

BASE BRIEFS OFFICIALS DECLARE MAY 24 DOWN DAY

The 30th Space Wing has declared May 24 a down day. Military people not required for mission essential duty may be authorized time off. For civilians, normal rules for requesting and approving leave apply. All supervisors are asked to make this time available for non-mission essential members.

MORE VIOLATORS BREACH SURF

Two more violations occurred last week at Surf Beach, bringing the total to nine. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials issue citations to people who enter closed areas. Normal beach hours are Friday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804.

BASE CONDUCTS REQUIRED BURNS

The base fire department will conduct prescribed training burns on the hillside between Clark and Santa Ynez Ridge Road on South Vandenberg from Monday to Thursday at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call Mark Smith 606-2965.

GROUPS PROTEST SATURDAY

A civilian protest is scheduled for Saturday at the main gate. All personnel and family members are reminded to stay away from protest areas and to report suspicious activity and people to law enforcement officials at 606-3911. The main gate Visitor's Center will be closed Saturday. Individuals requiring support should report to the Lompoc Gate for assistance. For information, call 606-7662.

SAFETY BRIEFING

The wing safety office conducts a 101 Critical Days of Summer safety briefing Tuesday at the base theater. This event is a mandatory formation for all wing personnel. The scheduled times are 8 and 10 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Richardson 605-2607.

SERVICE NEEDS RECRUITERS

The Air Force Recruiting Service's Recruiter Screening Team visited Team Vandenberg Monday at the Airman Leadership School. People wishing to get more information about recruiter duty can visit www.rs.af.mil/RST.htm. Staff sergeant selects through master sergeants with less than 16 years service may apply. For information, visit the Website or call the recruiter screening team at DSN 487-3511.

NO PARKING SIGN POSTED AT CDC

The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron posted no parking signs May 5 on both sides of Summersill Road in front of the child development center. The signs were posted in response to driver complaints that parents who parked their cars

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TEAM V KEEPS SCHRIEVER!



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN EDWARD BRALY

The Vandenberg Hawks scored a major victory May 9 as they were named the best spacelift operations wing in the Air Force and retained the Schriever Trophy. The award marks the third time in four years the 30th Space Wing has won the Schriever.

Hawks hook Sharks

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Write this down in the history books. Team Vandenberg has captured the coveted Schriever trophy two years in a row — a feat the Hawks have never accomplished.

After four days of competition, Team Vandenberg's Guardian Challenge team held off the Sharks of the 45th Space Wing at Patrick AFB, Fla. In the end, the Hawks retained their title as the best spacelift operations wing in the Air Force.

"I'm extremely proud of our 30th Space Wing Guardian Challenge team for their hard work and spirit which resulted in our keeping the Schriever Trophy right here where it belongs," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th SW commander. Worley also said he was extremely proud of Team Vandenberg's dedication and

time in hosting GC 2002.

During the May 9 closing ceremonies, the Hawks also captured the titles as best spacelift operations crew and best spacelift maintenance team.

Other top winners included the 341st Space Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., who won the Blanchard Trophy for best Air Force ICBM wing and the 50th Space Wing from Schriever AFB, Colo., was the Aldridge Trophy winner for best space operations wing.

The Fighting 50th also took home top honors in space communications and the 1st Space Operations Squadron, also from Schriever, won best space operations crew.

Another big winner this year was the 90th Space Wing from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. The Wranglers roped in awards for the best missile operations crew, mis-

sile communications team, best security forces team and the best helicopter aircraft generation/reconfiguration team.

The 91st Space Wing from Minot AFB, N.D., was named as the best missile code controllers and the best missile maintenance team. Rounding out the awards this year, the best chefs in Air Force Space Command are from the 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.

Nearly 1,000 competitors and supporters attended the score posting and awards banquet at the 76th Helicopter Flight hangar. This was the 35th anniversary of GC. It began in 1967 as the Strategic Air Command missile combat competition, Curtain Raiser.

Other competing units included the 45th Space Wing from Patrick AFB, Fla., 310th Space Group from Schriever AFB, Colo., and the 460th Air Base Wing from Buckley

AFB, Colo. Also, the Royal Air Force Fylingdales, United Kingdom, participated with the 21st Space Wing.

Teams displayed their capabilities to a squad of evaluators from their respective career fields. Competition areas included evaluations of missileers, maintainers, space operators, helicopter aircrews, security forces and chefs.

"GC is a great way to hone our skills and experience the thrill of tough competition," said Worley.

The commander said it's all about team work and team spirit. "It's a great way to show the world that our space warriors are a force to be reckoned with," he added.

For more information and final scores from Guardian Challenge 2002, log on to the GC website at <http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/gc02/news/index.html>.

Ops group changes command

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The former director for defense policy, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President, took command of the 30th Operations Group in a formal change-of-command ceremony in front of Bldg. 7000 here Tuesday.

Col. Edward Bolton Jr. succeeds Col. Mark Owen who has commanded the group since May 2000.

"We're trading one outstanding leader for another," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander.

