

Base Briefs

AIR & SPACE SHOW CLUB MIXER

The 2002 Air & Space Show mixer is at 6 p.m. today in the Pacific Coast Club. The event is an opportunity for Team Vandenberg to meet show performers and aircrews. Robosaurus, a 40-foot, car crushing mechanical dinosaur will perform. Families are welcome.

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Col. Steven Robinson relinquishes command of the 30th Mission Support Group to Col. Susanne LeClere in a formal change-of-command ceremony at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday on the base parade grounds. All base personnel are invited to attend.

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES

Election Day is Tuesday. People who live on base can vote at Crestview Elementary School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. People who live in Lompoc and have questions on their polling location can call the County Clerk's office at 737-7705. Those living in Santa Maria can call (805) 346-7160.

WW II SALUTE TO VETERANS DINNER

A Salute to World War II Veterans Dinner is at 6 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Pacific Coast Club. Lompoc Mayor Dick DeWees is the emcee. Jonathan Wild will provide entertainment. The event is open to all veterans, military members and friends of veterans. Attire for military members is the mess dress uniform. Tickets cost \$19.75. Make reservations by Monday by calling Stan Diller at 733-2733 or send name, address, phone number and a check or money order for tickets to 1305 Craig Dr., Lompoc, Ca. 93436.

COMPUTER, NETWORK TECHNOLOGY EXPO

There is a technology expo at the Pacific Coast Club 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday. Twenty-five exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in knowledge management solutions, data warehousing, network operations services, Web content management, information security, mobile computing solutions, wireless networking, collaboration tools, hardware, software and more. There will be free refreshments and giveaways.

SPACE TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE

The Core Technologies for Space Systems Conference is in Colorado Springs, Colo. Nov. 19 - 21. This space technologies conference is dedicated to the full range of core technologies related to space operations and the development of new space capabilities and systems. To register, visit the Core Technologies Web site at www.spacecoretech.org.

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS

An estimated 110,000 people turned out for Vandenberg's Aerospace Show 2000. With an F-16 Falcon tactical demonstration team and Brutus the Skydiving Dog, this weekend's show is expected to draw around 100,000.

Team Vandenberg celebrates Centennial of Flight in 2002

By 2ND LT. KELLY GABEL

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Demonstration team performances, fly-bys, aerial and space static displays, skydiving, excitement and the smell of concession food - that's right, it's air show time again.

And they don't just come together overnight. Team Vandenberg members started in January 2002 and have worked non-stop to put together Vandenberg's 2002 Air and Space Show marking the Centennial of Flight, Nov. 2 and 3.

The Air and Space Show planning committee, directed by Lt. Col. Lee-Volker Cox, 30th Operations Support Squadron commander, began meeting early because producing a successful air and space show is a Herculean effort. It takes longer than a year

of planning and more than 1,000 people, Cox said.

"Although the 40-person planning committee is the engine that drives the train, the show is a total Team Vandenberg effort that impacts every organization on base," he said.

"But really, as soon as one air show ends you begin planning for the next one two years away," Cox said. "It starts with the annual International Council of Air Shows. The council decides which bases will get a jet team."

Because the bases that canceled airshows last year due to Sept. 11 drew first priority, Vandenberg will not have a major aerial demonstration team this year, so the planning committee has had to be inventive.

"We needed to find innovative ways of drawing in the public while

still being conscientious of cost," he said.

Due to the current world climate, security has been a major focus of this year's air and space show, said Master Sgt. Michael McKinney, 30th Security Forces Squadron.

"We'll be a lot more visible than we have in the past and we'll be conducting random anti-terrorism measures throughout both days," he said.

"Before, our security emphasis focused on traffic and parking," Cox said. "This year, we're more aware of potential threats...our emphasis will be on force protection."

"Even though we're trained and prepared for anything," said McKinney. "We expect an incident-free event that promises to be fun for everyone."

"We're all committed to the best

air and space show people have ever experienced on the Central Coast," said Col. Robert M. Worley II. "It will be a memorable event for the entire family, guaranteed!"

Just a few of the attractions for this year's show include: Viper West, an F-16 Falcon tactical demonstration team out of Hill AFB, Utah, and the F-15E Strike Eagles demonstration team from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

Other features include: the B-52 Stratofortress, a 30-foot model of the battleship Nevada and performances by Brutus the Skydiving Dog and Robosaurus, a 40-foot tall fire-breathing mechanical dinosaur.

Visit www.vandenberg.af.mil and click on the Air and Space Show icon for a complete listing of performers, displays and concessions.

VAFB gets new ID cards

By 2ND LT. AMY GARRETT

30th Mission Support Group

■ New identification cards will be issued here Nov. 8 - Dec. 13. Base active-duty personnel, Reservists, Guardsmen, Defense Department civilians, and designated contractors will receive the new Common Access Card.

The cards will be mass issued here in a mobile registration unit on the parade grounds. To get their new cards, personnel must schedule an appointment at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler.htm>. They'll also need to come up with a personal identification number made up of six to eight digits, no alpha or special characters.

Military and DoD civilians must bring their current government issued ID in order to receive the new card.

DoD civilians who have never been issued a government ID and contractors must bring along two forms of photo ID and a completed DD Form 1172-2 signed by a designated official.

The common access card is a credit card-sized ID that contains an integrated circuit chip, a magnetic strip, bar codes, and photo ID.

Three digital certificates - an identity certificate, an e-mail signing certificate, and an e-mail encryption certificate - are embedded in the integrated circuit chip on the card. Card readers will be installed onto each user's workstation to allow certificates to be read by the computer.

The identity certificate is used to digitally sign documents and to authenticate or log on to secure networks and web sites.

The e-mail signature certificate is used to digitally sign e-mail and the e-mail encryption certificate allows users to encrypt and decrypt e-mail.

In addition, the magnetic strip on the back of the card may be used for building access.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Amy Garrett at 605-4850. More information is also available at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil>.

Tower lands Life Chute, slides to safety

By STAFF SGT. CLARENCE CHRISTIANSON

30th Operations Support Squadron

■ Vandenberg's air traffic control tower stands seven stories high.

Until recently, if a fire or an earthquake trapped the controllers at the top, an evacuation required the Vandenberg Fire Department to race to the tower with a ladder truck. An alternative was to have the 76th Helicopter Flight fly a helicopter to the tower. Consequently, rescue from the 75-foot-high tower was very time-restrictive, and would likely take greater than 15 minutes, said Capt. Michael Horowitz, 30th Operations Support Squadron Airfield Operations flight commander.

"In the absence of these options it would be a long drop to mother earth," he said.

But now all that has changed. Controllers can now slide to the ground through a nylon life chute. The device, named the Baker Life Chute, is portable and can be carried by two people. It can be set up in a matter of minutes and a ride to safety is just moments away. According to its specifications, the chute can safely support 29 to 30 people at one time.

Chute inventor Ralph Baker and his assistants installed the chute here Oct. 24. Air traffic controllers spent a good portion of the following day in training.

Baker, who owns a trucking company in New Castle, Del., said he conceived the idea in late 1980 after watching film footage of the MGM Grand Hotel fire on the evening news. The fire in Las Vegas killed 84 people, including some hotel occupants who jumped

from the roof.

"After that fire, I realized we could send a man to the moon and bring him home safely, but that we couldn't get someone down from a 200-foot high building safely," Baker said.

The Life Chute costs about \$41,000 and has been installed at more than 140 locations throughout the world.

The tubular net is situated on the tower's catwalk and can be maneuvered by one person. After the chute is unfurled and dropped to the ground, it is then secured to the grill of a fire truck.

In an actual emergency, people on the ground can hold the ring at the end of the chute until it can be tied to a vehicle or a stationary object, Baker said. If there was nobody on the ground to stabilize the chute, the first person could still slide down safely, though the potential for injury would increase.

