving \$6 billion in launch costs from 2002 to 2020.



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Rob Meserve, Lockheed Martin core payload facility operations manager, pauses in front of a Titan core vehicle at the payload processing facility, here.

LOONEY: General reflects on space's growing importance

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Systems and weather to missile warning and early warning radar.

"We're also involved to a degree with intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and military communications," the general added.

It was this day-to-day involvement in operations that made the transition to a higher ops tempo after Sept. 11 a bit "smoother" for those involved in space.

"In space, it is a 24-7 operation. We've always got all of our assets up. We're always involved in one

way or another. The sun never sets on what we do in space.

"So when (the attacks) occurred, it wasn't like we had to bring all of our folks in and set up an action-crisis center and have a planning cell and all of the rest of it. We do that every day."

Looney came to the space side of the house four years ago. Before that, the general was a career fighter pilot. He logged more than 3,900 flying hours in his 30-year career -- 2,500 of those were in the cockpit of an F-15 Eagle.

He began his flying career as an AC-130 gunship pilot in Thailand.

He said if he could go back to being a 2nd lieutenant beginning his career again, he wouldn't hesitate.

"However, I would like to keep the pay and the big house," he said jokingly.

He also piloted the T-37, T-38 and C-2 during his 26 years as a pilot.

He is set to pin on a third star and assume command of the Electronics Systems Center at Hanscom AFB, Mass., this month.

Team V members climb promotion ladder

■ Those who have demonstrated the ability to do the job right were promoted one grade higher this month. Team V sees 94 of its members move up the promotion ladder this month.

Airman

Marcelo Albuquerque	392 nd Training Squadron
Nathan Allen	Detachment 1, 345 th Training Squadron
William Boxter	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Alejandro Conejobahena	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Rock Conley	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Clarence Cook	532 nd Training Squadron
Matthew Creech	532 nd TRS
Daniel Dempsey	392 nd TRS
Bradley Edris	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Leo Fowler	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Devin Frank	392 nd TRS
Brandon Gentry	532 nd TRS
Dwayne Gibbs	532 nd TRS
Zachariah Hare	532 nd TRS
Leah Hurtado	532 nd TRS
Joaquinn Lopez	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Adam Martin	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Tara Miller	532 nd TRS
Matthew Muir	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Nicholas Ortega	532 nd TRS
Jacob Osterkamp	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Edward Perez	532 nd TRS
James Polk	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Juan Reeves	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Josiah Sharman	30 th Civil Engineer Squadron
Simoo Sipili	532 nd TRS
Therina Taylor	392 nd TRS
Nicasio Ureta	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Rachel Wallace	614 th Space Operations Squadron
Robert Washington	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Manuel Yanez	Det. 1, 345 th TRS

Airman First Class

Christie Allen	30 th Security Forces Squadron
Leann Katz	30 th SFS
Chester Kendrick	30 th SFS
Jason Peters	30 th SFS
Michael Rapp	30 th SFS
Iris Sarzoza	532 nd TRS

Senior Airman

Roseanne Bugay	30 th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Alta Domingo	30 th Mission Support Squadron
Georgina Foster	30 th SFS
Angelia Garcia	30 th ADOS
Khamson Manisaket	30 th Transportation Squadron
Garcia Mora	30 th TRS
Demarco Poole	30 th Civil Engineer Squadron
Paige Ramos	30 th Communications Squadron
Matthew Roos	30 th SFS
Chi Yon Vasquez	30 th ADOS
Yared Abegaz	30 th TRS

Staff Sergeant

Yared Abegaz	30 th TRS
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Angela Agcaoli	30 th TRS
Lloyd Allison	30 th TRS
Ryan Barkman	30 th SFS
Nicola Dixon	Detachment 1, 22 nd Space Operations Squadron
Michael Flick	30 th CS
Jeremy Funk	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Jason Gill	576 th Flight Test Squadron
Jeremy Miller, m	30 th Operations Support Squadron
Roderick Moore Jr.	30 th CES
Tracey Riddle	532 nd TRS
Ferdinand Rivera	30 th SFS
Jason Rowe	30 th SFS
Raylene Schneider	614 th SOPS
Cassie Whitcomb	30 th TRS