"Bolton has demonstrated exceptional leadership," he said.

Bolton began his career as an enlisted cost and management analyst in 1983.

He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, a master's degree in systems management and a master's degree in national security strategy.

Among his decorations

are the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

The new 30th OG commander is no stranger to Vandenberg. He led the 30th Range Squadron from 1997 to 1999.

During that period, the 30th RANS won the Kutyna Award for best spacelift squadron in 1998.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be part of Vandenberg again," said Bolton. "While here, my primary focus will be on what we do best and that's launch rockets."

Bolton hopes he can influence young airmen in the way he was influenced when, as a second lieutenant 16 years ago, he witnessed a launch here.

In relinquishing command to



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RACHEL ZINK

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, passes the 30th Operations Group flag to Col. Edward L. Bolton Jr. signifying his assumption of command of the operations group during a change of command ceremony Tuesday.

Bolton, Owen said, "This has been an experience of a life time and I'm grateful for the honor and privilege of being part of Team Vandenberg."

Owen is taking over command of the 91st Space Wing at Minot AFB, N.D., his first wing command.

Technical problems stymie PK launch

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The launch here of a Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. has been delayed after technical difficulties arose last weekend.

Set to takeoff between 1 and 7 a.m. Wednesday, the launch will be reset when range scheduling allows and additional testing is complete.

"The guidance system shut down over the weekend," said

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Worley thanks Team V

This year's Guardian Challenge, our 35th anniversary, was an enormous success. I received glowing compliments from every flag officer and countless others on how well GC was executed, how great the base looked and how helpful our people were.

There is no way to name here every individual who helped make GC such a huge success, but I want everyone to know how thankful and proud I am of Team Vandenberg for doing such a superb job of putting on GC 2002.

This was one more example that we have the most dedicated, talented and hard-working people in Air Force Space Command.

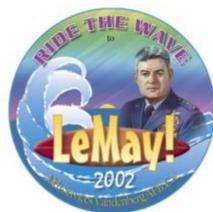
Thanks again for a job well done.

Robert M. Worley II
Col. Robert M. Worley II
30th Space Wing commander

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Tax volunteers save Team Vandenberg more than 200K in tax fees for 2001. See Page 3.



30th Services Squadron gets a visit from the LeMay evaluation team. See Page 4.

Weekend forecast
Morning low clouds and fog with afternoon sun.

Low/High
48/65

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

Also view The Space & Missile Times at http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news/space_times/index.html

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.

Action line 606-7850

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

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

Seven numbers can save lives, careers

By MASTER SGT. EUGENE MOODY JR.
30th Security Forces Squadron

There is a menace in our midst. It's affecting our families, co-workers and careers. In the last few months, it has killed two people and impacted the careers of about 70 people in Air Force Space Command.

The menace is alcohol.

No one can argue with the fact that the best way to reverse our rising trend of alcohol incidents, including driving under the influence, is to abstain from its use. But alcohol consumption is legal – for those who are 21 and older – and many consider it socially acceptable.

What fails to sink into our minds is that nothing positive comes out of drinking alcohol.

We've all seen what a drink or more can do. That "liquid courage" gives some people a chance to invoke the "public stupidity rule." That's the rule that makes some people look for a fight. Sometimes they find the fight, the hospital and a jail cell too.

Under the "public stupidity rule," liquid courage leads others to deny the laws of physics. A 10- or 20-foot jump doesn't seem so intimidating with a "good buzz" on. The flight down is generally pretty smooth, but the landing is harsh.

Topping the public stupidity rule list is, without a doubt, climbing behind the wheel of a vehicle and aiming that two-ton weapon in the vicinity of home.

I should know – last November, I was tipping back a few gin and tonics. I felt "OK" to drive. Wrong. The officer that popped me for speeding may have saved my life and the

■ Since July, 30 people here have learned the painful fact that a simple phone call could have saved a life or career. If you're going to drink, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving for a ride. There's a driver on call Thursday through Sunday from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Call 698-8822 or 698- 8823.

lives of other innocent victims.

I got an Article 15, forfeited two months of base pay, lost my base driving privileges for a year and forked out \$365 for the mandatory alcohol awareness class.

By itself, in its aluminum, glass or plastic container, alcohol presents no threat to our Air Force family. It's when it makes it past our lips and into our bloodstream that our lives can take a drastic turn for the worse.

Consuming more than one mixed drink, glass of wine or 12-ounce beer within an hour puts you over the legal limit of .08 blood alcohol content. The potency of the drink and the drinker's weight are also factors.

The old "one drink an hour" rule isn't good enough either. After consuming one drink an hour over a four-hour period, a 200-pound man will register a .15 BAC – nearly twice the legal limit.

Some people might think – after a few drinks – they can "beat" the sobriety tests law enforcement officers administer. Wrong.

Try standing on one leg for 30 seconds. Walk heel-to-toe for 10 steps. These tests are hard to pass when a person is sober.

Then there's that thing they do with your eyes – the horizontal gaze nystagomous test.