The chute can withstand flames of up to 480 degrees and its maximum length is 40 stories.

"The chute's biggest drawback is that people wearing battle dress uniforms tend to lose their buttons, a small price to pay for lives saved," said Lt. Col. Lee Volker-Cox, 30th OSS commander.

Horowitz said the new Life Chute is a huge leap in personnel safety.

"There's not much time to spare when



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Ralph Baker, Baker Safety Equipment, slides from the control tower here to the ground through a life chute Oct. 25.

you're at the top of a burning tower," he said. "Compared to the alternatives, the Baker Life Chute gets you on the ground quickly and safely."

Base awards superstars

■ Congratulations to the following award winners:

30th Security Forces Squadron 2002 annual awards

Capt. Paul Quigley, company grade officer

Master Sgt. James Morrow, support staff senior NCO

Staff Sgt. Jason Rowe, support staff NCO

Staff Sgt. Daniel Gatz, support staff airman

Master Sgt. James Peters, flight level senior NCO

Staff Sgt. David Duty, flight level NCO

Senior Airman David Sparks, flight level airman

30th Operations Group quarterly awards

Capt. Ann Curtis, company grade officer

Master Sgt. Ben Rosen, senior NCO

Staff Sgt. Carlos Najera, NCO

Senior Airman Andrew Piuma, airman

Tech. Sgt. David Nugen, volunteer

Francisco Gomez, civilian

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The 30th Security Forces Squadron hits the road in two-hour ruck march for fun and fitness.
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Nearby Destinations:
Team Vandenberg builds homes in Lompoc with Habitat for Humanity.
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Weekend forecast
Low clouds in the morning and evening with clear afternoon skies.

Low/High
50/64

For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit
www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather

If you're looking for a nice feel-good commentary about DUIs, this ain't it

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

I'm at my wits end. Every time I turn around I hear we've gone into Alcohol Condition Bravo. It's like a yo-yo.

Last week, I asked myself, "What have I really done to further ALCON's purpose?" Not enough.

I know why the levels keep bouncing up and down. It's because another bonehead went out, did something stupid and alcohol was involved.

In September alone, we had four people who were busted for driving under the influence.

That is four among us who thought – if you can call it that – it was ok to tip back a few then get behind the wheel of their weapon. Fortunately, the good Lord took pity on them and blessed the rest of us by not letting their selfish idiocy cost any lives.

The DUI dullards aren't the only reasons we continue to vacillate between ALCON Normal and Bravo. There were another three people assigned here – I won't call them Team V members, because I don't believe a true team member would do this to their counterparts – who were popped for public intoxication. One of them even had the audacity to assault a police officer in Ventura.

Those seven are only a portion of the 23 alcohol-related incidents in September involving people assigned here – 23! In one month!

So, it's all ALCON's fault, right? Wrong.

I'm not going to sugar coat my view on this.

Do you think it's OK to load a firearm, take it to the local mall and open fire? No? Why? Because it's morally reprehensible, that's why. We're raised to believe that murder is wrong – it is. So is attempted murder.

So how's that different from slamming back a few drinks – loading the weapon; taking the

keys in your sweaty paw and starting the engine – chambering the round; and driving down the road – pulling the trigger?

"But, I didn't kill anyone," some numbskull will say as the cop cuffs and stuffs them.

Sometimes we get lucky. "Even a drunk won't tell you he has the right to drive drunk," said Col. David Thompson, 30th Space Wing chief of safety. "They accept that it's morally wrong."

So what's the problem? All of us must "buy into" or believe in the purpose and intent of ALCON. ALCON is a tool for commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, airmen, civilians, dependents and anyone else you can think of to use to become aware that we have a problem.

ALCON's made us aware, that's step No. 1.

We've had 30 underage drinking incidents and 25 DUIs this year. That's a problem.

ALCON's second purpose – the one that seems to be lost on all of our drunk dullards and those who haven't been caught (yet) – is to encourage a cultural shift. A cultural shift?

We, as an Air Force; we as Team Vandenberg; we as whatever group you belong to; we as whatever squadron you're assigned to; we as a group of leaders and followers; we as human beings must accept that drinking and driving is not a negotiable behavior.

It is contrary to everything we espouse as a service. It is no more permissible than picking up a loaded weapon and firing at will, regardless of what or whom you may hit.

So where's the shift?

It begins with you. Whether you're officer or enlisted, civil service or civilian contractor, listen. If you hear some alcohol-related rumblings, speak up. Make it known that negative behavior begets negative results.

If you're out with friends and someone is getting stupid, stop them. Sometimes it takes more

ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

Days since last DUI **14**

Saves by AADD **59**

DUI totals for the Year **26**

Operations Group	0
Maintenance Group	3
Mission Support Group	8
Medical Group	0
30 th Space Wing Staff	1
14 th Air Force	0
381 st Training Group	2
576 th Flight Test Squadron	3
Detachment 9	1
Others	8

than one person – help. If you have to, call the cops. You don't have to be an NCO or officer to be a leader – you're the leader when you're doing right.

If you think you don't matter, think again. Last year, after two people from Vandenberg were killed in DUI accidents, a group of our airmen stepped up and led.

They formed Airmen Against Drunk Drivers. To date, they've saved 59 people by giving them no-questions asked rides home after a night of partying.

Those other 26 people who thought "It'll never happen to me" and got DUIs were lucky. Not everyone is so lucky.

At about 2 a.m. a year ago Tuesday, Airman 1st Class Cassandra Willoughby was driving north on Highway 1. She and her roommate were on their way home from a concert in Santa Barbara.

They'd had some drinks. Cassandra's blood-alcohol level was .18. Her 23-year-old passenger, Allison Guyer, had a level of .21. The legal limit in California is .08.

So it was – the weapon was loaded, the round chambered and the trigger had been pulled. The impact point was just north of Jalama Beach Road where Cassandra lost control of the car. It rolled several times, ejecting and killing Allison. At 26 years old, Cassandra also died from fatal head injuries.

ALCON only works if each of us owns and accepts our stake in it. Listen, speak up and get personally involved. If you already understand that DUI always endangers others and is morally wrong, help others understand it. If they don't want to understand it, help them out – of the Air Force.



Call 606-7850 or

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



Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander

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 action line is a great way to communicate, don't forget to use your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals first.

Thank you 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.

Notes from the editor ...

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

Sept. 19, Team Vandenberg had the privilege of making a dream come true when we welcomed a boy named Mackenzie Sykes for a visit to the base.

Mac, as he prefers to be called, was diagnosed with brain cancer several years ago and he had always wanted to see a rocket launch. To help him realize that dream, his father, Roy, brought him here to see a Minuteman III launch. The visit was a great success.

Lt. Col. Michael Fortney, 576th Flight Test Squadron commander, made Mac an honorary missileer. Mac took a tour of the launch capsule, the Western Range Control Center and watched the launch with a bird's-eye view at the Del Punta Observation Site.

Today, it is my sad duty to tell you that Mac died Saturday.

Roy wrote to say that even in the hospital, Mac continued to talk about the exciting events of his trip here.

"His favorite part was meeting so many impressive and friendly people. They made his trip something he will always remember," Roy said.

Mac had a generous heart and a wonderful excitement for life. "My motto is NFS, 'no freakin' surrender,'" the 14-year-old said of his fatal disease. "You all have beautiful hearts and I feel so lucky to be here" he said again and again of the 576th FLTS and 30th Space Wing professionals who showed him their parts in the launch.

"You and your associates both warmed our hearts and made us even prouder to be citizens guarded by the United States Air Force," Roy said in his letter.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Mac's visit such a success.



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AF ACADEMY MASCOT RACE

The Air Force Academy mascot is in the running to be named the best mascot in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. To cast a vote, visit www.capitalonebowl.com/mascot_vote.php.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage Month. A cake-cutting ceremony will kick off the celebration today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Base Library. Scheduled guest speakers during the month are Miss Indian USA 2001/2002 and a Navajo Code talker. To volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Alvina Andrews at 606-2436.

