

## Base Briefs

### VANDEMBERG REMEMBERS POWs

The Vandenberg POW/MIA Day ceremony is set for 2 p.m. Sept. 20 at the memorial in front of the Vandenberg Library. The event is open to all base members.

### VIOLATIONS REACH 29 AT SURF BEACH

The number of violations of temporary closures at Surf Beach has reached 29. There have been three violations at Minuteman Beach. The limits on violations are 40 at Surf Beach and five at Minuteman. If those thresholds are reached, the respective beach must close until Sept. 30, the end of the Western Snowy Plover nesting season. Open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials will issue citations to violators. Beach open hours are Friday – Monday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. For beach access information or status, call the Beach Hotline, 606-6804.

### UPC CONDUCTS ELSA TRAINING

The staff at United Paradyne Corporation here conducts daily training on emergency life support apparatus, or ELSA, and on the hooded demand valve, or HDV. Training is conducted at 7:30 a.m. in building 871 on South Vandenberg. Participants must bring their assigned respirator and all associated equipment to the class. Training can also be scheduled in the work center for larger groups. Call 605-1069 to make an appointment.

### SUPPORT GROUP NEEDS EXEC

The 30<sup>th</sup> Support Group is accepting applications for an exceptional captain to serve as executive officer for the 30<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group. The executive officer is responsible for leading a group command section administration support staff serving more than 1,700 military and civilian personnel. The officer will serve as advisor, consultant and action officer to the commander. Call Capt. Joe Battle, 606-8700, to apply.

### VEAT MEETS AT BREAKERS

The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team meets Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the Breakers Dining Facility. Call Staff Sgt. Elisa Ziegler, 606-4608, for details.

### COMMISSARY NEEDS PANELISTS

The Vandenberg Commissary needs panelists for a focus group meeting Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. Those interested can stop by the commissary's customer service office or call Paige Zuniga, 734-3354 Ext. 225. Panelists are eligible to win a \$25 Shopping Spree.

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## Remembering

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PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS  
Left: Noted Maestro Rodolfo Fernandez conducts the Lompoc Pops orchestra Wednesday evening at Chapel 1 here. Above: The Pops performed patriotic music for base personnel, their families and invited guests as part of a remembrance concert on the anniversary of Sept. 11.

## Threats come in physical, cyber form

BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

Retired Gen. Robert Marsh spoke on the importance of infrastructure security at an Air Force Association luncheon Aug. 28 at the Pacific Coast Club.

Marsh, a former Chairman of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection, spoke to about 100 people including Major Gen. Michael Hamel, 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander, Col. Robert Worley, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, Chief Master Sgt. Steven Crocker, 14<sup>th</sup> Air

Force Command Chief, and Lompoc Mayor Dick Dewees.

The protection of our nation's critical infrastructure is essential and, "touches every aspect of our lives," Marsh said. "Our infrastructure is less robust than we believe."

According to Marsh, threats to infrastructure are broken down to physical and cyber.

The general added that most people are uninformed of the threats and the majority of people are convinced the cyber threats are

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## Vandenberg units team up to support charity

The 2002 Combined Federal Campaign is underway on the Central Coast. Those who want to contribute can call their unit representative or a base point of contact. Team Vandenberg's CFC unit points of contact are as follows:

- Chairman, Central Coast CFC – Capt. Scott Koopman, 605-7231
- VAFB CFC points of contact – Capt. Dizzy Murphy, 606-1299
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ericka Brewington, 606-4985
- 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron – Tech. Sgt. Kurt Garmendia, 606-8022
- 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group – Capt. Tonya Everleth, 606-7440
- 30<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Shonaneaia Towels, 606-6981
  - Rob Hanson, 605-4560
- 30<sup>th</sup> Supply Flight – Staff Sgt. Marcus Jones, 606-9782
- 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kim Morris, 606-6933
- 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron – Randall Bouza, 606-4019
- 30<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron – Senior Airman Oscar Gomez, 605-0434
- 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Tanya Dutton, 606-0186
- 381<sup>st</sup> Training Group – Capt. Tommy Ray, 606-3115
- 381<sup>st</sup> Training Support Squadron – Capt. Luis Amato, 606-3831
- 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Nathan Mitchell, 606-7142
- 533<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron – Staff Sgt. Jason Bradley, 606-1541 Ext. 3705
- 534<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron – Staff Sgt. Jason England, 606-1542 Ext. 3246
- 392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron – Capt. Travis Herbelin, 606-0159
- 614<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron – Staff Sgt. Chris Spevak, 606-9951
- 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron – Senior Airman Patrick Noppenberg, 606-3653
- 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing – Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joseph Stanley, 605-6225
  - Senior Airman Keith Egelston, 605-6214
  - Faith Nielson, 606-8805
  - Julie Tucker, 606-3603
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Launch Squadron – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John Morris, 605-1309
- 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron – Master Sgt. Wayne Harger, 605-0797
- 30<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron – Senior Airman Nicole Frost, 606-3373
- 76<sup>th</sup> Helicopter Squadron – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Andrew Brown, 606-4725
- 30<sup>th</sup> Range Squadron – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kristen Hodge, 606-2312
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron – Staff Sgt. Tamara Ivson, 606-7574
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kasey Lowery, 606-0804
  - Loneta Kelly, 606-5461
  - Jimmy Camacho, 606-4491
  - Sherry Huffer, 606-5904
  - Senior Airman Kamek Moorehead, 605-0289
  - Staff Sgt. Rye Bavin, 606-5595
- Det. 9, Space & Missile Systems Center – Tech. Sgt. Norman Sibley, 606-5674
- 30<sup>th</sup> Operations Group – Capt. Ann Curtis, 606-2199



## Civilians earn promotions

The following civilian members of Team Vandenberg are promoted in September.

- GS-05**  
Eric Fairbank, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron
- GS-06**  
Rhonda Dean, 30<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron
- Lynne Zook, Air Force Materiel Command Support Group Headquarters Ogden
- GS-07**  
Robert Goebel, 30<sup>th</sup> CES  
Loneta Kelly, 30<sup>th</sup> MSS  
Maria Rasay, 30<sup>th</sup> CES
- GS-08**  
Milissa Passig, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing
- GS-09**  
Dolores Galaites, 30<sup>th</sup> CES  
Deborah Johnson, 381<sup>st</sup> Training

- Squadron
- GS-11**  
Lawrence Root, 30<sup>th</sup> CES  
Howard Wallace, 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron
- GS-12**  
Sara Galligan, 30<sup>th</sup> MSS  
Rhonda Gray, 30<sup>th</sup> SW
- GS-13**  
Steven Olsen, 30<sup>th</sup> CS
- WG-08**  
Truman Sylling, AFMC SPTG/HQ
- WG-11**  
Anton Andersen, AFMC SPTG/HQ  
Randy Burnette, AFMC SPTG/HQ  
Robert Downing, AFMC SPTG/HQ
- WL-11**  
Kevin Murphy, AFMC SPTG/HQ
- WS-11**  
William Jackson, AFMC SPTG/HQ  
Merwyn Utter, Jr., 30<sup>th</sup> CS

## NCOs join top three corps

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

They're the people airmen, NCOs and officers look to for guidance. They've spent years – even decades – gaining experience, honing leadership skills and grooming the leaders of tomorrow's Air Force. They represent the top 10 percent of the enlisted corps – they are senior NCOs.