The inability to pass any of these tests indicates two things: either you have an impairment – physical or otherwise – that prohibits your passing the test or you've been drinking.

So how do we reverse this life-ending, career-killing trend of increased alcohol incidents?

The 30th Space Wing has several programs in place to help people who've been drinking and need a ride home. Call your supervisor, first sergeant or commander. Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 698-8822 or 698-8823 for a free ride – no questions asked.

If you or someone you know have a problem with drinking responsibly – get help. Life Skills offers courses and counseling to those in need. Call them at 606-9958.

Most importantly, keep your wits about you – know your limits and your buddy's limits. Have the courage to cut someone off when they've had too much and want more.

Get a group of people to help you prevent someone from drinking and driving.

Reduction and prevention of alcohol incidents and driving under the influence boils down to a three-letter word.

You.



Heard a rumor? Get the facts!

During crises or emergencies, call the Vandenberg rumor control line at 606-1857.

Disaster Preparedness Tip of the Week

Vary your routines. Alternate the route you take to work, change the times and places you eat, shop and exercise.



This is one of the many general anti-terrorism measures anyone can take to protect themselves and their families.

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Summer: Air Force's most dangerous season approaches

14th Air Force commander urges airmen to be cautious during 101 Critical Days of Summer

BY MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL HAMEL
14th Air Force commander

Memorial Day is our tribute to the sacrifices other Americans have made defending this great nation. Most years it also marks the start of the "101 Critical Days of Summer" — a campaign targeted at the reduction of off-duty mishaps.

This year Air Force Space Command started the campaign May 1 due to the recent high numbers of command fatalities.

The summer season sees many moves, students enjoying a break from school, and for most of us, opportunities for recreational outlets and activities.

I'm a firm believer that enjoying leisure activities is healthy and should be encouraged. Tragically though, we seem to witness more lost-time and fatal mishaps —

primarily involving automobiles — while pursuing off-duty activities. Excessive speed, operator inattention, alcohol use, and lack of seat belt use were crucial factors in the 38 Air Force deaths over the past eight months — including one of our own in 14th Air Force this past October.

After enjoying an evening out with friends, followed by a late night drive home, our alcohol-impaired airman, blood alcohol rate of .11, probably fell asleep at the wheel — at 60 mph. Her close friend, a passenger in the car, was also killed in this senseless mishap.

Five months earlier, another 14th Air Force member died in a traffic fatality while enroute to her assignment to Vandenberg. This time a momentary driver distraction, followed by a loss of steering control, sent

the family car somersaulting onto the road shoulder of Interstate 40 near the California-Nevada state line. The unrestrained driver was crushed as the vehicle rolled over her partially ejected body. As a result, the Air Force lost a valuable NCO — but more tragically — two children lose their mother forever!

Deadly consequences are often the result of simple driving errors.

Every day, the wings comprising the 14th Air Force demonstrate extraordinary abilities

troops. Driver distractions, speeding, fatigue, unrestrained occupants and alcohol impairment are the leading players — and all are things you control.

Activities in and around water, like swimming or boating, are other areas over-represented in the summertime injury toll. Drownings typically occur in shallow water near other people, and like many auto-related deaths, often involve alcohol. These senseless losses usually occur off-duty, when individuals are enjoying well-deserved relaxation time.

Every day, the wings comprising the 14th Air Force demonstrate extraordinary abilities

making both work and off-duty environments safer for themselves and others while accomplishing the mission. But I also agree with Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC commander, recent assertion that "We are not doing a good enough job at preventing alcohol-related incidents."

In echoing Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson, AFSPC vice commander, "We're a team and we have to take responsibility for the welfare of our fellow airmen."

Many of our people have yet to master personal risk management. I expect every member to apply self-discipline and a sound PRM philosophy in all you do. This is especially true for off-duty activities — reducing danger is as simple as keeping the proper fore-



Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel

FILE PHOTO

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14th Air Force commander

Statistically, there is no greater danger we face in our lives than the one we encounter while driving. It's a risk all of us share.

From our mishap investigations, we know that virtually all of these incidences are avoidable. And we're sure that for every fatal event like the ones just described, similar "close calls" occur hundreds — maybe thousands of times among our

Air Force encourages looking around with "Eagle Eyes"

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
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The Air Force's newest anti-terrorism initiative is a program aimed at making people aware of who and what is around them — and to recognize which of those elements may be a terrorist threat.

The program, known as "Eagle Eyes," has characteristics of a typical neighborhood-watch program, and Air Force officials consider it a key piece in the service's antiterrorism strategy.

According to Special Agent Chad Gumbert of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 804 here, the program takes its cue from the experiences of British and Israeli authorities who have significant experience dealing with urban terrorism.

"They make it their business to pay a lot of attention to small things that, in combination, can indicate they're being targeted," Gumbert said. "Eagle Eyes is our model for doing just that. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives."

At Vandenberg, anyone with something to report should immediately call the 30th Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk at 606-3911. From there, 30th SFS responds as appropriate to the immediate situation and immediately passes the report to OSI Det. 804.

