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**“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”**

# Lord reflects on independence

By GEN. LANCE LORD

Air Force Space Command  
commander

Today marks the 227th anniversary of declaring our independence as a free nation.

As we proudly display the American flag around our nation – on Main Street, at ground zero in New York, in Oklahoma City, at Pearl Harbor – and with our forces around the world, let us

all pause to reflect on what it means to secure the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our republic, the United States of America, is unique in the history of the world. We are a free and open society that runs our government instead of our government ruling the people. We truly value each individual in our society.

To secure, protect and

preserve this liberty, the baton has been passed from the long line of heroes in places like Lexington, Bunker Hill, Yorktown, Gettysburg, St. Mihiel, Guadalcanal, Anzio, Normandy, Pusan, Khe Sanh and An-Nasiriyah. Our military is always on duty for this vital cause. Only those who have paid the ultimate price know the true cost of freedom.

Our continued success

depends on great Americans in the service of our country ensuring the government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the Earth – our uniformed military members, our civil servants, our contractors, and our community leaders.

Becky joins me in saying how very grateful we are for your service, and we wish you a safe and happy holiday.

## AADD: fruitful vines continue growth

By TECH. SGT. THOMAS MERRETT

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

I remember it like it was yesterday – the root was planted.

Airman 1st Class Paige Ramos and myself were at a Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team meeting at the Pacific Coast Club in October '01.

We were discussing the situation on Vandenberg's many driving under the influence incidents. Airman Ramos said we should have a program that provides rides because no one really wants to call their supervisor or their first sergeant when they've been drinking.

All of a sudden, Airman Ramos became the point of contact for Airmen Against Drunk Driving. I wanted to help her out because I believed in the message that we can save lives. We could provide a way out of possible trouble, just like your local church can do.

With the help of the 30th Space Wing command chief master sergeant, Airman Ramos immediately went to work on getting some phones for us – branch one of the vine.

The chief wanted us up and running by Christmas. Airman Ramos and I, each with a phone during Christmas and New Year's, waited for anyone to call us.

That was the beginning of the revamped

version of the AADD program that became what it is today.

That first year, 2002, we had a total of 91 saves.

We were all excited about that. Today the program has that many in one quarter.

AADD began with four officers: Airman Ramos was the program manager, I was the program coordinator, Staff Sgt. Lee Osberry was the program publicist and Airman 1st Class Tiffanie Burns was the program recorder.

Airman Ramos knew both of these folks and brought them on board – branches two and three.

We spent a lot of time in many meetings at the Services Center and Breakers Dining Facility. One of my best memories was the time we selected the AADD symbol with the phone number on it that reads, "We care, do you?"

The word was quickly getting out about our new program via e-mail, newspaper articles, even a commercial on the commanders access channel.

Then one day as I was leaving the Santa



Maria Gate, the commanders and first sergeants were handing out

DUI cards. On one side they explained the cost involved and on the other they listed the AADD telephone numbers. I knew we had made it to the big time then.

Branch four was the ALCON program headed by Master Sgt. James Richardson.

What's happened with this program is amazing. I am so proud of everyone involved and especially of the folks who are running it today – making it even better than it was.

I urge everyone to volunteer for this program at least once.

There's nothing like getting a phone call at 3 a.m. and picking up some great folks who've had a little too much to drink. The deep conversations are the best too.

"We walked down here to Denny's from the Red Fox 'cause we didn't want to drive drunk."

To volunteer, call Master Sgt. Frank Barbosa at 605-5327.

Commander's  
Action Line

Call 606-7850

or

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



Col. Frank Gallegos  
commander

By performing Vandenberg's mission safely and effectively, Team V provides proof of its commitment to do the right thing.

Two-way communication is paramount to continued mission success. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me.

Through the action line, you can congratulate your teammates on a job well done, affect change and express productive points of view.

I want your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our airmen.