Technical Sergeant

Margaret Calhoun	30 th Space Wing
Russell Clapp	Det. 1, 345 th TRS
Jacqueline Holt	576 th FLTS
Keith Lawrence	30 th CES
Robert McNabb	532 nd TRS
Shawn Schepperle	30 th CES

Master Sergeant

Richard Bolitho	2 nd Space Launch Squadron
Angel Garcia	30 th SFS

Senior Master Sergeant

Shawn Cotey	576 th FLTS
Marcus Whitesides	576 th FLTS

First Lieutenant

James Harthausen	392 nd TRS
Jonwa Kim	30 th Contracting Squadron
Jeremy Wells	2 nd SLS
Adeyanju Woolfolk	30 th CONS

Captain

James Blanchard	76 th Helicopter Flight
Bradley Brewington	534 th Training Squadron
Brian Egbert	Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center
Zachary Guza	76 th HF
Arden Ikehara	30 th Services Squadron
Sherman Johns	534 th TRS
Brian Kozola	Det. 9, SMC
Nathan Lang	614 th SOPS
Deborah Newman	2 nd SLS
Shawn Orban	Det. 9, SMC
Rodolfo Rodriguez	30 th CES
Louis Ruscetta	Det. 9, SMC
Richard Sjogren	2 nd SLS
Jennifer Soles	30 th TRS
Patrick Williams	614 th SOPS

Major

David Holt	30 th ADOS
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GS-06

Milton Brown	30 th CES
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GS-08

Samuel Beaton	30 th CES
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GS-12

Craig Nathe	30 th CES
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DEATHS: Two airmen killed in alcohol-related accidents

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fellow airmen. Leaders at every level, from general to airman need to get personally involved in the welfare of all the troops. Make no mistake, we don't intend to lose any more people because of alcohol."

In addition, AFSPC has decided to kick off the annual "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign early this year. The campaign, starting May 1 instead of the traditional Memorial Day, emphasizes swimming, boating, camping, overexertion, motorcycling and sports safety in addition to driving safety.

"We're serious about safety and

we'll do whatever has to be done to get that message across, off-duty as well as on-duty," Hinson said.

The legal ramifications can be severe as well. According to the AFSPC Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, there have been 16 Articles 15 UCMJ non-judicial punishment actions imposed this calendar year for drunk driving.

But the ultimate aim, according to David Zipf, chief of AFSPC Ground Safety Division, is not to punish but to prevent.

"Our marching orders are to prevent these kinds of accidents from

happening. It's called mishap prevention, which is what the 101 Critical Days is all about," he said. "Our aim is to give our people every bit of information they may possibly need."

Leadership and education are the roots of safety. We do this with training, campaigns, the Web -- anything we can use.

It's a team effort with unit safety representatives and the commanders. We believe that commanders play a critical role of any safety campaign. If the commander shows he takes it seriously, the troops will take it seriously."

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NEWS

May Fitness Day May 17



Ceremonies start at 8 a.m.

EVENTS LIST:

- Tug-o-War - Horseshoes - Bench Press
- Sit-ups/Push-ups - Home Run Derby
- Softball Throw - Football Throw
- Wheelbarrow Race - 4-Legged Race
- Sack Race - 100-Meter Dash
- Dizzy Bat - Hula Hoop - Egg Toss
- and more...

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This summer, the hottest game in the Air Force will be back! Starting in June, **Around The World In Ninety Days (ATWIND)** will be kicking off another exciting year of great prizes and fun, so strap yourself in and get ready for take off!

May is... Provider Appreciation Month

Come join in the these activities to show appreciation for our outstanding child care providers!

Monday -

Family Child Care Yard Posting Recognition

Each provider will receive a congratulatory poster in her yard as recognition for their positive interaction with the children in their programs.

Tuesday -

Family Child Care Provider's Open House

Ten homes will be open for viewing from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The list of open homes will be available at Family Child Care, Youth Center or Child Development Center.