Then OSI will begin appropriate follow-up action, which may include an agent responding to talk with the person who called in the report to gain additional information on what was seen or heard, according to Gumbert.

At the same time, the information is quickly channeled to OSI's central analytical center at Andrews AFB, Md., for comparison with other Air Force reports, as well as similar information from the Army, Navy and other federal

agencies.

But it all begins at the local level, Gumbert said, where terrorists conduct operational planning activities.

"Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events which people need to recognize and report," said Gumbert. "Terrorist acts don't just happen — they are carefully planned and rehearsed many, many times in advance."

The key, according to Special Agent Andrew Schad, OSI Det. 804 detachment commander, is public awareness of what to look for and take note of — both on and off base.

"This is something the whole community needs to be involved in," Schad said. "Anyone, from active-duty military members, family members, government civilians, contractors, and even off-base business proprietors could see something out of the ordinary.

thought and planning in all your activi-

Report it, and make the difference between a terrorist act occurring or not occurring.

"The more eyes and ears we can enlist to be on the lookout for suspicious activity, the more difficult we can make it for terrorists to act," Schad said.

People shouldn't be gun-shy about reporting incidents that could turn out to be innocent behavior.

"That's bound to happen from time to time, but you don't know if it's innocent until you report it and have it checked out," Schad said.

OSI is less concerned about too much reporting than they are with too little, both agents said.

"When lives are at stake, it's better to be safe than sorry. If in doubt, report it," said Gumbert.

Schad added, "The bottom line is if something bothers you or doesn't seem right, tell someone."

ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD BE REPORTED ARE CLASSIFIED INTO SIX BROAD CATEGORIES:

- **Elicitation:** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people.
- **Tests of security:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
- **Acquiring supplies:** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.
- **Suspicious persons:** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.
- **Dry run:** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.
- **Deploying assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

If you observe any of these indicators or have any questions concerning this program, call AFOSI Det. 804 at 606-1852.



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Team Vandenberg Spotlight



Name: Master Sgt. Michael Elzy
Assignment: 532nd Training Squadron, NCO in-charge of cruise missile maintenance and verification and checkout equipment training
Time on Vandenberg: 1 year, 11 months
Time in Air Force: 16 years, 4 months
Why he likes his job: "I like the challenges it presents and the chance to work with all the outstanding people that I do on a daily basis."
Hobbies: Woodworking and studying Titanic history
Supervisors comments: "Mike is one of the most professional and dedicated people I have ever had the pleasure of working with," said Capt. John DeVincenzo, commander of Missile and Space Training Flight. "He has been instrumental in our ability to train over 100 cruise missile maintenance students annually. Mike has encouraged and given the instructional staff the green light to create new training aids to enhance the course. He has helped them develop their skills as supervisors."

Unruly pets put owners in doghouse

BY CAPT. JOE CARROLL
30th Space Wing Judge Advocate's Office

Pet owners who do not properly control their pets may get themselves kicked out of base housing.

The 30th Space Wing strictly enforces guidelines and policies for pet ownership on Vandenberg. Pet owners should be aware of and adhere to the following regulations.

Owners must keep their pets from biting or scratching people and other pets, creating a public nuisance or disturbance and destroying property.

They also must control their pets with suitable leash, harness or by physically restraining them. Otherwise, the pet must be kept in a house, an enclosed yard or on a chain in good repair and short enough to prevent contact with anyone walking on sidewalks. Pets may also be kept in a vehicle for temporary restraint or in kennels or cages.

Base officials do not consider any pet running loose to be under the proper control of the pet owner or custodian.

When a pet is unleashed, the owner cannot maintain complete control over the animal and pro-

tect the general public to the extent necessary, according to Lt. Col. Michael Fleming, 30th Space Wing Judge Advocate.

"As we all know, pets can act unusual around strangers, so the owner must take all reasonable steps to protect the general public," said Fleming.

If an animal is caught running loose, 30th Security Forces Squadron will impound it.

When 30th SFS captures a pet with a collar, they check the registration files and notify the owner. They put pets without tags into the base stray animal facility. After 24 hours, the animal is transferred to the local impoundment facility in Lompoc.

Once the pet is put in the pound, the owner must pay an impoundment fee for the facility on base and another for the Lompoc facility if the pet is transferred there.

If the animal is involved in a serious incident, such as an animal bite or scratch, or if the animal accumulates three or more violations within a three-year period, pet owners may have to remove pets from the base.

An example of a violation is a dog creating a nuisance to other housing residents by barking, re-

gardless of whether the dog is barking late at night or during the day.

If a pet owner fails to remove their pet from the base after being told to do so, they may be evicted from base housing.

Additionally, California law imposes liability on dog owners for the actions of their dogs. According to state laws, all dog owners are liable for the damages suffered by any person bitten by the dog in a public place or lawfully in a private place. This includes the dog owner's property, regardless of the former viciousness of the dog or the owner's knowledge of such viciousness.

So under California law, a person bitten by a dog can sue the owner for monetary damages. This is true on base as well.