When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

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**Base Briefs**

**CHANGE OF COMMAND**

Col. Edward Bolton Jr. relinquishes command of the 30th Operations Group to Col. Stephen Tanous at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the 76th Helicopter Flight hangar, building 1735. Call Capt. Luis Ares at 605-4567 or Capt. Tim Millett at 605-4200.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND**

Lt. Col. Kelly Wing relinquishes command of the 30th Medical Support Squadron to Lt. Col. Steven DeAnda at 11 a.m. July 15 in the 30th Medical Group auditorium. Call Capt. Teresa Starks at 606-3308 for more information.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND**

Lt. Col. Michael Fortney relinquishes command of the 576th Flight Test Squadron to Lt. Col. Anthony Blaylock at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Peacekeeper Missile Maintenance Facility, building 1800. Call 605-6345 for more information.

**FAREWELL DINNER**

A farewell dinner honoring Col. and Mrs. Edward Bolton Jr. will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Western Range Operations Control Center, building 7025. Tickets are \$10 for officers and civilians and \$5 for enlisted members. Call 2nd Lt. Kelly Kakert at 606-7646 or Senior Airman Emily Peel at 606-8873 for more information.

**MED GROUP CLOSURE**

The 30th Medical Group closes for training the fourth Thursday each month. For emergencies, a threat to life, limb or eyesight, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. For urgent care appointments, call 606-CARE (2273).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Hispanic Heritage Committee is looking for motivated members to help plan and direct activities for September. Meetings start July 11 and take place each Friday at 1 p.m. in the services center, building 10122. Call Capt. Dizzy Murphy at 606-2199.

**VEHICLE CHANGES**

All base personnel must notify pass and registration of any changes in their vehicle's registered owner, state license plate number, color or owner's organizational assignment. Decals must be removed when a windshield is replaced, the vehicle is sold or transferred and when directed by security forces. Failure to do so could result in loss of vehicle registration or denial of additional vehicle registration for 30 days.

**PARENT PINS**

The Air Force recognizes parents of America's airmen by sending a personalized letter and an Air Force Parent Pin to two parents or guardians. Register online at [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com).

**DRY CLEANERS**

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service implemented a new contract for dry cleaning service on base. The new contractor is open in building 13700 across from the 30th Security Forces Squadron. The new telephone number is 734-3039.

**Demolished**



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers tears down 38 duplex and single-family dwellings in Vandenberg's east housing area because base officials have deemed them, "beyond economical repair." Since Vandenberg already has enough homes to meet mission requirements, new homes will not be built to replace the ones being demolished.

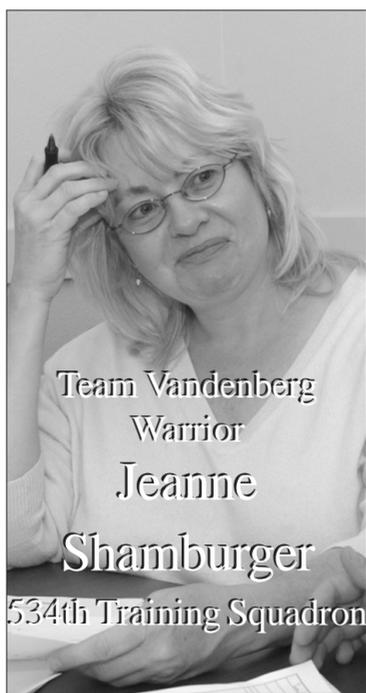


PHOTO BY 30TH SPACE COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

**Hometown:** Manhattan, Kansas, "The Little Apple"

**Time in service:** 18 years

**Time on station:** 3 years

**Role in mission:** satellite operations courseware developer

**If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be?** I would like cross training to different fields to be more feasible. To move into

different career fields as a civilian, you usually need to have experience in that specific area. In order to get experience you need to be selected. But you won't be selected unless you already have experience. People who are motivated and have performed well in other jobs should have the opportunity to try something new.