COMMISSARY CLOSURE

The Vandenberg Commissary is closed for Veteran's Day Nov. 11 and 12. The Mini Com is closed Nov. 11. The Commissary is open Nov. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. as an extra shopping day before Thanksgiving. The Commissary is closed Nov. 28 and 29. The Mini Com is closed Nov. 28.

BASE ROAD CLOSURES

The following roads are now closed or controlled:

Point Sal Road south of Launch Facility-04 is closed through Dec. 6 to repair severe potholes and overlay new asphalt.

Honda Ridge Road one-half mile west of Perry Road is subject to speed and traffic controls through Dec. 27 during daylight hours to repair slope erosion.

Point Sal Road one-half mile north of LF-05 is subject to speed and traffic controls through Dec. 6 to repair the roadway structure.

For more information, call Greg Lewis at 736-6997.

COMMON ACCESS CARD ISSUE

The Vandenberg Military Personnel Flight customer service section is now issuing the common access card to those with lost or expired ID cards only. Due to the lengthy time required to issue the card, active-duty members in uniform will be given priority between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mass issue of the card is set for Nov. 8 - Dec. 6. Schedule an appointment during the mass issue online at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler.htm>. Call 2nd Lt. Amy Garrett, 605-4850, with questions.

EMERGENCY DATA CARDS

The Department of Defense Form 93 is the only form used by the Air Force in the event of death, injury or emergency. The form provides the names and addresses of the people an Air Force member wants notified. It's crucial this information is kept current at all times. To make changes to the DD form 93, visit the base Military Personnel Flight customer service office in building 11777 or call 606-2276.

West Coast warriors ready to roll through base

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

■ We've seen them in Humvees, Jeeps, squad cars, on ATVs and even horseback. Soon we'll see them on bicycles too.

Members of Team Vandenberg will soon, if not already, see 30th Security Forces Squadron members patrolling some base areas on bicycles.

"Police bicycle patrols tie directly into our community policing program," said Master Sgt. Michael McKinney, 30th SFS NCO in charge of police services. "You can see a lot more on a bike too."

"And the bicycle patrols don't have to contend with the barriers a police vehicle is faced with," said Capt. Paul Quigley, 30th SFS operations officer.

A patrol car is a visible deterrent but it can present a barrier of insulation between the policeman and the environment, McKinney said. A bicycle patrolman is acutely aware of his environment and able to observe more at a personal level.

"This helps to make Vandenberg police services more officer friendly," Quigley said.

"Our police men and women will be able to interact more closely with base members," McKinney said. "They'll be able to make contact with the public on a consistent and personal basis and encourage dialogue." That dialogue is one of the primary goals of community policing, he said.

Bicycles can go where patrol cars can't, McKinney said, and a patrolman on a bicycle can cover distances quicker than a person on foot.

These two aspects, dialogue and a quick reaction tailored to the situation enhance security responsiveness and base safety, Quigley said. "As a matter of fact it was a bicycle patrolman who responded to and neutralized the shooter in the terrifying incident that occurred at Fairchild AFB, Wash., in 1994."

Quigley said 30th SFS cops would serve as advisers in certain parts of the housing area. "If people have any questions or problems, the patrolman can serve as a conduit through which we, as a unit, can address their concerns," he said.

"You can put a face to the name," added McKinney who also helped start the security forces bicycle patrol at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

Quigley said the bike patrol will also be an asset for special events like the upcoming air and space show, Halloween trick-or-treat hours and National Night Out.

"It's a way for the troops to intermingle with the base population and provides a visible police presence," the operations officer said.

There was no shortage of volunteers either, McKinney said.

"Right now, we have about four bicycles for the program, but far more quality people who volunteered to be part of the program," he said.

Like any emergency response vehicle, the police cycles will be specially equipped with light bars, sirens and a first-aid kit. The patrolmen's equipment includes helmet and kneepads along with

their regular police gear.

Each of Vandenberg's four security forces flights will have two certified bicycle patrolmen and bike racks will be mounted on some of the patrol vehicles.

Before the cops can start pedaling they have to complete some training first.

"You don't just hop on the bike and go patrolling," McKinney said.

"The bike patrolman who responded to the incident at Fairchild peddled more than a mile to the scene," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Gatz, 30th SFS Operations. The officer immediately went into action after his trek and had it not been for his training, things might have turned out differently.

Gatz attended the bicycle patrolmen's course in Santa Barbara and will train the patrolmen here on techniques like riding over and through different types of terrain, negotiating obstacles, emergency response procedures and weapons use as a bicycle patrolman.

Quigley said the program is also a way of aggressively addressing issues like proper wear of safety equipment, not only for cyclists, but also for skaters and skateboarders.

"Our patrolmen are not only enforcing the law but serving as examples of how to properly wear safety equipment."

He said that a patrolman can direct a person to wear his equipment and move on in his squad car but the bicycle patrolman provides an actual example of how to properly wear the gear.

The bicycle patrol also sends



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Staff Sgt. Daniel Gatz (front) and Staff Sgt. Phillip Cemei, 30th Security Forces Squadron Bike Patrol, test their new patrol vehicles in base housing.

the message to the base population that, "cops are the good guys," Quigley said. "Some people may have issues with that because we're tasked with enforcing the laws and regulations on

Vandenberg. But again, this ties in with good community policing and can provide a credible response to threats against base facilities and the people that work and live on Vandenberg."

OPSEC process identifies adversary capability, threat

By TECH. SGT. DOUGLAS MILES
14th Information Warfare Flight

■ 14th Air Force has designated November Operations Security Month and will spend this month re-educating the base on the different aspects of operations security.

First of all, just what is operations security? What is the OPSEC process? What does it do? How does it work?

OPSEC is the means by which military members protect sensitive, not classified, information. Sensitive information is information that, while not classified, if pieced together with other bits of sensitive information could reveal classified information.

The OPSEC process, simply put, is a five-step plan used to identify information to protect, look at adversaries and their capabilities, see what, if any, damage they could do if they discovered the information, and then propose and implement measures to reduce the possibility of the information being discovered.

Broken down, the OPSEC process is as follows:

Step 1: Identify Critical Information. Look at operations and the work environment and decide what sensitive information needs to be kept from falling into the hands of adversaries.

Step 2: Analyze the Threat. Take a good look at the adversary. Who wants the information that needs protecting? What are their intelligence collecting capabilities? Can they monitor telephone calls, intercept e-mail traffic? Do they have spies sitting in the local bars and restaurants trying to gather information? If they can do any of these things, can they act on any information

they gather in a timely manner? All of these things come into play when assessing the potential threat.

Step 3: Assess the Vulnerability. Is the information vulnerable? If, for example, the adversary can monitor phone conversations and personnel routinely use a non-secure phone to discuss work matters, this shows vulnerability. The adversary could collect that information and compromise the unit's mission or goals.

Step 4: Assess the Risk. If the adversary can successfully gather information, what is the potential damage this information could cause? If the risk of damage is unacceptable, measures must be created to decrease the potential risk.

Step 5: Implement OPSEC countermeasures. In this step it's been decided that the potential damage from the information is too great to ignore. The adversary must be hindered in some way that makes the information either too hard to retrieve or untimely. Untimely means the adversary is forced to spend so much time in collecting the data, that it's no longer viable when they retrieve it.

It is important to note that the OPSEC process doesn't stop at Step 5 - it's more like a never-ending cycle. That's because things always change. New adversaries appear every day, and old adversaries come up with new ways to gather information. Only by constantly using the OPSEC process can the adversaries' collection capabilities be hindered.

Information can seem unimportant and OPSEC too time-consuming at times, but recent events have shown how important protecting information can be.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Retreat

Airman Leadership School Class 02-G and the 30th Space Wing Legal office stand retreat Oct. 24. ALS Class 02-G graduated Tuesday.