"You're not protected from state laws, just because you live on base," Fleming warned.

For base residents with pets, it is important that pet owner guidelines are strictly adhered to — for their own sake and that of other base housing residents.

Vandenberg pet owners and custodians are responsible for their pets. It is they who pay the price if the pet's behavior gets out of hand.

Volunteers save Team V \$266,667

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

Another tax season has come and gone for Team V's volunteer income tax assistants.

According to Ann Fox, base tax coordinator, this year's team completed 1,895 returns netting \$2,279,314 in refunds for their customers. They also filed 1,476 state returns.

"We were able to electronically file both federal and state returns at no charge and the refund was in their account in as little as 10 days," she said. Their free assistance equated to a \$266,667 savings for customers who would have otherwise used a commercial preparing service.

Some customers had an added bonus for their refund.

"Tax rates went down and many people who didn't receive their tax rebate last year were able to get

the rebate included in this year's refund," Fox said.

In January, 55 people from nearly every base organization joined Fox's team. They attended seminars to learn about federal and state tax filing procedures.

Minnesota, they learned, hasn't taxed military pay since January 2001 as long as the military resident isn't living there.

"A lot of our Minnesota clients were unaware and happy to hear that news," Fox said.

The volunteers also learned limits on individual retirement account contributions have increased as of Jan. 1. Now people can deposit \$3,000 per year into their IRA, Fox said.

One member of Fox's team stood out amongst her peers winning the Civilian Volunteer of the Quarter for January through March.

"Evelyn Banks completed 462

returns for refunds totaling \$538,336 and saved fees of \$69,250," Fox said.

Awards aside, Fox said it was the thanks her group receives every year that keep the volunteers coming back.

"These folks are the key to this program's success," the tax office director said.

- The 2002 volunteer income tax assistants were:
- Lt. Col. Heather Scholan
 - Capt. Scott Anderson
 - Capt. Paul Cazier
 - Capt. John DiPasquale
 - Capt. Andrew Goodnite
 - Capt. Tom Lenz
 - Capt. Scott Lisko
 - Capt. Clay Russ
 - 1st Lt. Joe Augustine
 - 1st Lt. Ericka Brewington
 - 1st Lt. Carmelita Chadwick
 - 1st Lt. Louis Rusetta
 - 1st Lt. Kevin Wolf

- 2nd Lt. Phylis Black
- 2nd Lt. Michael Pochet
- Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Zywicki
- Master Sgt. Donald Applegate
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- Master Sgt. Orlando Bonilla
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- Tech. Sgt. Richard Hazen
- Tech. Sgt. Joseph Krause
- Tech. Sgt. Brian Soucy
- Tech. Sgt. Mark Woodbury
- Staff Sgt. Christopher Adams
- Staff Sgt. Aaron Chase
- Staff Sgt. Michelle Hanson
- Staff Sgt. Frank Powers



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Ann Fox (left) and Evelyn Banks wrap up the 2001 tax season. This year, Fox's team prepared 3,371 tax returns.

- Staff Sgt. Richard Rio
- Staff Sgt. Kevin Tadder
- Staff Sgt. Wayne Yearnk
- Senior Airman Bradford Cambra
- Senior Airman Sadie Gorchess
- Senior Airman Heather Hoppe
- Senior Airman William Riney
- Senior Airman Nicole Sneed
- Airman 1st Class Peter Dunn
- Dr. Ron Cottman
- Cele Cottman
- Evelyn Banks
- Carola Murdock
- Mark Shervanick



COURTESY PHOTO

Tech. Sgt. Andrew from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, prepares an IV for a fellow special tactics operator during a training session. Andrew is being hailed for his response to an emergency medical situation on board a flight from London to Atlanta.

Pararescueman helps woman at 35,000 feet

By 2nd Lt. Gabe Johnson
Air Force Special Operations Command
Public Affairs

At 35,000 feet above the ocean and four hours from London's Gatwick Airport, the flight attendant on the trans-Atlantic plane came over the intercom to ask if there was a doctor or nurse on board.

Roused from a light sleep, an Air Force pararescueman watched the aisles to see if anyone would step forward. When no one stood up, Tech. Sgt. Andrew answered the call.

Andrew was headed to Hurlburt Field, Fla., for a temporary duty assignment and was looking forward to a little rest during the nine-hour flight.

"It surprised me there weren't any doctors on the flight," said Andrew, whose last name is not being released because of operational security concerns. "When no one stepped forward, I stood up and told the flight attendant I was a paramedic."

The sergeant is assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command's 321st Special Tactics Squadron at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

A woman on the flight was experiencing shortness of breath and periodically losing consciousness, Andrew said. With assistance from the flight crew and other passengers, Andrew put the woman on the cabin floor and began assessing her condition.

"The aircraft has an emergency medical kit on board, so I hooked up a defibrillator to monitor her heart, administered oxygen and began an IV," said

the sergeant. "Her husband and son were on the flight, too, and gave me a brief medical history."