**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far with the AF?** I've had the opportunity to work in many areas of education and training, and to be involved in different types of organizations in various locations.

**How would you improve life at Vandenberg AFB?** If there is excess base housing, civilians should have the option to live on base at an affordable price. Base housing was recently offered to civilians. However, the cost was prohibitive for many, if not most, as they equated the cost to what housing allowance is for the equivalent military rank. As civilians get no housing allowance, the price was exorbitant in proportion to pay. If this issue were re-examined, it could be a win-win situation as the houses would not sit empty, the Air Force would receive extra money, and it would make the option to live on base for civilians more feasible.

**Who is your role model and why?** Oprah Winfrey. She advocates and models making the most of your life, using your unique talents to make a difference, and appreciating each day. She is an extraordinary communicator, takes risks even when she might be intimidated or afraid, relates well to people, is enthusiastic, and has a great sense of humor.

**Vandenberg members give blood, register for bone marrow donation**

BY TECH. SGT. MARK MCKINNEY  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

More than 200 Team Vandenberg members turned out June 25 to give blood and register to donate their bone marrow. Tri-counties Blood Bank staff expected to draw on 100 to 150 donors at the 381st Training Group-led event but had to turn away more than 20 when they couldn't keep up with the turnout.

A total of 94 people registered for the bone marrow donation program and another 84 donated blood. Due to the large turnout, more than 20 people were unable to do either.

As one of the drive's organizers, Capt. Ericka Brewington had an up close and personal view of the unselfish nature of Team Vandenberg's airmen, family members and civilians.

"I was amazed and excited about the support and concern on the part of the donors," the captain said. People sacrificed their lunch hours to wait to give blood or register for bone marrow donation, she added.

The effort left a lasting impression on others as well.

"The Tri-Counties Blood Bank workers said they do not remember a more successful drive in the recent past," Brewington said. "They kept on-and-on about the wonderful attitudes and dispositions of the Vandenberg donors, despite the long lines."

"They are excited to come back and said they 'were game' to do it every month if we let them. They were truly impressed with the giving and patient nature of our personnel," she added.

The captain said Vandenberg's first bone marrow registration drive was a huge success.

"Spouses showed up in great numbers, demonstrating their vital role on this base and in the Air Force," Brewington said. Wednesday's event was one of the many experiences I will treasure as one of the many reasons I love the Air Force and the people associated with it."

The next blood drive for Team Vandenberg is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel 1 annex.

**ALCON: Alpha**

A general threat of possible alcohol abuse or DUI activity exists

Days since last DUI: 13  
DUI totals for the year: 11  
AADD saves this year: 156

30th OG	0	14th AF	0
30th MXG	1	381st TRG	2
30th MSG	4	595th SG	1
30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
30th SW Staff	0	Others	2

**Fireworks safety keeps people from getting burned**

BY 2ND LT. DUSTIN HART  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

■ **SCOTTAFB, Ill.** — While they may not be powerful enough to take out enemy aircraft, fireworks need to be treated with the same amount of respect as military weapons, according to Air Mobility Command safety officials here.

"Fireworks aren't designed to be as powerful as military flares and weapons," said Harold Lasell, chief of weapon safety for AMC. "But they work along the same concepts and are made with similar ingredients."

According to the U.S. Consumer Product and Safety

Commission, fireworks were involved in four deaths and an estimated 9,500 injuries in 2001.

Air Force officials want to make sure their people do not become part of those statistics.

The Air Force prohibits airmen and their families from using fireworks on base, with the exception of sparklers. All fireworks are prohibited on Vandenberg, including sparklers.

Air Force officials have also emphasized educating people on fireworks safety, especially around the Fourth of July holiday, said Tech Sgt. John Foreman, superintendent of AMC weapon

safety. Foreman credits this education for the low fireworks mishap rate recently in the Air Force.

"Safety education teaches people to use fireworks correctly," he said. "When people start doing fancy things with fireworks, that's when they get hurt."