Base civilians earn 21 promotions

■ Congratulations to the following civilian members of Team Vandenberg who were promoted in September and October:

Traci Betty, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
James Blankenship, 30th CES
Wendy Camargo, 30th CES
Shirley Castillo, 30th CES
Eddy Crosby, 30th CES
Alana Marie Davenport, 30th CES
Barbara Garbiso, 30th CES
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Kevin Hall, 30th CES
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Matthew Osborne, 30th CES
Jesse Rivera, 30th CES
Roma Rojas, 30th CES
William Ryan, 30th CES
Steven Steed, 30th CES
Philip Tworek, 30th CES
Ronald Valentine, 30th Space Wing
Frederick Williams, 30th Mission Support Squadron
Domingo Zavala, 30th CES

Team Vandenberg sews on new stripes

■ The following men and women from Team Vandenberg sew on new stripes today.

AIRMAN
Honey Mae Beekhuysen, 2nd Space Launch Squadron
Christopher McDaniel, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Janice Louise Klebba, 30th Operations Support Squadron
Yadram Baijoo, 30th Transportation Squadron
Jose Luis Bernal, 392nd Training Squadron
Tyler Stephan Wilson, 392nd TRS
Joshua Licata, 532nd Training Squadron
Mark Overturf, 532nd TRS
Shane Quinones, 532nd TRS
Shane Smedley, 532nd TRS
Domenico Tognoni, 532nd TRS
William Bauer, 532nd TRS
Kyle Heinz, 532nd TRS
Elvis Meeker, 532nd TRS
Elliott Polite, 532nd TRS
Jonathan Stansbury, 532nd TRS
Brett Switzer, 532nd TRS
Brian Tomlinson, 532nd TRS
Beau Westmoreland, 532nd TRS
Carlene Wilson, 532nd TRS
Megan Grosse, 534th Training Squadron

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Kevin Johnson, Det. 1, 345th TRS
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Jeremy Lemaster, Det. 1, 345th TRS
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Marquia Spiva, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Kimraam Thorpe, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jonathan Wakatsuki, Det. 1, 345th TRS
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Ruck it!
The 30th Security Forces Squadron takes a two-hour march around Vandenberg Oct. 25. Dressed for battle, the cops wore traffic vests and ruck sacks and carried their M-16 rifles. The march was for fun and to help the unit prepare for Air Force Space Command's fitness program, WARFIT, set to begin in January. WARFIT gives people a fitness score based on a combination of factors using the stationary bike, pushups and situps as well as body fat measurement.

Bonus benefits airmen, Air Force

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Whitaker
 30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The semi-annual Selective Re-enlistment Bonus review is underway with plans to announce the results in January 2003. The review will pinpoint critical Air Force career fields experiencing stress or personnel shortages. Air Force Personnel Center considers manning, retention, training costs, on-going and future force structure changes, and current and projected personnel shortages to determine if the SRB will be useful in a particular career field. "The SRB is an incentive tool to help retain members and retrain members into critical career fields," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney, 30th Space Wing career advisor. He also said that to maintain a healthy force, retention in all career fields is key.

The SRB gives help to those career fields experiencing shortages. According to Tierney, the effectiveness of the SRB has not yet been statistically proven due to "stop loss" during fiscal 2001. However, "bonuses have historically proven themselves to be effective in retention," he said. While the statistical success of the SRB is still unproven, the visible benefits of the SRB are many.

"The benefit to the Air Force is that we've retained a valuable member of the Air Force while maintaining the necessary skills and expertise to accomplish the mission," Tierney said. "The obvious tangible benefit to the individual is monetary. The intangible benefit is knowing one is serving his or her country in a capacity that's highly needed."

Tierney said that the Air Force often has to compete with corporate America to keep its highly trained, skilled, and disciplined airmen. "The benefits that don't appear in our checkbooks are the envy of many civilian employees; medical, dental, education, family support, and housing just to name a few," he said. Members who are currently up for re-enlistment are faced with a choice. "Obviously someone in a career

field that does not receive an SRB has nothing to lose by waiting to see the results of the next SRB board providing it occurs within their reenlistment window," Tierney said.

Tierney emphasized that SRBs are based on retention rates for particular Air Force Specialty Codes and not an individual's worth to the military.

"All members of all career fields are important and valued members of the Air Force family. Many special duty assignments in which top members compete for selection do not receive an SRB," he said. If a member re-enlists before their AFSC is announced as eligible for SRB, they will not receive the bonus.

"There is no crystal ball to foretell future SRBs for any given career field. Just like purchasing stocks, playing the 'wait and see' game is a form of legalized gambling," Tierney said. "Some career fields of concern in the Air Force right now include linguists, firefighters and communications computer system programmers."

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Bonilla, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs, received the SRB upon her re-enlistment last August. "I re-enlisted on my birthday, so every year I get a great present from the Air Force," she said of her annual installments of the SRB. "I've always known I was going to re-enlist, but the SRB gave me the chance to get caught up with my finances."

Once a member's AFSC is announced as eligible for a bonus, they can estimate the amount of the bonus using a bonus calculation chart. This chart can be found on the AFPC website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. "This is just a roundabout estimate," said Airman 1st Class Erica Shamma, a re-enlistments clerk with the 30th Mission Support Squadron. "It's an equation to help people figure out what their bonus would be."

"The SRB is just one incentive aimed at critical career fields," Tierney said. Anyone interested in cross-training into a critical career field should contact the reenlistments office of their military personnel flight.

Team V honors retirees

By Jack Hokanson
 30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg opens its gates for the Fourth Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club.

The event is open to all military retirees, their authorized dependents and surviving spouses of military retirees. A continental breakfast is planned and lunch will be available for purchase.

Team Vandenberg members set aside this day to honor and to show their appreciation for those who have served before us. This salute to the retiree provides a chance to offer thanks for continuing to serve.

Throughout the day attendees will be able to visit information booths provided by more than 30 base organizations. Booths from the following agencies will be available with free samples, information and assistance:

- Medical Group TRICARE Service Center
- Medical Group Health and Wellness Center
- Family Support Center
- Security Forces Pass & Registration
- Vandenberg Commissary
- Vandenberg Army and Air Force Exchange Service
- Military Personnel Flight Casualty Affairs
- Vandenberg Legal Assistance
- Vandenberg Joint Retirees Activities Office
- Base Information, Tickets & Tours and Services Center
- Base Financial Services Office

The day will begin with welcoming remarks by senior base personnel, followed by a seminar on the TRICARE Long Term Care and TRICARE For Life programs.

Other community information booths are scheduled to include: American Association of Retired Persons; American Red Cross; Family Service Agency Senior Services; Non-Commissioned Officers Association; The Retired Officers Association; Santa Barbara County Veterans Services; the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union; Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; Legal Aid Foundation Senior Outreach; and more than 10 other retiree and Senior services related organizations.

Base military members from the Vandenberg Top Three Association and other organizations will be on hand to assist those who require help due to mobility problems.

The Pacific Coast Club parking area will be reserved for those with handicap placards and those who require close parking due to health reasons. The main parking area will be at the base parade grounds with shuttle service provided to and from the Pacific Coast Club.