With help from the aircrew, Andrew used the aircraft's communication system to talk with a doctor at a university hospital in the United States.

The pararescueman relayed his observations about the woman's health to the emergency room physician. Based on the situation, the decision was made to divert the airliner to Ireland where the woman could be transported to a medical facility for immediate treatment.

With help from the cabin crew, Andrew moved the woman to the front of the plane, made her a bed with pillows and blankets and continued to monitor her condition.

"I was only concerned with the patient," said Andrew. "We did what we could to give her privacy. I had one passenger taking notes and another giving me general assistance."

After landing in Ireland, a doctor and emergency medical crew boarded the plane, discussed the situation with a flight attendant, took Andrew's observation notes and rushed the woman and her family to a nearby hospital. A fellow passenger on the flight, who witnessed the sergeant's actions, praised his efforts.

"He was obviously in charge of this situation," said George Woltz. "He was calm and focused. His demeanor was admirable and everyone was impressed with the way he was handling the emergency."

Woltz was returning to the United States after visiting his

son, a lieutenant colonel assigned to the 100th Air Refueling Wing at Mildenhall. Woltz was so impressed with Andrew's response to the emergency, he sent his son an e-mail asking him to ensure the sergeant received recognition for his actions.

With the woman safely in the hands of the doctors in Ireland, the aircraft resumed its flight to the United States.

Andrew settled back down in his seat and immediately fell asleep.

"Without my training, it would have been much more stressful for me," said Andrew. "As pararescuemen, we train for the worst-case scenario. Training is much more difficult than the situation itself, but I'm not going to say that I wasn't stressed. This situation was real."

Though new to the Air Force and the pararescue career field, Andrew joined the special tactics team at Mildenhall with nearly 11 years of experience in the Army and Army Guard.

"I wanted to be assigned to a special tactics unit because they support other services in direct action and personnel recovery," said Andrew. "Special tactics operators have a greater chance of being at the front and a greater chance of operating at a combat level."

"I'm not comfortable with all the fuss about this," he said. "I just did what I'm trained to do."

Woltz said the sergeant should not downplay his actions.

"The Air Force should know how proudly they were represented by this young man," Woltz said. (Courtesy Air Force News Print)

Services rides victory wave to LeMay award

Team makes first visit to Vandenberg

By 2nd Lt. Malisa Myers

30th Services Squadron transition student

Hot off their win as the best large base services squadron in the Air Force, the men and women of the 30th Services Squadron are back at it.

Now, for the first time, the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Services Award is in their sights. Five evaluators arrived Wednesday to check out the Central Coast's top customer service team.

This is the seventh of eight bases around the world the team is evaluating. To determine which base has "the best of the best," the team examines employees' work environment, training, readiness, financial management, leadership effectiveness, initiative and creativity and customer satisfaction.

The team is evaluating 30 programs offered by the 30th Services Squadron ranging from the Child Development Center to the Bowling Center.

"This has been a hallmark year

for the 30th Services Squadron," said Lt. Col. Dave Cannon, 30th SVS commander. "This year we hope to 'Ride the Wave to LeMay' and be recognized as the best large-base services squadron in the Air Force."

This is the second year in a row they've won both the coveted international John L. Hennessy Award for food service excellence and the Combat Support Flight Readiness Section of the Year for Air Force Space Command.

Command officials also nominated Vandenberg's Services Center as the best Community Activities Program.

Additionally, two of the squadron's civilian team members, Kim Saheim of the Youth Center and Pam Coffey of the Fitness Center, won AFSPC titles as Civilian Supervisor of the Year and Civilian Technician of the Year, respectively. They are in the running at the Air Force level now.

For exemplifying the highest standards of culinary skill and professionalism, Senior Airman Jennifer Kottke won the 2001 Hennessy Traveler's Association Award.

Another feather in the 30th SVS cap is the Child Development Center. Recently, the National Association for the Education of Young Children awarded the center its long-sought after accreditation.

The Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Services Award is the ultimate large-base services distinction in the Air Force. In 1965, the National Order of the Daedalians, a

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Lt. Col. Dave Cannon
30th Services Squadron commander

fraternal organization of pilots, established the award.

It honors the former Air Force Chief of Staff who, in addition to his pioneering contributions to the Air Force, recognized the critical importance of services support for Air Force personnel.

In 1993, Vandenberg won the LeMay's sister award for small bases, the Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Fubank Award.

PK: Date for F.E. Warren AFB missile yet to be determined

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Lt. Col. Michael Fortney, 576th Flight Test Squadron commander. "This is not unprecedented, but all systems are now up and running."

Fortney said the unit will run additional tests on the missile but he expects a new launch date to be set very soon.

Thirtieth Space Wing Commander Col. Robert M. Worley II is the spacelift commander for this mission. Lt. Col. Kevin Gamache

leads the 29-member task force from F.E. Warren, here to conduct maintenance activities and perform the launch. Capt. Jeffrey Braxton, 576th FLTS is the launch director.

The Peacekeeper missile was randomly selected from operational missiles at F.E. Warren and is part of the Force Development Evaluation program, which is used routinely to verify the accuracy and reliability of the ICBM force.