While all fireworks can cause injuries or damage when handled improperly, bottle rockets, Roman candles and firecrackers remain some of the most dangerous, Foreman said.

"These fireworks have the potential to spread fire and a lot of damage to a wide area," said Lasell.

Knowing the surrounding area and having adult supervision are the two most important things to keep in mind when using these or any fireworks, Foreman said.

He warned to never let children use fireworks, including sparklers, without direct adult supervision.

Also, Foreman said checking for combustible materials around the area where the fireworks will be used prevents the possibility of secondary fires.

He said people should never use fireworks while consuming alcohol.

"When you mix fireworks with alcohol consumption, you're going to have problems, and somebody



**Central Coast sparkles with July 4 festivities**

COMPILED BY JACK HOKANSON  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

California Central Coast communities go all out for their annual 4th of July celebrations. They offer everything from old-fashioned ice cream socials and parades to extravagant fireworks displays over the ocean.

The following is a list of the most local community events:

♦ Vandenberg Air Force Base offers daylong activities beginning at 11 a.m. Active-duty airmen and their families can enjoy free hot dogs and hamburgers, live band performances throughout the day, games, activities and prizes.

♦ Lompoc has activities in Centennial Park and Olde Towne Lompoc on South H Street from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The festivities feature keynote remarks by Mayor Dick DeWees and Col. Susanne LeClere, 30th Mission Support Group commander.

There will also be food booths, an old-fashioned ice cream social, face painting, a bounce house, petting zoo, games and a children's parade. Musical entertainment features Jonathan Wild, the Lompoc Pops orchestra and Marcie Riel.

Beginning at 5 p.m., there's live entertainment and fireworks at Huyck Stadium next to Lompoc High School on College Avenue.

♦ Santa Maria has a fireworks display beginning at dusk at the Santa Maria Fairpark. There's also an All-American Fun Fest all weekend at the Elks Rodeo Grounds. There's a carnival, concerts, food and family events. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

♦ Solvang festivities begin with an Independence Day Parade featuring Vandenberg personnel and equipment at 10 a.m. Daylong activities in the town square are topped off with a fireworks show and activities at Santa Ynez High School.

♦ Pismo Beach presents its annual 4th of July Fireworks on the Pier extravaganza. Daylong events include normal beach activities, live music, food, clowns and activities for all ages.

A Vandenberg color guard and Patriot Voices perform during the 7 p.m. kick-off ceremony, which culminates with a fireworks display over the ocean from the famous 1,200-foot Pismo Pier.

♦ Santa Barbara features its normal arts, crafts, food, entertainment and family activities along the boardwalk, wharf and pier, culminating in a huge fireworks display over the ocean from the West Beach area at dusk.

is going to get injured," said Foreman.

Wearing appropriate clothing is also important when using fireworks.

"When you use fireworks, you are going to have sparks and fire," Foreman said. "Wearing long-sleeve clothing and protective eyewear can protect you from being burned. But avoid wearing 100-percent nylon or rayon because they are 100-percent combustible. A spark will cause (nylon or rayon) to catch on fire, and it will melt to your skin, causing worse burns." (Courtesy of AMC News Service)

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Vandenberg's varsity volleyball teams compete in local interservice tournament. See Page A4.



Destinations Central Coast finds enlightenment through poetry at Sugar Magnolia's. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast  
Partly cloudy Friday



For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather)

## Trash or treasure?



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Contractors from BAE Systems Inc. disassemble a mobile radar unit and 92-inch radar dish here June 22. The 30th Range Management Squadron recently decommissioned the unit and is turning it over to the Army's Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. for use on its range. The 30th RMS used the radar to track launch vehicles and provide data to the range safety center here.

# Airmen can file accrual travel vouchers online

By SENIOR AIRMAN JEFF CAIN  
30th Comptroller Squadron

■ The Virtual Military Personnel Flight has updated its Web site to include the option of filing a mid-temporary duty travel voucher, also known as an accrual.