Team Vandenberg Warrior
Master Sgt. Robin Fuller
 30th Space Communications Squadron

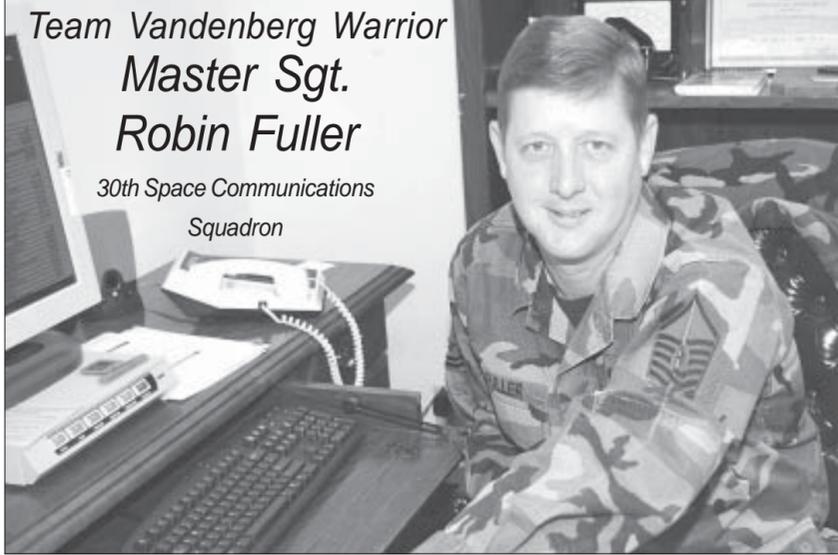


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Duty: chief of maintenance support
Hometown: Wenonah, N.J.
Time in service: 21 years
Time on station: nearly 2 years
Hobbies: spending time with family and golf
Favorite part of the job: "I enjoy helping people solve their work problems so they can better complete their mission."
Supervisor's comments: "Master Sgt. Fuller is an outstanding senior NCO with a superb attitude and willingness to work logically through technically complex issues," said 2nd Lt. Kyle Grygo, deputy chief of maintenance.

Vandenberg supports local Veterans Day events

By Jack Hokanson
 30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Members of Team Vandenberg will participate in several Central Coast Community Veterans Day events Nov. 8 through 13.

Nov. 9: Col. Randy Turner, commander of Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center, will officiate for the annual Veterans Day band competition at 9:30 a.m. in Pismo Beach.

Vandenberg's Honor Guard, Fire Department and 30th Security Forces Squadron members participate in the Old Orcutt Veterans Day parade at 1 p.m. Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, 14th Air Force

commander, Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, and an eight-person honor guard team participate in the Fifth Annual Military Gala in Santa Barbara.

Nov. 10: The 30th SW commander is the keynote speaker and Vandenberg's Patriot Voices and Honor Guard participate in the Pismo Beach Veterans Day event on the pier at 10 a.m.

The Vandenberg Honor Guard participates in the New Life Community Church Veterans Day event in Pismo Beach at 6 p.m.

Nov. 11: Staff Sgt. Mike Percy, 76th Helicopter Flight, represents the U.S. Air

Force and Team Vandenberg at 10:30 a.m. in the City of Goleta Veterans Day event in Goleta Park.

The 14th AF commander will speak, along with Congresswoman Lois Capps, at 11 a.m. at the Santa Maria Veterans Day event in the Santa Maria cemetery.

The Vandenberg Honor Guard and Chaplain (Maj.) Dave Terrinoni will participate in the Lompoc Veterans Day event at 11 a.m. in the Lompoc Veterans Memorial building at South H and Hickory streets.

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West "Galaxy" ensemble will present a free D.A.R.E. concert in conjunction with the

City of Guadalupe and the Guadalupe Police Department at the Royal Theater in Guadalupe at 1 p.m.

Nov. 12: The Air Force Band, Galaxy, will present a free D.A.R.E. concert in conjunction with the City of Lompoc and the Lompoc Police Department at the Lompoc High School gymnasium at 2 p.m.

Nov. 13: The Vandenberg Honor Guard will post the Colors and perform a flag folding ceremony and the Air Force Band, Galaxy, will present a patriotic concert at the annual Cabrillo High School Veterans Day assembly at 10 a.m.

For more information on any of these events, call public affairs at (805) 606-3595.

Scholarships for military children race underway at commissaries world-wide

By Bonnie Powell
 Defense Commissary Agency

■ **FORT LEE, Va.** – The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program begins today and the burning question is "How has being the child of a military service member influenced your educational goals?"

That's the essay topic for 2003 and if the two previous years are any indication, it's a question applicants should consider carefully when applying for the \$1,500 scholarships.

"According to program administrators, the essay has been a key factor in deciding recipients," said Edna Hoogewind, program liaison for the Defense Commissary Agency. "Although the minimum grade point average to apply for these scholarships is 3.0, the average recipient has a 3.8 or better. The grades of the applicants are so high that factors such as community involvement, activities and the essay become extremely important," Hoogewind said.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is administered by the nonprofit Fisher House Foundation. The foundation is best known for building family comfort homes near military medical facilities.

"We're certainly pleased to administer this program as it serves the military community exclusively

The deadline to return applications is Feb. 21

and is rapidly becoming one of the premiere scholarship programs worldwide," said Jim Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation.

The program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly \$1.5 million in its first two years. All scholarship funds are donated by the various manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that provide products sold in military commissaries.

"Most of the scholarship recipients also participate in formal recognition ceremonies, which take place each spring and summer at local commissaries," Hoogewind said.

Applications for the 2003 program can be downloaded at <http://www.commissaries.com> or <http://www.fisherhouse.org>. They can also be picked up at any commissary. The deadline for returning applications to a commissary by hand or mail is Feb. 21.

"There are very few changes from last year," Hoogewind said. "The essay topic is new and we

have a two-page instruction sheet to make things easier for the applicants. The application can also be filled out on a computer, then printed and mailed or delivered to the nearest commissary. It should be an improvement over handwritten applications for both the student and Scholarship Managers."

The scholarship program is open to dependent children of active duty, Reserve, Guard and retired military members who are unmarried and under age 23.

Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in DEERS and that they have a current ID card. All applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Applicants must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003. Students attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Instruction sheets have additional criteria.

The Defense Commissary Agency provides groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families through nearly 280 commissaries worldwide.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. RIC TOCZEK

Kris Rosson (right) and other members of Boy Scout Troop 394 watch as Bob Harrison (center), Satellite Amateur Radio Club, and Alex Outlaw (left), Troop 394, set up a radio contact using a satellite radio system. Twenty-one Scouts earned the radio merit badge Oct. 19 during the radio club's 45th Annual Jamboree on the Air held for the second time at Vandenberg.

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Military Raise in the Bag; Civilian Raise Up in the Air

By STEPHEN BARR

Washington Post

■ It's official: No member of the armed forces will receive less than a 4.1 percent pay raise next year.

The raise, effective Jan. 1, is part of a \$355 billion defense appropriations bill for fiscal 2003, signed by President Bush on Wednesday.

"This legislation takes care of our men and women in uniform and their families," Bush said. "We provide the money for a pay increase of 4.1 percent for service members, provide for additional full-time support personnel for the National Guard and reserves, continue to reduce the out-of-pocket cost for housing for our service members and their families."

Some military personnel will receive more than the 4.1 percent increase. Mid-career officers and enlisted service members who are in positions that are hard to fill will receive raises of 5 percent to 6.5 percent. When the higher, targeted raises are taken into account, the average military raise will amount to 4.7 percent, according to congressional aides.

A proposal to raise the pay of federal employees by a similar amount has stalled in Congress. Aides to Washington area lawmakers predict that it will be addressed when lawmakers return after Election Day.

Because Congress missed the Oct. 1 deadline for getting appropriations bills to Bush, much of the government is operating under a "continuing resolution" that permits agencies to continue spending at fiscal 2002 levels. Only two of the 13 spending bills — defense and military construction — have been sent to Bush for his

signature.

The proposed salary increase for General Schedule employees was approved by the House as part of the spending bill for the Treasury Department, the Postal Service and general government operations. But the Senate, which appeared on track to support a 4.1 percent raise, has not finished work on the spending measure.

Coalition aircraft drop munitions on Iraq

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON - Coalition aircraft enforcing the northern no-fly zone over Iraq dropped precision-guided munitions Oct. 30 on elements of Saddam Hussein's air defense system.

The coalition aircraft attacked after Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery fired on them. All coalition aircraft returned to base safely.