"Becoming a senior NCO in today's Air Force provides unique opportunities to lead and follow – allowing us to be the backbone of any Air Force mission," said 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey.

In June, 50 Team Vandenberg technical sergeants heard those coveted words, "Congratulations, you made it!" when the Air Force released the master sergeant promotion list.

Since last year's senior NCO induction ceremony, Vandenberg's Top Three has been gearing up for this year's crop of new master sergeants.

"Team V's Top Three does a superb job of helping transform our new selects from the junior NCO corps to the senior NCO corps," the command chief said. "It starts with a whole week of classes designed to establish the right mindset."

The Senior NCO Indoctrination Course provides the selects with a new perspective on the roles and responsibilities they will assume with their new stripe, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing career adviser and chairman for the senior NCO indoctrination course.

The 4.5-day course begins Sept. 23 at the religious education complex in building 16135.

"The guest lecturers come from all across the base and are senior

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

## Timber!

Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Launch Squadron and Lockheed Martin Astronautics here derailed a Titan II rocket on Space Launch Complex 4-West for the second time since it arrived late in 2000. The rocket was seconds from liftoff in January 2001 but had to be rescheduled due to concerns with the spacecraft and booster. After a delay of more than a year, the rocket was again set for liftoff in February 2002. That launch attempt was never made due to a leak in the satellite's propulsion system. Officials say the repairs cost about \$4 million, pushing the mission costs to \$454 million, including the satellite and rocket. The first and second stages are being moved today to the payload processing facility on North Vandenberg where it will be stored for approximately three months. It is expected to be reassembled for launch in late December.

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Military Working Dogs display their training. See Page A4.



Women's intramural softball. See Page B1.

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

Low/High  
**53/65**

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# Leaders celebrate Air Force birthday

BY DR. JAMES ROCHE AND GEN. JOHN JUMPER  
Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff

Fifty-five years ago, President Harry Truman, with a visionary stroke of his pen, established the U.S. Air Force as a separate armed service.

Since then, we have revolutionized the nature of warfare and enabled a new universe of discovery and operations in space. With its attributes of speed, range, stealth, awareness and precision, our nation's outstanding Air Force will continue to deliver global reconnaissance and air dominance, as well as the great deterrent power those capabilities make possible.

From the days of providing humanitarian relief during the



"Today we celebrate our heritage and look forward to a bright future thanks to airmen across the globe"



commitment to adapt our current systems, modernize our force, and transform our air and space strategy to the

Berlin Airlift to the historic display of airpower during Operations Desert Storm and Allied Force, and now in the war on terrorism, our airmen have served with extraordinary integrity, selflessness, and dedication. Across the spectrum of operations, whether standing guard for deterrence, conducting joint combat operations, fulfilling our global expeditionary commitments, or defending the homeland, our Air Force has answered its nation's call. However, we cannot rest on our past successes. We must renew our

challenges of this new era. At the dawn of the 21st century, the importance of air and space dominance to the joint warfighter is clear. We owe much to the legends of airpower whose determination and vision resulted in an independent Air Force. Today we celebrate our heritage and look forward to a bright future thanks to airmen across the globe: active duty, civilian, Guard, Reserve, retirees, veterans and their families.

Happy Birthday to the world's premier air and space force, the U.S. Air Force!

## Rumsfeld, Myers gird for future

BY JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld echoed Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address when he told those attending the Sept. 11 Pentagon observance of last September's terrorist attack "that we meet on a battlefield" of the war on terrorism.

"For a battle was joined on that day — a battle still unfolding between a nation of free people and forces that seek to plunge that nation and, indeed, the free world into the darkness of tyranny and terror," Rumsfeld told the more than 10,000 people gathered by the west wall of the Pentagon.

President Bush, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard Myers and Rumsfeld spoke during the observance, titled "United in Freedom." A stage was built next to the spot where American Airlines Flight 77 slammed into the building at 9:37 a.m. Sept. 11, 2001.

Rumsfeld said the nation must

not forget the sacrifices made that day.

"Dedicated men and women came here on a clear September morning to serve their country, and then, in an instant, were taken from us," he said.

Rumsfeld said Americans "assemble today to ask what has been accomplished in the name of those who died and on behalf of those who lived."

He said the attacks in New York and the Pentagon pointed out America's vulnerabilities, and made Americans conscious of the dangers of the 21st century.

Rumsfeld said that while the war on terrorism will be a long one, in one sense the terrorists have already been defeated.

"They were defeated before the first shot was fired in Afghanistan," he said. "They were defeated because they failed utterly to achieve their objectives. The terrorists wanted Sept. 11 to be a day when innocents died. Instead, it was a day when heroes were born. The terrorists wanted

Sept. 11 to be a day when hatred reigned. Instead, it was a day when we witnessed love beyond measure."

Myers thanked the "hard-hat patriots" of the Pentagon's Project Phoenix work force.

"You've restored this great building ahead of schedule, with muscle, determination, marble, cement and Indiana limestone," he said. "You did more than repair our windows and walls; you repaired our souls. In the process, you turned this building into another symbol, one of American resilience."

Myers said the road ahead would be hard, but the price is worth it.

"Today you and I enjoy our beloved freedoms because of the sacrifices made by many before us from our nation, from our friends and allies around the world," he said. "Now, it's our turn to bear the burden for our children, for our grandchildren, for our fallen comrades, for America, for the world."



Call 606-7850 OR

E-mail your message to [actionline@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:actionline@vandenberg.af.mil)



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

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me.

It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

### Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY.....	911
Command Post .....	606-9961
Poison Control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic Appointments.....	606-2273
Information.....	411
After-Hours Urgent Care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE Services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883

### Resident questions base noise-level policy

**Q** I'm a security forces member and resident of Vandenberg. I'm concerned about drivers on base who play their music excessively loudly in their cars. That is disrespectful and inconsistent with vehicle and road safety rules. An individual operating a vehicle under this condition may not respond quickly if a hazard should present itself. For example, they may not hear the children playing in the neighborhood that they may not hear before it is too late. Is there an ordinance that enforces vehicle

noise levels within residential areas?  
**A** IAW California Traffic Law and 30th Space Wing Instruction 31-109, Installation Traffic Plan, personnel operating vehicles will not play their music where it can be heard more than 50 feet from the vehicle. Every person on this installation must practice being a "Good Neighbor." If possible, speak to the violator to resolve the issue before contacting authorities. If the problem continues, contact the violator's First Sergeant, Commander or Security Forces.



**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**  
Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 698-8822 or 698-8823.

**Heard a rumor? Get the facts!**

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



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# SELECTS: Senior noncommissioned officers mentor up-and-comers during base indoctrination course



AIRMAN 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Marques Grandensen, Vandenberg Honor Guard, practices a cordon formation in preparation for the base Senior NCO Induction Ceremony.**

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NCOs who are willing to share the knowledge and experience they've gained along the way," Morey said.