Using pressurized gas, the 70-foot long, 198,000-pound missile is ejected 50 feet out of the launch facility before the first of four boosters ignite. The missile travels approximately 4,800 miles toward the Kwajalein Missile Range where 9 unarmed re-entry vehicles land at predetermined targets.

The Air Force conducted its first successful test flight of the Peacekeeper missile from Vandenberg June 17, 1983.

BRIEFS: Medical Group closes May 24, Memorial Day

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off their children were creating a traffic hazard. Motorists not adhering to the signs will be cited. For more information call 1st Lt. Michael Norkett, base traffic engineer at 606-4148.

NEW ENGINEER TAKES COMMAND

Lt. Col. Douglas Tucker assumes command of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron Thursday at 2 p.m. behind Bldg. 11442. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Dee Wilson at 606-5601.

DORM MANAGER POSTION OPENS

The 30th Support Group has an immediate opening for a dorm manager. This position is a two-year controlled special duty with the award of the 9D000 Special Duty Identifier for motivated staff sergeants. Send a letter of recommendation signed by their commander and

copies of their last three EPRs to 30 SPTG/CCH. For further information, call Senior Master Sgt. Brian Joseph at 606-2990.

TOPS IN BLUE NEEDS PEOPLE

The Air Force Tops in Blue is looking for a bass guitar player, bus driver and truck driver. Participants must be active duty. For more information, call the Services Center at 605-8974.

30TH MEDICAL GROUP CLOSURES

The 30th Medical Group is closed at noon May 24, however, the Saturday Clinic is open for regular appointments. The clinic is also closed May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. If a need for emergency care arises, go to the nearest emergency room. If urgent care needs arise, call the toll-free number on the back of the TRICARE card or call 888-252-3299 for assistance.

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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL PLAYOFF SCORES

Monday's Results

30th Security Forces Squadron No. 2 (104), 533rd Training Group (22)
576th Flight Test Squadron (70), 30th Mission Support Squadron (61)
30th Civil Engineer Squadron No.1 (68), 381st Training Group No.1 (59)
381st TRG No. 2 (69), 30th SFS No. 4 (47)

Tuesday's Results

30th SFS No. 2 (63), 576th FLTS (44)
381st TRG No. 2 (60), 30th CES No. 1 (48)
381st TRG No. 1 (66), 30th SFS No. 4 (47)

Wednesday's Results

30th SFS No. 2 (59), 381st No. 2 (47)
30th CES No. 1 (55), 30th MSS (57)
576th FLTS (55), 381st No. 1 (47)

Thursday's Games

30th MSS vs. 576th FLTS at 5:30 p.m.
Winner of 30th MSS/576th FLTS game vs. 381st No. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Today's Championship

Thursday's winner vs. 30th SFS No. 2

The Championship Game is today at 6 p.m.

All games are at the Vandenberg Fitness Center.



INTRAMURAL BOWLING ROLL-OFF RESULTS

Tuesday's Results

30th Communications Squadron defeated 576th Missile Maintenance Team
576th Flight Test Squadron No. 1 defeated 392nd Training Group
30th Civil Engineer Squadron defeated 534th Training Squadron

Wednesday's Results

Round 1
AAFES defeated 30th CS
576th FLTS No. 1 defeated 30th C
576th MMT defeated 392nd TRS

Round 2

576th No. 1 defeated AAFES

Thursday's Game

30th CS vs. 30th CES

Today's Game

Winner of Thursday's game vs. AAFES

Monday's Championship

Winner of Friday's game vs. 576th FLTS No. 1



SPORTS BRIEFS

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 **Varsity Soccer Team** is looking to add a few more committed and talented players to its roster. The team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the base field.

League games are Sundays. If interested, call Scott Vincent at 605-0755.

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 **Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp** is accepting applications from children ages 10 to 19. The camp nearest to Vandenberg is in Thousand Oaks, Calif. For a free brochure, call (704) 568-6801.

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Scouts send mini flags to troops in Afghanistan

BY CAPT. SEAN MCKENNA

379th Air Expeditionary Wing

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM—Airmen at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, were so touched after receiving miniature U.S. pocket flags from Cub Scouts recently that they decided to do something special in return.

Members of the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron arranged for a standard-size U.S. flag to be flown on a KC-135R Stratotanker air-refueling plane over Afghanistan May 9. The flag was then sent to Webelos Den 7 of Cub Scout Pack 402 in Arvada, Colo., as a show of thanks.

"The fact that the kids are thinking about us is just great," said Master Sgt. John Bailey, who came up with the flag flight idea. "Sending something back to them establishes a real connection between us."

Bailey coordinated with Master Sgt. Terry Price, from the 384th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, who arranged for the flag to be aboard an aircraft flying an Operation Enduring Freedom mission. After the flag returned from its 10-hour trip, Staff Sgt. Joshua Hoormann and Senior Airmen Lance Mayfield and Cesar Ramos, of the 379th ECS, folded the flag for presentation to the Scout den. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Secretary gives oath of enlistment to future airmen

BY TECH. SGT. TIM DOUGHERTY

Air Force Print News

■ **NEW YORK** — Dr. James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force, loves his native New York for many reasons — 37,283 to be exact, the number the Air Force needed to achieve its fiscal 2002 recruiting goal.