Combined task force officials would not discuss where the incident occurred or what the aircraft's target was.

The coalition aircraft struck immediately after the provocation.

"We do not do a measured response," said Air Force Maj. Scott Covode, a spokesman at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. "We do an immediate self-defense response."

The Iraqi air defenses fired on American and British aircraft doing a routine patrol of the no-fly zone. It was the third time in October that Operation Northern Watch aircraft responded to such provocation. Covode said it was the 13th time this year that coalition aircraft dropped ordnance and the 71st time that Iraq has fired on coalition aircraft operating in the area.

Coalition aircraft patrolling the southern no-fly zone have responded six times this month to Iraqi provocations.

Officials said most of the provocations have been Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery. Air Force officials said the Iraqis occasionally fire surface-to-air missiles without radar guidance. The tactic prevents coalition aircraft from locating radars, but impairs missile accuracy. "Dumb" missiles are still dangerous, officials said.

Conference seeks to improve enlisted force management

By STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER

Air Force Print News

■ WASHINGTON - The Air Force recently held an Enlisted Force Management Planning Conference here to assess the health and sustainability of the enlisted force.

More than 50 functional experts, representing every major command and the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, spent three days focusing on requirements and accessions, expeditionary force management and the future total force, said Roger M. Blanchard, the Air Force's assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"One of our major goals was to reincorporate planning into our force management structure," Blanchard said.

The senior field grade officers and senior noncommissioned officers who attended were divided into three working groups to each address one of these three main topics, said Lt. Col. Dennis J. DeGraff, deputy chief of the Air Force personnel directorate's human resources strategic plans division at the Pentagon.

"We made a conscious effort to mix the participants' experience to make sure we had the right representation in each group," DeGraff said. "If one area required specific experts, we made sure those experts were assigned to the group that addressed that area."

Each working group also had



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Feed the falcon

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM - An F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot takes on fuel from a 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender. The squadron is assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia supporting operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. The 908th EARS is from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

guardsmen and reservists to aid it in addressing issues from a total-force perspective. Manpower representatives were on hand to assist each group with how manpower requirements are determined and to answer related questions.

The working groups were tasked to provide recommendations, develop practical alternatives to current policies, and assess what barriers exist to policy development and implementation and what is needed to overcome them. Groups also looked at determining how the Air Force can ensure any initiative will actually provide the service with the solution it needs.

"We definitely made them work," DeGraff said. "They did more than sit through briefings and answer simple questions. We made each group think of all the nuances, variables and both the external and internal influences associated with the issue they were examining."

Those efforts will pay off in the form of sound personnel decisions down the road for the Air Force, Blanchard said.

"The groups reached a consensus on many of the strategic approaches for (better) enlisted force management," Blanchard said.

They determined first that it was necessary for force requirements to be articulated accurately and consistently if the Air Force intends to close the gap between requirements and inventory, Blanchard said. They also determined that the Air Force needs to move away from a "one-size-fits-all" approach to force-sustainment actions and instead focus on the specialties where help is needed most.

Instead of wedging the expeditionary air force concept into the service's traditional methods and procedures, EAF should be the driving factor behind enlisted force management policies, the working groups recommended.

They also recommended that the Air Force target any action and policy, track them and re-evaluate them periodically to prevent them from continuing indefinitely without reason.

"A 'sundown clause' would ensure that once a policy or program has accomplished its intended goal, it would be turned off," Blanchard said.

Finally, the groups saw a need for the Air Force to develop integrated and comprehensive career field plans that address the training requirements, lateral skill management and manning

shortfalls for not only the active duty force but the total force.

"These recommendations are simply an initial summary of the conclusions reached by the conference attendees," Blanchard explained. "The overall results will be studied, staffed, and shared with commanders (and) enlisted force managers at all levels, as well as enlisted career field functional managers."

Those people in turn will make the decision about where the Air Force should place its resources to ensure it has the capabilities and enlisted force structure it needs to meet its requirements, DeGraff said.

Personnel officials intend to hold future force-management planning conferences for officers and civilian employees. They also plan to hold a conference that addresses the total force as a whole.

'King' visits Seymour Johnson sergeant

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SAMUEL KING JR.

4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

■ SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. - Richard "The King" Petty paid a visit here Oct. 23 to meet and have lunch with the winner of the "Win the King" contest.

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Peterson, noncommissioned officer in charge of the base chapel, won a visit from Petty to his house, lunch with the driver, race tickets and gifts from Petty Enterprises sponsors.

Peterson won the contest by phoning in the correct answer to the contest question, "Which of the Petty Enterprises' drivers was closest to the leader on lap 143 of the Sept. 22 race at Dover?" Peterson was randomly selected as the grand-prize winner.

"I hit redial about 35 times trying to get through," Peterson said. "Then I just waited to see if I won."

Petty met Peterson at the dining facility, where they had a Cajun lunch and Petty autographed the No. 43 go-kart from the base go-kart track. Col. Rick Rosborg, 4th Fighter Wing commander, presented Petty with a wing coin and welcomed him to the base.

"My expectations were rather subdued at first, but when he walked through the door, it really hit me," Peterson said. "The hat, the glasses, the icon — I was blown away."

Peterson showed Petty around the base, stopping to view the F-15E Strike Eagles. Then Peterson took Petty to his house to show off his prized Ford Bullet Mustang.

Petty toured the chapel, where Peterson works, then headed to the commissary to present the gifts to Peterson.

Petty surprised people who saw him in the commissary. One child pointed to Petty and said, "There's a cowboy." When Petty turned around, the child said, "There's Richard Petty!"

Petty thanked everyone for their hospitality and wished everyone well before signing a few autographs and ending his day here.

"We really appreciate what the military is doing," Petty said. "I know you guys are under a lot of pressure right now, and I hope my visit provides a break in the monotony of the workload."

"I'm glad someone from the military won," Petty said. "We couldn't have picked a better person."

"It was one of the best days of my life," Peterson said.

(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

CES beats Med Group for soccer championship

By SCOTT VINCENT
Varsity soccer coach

The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron took the base soccer championship trophy back from the 30th Medical Group by beating them 2 - 1 in double elimination action Oct. 25.

The base intramural soccer championship was billed to be a thriller with 30th Medical Group, defending champions, taking on the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, former base champions.

CES was well rested having remained in the winners bracket during the playoffs. The medics fought their way up through the losers bracket, a grueling task in the double elimination

tournament. Both teams were well matched although the engineers had a slightly stronger bench and plenty of subs.

The first game got off to a terrific start when Javier Fabig, MDG halfback, delivered an accurate cross to Neal Cota, MDG forward, who scored with a header beating Aaron Kosh, CES goalkeeper.

Both teams remained strong through the first half with Dion Garcia, MDG defender, coming forward on several occasions to take some terrific shots.

In the second half, the engineer's attack lost momentum but the medics continued to press trying to score an

insurance goal.

The final whistle blew and the MDG players had accomplished their first goal! They beat CES for the first time in the play-offs sending both teams to a winner-take-all game.

The second game was more thrilling than the first with both teams realizing that a single goal may be all that it takes to win the base championship.

In the 16th minute, Pedro Jimenez, MDG, headed a cross from Rich Garcia, CES defender, just wide of the post.

In the 22nd minute, a defensive error gave Cota another excellent scoring opportunity but the strike went wide of the post.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Matt King, CES defender turned striker, received a cross just inside the goalkeeper area. He turned and cracked the shot off the crossbar sending the ball back to Jimenez who fired another shot wide of the post.

In the eighth minute Omar Martinez, the engineer's new keeper, saved an excellent shot by Ryan Fictum, MDG.

With 10 minutes remaining Fitzroy Munroe, MDG midfielder, made a sweet back pass to Larry Barnes, MDG halfback. Barnes flighted in a deceiving shot that beat a surprised Martinez.