Topics covered during the 36-hour course of study include: Senior NCO promotion system, responsibilities, manpower, protocol, effective writing, budget, legal, history, leadership and more.

"This provides a solid foundation of tools to prepare them for their transition into the manager/superintendent tier," Tierney said. "It's also a chance to meet with their peers and form the kinds of professional relationships that make up Team Vandenberg."

The indoctrination course includes daily discussion panels comprised of Airmen/NCOs, Chiefs, company grade officers and group commanders, he said.

"I've seen Vandenberg's in-house professional development courses grow since their inception a few years back... it just keeps getting better and

better as the students become the instructors. The number of officer and civilian subject matter experts that have come on-line to assist ensure this will be a great program," he said. "For any new master sergeant, the indoctrination course is a 'must-do' program."

The indoctrination course culminates with a graduation ceremony at 11 a.m. Sept. 27.

The capstone event for the new Top Three members is the 2002 Senior NCO Induction Ceremony to be held Sept. 27 in the Pacific Coast Club.

"In my 24 years of experience, quite honestly, there are none that compare to what we do here," the command chief said. "Senior NCO inductions have grown tremendously over the past 10 years or so, and our team provides a first-class opportunity for the new selects to become an integral part of the enlisted leadership team."

"This banquet provides each new select with an opportunity to be publicly recognized for achieving a new status," Morey said. It also gives them a chance to experience the wisdom and advice of those who came before them.

"Last year, we were fortunate to have Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force No. 5

Robert Gaylor visit us and help induct our new promotees," the command chief said. "So, this year, in continuing the legacy... we're very honored to have two of the retired chiefs visit us."

In a once-in-a-career opportunity, CMSAFs No. 1 and No. 8, Paul Airey and Sam Parish respectively, are the guest speakers for the induction ceremony.

Morey was at the worldwide Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. conference at Lackland AFB, Texas, recently and asked the venerable veterans when they'd like to visit Vandenberg.

Parish, guest speaker for Vandenberg's induction in 2000, asked Morey when Vandenberg's ceremony is, the 30<sup>th</sup> SW command chief said. "He thought he was free and offered to bring Chief Airey with him."

Parish said he and Airey will give a "Huntley-Brinkley-type" presentation for the ceremony. They'll also present each inductee with a framed certificate and engraved Top Three coin during the induction.

The two CMSAFs arrive here Sept. 26, he said. There will be several opportunities for Vandenberg's enlisted corps to visit and dine with them.

"Our goal is really twofold: first, to em-

phasize the prestige of the senior NCO corps and its history and second to showcase our newest members," said Master Sgt. Cary Rosson, 2002 Senior NCO Induction Ceremony chairman.

Rosson said his 11-member team has spent months planning the formal event for the 38 inductees. This is the seventh year Vandenberg's Top Three has organized the ceremony.

As an inductee last year, Rosson jumped at the chance to head up this year's event.

"I'm big on ceremonial traditions, and this is one that Team Vandenberg is, and should continue to be, proud of," the event chairman said. "It put me out in front for my family, my fellow NCOs and officers - recognizing the efforts and challenges it took for me to make it into the senior NCO corps."

"It regenerated my interest of not just being involved with off-duty interests, but to truly get involved throughout the wing at different levels," he said. "It's about doing something for the younger troops and supporting your peers."

Rosson summed it up simply. "It represents what the Air Force is all about - its people."

## THREAT: Expert says cyber threats not well understood

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just a "mere annoyance."

"Cyber threats are real," he said, and emphasized those types of threats, such as computer viruses, are readily available on the Internet.

"We are more knowledgeable at dealing with the physical threats," he said. "Cyber threats are new and not well understood."

He further stated that the conclusion of the 20-person infrastructure commission was that our systems are riddled with vulnerabilities and that we have a responsibility to protect the government and private sector.

"Americans depend on infrastructure," he said. "It's vital to our nation's economic health and to national security."

But, the general added, following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 the old conclusions are no longer valid. The outlook may be bleaker than we expect.

"The skills [to create a cyber threat] may be acquired or be present today," he said. "Our military forces may have eliminated Afghanistan from being a terrorist harbor, but are we fully engaged on the cyber side?"

Marsh also gave his personnel assessment of the situation, concluding that:

- a national awareness campaign is needed to deflect terrorist cyber threats.
- more government computer security is needed. "We need to set the example," he said.
- although it's moving in the right direction, more infrastructure security leadership is needed.

Finally, Marsh touched on research and development, stating that adequate funds are not allocated to this area and stressed the importance of modeling and simulating in anticipation of the threat versus waiting for the threat.

Lastly, Gen. Marsh, who retired his nearly 40-year active-duty career in 1984, commented on his high regard for today's military members.

"We can succeed," he said. "We can meet this challenge."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

## Team Vandenberg Spotlight

**Name:** Airman Jermonte Russell Rushing  
**Assignment:** 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron entry controller  
**Hometown:** Newark, N.J.  
**Time on Vandenberg:** 1 year  
**Time in service:** 1.5 years  
**Supervisor's comments:** "Airman Rushing is a sharp and upcoming troop with vast potential," said Master Sgt. James Peters, 30<sup>th</sup> SFS. "He's one of the squadron's shining stars on the installation entry points."

## Project Good Neighbor helps families stretch

**By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER**

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

■ It's an unfortunate reality in today's world. Some families have to stretch their budgets to the breaking point just to make ends meet. During the holiday season, their reality is even more painful.

Vandenberg is no exception.

"We have Air Force people with low incomes and folks on food stamps who need help during the holidays," said Master Sgt. Mark Reed, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant.

Enter Project Good Neighbor.

Similar to Operation Warm Heart at other bases, PGN is managed by the First Sergeants Council.

"The program provides financial assistance to families in need during the holiday season by providing Thanksgiving food baskets, minor holiday grants or commissary/supermarket vouchers," Reed said.

Beneficiaries of PGN food and grants are nominated through their supervisory chain of command or they may go directly to their first sergeant, he said. Last year, PGN provided food and grants to about 125 Team Vandenberg families.

With that many mouths to feed, the first sergeants keep pretty busy trying to raise funds.

"All of the funds come from fundraising

events such as the annual Project Good Neighbor Golf Tournament or donations from individuals, companies or corporations," Reed said.

This year the tournament is set to begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Sept. 27 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course here. The cost is \$55, which covers greens fees, cart rental, door prizes, a bucket of range balls and food and drinks afterward. First sergeants are taking sign-ups as well as Master Sgt. Dennis Wingett, 30<sup>th</sup> Operations Group first sergeant, at 606-9600.

"Our goal going into the holiday season is to raise \$10,000," Wingett said.

Reed said that while the golf tournament is their largest fundraiser of the year, other income sources further PGN's humanitarian cause.

"This year we saw a surge of support from our civilian community," he said. Local businesses, contractors and individuals kicked in donations to bolster PGN's coffers.

Money puts a big dent in PGN's mission and while cash donations are always welcome, people can also help the project's effort by donating to the base food pantry or the Airman's Attic.