Roche visited the Air Force recruiting station at Times Square May 14 to swear-in future airman Daniel Soto, who represented contract No. 37,283. Soto, a 21-year-old Manhattan resident, enlisted for six years and will train as an aircrew egress systems apprentice.

"The Air Force you are joining is going to be very exciting," Roche told Soto and 10 other future airmen. "You're going to see advances in technology like never before. The Air Force is made up of people like you from all over the country. It's an excellent opportu-

Enduring for freedom

Master Sgt. Donnie, a loadmaster with the 39th Rescue Squadron at Patrick AFB, Fla., watches an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter begin aerial refueling during a rendezvous over Southwest Asia. His squadron is part of a larger unit equipped to refuel HH-60 helicopters, insert pararescuemen to conduct combat-search-and-rescue operations and, in cases of emergencies, provide intra-theater airlift capability.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SEAN HOULIHAN



nity for anyone from anywhere."

Roche, who was born in Brooklyn and grew up in Chicago, told the group that all they need to do to achieve their goals is work hard.

Helping the future airmen reach one of their first goals — becoming a blue-suiter — is Staff Sgt. Dave Mangual, a two-year Air Force recruiter and South Bronx native who runs the one-man Times Square recruiting station, the busiest in the nation.

"I was just doing my job, and it turned out we made (our goal) that day with my recruit. That was pretty cool," Mangual said. "It's funny because I was sitting down with Danny and gave him an Air Force pen, saying it was a lucky pen. He signed his enlistment paperwork and ended up being that number, so it really was a lucky pen."

Mangual said he is proud to have recruited the future airman who made the Air Forces recruiting goal, and he is even happier that the contract came out of New York City, considering all that has happened since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I find it really symbolic and coincidental that the recruit who

made the Air Force's recruiting mission was from New York," Mangual said. "Plus, his projected graduation date from technical school is Sept. 11, so it all tied in." (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

341st SW wins Verne Orr Award

■ **WASHINGTON** — The 341st Space Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., is the winner of the 2002 Verne Orr Award.

Sponsored by the Air Force Association, the award is presented annually to the unit that most effectively uses its human resources to accomplish its mission. The Air Force selected the 341st SW based on its highly professional manner and performance during the 2001 Air Force Space Command Operational Readiness Inspection and the 12th Air Force Combat Capability Assessment. Wing people also used forward-thinking solutions in numerous situations, resulting in a savings of 943 man-hours and more than \$3.9 million. The award will be presented during the AFA national convention Sept. 16 to 18.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Major honors hero brother

BY 1st LT. CARIE A. SEYDEL

Air Force Print News

■ **PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AFP)** — When Sept. 11 shook the nation, few people could have predicted any good would emerge from the terrorist attacks.

But on May 13, Maj. Donald Arias and his late brother's widow, Margit Arias, announced the Adam P. Arias Applied Behavior Analysis Autism Memorial Scholarship. The \$25,000 fund, endowed to financially aid Florida State University students studying autism, was named to honor the former 37-year-old stockbroker.

"Adam had a deep commitment to his family, his country and those in need," said Donald, assigned to the 1st Air Force public affairs office here.

For the complete stories, check out the Air Force News website at www.af.mil.

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GOLF

- TODAY -**
Open Play Shotgun, 7:30 a.m.
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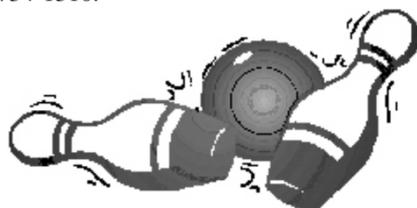
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY -
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Archery 3-D Shoot, registration opens 8:30 a.m., shoot starts at 9 a.m.
Call the Rod and Gun Club for more information at 606-4560.

BOWLING

STARTING TODAY & SATURDAY
Thunder Alley/Rock 300 hours will be 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Cost: \$8, Youth with Youth Center ID, \$6. Rock 300 request music, 734-1340.

SATURDAY -
The Bowling Center will be hosting the annual 'Bowler of the Year' for the county. Starts at 9 a.m. Eligible monthly winners will be posted at the Bowling Center. Call for more information, 734-1310.



POOL

YOUTH SWIMMING LESSONS
Open registration for youth swimming lessons will be held today, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration for all classes begins Monday, (Monday-Friday) 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Aquatics Center. Information : 606-3581.

YOUTH SPORTS

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for youth ages 8 to 15. Program age determined by child's age as of December 2002. Registration until 5 p.m. today at the Youth Center. Summer Program: June 11 to August 10. Cost is \$55 or \$50 for Youth Center members. Participants must provide own equipment. Call 606-2152 for more information.