Wednesday -

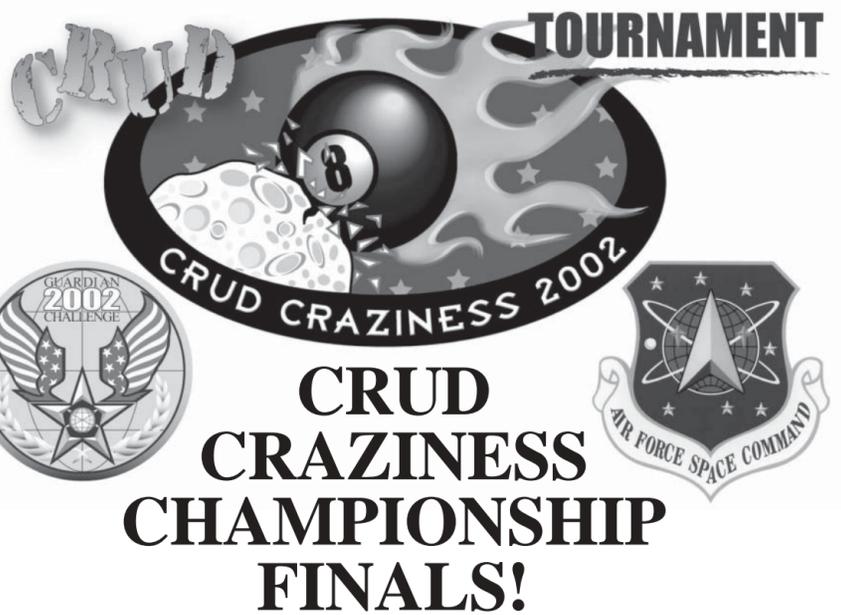
Family Child Care Provider's Appreciation Tea

Family Child Care office, 6:30 p.m.

May 10 -

National Provider's Appreciation Day

Provider's Appreciation Dinner at the Pacific Coast Club at 6:30 p.m. for Family Child Care, Child Development Center and Youth Center providers. Call Gwen Jones, 606-4639 or Verna Brown, 606-1671 or Karen Cook, 606-2152 for more information.



CRUD CRAZINESS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS!

Monday at the Services Center

Come out and support your Hawk's Team as they SMASH the competition!

Food and beverages will be available at 5 p.m. Tournament begins at 7:30 p.m.

GUARDIAN CHALLENGE WEEK AT THE CLUB!

- Live band, DZIRE, Monday through Thursday
- Vendor Expos Monday through noon Thursday
- Overflow simulcast in the dining room Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Lounges open all week, all ranks, 11 a.m. until ??

GOLF

Spalding Golf will have demos available at the Marshallia Ranch course Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY -

Tournament, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GUARDIAN CHALLENGE -

priority two times Sunday through Thursday

OUTDOOR REC

MAY 18 -

SANTA BARBARA SAILING TRIP

12 to 4 p.m. \$45 per person. For more information, or to make reservations, call Outdoor Recreation at 606-5908.

POOL

YOUTH SWIMMING LESSONS

Open registration for youth swimming lessons will be held May 17, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration for all classes begins May 20, (Monday-Friday) 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Aquatics Center. For More information, please call 606-3581.

ROD & GUN

SATURDAY -

Steel Silhouette

MAY 11 -

Bull's-eye Pistol Shoot, starts at 8:30 a.m. Sporting Clays, starts at 8:30 a.m. Call the Rod & Gun Club for more information at 606-4560.

BOWLING

The Bowling Center in conjunction with the Intramural League will be conducting 'Base Championships' bowling tournament, This Tournament is only for those eligible bowlers at Vandenberg Bowling Center. There will be a week of qualifying and divisions with a winner declared in each division. Check the center for details.

YOUTH SPORTS

SUMMER HOCKEY PROGRAM

for youth ages 8-15. Program age determined by child's age as of December, 2002. Open registration through May 17 at the Youth Center, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer Program: June 11 to August 10. \$55 to participate. \$50 for Youth Center Members. Participants must provide own equipment. Call 606-2152 for more information.

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