People, companies or corporations who wish to contribute to the PGN cause may call Reed at 606-7358 or see their first sergeant.

*Clip 'n Save*

### Attic, food pantry always need donations

During the holidays, the base food pantry always needs:

Canned food items such as corn, green beans, yams, soups, fruit, cranberry sauce and pork and beans.

Boxed items such as Jello, puddings, stuffing, instant potatoes, cake mixes, Tuna, Hamburger and Chicken Helper.

To arrange a canned food drive,

call Darlene Horne at 606-2960 or the family support center at 606-0039.

The Airman's Attic needs furniture and appliances in clean and good working order:

To arrange for large donation pickup, call 606-5484 or 606-4225.

Smaller items and food may be dropped off at the Airman's Attic or the food pantry located in back of the family support center on Nebraska Avenue.

## BRIEFS: ROTC seeks speakers, MPF unavailable

**MPF CLOSING FOR THREE DAYS**

Vandenberg's Military Personnel Flight customer service is not available Sept. 16 - 18 during training and equipment installation to support issuing the new identification card. For emergencies, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Garrett, 606-2276.

**UNIT MASS ISSUES ID CARDS**

Mass issue of the new AF ID card, the common access card, takes place Nov. 8 - Dec. 13. MPF customer service will issue cards beginning Thursday for those with expired cards only. Call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Garrett,

606-2276, with questions.

**UNIVERSITY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Fresno State University needs officer volunteers from the following career fields: space, communications, security forces, nursing, intelligence, OSI, public affairs and legal. Volunteers are asked to speak with cadets about education and training as well as duties and responsibilities of their respective career fields. The career day is 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Oct. 3 and includes lunch. To sign up, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Donald Kentner at (559) 278-2593 or e-mail dbkent@csufresno.edu.

## Training group spouses club provides avenue for networking, friendship

**By 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. TREY STAPLES**

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

■ Designed to be an avenue for student spouses to network with each other, the Student Officer's Spouses Club was developed by the spouses of military officers attending technical school at the 381<sup>st</sup> Training Group here.

The spouses club meets once a month to share ideas, support one another and make new friends.

The group publishes a monthly newsletter to highlight community events and services, provide updates on meetings, and present a forum for the spouses to involve one another.

Moving to a new base presents many challenges. Making friends shouldn't be one of them.

Because 381<sup>st</sup> TRG students of-

ten PCS to the same bases, the SOSOC gives spouses the opportunity to make friends they will see again.

"The SOSOC has a very friendly atmosphere and the people there are always willing to help you and share their experiences," said Ashli Dardenne, a new addition to the club.

Guest speakers are often invited to meetings to share information on subjects that are relevant to military families.

Past guest speakers include: a base nurse speaking on breast cancer awareness, a local realtor on buying and renting homes, and a bank manager on identity theft.

Outings and game nights are organized on a regular basis to develop new friendships.

In August, the spouses received

a tour of a missile silo to give them first-hand knowledge of what their spouses will be doing in their new careers.

Thursday the SOSOC went bowling at the Base Bowling Alley.

The group has its next formal meeting set for Tuesday at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rachael Pletcher, speaking on the important role spouses have in the military.

Spouses new to the 381<sup>st</sup> Training Group are encouraged to join the club and take part in a wonderful organization, said Diane Bouthiller, SOSOC advisor.

There are no dues and being active in the group is completely voluntary. Anyone interested in more information on the SOSOC can call Teresa Castro at 734-3390, Bouthiller at 734-1356 or Raquel Pletcher at 734-0307.

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*How do you convince a 75-pound dog to jump out the car window and grab hold of a fleeing suspect yet stop short of mauling him?*

# Training, training and still more training

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. JENNIFER WHITAKER  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

**“Y**ou don't want to come too close. Gismo's not too friendly.” The warning came from dog handler Staff Sgt. Jerome Vahalik of the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron as I approached the gate of the military working dog facility here.

I beheld a beautiful Belgian Malinois with a beguilingly happy expression on his face. Wisely, I gave Gismo his space and watched as he began his daily routine. I was immediately amazed at the control Vahalik had with Gismo, as well as the good relationship the two had.

Anyone who has ever tried to train a puppy knows that it takes time, effort, and a lot of patience to get the job done right. Many a dog owner has felt the frustration of pitting his will against his dog's and losing the battle. This frustration is only amplified when he sees well-behaved dogs obeying their master's every command.

All military working dogs are trained to be the perfect picture of obedience. The four-legged members of Team V are no different.

“The dogs respond on orders. Once they have the basic commands, it only takes about a week for them to learn a new scent,” said Staff Sgt. Jean Mamea, a trainer at the VAFB



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. ANDREW TIEDGE

**Military working dog Gismo exits a patrol car going after a suspect during training.**

working dog kennel.

And tracking the scent is what it's all about.

Military working dogs are trained to be either bomb or drug dogs. Their sense of smell is keen. They can distinguish the tiniest variation in scent. Drug dogs can trace the slightest hint of a drug and find diluted forms of street drugs quite easily, said Tech. Sgt. Andrew Tiedge, Vandenberg kennel master.

Tiedge said that military working dogs are selected for duty as puppies.

“A trained eye can tell if the dog is well-mannered and social enough to train to be a working dog,” he explained. “The dogs we get come from breeders and vendors in Europe, and we even have a breeding program at Lackland (AFB, Texas).”

I wondered what a typical day is like in the life of a working dog.

For the answer, I turned to handler Staff Sgt. Kevin Maticka. He gave me the run-down of a usual shift for him and his dog, Ronny.

- 0400 - Spray down the kennel
- feed the dogs
- give medication if needed
- 0630 - Guard Mount (Roll-call and inspection)
- 0700 - Break
- 0730 - Begin patrol shift
- Respond to alarms, domestic

violence reports

- Make traffic stops
- Show presence in community
- Random building inspections (15 minutes minimum per building)

- Drop training aids to keep dog motivated

- Obedience course (must be completed once per shift)

The average day ends around 4:30 p.m.

Tiedge added that the dogs must also complete a monthly training course to keep them at peak performance. Trainers like Mamea identify and correct problem behaviors on a case-by-case basis to keep the dogs up-to-date.

Good performance is crucial when the dogs deploy or go on TDY assignments.

“We recently sent Staff Sgt. Frank Vasquez with Bojar down to the U.S./Mexico border for U.S. Customs training. The customs people really like having the extra help, and Bojar got to make some drug busts,” said Tiedge. Vandenberg has also deployed two bomb dogs to aid the U.S. Secret Service in protecting Vice President Dick Cheney.

The dogs also help when there is a space launch.

“The dogs are a force multiplier and a visual deterrent. They sweep the area and find people who may be trying to hide in the brush,” Tiedge explained.

Vandenberg's working dog

force pulled long 12-hour shifts after the Sept. 11 attacks, searching random vehicles, sweeping delivery trucks, and enhancing the civilian and guard forces at Santa Barbara Airport.

Before my tour of the working dog compound could be complete, I had to see Gismo in action. I headed out to the obstacle-training course with Tiedge while Vahalik prepared Gismo for the course. Gismo ran the course with incredible speed. “He's one of our fastest dogs,” Tiedge said.