Jubilant MDG fans cheered and sang as their players dug in



PHOTO BY PETE KIM

After playing 140 minutes in two back-to-back games, the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron celebrates their winning the base intramural championship Oct. 25

their heels. With the clock at 31 minutes the fans and MDG players demanded the game end - but play continued.

In the 32nd minute, Pat Hurley, CES forward, took a corner kick, which found King's waiting head. The header deflected off a MDG defender and into Jimenez's path. Jimenez scored the tying goal and sent the game into 20 minutes of overtime.

When confronted concerning the additional time, Dave Miller, center referee, said he had tacked on extra minutes due to time wasting by the MDG defense.

In the first 10-minute overtime period Danny Hidalgo, MDG forward, found himself with an excellent chance but Martinez made a fine save denying Hidalgo the scoring opportunity.

In the fifth minute, King once

again received the ball just inside the goalkeeper's area. He turned and fired a rocket of a shot past the medics goalkeeper. The keeper had performed admirably throughout the entire game but couldn't keep the shot out.

In the second overtime period, CES dug in and the medics cranked up the attack.

Unfortunately, the back-to-back games and overtime period took its toll on the cramping

players who did well in more than 130 minutes of soccer.

With five minutes remaining the frustration and exhaustion began to show as a MDG player was red-carded and sent off, hindering his team's chance to equalize. In the end, the MDG was unable to find the back of the net and CES regained the title, Base Intramural Soccer Champions.

Munroe, MDG player and coach, said that at the beginning of the season they knew CES was the team to beat. Although they were up to the task in game one, they weren't able to do it in round two. But they lost to a strong team.

The team's success was due to the commitment of the players and the solid play they exhibited throughout the entire season, said an elated Mark St. Onge, CES coach and player. They certainly lived up to their title, the comeback team.

King, who scored the game winner, said he knew he was within range and decided to turn and fire a hard, low-shot into the far corner of the net.

Both coaches thanked the fitness center staff and officials who made the season possible.

Next year, the intramural soccer season will move to the spring instead of the fall. Anyone interested in playing soccer for the varsity men's or co-ed teams should 605-0755.

576th FLTS Ammo takes first position in intramural bowling

LEAGUE STANDING SHEET

Results for Week No. 6 of 30 10/21/2002

INTRAMURAL LEAGUE - Vandenberg Bowling Center

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League Secretary: Tracey Gowins
Lane 5
Phone: (805)-735-7714
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Pos	Tm#	Team	Won	Lost	Pct	-----Handicap-----			
						TotPins	Ave	Gm	Ser
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2	14	30 COMM	34.0	14.0	70.8	14425	801	896	2607
3	1	576 FLTS #1	34.0	14.0	70.8	14269	792	865	2457
4	7	30 SFS	34.0	14.0	70.8	14263	792	875	2534
5	12	576 FLTS MEC	34.0	14.0	70.8	14108	783	879	2492
6	11	A AFES	32.0	16.0	66.7	14408	800	933	2552
7	9	30 CES	32.0	16.0	66.7	14171	787	890	2509
8	17	30 MDG	26.0	22.0	54.2	13725	762	847	2421
9	15	14 AF#14 SOPS	20.0	28.0	41.7	13895	771	866	2440
10	10	30 TRANS	20.0	28.0	41.7	13624	756	883	2484
11	13	595 SG	18.0	30.0	37.5	13611	756	864	2370
12	6	NRO	18.0	30.0	37.5	13338	741	798	2323
13	16	30 CONS	18.0	30.0	37.5	13287	738	821	2283
14	2	30 SVS	18.0	30.0	37.5	11595	773	843	2483
15	8	381 TRG	16.0	32.0	33.3	13702	761	848	2379
16	18	30 OG	16.0	32.0	33.3	13471	748	799	2317
17	5	576 FLTS MMT	12.0	36.0	25.0	13912	772	870	2414
18	3	BYE TEAM	10.0	14.0	41.7	4477	746	788	2239

Lane No	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12	13 - 14	15 - 16	17 - 18									
10/28	4	17	6	14	1	16	12	15	8	18	10	13	11	3	7	5	2	9
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11/04	13	7	9	11	15	18	14	2	17	16	5	3	8	1	4	6	10	12

---- Last Week's High Scores (Week of 10/21/2002) ----

High Scr Game-Team	Score	High Scr Series-Team	Score
576 FLTS #1	811	30 CES	2350
High Hop Game-Team	Score	High Hop Series-Team	Score
14 AF#14 SOPS	866	30 SFS	2525
High Scr Game-ABC	Score	High Scr Series-ABC	Score
Mike Woods	237	Pat Terek	692
High Hop Game-ABC	Score	High Hop Series-ABC	Score
Tim Flowers	258	Zac Brodway	755
High Scr Game-WIBC	Score	High Scr Series-WIBC	Score
Cassie Mullen	237	Tracey Gowins	582
High Hop Game-WIBC	Score	High Hop Series-WIBC	Score
Zina Lujan	250	Kim Saheim	712

----- Year To Date High Scores -----

High Scr Game-Team	Score	High Scr Series-Team	Score
576 FLTS #1	811	30 CES	2350

Base intramural sports scores

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
30 SVS defeated 14 AF/614SOPS
Win by forfeit

30 SCS defeated 576 FLTS
12 - 2

30 SFS defeated DET 9
13 - 4

ROLLER HOCKEY
30 OG defeated 30 LRS
11 - 8

576 FLTS defeated 30 SCS
8 - 6

534 TRS defeated The Mutts
6 - 4

SOCCER
30 CES defeated 30 MDG

FLAG FOOTBALL
533 TRS defeated 30 OG
14 - 12

30 CES No. 1 defeated 30 SFS No. 2
33 - 8

381 TRG No. 1 defeated 30 CES No. 2
26 - 0

OVER 30 SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS
576 FLTS defeated 30 SFS
22 - 21

NRO defeated 30 LRS
30 - 4

DET 9 defeated 614 SOPS

Win by forfeit

DET 9 defeated 381 TRG
24 - 12

576 FLTS defeated 30 OG

30 CS defeated 30 SFS
24 - 12

30 CES defeated 30 MSS
27 - 9

Don't miss the Over 30 Softball Playoffs. The championship game is Tuesday at 6 p.m.



SPACE & MISSILE

FEATURES

Destinations Central Coast @ Habitat for Humanity

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By now, those of you who are regular readers of the *Space & Missile Times* are probably becoming accustomed to this column featuring different places to go and fun things to do on the Central Coast. You've read about water

parcs, hot springs, cool guitar shops, theatrical plays and even Vandenberg's own spa.

They're all fun places and good times, to be sure. But I figured I'd take a step off the beaten path with my stab at this feature.

I went to the southeast corner of Laurel and M streets in Lompoc.

If you drive by there, you won't find an amusement area, museum or arcade – it's a construction site.

The two homes are Habitat For Humanity projects.

So, how can digging ditches, cutting lumber, hammering nails and lugging roofing shingles be described as a "fun thing to do on the Central Coast?"

Good question. I guess you'd have to ask first-time HFH volunteer Capt. Stosh Kowalski from the 2nd Space Launch Squadron. He hammered roofing shingles until his blister broke open.

"I've always enjoyed construction and

remodeling, and thought that this was a great way to do things I enjoy while helping out others too," he said.

Or, you could ask Shiela Kaplan from the 30th Mission Support Squadron.

She's been working at the Lompoc HFH site since June. Since then she's dug ditches, framed the house, roofed the house and, perhaps most importantly, coordinated the volunteer force from the base.

"We couldn't do this without the help from all of you at Vandenberg," said John Halfhill, Lompoc HFH site supervisor.

He's been working with Habitat for several years. This is the sixth house he's worked on.

At more than 80 years old, Halfhill said he likes working on these projects. They keep him active and engaged in worthwhile work.