Military members who are TDY or deployed longer than 45 days can now file an accrual to offset any charges acquired during their time away and avoid late fees sometimes associated with long TDYs.

The online accrual process is simple. To process a voucher, airmen must log on to the vMPF Web site, verify their information, and look under the "helpful links" category. By selecting the "accrual travel voucher" option, they'll see the travel voucher introduction screen.

Airmen can then select the "fill out request" option to get to the main screen.

The Web site automatically identifies the airman's name and social security number from their login ID and password. Below that are sections to complete with home station, e-mail address, travel locations, travel dates, and any expenses to date. Airmen must remember to include in the remarks box any dates they are requesting reimbursement for.

After all the required information is filled out, the Web site gives a final opportunity to review the travel data before sending it to the airman's home financial services office for processing.

The home finance office must have a copy of the airman's TDY orders to process

the accrual correctly. The orders can either be faxed to the finance office, or turned in prior to departure. Receipts are not required for travel accruals, but they are required for the final voucher.

Airmen can still fax accruals to their respective finance offices, or scan the documents and submit them via e-mail. The vMPF Web site is available at: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vmpf\\_portal/vmpf\\_portal.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vmpf_portal/vmpf_portal.htm).

Questions regarding accrual travel vouchers or other military pay matters can be directed to the finance customer service office here at 606-4606 or 606-4608. Those with trouble accessing the vMPF Web site should call the Vandenberg MPF at 606-7756.

## Crimebeat ...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON  
30th Security Forces Squadron

**Jun. 26**

### Domestic dispute – 11:16 a.m.

A first sergeant reported receiving a phone call from the husband of a military member assigned to his unit.

The husband phoned after a dispute with the military member at their home on Parkview Court. Investigation revealed after returning home earlier in the evening, the husband was locked out of the house. He damaged the door when he forced it open. The husband said an argument took place after the military member returned home. That's when he called the member's first sergeant.

### Vehicle turnover – 1:57 p.m.

The Titan Gate sentry reported a major vehicle accident in the outbound lane on Curly Road. Investigation revealed a military member operating a government five-ton dump truck lost control after entering sand on the roadway's shoulder. The truck subsequently overturned on its side. The member was not injured.

**Jun. 28**

### Assault – 3:09 a.m.

The father of a military member's wife reported another military member assaulted his daughter. Investigation revealed the wife sustained a swollen lip after a military member punched her at a club in Santa Maria. The military member was identified and a Pick-up/Restriction order was issued. At approximately 11:33 a.m., the subject telephoned the security forces control center and was directed to appear in person. The member was apprehended a short time later. He was released to his unit first sergeant.

### Loose horse – 6:07 p.m.

A military member reported an unattended horse running in the vicinity of the weather station and Punch Bowl Lake. A base game warden responded and after making contact with the owners, captured the horse near the lake. The horse was secured back at the base stables.

**Jun. 29**

### Assault – 1:40 a.m.

A military member entered the security forces control center to report another military member assaulted her at the Pacific Coast Club. Investigation revealed at approximately 11:45 p.m. she was confronted by the military member

inside the club. An argument ensued about a telephone conversation. The victim stated she and the subject then went outside where the subject struck her in the head with a closed fist. A Pick-up/Restriction order was issued for the subject. The subject and her supervisor entered the security forces control center later in the day. She was apprehended for assault.

### Assault – 7:00 p.m.

The Timber Lane Gate sentry reported an assault. Investigation revealed a military member's wife was driving on Highway 1 when another driver started flashing her vehicle lights and riding her bumper.

For her own safety, the woman turned around on the highway in an effort to contact the Timber Lane Gate. Using her vehicle, the subject attempted to strike the victim's vehicle. The victim arrived at the gate with the subject still behind her. Upon stopping, the subject exited her vehicle yelling and screaming, striking the victim's vehicle with her fist. The subject was identified as a military member's wife and cited for assault.