Next, Maticka showed up in the “bite suit.” Gismo waited excitedly for the command to attack or the first sign of danger to Vahalik.

When commanded to do his job, Gismo flew at Maticka and grabbed the arm of the bite suit. Gismo held on until told to release.

I was shocked at the intensity of the dog's attack and the precise control Vahalik had over Gismo's natural desire to get the “bad guy.”

By channeling the innate desires of the canine species, dogs like Gismo become priceless assets to our Security Forces.

“Working dogs enhance the force because they have incredible sensing abilities,” asserted Tiedge. “Deterrence is the main thing. People are a lot less likely to try something if they see the dog standing there.”

*They served in the armed forces for more than 20 years as military and family members. Now ...*

# Pharmacy volunteers are still serving

By CAPT. PATRICIA FOWLER  
30th Medical Group

**T**he 26 men and women who donate their time to the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Pharmacy generously portray the Air Force Core Value, Service Before.

Giving an average of five hours per week, volunteers run the pharmacy refill pick-up window, assist with administrative tasks and prepackage medications. In fact, many of the volunteers were responsible for labeling medications that were used for a 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group humanitarian effort to Belize in May.

“I don't know how we would be able to function without these volunteers or our other Medical Group volunteers,” said Col. Charles Campbell III, 30<sup>th</sup> MDG commander. “This dedicated group helps the pharmacy accomplish their mission and contribute to the success of the entire medical group.”

The pharmacy volunteers have served their country either on active duty or as family members over the past several decades. Some joined the armed services as many as 50 or 60 years ago, and have experienced many world contingencies. They choose to continue their service through volunteerism.

Volunteer Juanita Anderson said she decided to offer her services to the pharmacy because of the kind and helpful personnel she encountered there when first arriving to base.

Being inspired to volunteer, she in turn inspires the active duty personnel through her hard work and dedication.

“The rich and meaningful history that the volunteers bring with them adds a motivational quality to the office,” said Michele Williams, civilian pharmacist. They serve as an inspira-

tion to many of the pharmacy personnel because of their extended service and continued commitment, as well as their positive outlook.

The volunteer staff greets and serves approximately 175 customers per day. By staffing the refill pick-up window, the volunteers allow the military staff to concentrate on other pharmacy tasks, such as new prescription processing, provider phone calls, and patient counseling. As a result, the average waiting time for a new prescription is 12 minutes.

“The pharmacy volunteers are vital to our every day operations,” said Capt. Tonya Everleth, chief of 30<sup>th</sup> MDG Pharmacy Services. “Without their services, we would not be able to provide such outstanding service to our patients.”



**Proud to serve!**



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**The pharmacy staff recognized the pharmacy volunteers for their invaluable service with a picnic at Cocheo Park Aug. 10.**



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# Around the Air Force

## Space proves mettle in battlefield exercise

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Suzanne Kohout

21<sup>st</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■NELLIS AFB, Nev. — A recently concluded exercise has proven that space is rapidly improving all aspects of the battlefield operations, said the commander of last month's 11-day Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2002.

"We intended to send information as rapidly as possible from the combined air operations center, where the decisions can be made, to the warfighter in the air so that we can prosecute faster," said Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins, 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and the air and space component commander of the exercise. "And we're narrowing the time it takes to find, fix, track, target, engage and assess significantly in this experiment."

The 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force is the "warfighter" numbered air force given responsibility for conducting the air and space war portion of the experiment.

It was the Air Force component of Millennium Challenge 2002, a joint warfighting experiment mandated by Congress and sponsored by U.S. Joint Forces Command.

The goals of JEFX were to improve intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance of the battlefield as well as test the expeditionary air operations centers with automation technology. The scenario proved

that space's integration in all technological systems will be even more important five years from now as it is today.

"JEFX drove home the total integration of space into all we do," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21<sup>st</sup> Space Wing commander and one of two deputies to Hobbins during the exercise.

Deal said that the pervasiveness of space's involvement in space-based communications, weather tracking and forecasting, missile warning and other systems has made space as essential to a soldier in the field as his helmet.

"[It is] imperative to integrate space-smart pros into every portion of our Air Force and also to address the command-and-control aspects of space capabilities," Deal said. "We must know the intricacies of utilizing the gamut of air platforms and tactics — from unmanned aerial vehicles to fighters to bombers. And we, in space, must bring our unquestioned expertise in space to integrate into wartime operations." (*Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty, of Air Force Print News, contributed to this article.*)

## Pilot dies in F-16 crash

■CANNON AFB, N.M. — The pilot of an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing died when his aircraft crashed approximately 50 miles west of the base Sept. 9. The pilot, Capt. Benton Zettel, 26, from the 522<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron here,

was on a training mission at the time of the crash. An interim safety investigation board has been convened to investigate. (*Courtesy of Air Force Print News*)

## Air Force tackles aging aircraft issue head on

By Darren Heusel

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Public Affairs

■TINKER AFB, Okla. — B-52 Stratofortress System Program Office officials here met with Boeing and Defense Department experts to discuss an aging aircraft issue that not only impacts the B-52, but possibly the entire Air Force fleet.

People from Boeing, the Navy, Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Materiel Command, the Defense Energy Support Center and experts here attended the fuel tank topcoat peeling conference here recently.

"The purpose of topcoat is for corrosion protection," said Rex Cash, B-52 fuels engineer here. "For the B-52 to remain in service another 40 years, it needs the corrosion protecting benefit of a topcoat in the integral tanks."

This is an important issue "I hope everyone involved will continue working to resolve," said Richard Martin, B-52 deputy SPO director. "FTTP may be presently isolated to only one or two weapon systems, but all aging systems may someday encounter this phenomenon." (*Courtesy of Air Force*

## Rescue at sea



COURTESY PHOTO

NAVAL AIR STATION KEFLAVIK, Iceland — An HH-60 Pavement Hawk crew from the 56<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron here prepares to rescue two men from their damaged boat in the North Atlantic, 300 miles out to sea, Sept. 6. Two HH-60 helicopters were sent to rescue the crew from a 30-foot American-registered yacht, which rolled over in heavy seas and lost its mast. One of the sailors was injured but is expected to make a full recovery. (*Courtesy of Air Force Print News*)

Print News)

## Test, evaluation ensure effective systems

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

■WASHINGTON — Testing and evaluation plays a crucial role in the acquisition of new Air Force systems, according to John Manclark, director of Air Force Test and Evaluation at the Pentagon.

"Our mission is to get effective and suitable systems into our people's hands," Manclark said. "These systems are not only capable of doing their intended job

but are also maintainable and logistically supportable."

Testers and evaluators work on weapons systems as well as every major system to include space and information systems, he said.

"I think we have a good track record of delivering effective and suitable systems to our users," Manclark said.

"Although the infrastructure is large and may not see use everyday, the nation still needs specialized assets like the McKinley Climatic Laboratory at Eglin AFB, Fla., and the Airborne Icing Tanker at Edwards AFB, Calif.," he said.