Some might think the project is a charity campaign. It's not.

It's true that donations of materials, money, time and labor are always welcome and needed. But in the end the homeowner pays.

Part of their payment is the 400 hours of labor they devote to building their home, Halfhill said.

Kaplan said the homeowner pays the cost of purchased materials and labor Habitat puts out when the volunteer force can't do the work.

One of the new homes at Laurel and M streets is going to a

single mother of two who used to work at Vandenberg's Shopette.

As we roofed her house, she said Habitat For Humanity is the only way she'd ever realize the American dream of owning her own home. Now, she's out there hammering and digging with everyone else and loving every minute of it.

"I'll be doing this for the rest of my life," she said. Not because she has to, but because she wants to give back.

You don't have to have a lot of skill under your belt in order to make a difference. This was Kowalski's first time roofing and he did a great job.

Supervisors are on site to provide guidance and training when needed.

One thing that really struck Kowalski, as it did me, is the camaraderie on the job site.

"Even though few of us knew each other, everyone worked like a seasoned team," Kowalski said. "It was the community coming together in the best sense, civilians and military alike."

For the next couple of weeks, Halfhill needs volunteers to do insulation and sheetrock work.

Kaplan, who started with about 140 volunteers, said the hardest part is maintaining a steady stream of base volunteers. "Currently, there are about eight who show up every week," she said.

Halfhill needs workers from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays,



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Steve Garcia, Lompoc resident and retired plumber, installs copper piping at a Habitat for Humanity house in Lompoc.

Wednesdays and Saturdays.

To volunteer, call Kaplan at 605-2029 or just show up at the job site willing to work.

For more information about Habitat For Humanity, call (805) 928-5399 or visit the website at www.habitat.org.



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Staff Sgt. James Franciere, 534th Training Squadron, wires an electrical outlet box in a Habitat for Humanity home Oct. 26.



The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. They always need volunteers.

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Call 606-3128 to find out more.



WANTS YOUR

Destinations Central Coast

Have you visited a Central Coast destination lately? Share it with the rest of Team V! Send in a 400 - 600 word rough draft about your adventure! Send submissions to: space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil

Community Calendar

1 FRI

Pumpkin pie bake off – 10:30 a.m. today at the commissary. Bring pie entry and recipe to the commissary by 10 a.m.

Native-American Heritage Month opening ceremony – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in front of the library. A tri-tip fajita lunch is available for \$5.

Volunteer needed – at the food pantry. The 50-hour-per-month position includes obtaining, stocking, inventorying and distributing food via scheduled appointments. For more information or to volunteer, call Sally Galligan at 606-0039.

Free car seats – available for single-income families E-4 and below. Call family advocacy at 606-5338.

1 FRI

Craft show vendors – call Brandie Moorhead, 734-5621 to sign up for a space at this year's Crestview Elementary School craft show and sale. Spaces are \$20. The show is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 16.

One-on-one marriage enrichment counseling – at the

1 FRI

family support center. Call 606-9958.

Military care packages – the family support center staff is accepting donations to support deployed troops. Call 605-8553.

Space and Sea Girl Scouts – sign up by calling the Scout Hut, 605-2217, or leave a message, 734-5545.

Harbor and boat cruises – at Adventure Marina in Morro Bay. Call (805) 772-9463.

Santa Barbara trolley tours - 90 minutes, 10, 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:30, 4 p.m. Call (805) 965-0353.

Twilight beach horseback rides - Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Beginners are welcome. Call (805) 489-8100.

1 FRI

Sculpture exhibit – through Dec. 6, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays; 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Allan Hancock College art gallery in Santa Maria.

Dinner at the library – 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Lompoc Library.

2 SAT

Cost is \$45

Tennis Camp – Beginning or advanced lessons for children ages 7 to 12 years at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. The next session begins Saturday and runs through Dec. 14. Cost is \$50. To register, call (805) 922-6966 ext. 3209.

3 SUN

Auto skills center – now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Self-defense workshop - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays for women and girls 12 years and older at the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center. Call 736-8535.

4 MON

Jiu-Jitsu self-defense classes - 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Unified Center for Martial Arts, 1766 S. Broadway in Santa Maria. Call (805) 934-2158.

Indoor cycling classes - 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; noon Fridays; 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and 8 a.m. Saturdays in the

4 MON

services center.

Relaxation Room - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221.

5 TUE

Varsity Basketball tryouts – 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 15 at the fitness center. For more information, call Coach Calvin Tucker at 606-3653.

Financial basics – 11 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the family support center. Topics include checkbook maintenance, credit spending, choosing a financial institution, credit pitfalls, and making paydays count. For more information, call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491.

6 WED

Pre-separation Briefing - 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. This is a required briefing at least 90 days prior to leaving the service.

AL-ANON – 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the family support center. Call 734-0784.

Scholastic grant – applications due Nov. 8 to Chief Master Sgt.

8 FRI

Velma Hunt, 605-6416. Call for forms and details.

Salute to World War II Veterans – 6 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Pacific Coast Club. Lompoc Mayor Dick DeWees is the emcee. Jonathan Wild will provide entertainment. The event is open to all veterans, military members and friends of veterans. Tickets cost \$19.75. Make reservations by Monday by calling Stan Diller at 733-2733 or send name, address, phone number and a check or money order for tickets to 1305 Craig Dr., Lompoc, Ca. 93436.

9 SAT

2002 Needle Arts Festival – Nov. 9 at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. The Allan Hancock College educational bus tour leaves Santa Maria at 7 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. Cost of the bus tour is \$78 and includes the \$25 festival entrance fee. Meals are not included. Register by calling (805) 922-6966 ext. 3209.

Single parents support group - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 12 in

13 WED

the services center. Call 606-9958.

Retiree Appreciation Day – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Pacific Coast Club. Topics of the day include TRICARE, legal services, medical services, family support center, security forces, services squadron, the commissary and AAFES. The event is open to all military retirees and their authorized dependents. For more information, call 605-0289.

15 FRI

Pumpkin bread bake off – 10:30 a.m. Nov. 15. Bring bread entry and recipe to the commissary by 10 a.m.

21 THU

Top Three meeting – noon Nov. 21 in the services center. Call 605-6200.

Heart Link Spouse Orientation Program – Nov. 21 at the Pacific Coast Club. The program is open to active-duty spouses who have been married five years or fewer. Licensed childcare will be provided. For more information, call Sally Galligan or Teresa Orozco at 606-0039.

Chapel Services & Events

For other denomination worship services and events, call the chapel at 606-5773.

G.I. Java needs cookies. The all-volunteer coffeehouse is open 5 to 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday in the Delta Dormitory. To volunteer, call 606-5773.

CCD classes are underway - 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the religious education administration building. Call 734-3070.

Catholic Women of the Chapel - meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Chapel 1 Annex. Nov. 13 is a craft night. Call 606-5773.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 1
10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1
11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2

Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

Saturday
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

Protestant Chapel Community Night - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sundays in the religious education classrooms.

Protestant Choir - practice is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Chapel 1. Call Michelle Urban at 734-2305.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sundays in the RE classrooms. Call 734-1360.

Protestant adult and youth Bible study - 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call 605-7564.

At the Movies

Today
The Good Girl
Justine is THE GOOD GIRL. Thirty years old and working in a Texas discount store, she is dissatisfied by her routine and disgusted by her pot-smoking husband. Rated R.

Saturday
Swimfan
Ben Cronin is a high school senior who has everything going for him. He has a great girlfriend, Amy, and a swimming scholarship to Stanford in the works. Rated PG-13

Sunday
The Four Feathers
A British officer resigns his post when he learns of his regiment's plans to ship out to the Sudan for the conflict with the Mahdi. His friends and fiancée send him four white feathers to symbolize cowardice. To redeem his honor, he disguises himself as an Arab and secretly saves the lives of those who branded him a coward. Rated PG-13.

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