July 1 marks 30 years of the the All-volunteer Force  
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# Around the Air Force

## America will not forsake missing

By RUDI WILLIAMS  
American Forces Press Service

■ The quest to account for missing servicemen from the Vietnam, Korean and Cold Wars and World War II "is unwavering, untiring and will not fail." That is what Jerry Jennings said during the 34th annual National League of Families conclave in Arlington, Va. June 27.

The war against terrorism, including Afghanistan and Iraq, will not diminish the nation's efforts to account for the missing from past conflicts, Jennings said. He is the deputy assistant secretary of defense for prisoner of war and missing personnel affairs and director of the defense POW and missing in action office.

Missing servicemembers will not be forsaken to take care of those in harm's way today, he said.

"Our mission of the fullest possible accounting has not and will not be diminished by combat operations around the world," Jennings said.

He told the gathering of other loved ones of missing servicemen that Congress has made clear its desire that the mission to account for the missing will not be cut.

"In fact," he said, "much of our field work and resources have actually increased because Congress supports our mission. And they've also specified that the manpower and the budget of (the POW/MIA office) will not be touched."

The office has more than 600 people of different specialties working every day around the world to account for the more than 88,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, Jennings said.

"In another new initiative, I've invited senior policy-level representatives from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to attend POW/MIA consultations in Bangkok,

Thailand, in October," Jennings told the audience. "We plan to discuss lessons learned from the past, craft strategies to advance the effort in Southeast Asia and forge together a vision for the future."

Jennings said he foresees the countries exchanging ideas, fostering greater cooperation and ultimately getting the answers to America's and the families' questions about the missing.

The office is also planning a veteran-to-veteran exchange in Southeast Asia.

"American veterans organizations have already offered support for this initiative," he said. "We're appreciative of their willingness to join with us in what we believe will be a very productive initiative."

American efforts to press for greater cooperation continue beyond Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia into Russia and other countries, Jennings said.

He said efforts are underway to allow declassification of some Russian military records from the Vietnam War era.

"In recent months, the Russians have provided us with excerpts of classified materials that we're correlating with our own records relating to American loss incidents," Jennings said.

"Unfortunately, as long as nations have disagreements, there will be wars," he said. "We're not finished until the job is done to bring home every American warrior."

## Reservists help shark-attack victim

■ **WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Reservists from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron here aided a shark-attack victim at Johnston Atoll June 22.

Lt. Col. Nancy Byrne, a flight nurse, along with Master Sgts. Jeffery Streit and Brian Marquardt, aeromedical technicians, received the call to provide support. They

were performing a week of medical-evacuation duty at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

A 51-year-old contractor was snorkeling with a friend 50 yards from the atoll, more than 700 miles southwest of Honolulu, when a shark attacked him, Byrne said. The man lost his left leg in the attack.

After a 2.5 hour flight aboard a Coast Guard aircraft, the reservists and two active-duty medics from Hickam arrived on the island to transport the man to Hawaii for treatment.

"It was our job to keep him stable during the flight back to Hickam," Byrne said. "We administered pain medicine and blood transfusions (as) ordered by the physician."

After arriving at Hickam, the victim was moved to a civilian medical facility.

Johnston Atoll is a military installation on a 2-mile-long island of coral. Most of the 327 people on the island are members of the U.S. military. The victim was one of a few civilians there. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

## Software speeds up travel pay process

By ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE  
American Forces Press Service

■ A new software program being tested by defense travel system officials will make arranging, paying and reimbursing official government travel a speedy, seamless and almost paperless process, according to officials.

A software program, called the "Enhanced Jefferson," is transforming the way the Department of Defense does temporary-duty travel, said Army Col. Larry Schaefer, travel system director.

"The whole idea is that we are automating the TDY process for all of the Department of Defense," he said.