The climatic laboratory allows engineers to test systems under an array of weather conditions ranging from a blasting blizzard of blowing snow to stifling desert heat. The AIT, a modified KC-135 Stratotanker, allows engineers to test aircraft in ice and rain conditions during flight.

"The Air Force is working on joint efforts to maintain the necessary test and evaluation infrastructure because when we put a system in the hands of Air Force people, we want to make sure that it works and is able to be maintained," Manclark said.

# SPACE & MISSILE SPORTS



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

Becky Deatherage, from the SFS team, takes a practice swing.

**Scores from Sept. 6**

Det 9	9
30CES	8
576th	17
SVS	0

**Standings**

SFS	1	0
Comm	0	1
576	1	0
Det 9	1	0
SVS	0	1

**Tuesday's Over 30 scores**

SFS	21
614 SOPS	6
30 TRANS	
381st TRG	forfeited
576 FLTS	8
Det 9	7
NRO	19
30 CS	11

**Standings**

576 FLTS	2	1
30 CS	1	2
NRO	2	1
30 TRANS	0	3
30 SFS	2	1
Det 9	2	1
614 SOPS	1	2
381 TRG	0	3



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

Dori Sikes, from the 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron, heads for home during a game Sept. 6 vs. Services.

## 576<sup>th</sup> cooks SVS 17-0 in softball action

By COACH MCKINNEY  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Command Section superintendent

Championship coaches all seem to have one thing in common, a motto that says "defense wins championships." The 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron (576<sup>th</sup>) played the 30th Services Squadron (SVS) in an intramural women's softball league game here Sept. 6. If that motto is true, excited fans witnessed the making of what promises to be a championship team. The experienced 576<sup>th</sup> team dominated the game, and an over-matched SVS team 17-0.

"They are a team that shows a lot of promise, but they just put their team together," said 576<sup>th</sup> head coach Jose Dorado of the SVS team. "They have some good ball players that will make them better as the season goes on."

The 576<sup>th</sup> started the festivities with some sterling defensive plays. Two of which were turned in by Dori Sikes playing left center field. SVS appeared to be on the verge of a great start with their first two batters in the top of the first inning hitting deep shots. Sikes set the tone for her squad by ranging to her left for a slick catch. She followed that play with a retreating shoulder-level grab. Although SVS managed two hits, both runners weren't able to cross home plate.

Starting off the bottom of the first, Jennifer McGahee hit a shot deep into a center field hole and didn't stop running until she finished off an inside-the-park homerun. One batter, one hit and one run—efficient offense personified. Using some heads up base running, Anna Dunlap kept things going for the 576<sup>th</sup> by stretching a solid single into an easy double. While the services pitcher went on to struggle, the 576<sup>th</sup> ended the first inning with a 5-0 lead.

Back on defense, the ladies of the 576<sup>th</sup> continued their defensive dominance by keeping the bases empty in the second. Third baseman Amy Porter led the way with solid infield play. McGahee came back up and proceeded to get another hit, followed by a walk for Sikes. A double by Dunlap drove them both in. The score after two innings, 11-0.

The game was an exhibition of desire, enthusiasm and a ton of experience. Five of the players for the 576<sup>th</sup> spend a great deal of time on the diamond. "We have five players who are all on a coed team downtown and also play for the Vandenberg AFB Varsity team," said Porter, who is joined by McGahee, Sikes, Dunlap, and Laura Bath. "Services plays well, but they just started. We have a lot of players with a lot of experience and that made it tough for them." Sikes

echoed that sentiment, "we play together a lot and we just play well together. I've played for a long time. My father (Al DeMaria from Lompoc) started me playing when I was just a little girl. He was my first coach and I've just always played."

Two standouts for SVS were Tammie Headen and Nancy Fields. Headen was steady in the field coming up with play after play from her third base position including several timely throws to first. On the other end making key stabs in the dirt, Fields proved to be a player with a lot of desire.

The 576<sup>th</sup> has not ordered a stand for the championship trophy just yet though. When asked who they might be pushed by, both Porter and Sikes were on the same page—the Security Forces Squadron team. "They're always a tough team to play. They won back-to-back titles and they just play hard," said Porter.

Whoever finishes the season with the big prize one thing is for sure, they'll have to get past the 576<sup>th</sup> defense.

In earlier action Det-9 squeezed by with a 9-8 victory over Comm Sq. Tonight's scheduled games are SVS versus Det-9 at 1730, SFS against 576<sup>th</sup> in the middle game at 1830 and 14<sup>th</sup> AF/614<sup>th</sup> SOPS plays 30 CS at 1930.

**Want to see more sports in you.**

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# SPACE & MISSILE

## FEATURES



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

(Above) A family takes a photo on Arroyo Grande's hanging bridge that was built by a local land owner in 1875. (Left) Flags and flowers line the buildings of Arroyo Grande's picturesque Branch Street.

Heaven has every type of guitar, banjo and accessory imaginable. I wandered into Broadway Jewelers and discovered a haven of unusual and tasteful jewelry that the mall and chain stores can't hold a candle to. There's a wine shop that carries all the best Central Coast selections as well as an array of sweet smelling candles and bath salts. The Arroyo Drug Company carries all of the old favorites including a book of Jackie Kennedy Onassis paper dolls.

As a mom and a die-hard shopper, I've always found that lots of breaks and the promise of a sweet reward brings out the best behavior in my fledgling consumer.

Behind the shops on the south side of the street, there's a big grassy area surrounded by flowers and complete with benches and a shaded pavilion. There is a reasonably clean public restroom and an enchanting swinging bridge that crosses the river to a lovely park and schoolhouse museum.

To keep the youngest bargain hunters satisfied in Arroyo Grande, the perfect end to the shopping day comes at the old-fashioned Village Ice Cream and Eatery. It was a perfect end to my day too. I know there's a lot more to see there and it looked like a good place to ride bikes so I'm sure I'll be headed back again soon.

and good food to sustain me, I started off to get to know Arroyo Grande.

I found shop after shop filled with everything I used to see at my grandmother's house that my mom sold for next-to-nothing in garage sales years ago. Just like Tech. Sgt. Roy Beard from the command post who found an original, signed Roy Orbison album in a box of records he bought for \$1, my mom and I had no idea of the future value grandma's old knick-knacks would hold.

But I digress. My point is, the antique stores in Arroyo Grande have everything from hard wood armoires and writing desks to 1920s hats and original Zippo lighters.

Beyond the antiques, there's a store entirely dedicated to the professional camper and sport-fishing enthusiast. It has a whole aisle filled with nothing but different kinds of fishing lures! Lightning Joe's Guitar

# Destinations

## Central Coast

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA  
Editor, Space & Missile Times

I don't know if any of you saw the first edition of Destinations Central Coast, but that story covered the trip I took to Mustang Waterslides outside of Arroyo Grande. In it, I mentioned that I couldn't wait to go back and do some window-shopping in that absolutely picturesque town.

Well, last Friday I took the opportunity to do more than just that! Arroyo Grande is an antique enthusiast's dream-come-true. In four hours, I only managed to grab a quick lunch and peruse Branch

Street off at the Grand Avenue exit off Highway 101.

At first glance I thought a day spent in AG would be slightly torturous to a drug-along husband or small child. But with a closer look, the town's whole-family appeal slowly revealed itself.

I started off with lunch at the Old Village Grill. I could tell it was a town favorite because it was jam-packed at 1 p.m. The menu consists of some truly unique hamburger

concoctions as well as a variety of salads and sandwiches.

I opted for the chicken ranch bacon cheese wrap, which is huge and delicious! The very sweet retired couple seated next to me, came in to split a hamburger piled high with pastrami and a huge helping of smoking hot french fries. Along with tips about the hot spots in AG, they gave me some ideas for future destinations.

With friendly advice to lead me

## Community Calendar

13  
FRI

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

**One-on-One marriage enrichment counseling** - Call 606-9958.

**Military care packages** - family support center staff is accepting donations to support deployed troops. Call Master Sgt. Jamie Lopez, 605-8553, for details.

**Orphans of the Storm** - Presented by The Great American Melodrama through Sept. 22 in Oceano. Tickets cost \$13 - \$16.50. Call (805) 489-2499.

**Chaps!** - Presented by PCPA Theaterfest through Sept. 21 at the Marian Theatre in Santa Maria. Call (805) 938-7731.

**Twilight beach horseback rides** - at Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Call (805) 489-8100 for trail rides and boarding. Beginners are welcome.

**Harbor and boat cruises** - at Adventure Marina in Morro Bay. Call (805) 772-9463 for more information.

14  
SAT

**Accepting letters and resumes for head and assistant basketball coaches** - Address letters to Amy Divilbiss, fitness center director, Pamela Coffey, assistant fitness center director or Rod Paronto, varsity director. Call 606-3833.

**Youth soccer league needs volunteers** - Call 606-9374 or the Youth Center, 606-2152.

**Beginning Chinese Folk Dance for children** - through Nov. 22 at the Allan Hancock Santa Maria campus. Call (805) 922-6966.

**Ice Cream Social** - 1 - 3 p.m. Saturday at the bowling alley to register for the Space and Sea Girl Scouts serving girls in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Adult volunteers are needed.

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

**Las Fiestas Patrias cultural festival** - noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Historic Civic Center in Santa Maria. Call (805) 925-2403, Ext. 817.

16  
MON

**HAWC's Relaxation Room** - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Call 606-2221.

**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 services center. Call 606-7976.

**Self-defense workshop** - 6:30 - 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.

**Box aerobics classes** - noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. Saturdays. Call 606-7979.

**Thrift Savings Plan class** - 11 a.m. Tuesday at the family support center. Learn about enrollment and investment vehicles. Call Jimmy Camacho, 606-4491 or get information online at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

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

18  
WED

**Manage Your Move workshop** - 8:45 a.m. Wednesday in the family support center. There will be briefings from housing, traffic management, legal, finance and TriCare. **AL-ANON** - 7 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the family support center. Call 734-0784.

19  
THU

**Titan Toastmasters** - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the base library. Call 606-1541, Ext. 3722.

**Vandenberg Top Three** - noon Thursday in the services center. Call 605-6214.

**Retirees Activities Office potluck luncheon** - noon Thursday at the Retiree Activities Center. Call 606-5474.

20  
FRI

**CAL-VET Home Loan class** - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at the family support center. Learn about pitfalls, application procedures and the basic home loan process. Call Sunny Park, 605-0134, to register.

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

**The Nerd** - Presented by The Lompoc

20  
FRI

Civic Theater plays weekends starting Sept. 20 at the Lompoc Civic Auditorium. Show times are: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Purchase tickets at the Vandenberg Services Center, Longs Drugs and Baker's Square.

21  
SAT

**Special Olympics Plane Pull** - 9 a.m. Sept. 21. The entry fee is a \$200 donation to Special Olympics. The plane is a Navy F-4 fighter jet. Call Staff Sgt. Rebecca Faalzadeh, 605-0569, to register a team.

23  
MON

**Mega Case Lot Sale** - Sept. 21-22 at the commissary.

24  
TUE

**P.A.I.R. orientation** - 3 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Crestview Elementary School Library. Partners Assisting In Reading members read with children at Crestview for 30 minutes each week. The program begins Sept. 24 and runs for 12 weeks. Call 734-1651 to sign up.

24  
TUE

**Single parents support group** - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 24 in the services center. Call 606-9958.

27  
FRI

**American Sign Language Skill Builder** - Sept. 27 - 28 and Nov. 1 - 2. The class is offered through Allan Hancock College's community education program. Cost is \$40.

28  
SAT

**Mustang Waterslides** - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sept. 28 and 29. This is the last weekend until May 2003. For directions, visit [www.mustang-waterslides.com](http://www.mustang-waterslides.com).

OCT  
5  
SAT

**Olde Towne Fair** - 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sept. 28 on H Street in Lompoc. Call 736-4567.

OCT  
5  
SAT

**Grapes and Grains Festival** - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at Santa Maria's Historic Civic Center. Order tasting tickets at (800) 331-3779 Ext. 814. Tickets are \$20 per person at the door or \$15 in advance.

10  
THU

**Riders in the Sky** - 8 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande. The Grammy Award winning radio and TV stars provided music for the movie, *Toy Story 2*. Call (805) 489-9444 for information.

## Chapel Notes

For information about other religious denominations and events, call the Chapel at 606-5773.

### EVENTS

- ♦ **G.I. Java coffeehouse** - open 5 - 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday in the Delta Dormitory. To volunteer, call Staff Sgt. William Spencer, 606-5773.
- ♦ **Monthly prayer breakfast** - 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Mitchell Zydadlo, 606-5773.
- ♦ **Commanders and first sergeants luncheon** - 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19 in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Vebulon Beck, 606-5773 by Sept. 17.
- ♦ **Vandenberg food pantry drive** - first weekend of each month. Call 606-5773.
- ♦ **Weekly Prayer Focus** - The chapel staff will pray this week for those who are currently TDY and for their families.
- ♦ **Commanders and first sergeants luncheon** - 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Chapel 1 Annex. Make reservations by Tuesday with Chaplain (2nd Lt.) Zebulon Beck.

### PROTESTANT

- ♦ **Chapel Community Night** - 5:30 - 7 p.m. Sundays in the religious education classrooms.
- ♦ **Brothers and Sisters in Christ** - 5:30 - 7 p.m. Sundays in the religious education classrooms. Call Jill Hembroff, 606-5773.
- ♦ **Women's Evening Study** - Call Julie Wittkowski, 734-3788.
- ♦ **The new apologetics Bible study group** - 7 p.m. Monday in the REA building.
- ♦ **Protestant adult and youth Bible study** - 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney, 605-7564.
- ♦ **Men's weekly Bible study** - 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Breakers Dining Facility. Call 606-5773.
- ♦ **The Vandenberg AFB Officers' Christian Fellowship** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Christy Keana, 734-0696.
- ♦ **Protestant Women of the Chapel beginner quilting classes** - 10 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel 1 annex. Call Lucille McLain, 733-2630.

### WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Praise and Worship - 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 2  
Traditional Protestant - 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1  
Gospel - 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2  
Catholic Mass - 10 a.m. in Chapel 1  
Daily Mass - 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2  
Saturday Mass - 5 p.m. in Chapel 2

- ♦ **Women's Saturday morning bible study** - 10 a.m. third Saturday of the month in the religious education admin building. Call Genette Howard, 734-1693.

### CATHOLIC

- ♦ **New Bible study group** - 7 p.m. Mondays in the religious education administration building. Call Deborah Cotey, 734-4202.
- ♦ **Fellowship Thursdays** - 7 p.m. Thursdays in the religious education administration building. Call Deborah Cotey, 734-4202.
- ♦ **Tuesday daily Mass** - 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays throughout the summer in Chapel 2. Call Kelly Reape, 734-1437.

### JEWISH

- ♦ **Jewish community Torah study session** - Sunday evening. Call Anita Friedman, 605-7564 or 736-5822.

## At The Movies

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Doors are locked once show starts.

Today  
**Austin Powers in Gold Member**  
Rated PG-13

Saturday  
**Austin Powers in Gold Member**  
Rated PG-13

Sunday  
**3 p.m. Master of Disguise**  
Rated PG

Sept. 20  
**Blood Work**  
Rated R

Sept. 21  
**The Adventures of Pluto Nash**

The theater is closed Sept. 22.

# 30th Services News

## OUTDOOR REC

Join us for a ribbon-cutting to celebrate our...

### GRAND OPENING!

**TUESDAY of the NEW OUTDOOR REC BUILDING**

located on Alaska Way

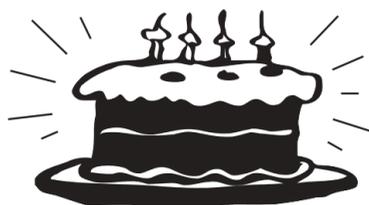
Come on by for cake and punch from 11 a.m. - noon, and tour the building.

(Please note: old Outdoor Rec is now closed.)

## BREAKERS DINING

### BIRTHDAY MEAL

hosted by the 30<sup>th</sup> SERVICES SQUADRON



#### Who can attend?

All enlisted personnel on BAS or mealcard and guest (military or dependent).

#### What is the Birthday Meal?

The Birthday Meal is a program designed to show appreciation for VAFB enlisted personnel.

#### Where is it?

Breakers dining facility, History Room.

#### When is it?

The next meal is Sept. 26. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. served by your senior leadership. For more information, contact Senior Airman Jennifer Kotke or Staff Sgt. Daniel Miller at 606-3219 or contact your first sergeant to sign up!

## SERVICES CENTER

### - NOTICE -

Leisure Travel will be closed today due to official business. In case of an emergency, call 606-7976 and ask for Lynn.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

### Extended Duty Child Care Program

Effective Sept. 1, the Extended Duty Child Care Program may be used to provide active duty members and Air National Guard and Air Reserve members, returning from Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), a limited amount of free child care. The care is offered to support members returning to their home station and their family. This free child care will be provided in Extended Duty child care homes, and is limited to no more than 16 hours per child and for children ages 12 years and under. The care must be used within 30 days of return from OEF deployment. Prior to reserving free child care for the family, eligibility with the Military Personnel Flight or member's command section is needed.

For more information concerning the Extended Duty Program, please contact FCC Coordinator Gwen Jones at 606-4639 or 3255.

## YOUTH SPORTS

### YOUTH SOCCER OPENING CEREMONY

Youth Soccer Field, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. Call Kristi Boneau at 606-9374 for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for the following upcoming youth 4-H programs:  
Gardening Leader  
Arts & Crafts Clover Bud Leader  
Call Kristi Boneau at 606-9374 for more information.

## GOLF

### MARSHALLIA MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Friday - Shotgun start, 12:30 p.m.,  
open play shotgun, 7:30 a.m.  
Saturday - Shotgun start, 8 a.m.,  
open play starts, 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday - Tee time,  
front and back, 7:30 a.m.,  
open play to follow

### TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Intramural Golf, noon - 1 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

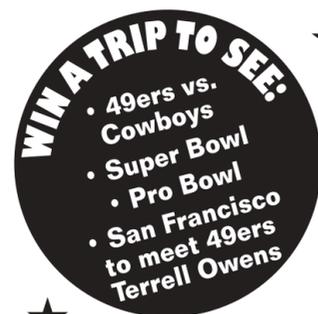
Ladies Priority,  
8:32 - 9:04 a.m.



## Pacific Coast Club



Come on out for FOOTBALL FRENZY!  
★ COOL PRIZES! ★



★ PLAY PUNCH & PUNT!  
★ HALF-TIME FOOTBALL TOSS!  
★

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL  
5 - 10 p.m. at the Club  
featuring special menu  
and special prizes!

Go to [www.30svs.com](http://www.30svs.com) for full list of rules and how to play!

Sponsored in part by Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, +Battery+ Energy Drink, ★

Destination Arlington, First USA and Double Tree Alana Waikiki (Pro Bowl only).

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# ELECTRIFIED MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join the Club and be eligible to win the newest, coolest electronics!  
Over \$200,000 in prizes!

Just pick up an application from the Pacific Coast Club and sign up Sept. 3 through Dec. 20 to be eligible for the random drawings.

Current members are already entered to win!



Join us at the Club this Sunday for SUNDAY BRUNCH! Club Membership pays!

\$1395 Adults  
(Club Members \$11.95)

# Sunday Brunch

Sunday - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Children age 4-12, 75 cents per year.  
Children under 4 years FREE!

Reservations not required, but highly recommended!  
For more information or for reservations, call 734-4375.

Some of the delicious BRUNCH MENU items being served...

Fresh Fruit, Omelet Station, French Toast & Waffles, Biscuits & Country Gravy, Grits, Carving Station w/ Steamship Round, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Fresh Vegetables Du Jour, Assorted Juices, Assorted Desserts

Cook-Your-Own Steak or Chicken! TONIGHT! 5 - 7 p.m. in both lounges  
\$8 members - \$11 nonmembers

## FITNESS

### DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Today, 6 p.m., Fitness Center

Call Brian at 606-3834

for more information.

### AFTER WORK 5K RUN/WALK

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Contact Brian for more information at 606-3438.

### MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Tryouts: Sept. 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 6 - 8 p.m.



## BOWLING CENTER

All winter leagues began the first week of Sept. Those who haven't signed up yet, can roll over to the Bowling Center and join up. It's a great way to get out during the winter and have some fun. Squadron teams stop by the Fitness Center with letters of intent. Build up those commander's points for the squadron by participating in the intramural bowling league! Call the Bowling Center at 606-3209 for more information.

FAMILY DAY at the Bowling Center is on Sundays from noon - 7 p.m. All bowling will be \$1.50 per game per person. Shoe rental is \$1. Bring the family in on Sunday and enjoy the fun of bowling!

YABA (Young American Bowling Alliance) Correction: Please disregard the misprint of '\$11 weekly fee' on the YABA flyer. The \$11 is a onetime registration fee. The weekly fees will be \$6.26 and \$4.25. See the article about YABA in the editorial pages of today's paper.