## Tunnel vision



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. JAMES BOWMAN

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Seen through a hole in a window at Baghdad International Airport, a C-5 Galaxy sits on the ramp June 25. The aircraft deployed from Dover AFB, Del., to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The program allows the system to operate similarly to many online travel Web sites by providing government travelers information for selecting airlines, rental cars and lodging.

In addition, Schaefer said it allows government travelers to complete their travel vouchers and compute costs of travel online from their workstation.

Using digital signatures for security, travelers can log onto a Web site and begin the authorization process. They select the type of travel, input departure and return dates, and make their travel arrangements, he said.

The system automatically calculates per diem rates, to include meals and incidental expenses based on the destination of travel, he said. Upon return, travelers can add additional expenses such as parking fees and mileage reimbursements.

Schaefer said that because the online version already has the traveler's information, "you can literally file a voucher within minutes."

The program is an improvement on the paper process, which he said has been a cumbersome process that often times included "40 or 50

steps." By comparison, the new process has just seven steps.

"Travelers will see that they get paid much quicker," he said. "Instead of the cumbersome manual processes of today, that require some significant amount of time, everything is done automatically, and (it) saves time."

The program is being tested at 20 pilot sites and awaiting final DoD approval before it can be used by all travelers, Schaefer said.

Pilot sites include Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; Beaufort MCAS, S.C.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Fort McPherson, Ga.; Vance AFB, Okla.; and Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Arlington, Va.

The new system is expected to be in place DoD-wide by the fall 2006, Schaefer said.

The Web site is available at [www.defensetravel.com](http://www.defensetravel.com).

## Team tests hazard detection

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS WES AULDRIDGE  
Air Force Flight Test Center PA

■ Three organizations at Edwards AFB are testing and demonstrating what could be the future of buried hazardous-waste detection, ultimately improving the Air Force's compliance with Department of Defense and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Officials from the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center are working with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 769 and the base's environmental management directorate. They are developing a technology demonstration to detect hazardous-waste sites from the air, said Jeannette van den Bosch, NASA Airborne Science

Facility sensor manager and demonstration coordinator.

This demonstration is unique because the team is using a Marine CH-53E helicopter fitted with equipment owned by a private commercial company. NASA officials are providing the science and sensor-integration expertise. "Our main goal with this is to determine if the sensor can detect hazardous-waste sites around the base," van den Bosch said.

One of Edwards' missions is to comply with DoD's Environmental Restoration Program. The demonstration has not been a cut-and-dry operation, said van den Bosch. It began in March 2001, when Stephen Watts, Edwards' Environmental Restoration Program project manager, contacted her. He questioned the availability of NASA thermal sensors to detect unexploded ordnance, small areas of soil temperature differences and buried trenches, pits and canisters.

Although NASA has thermal sensors, van den Bosch said they lacked the ability to detect such small targets.

Van den Bosch said she was excited to receive the approval.

"Although it seemed like it took a long time to receive airworthiness approval, the Marine Corps told me this process could have taken as long as four years," she said.

"This demo is an example of how (an) alliance can work between Edwards and NASA," said van den Bosch.

The most important part of this whole demonstration was that all of us collaborated on a specific mission with the possible outcome of making Edwards a safer place to work and live," she said.

# Team V fields tough competition during varsity volleyball tournament

BY TECH. SGT. MARK MCKINNEY  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Vandenberg played host to a men's and women's volleyball tournament Saturday so varsity teams of various bases could get together and hone their skills. The tournament, held for the first time in more than three years, included seven men's and three women's teams.

Team Vandenberg had mixed results from its three teams. The varsity men's squad was split. Joe Krause coached team No. 1 and Danny Savella coached team No. 2. Coach Krause also doubled as coach of the women's team. The men's team No. 1 earned a spot in the playoffs, but succumbed to Los Angeles AFB. The women's team came together over the course of the day-long tournament to pull out the championship.

"The tourney was a cross-sampling of players from several bases, to include the Marine base

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COACH JOE KRAUSE  
VANDENBERG VARSITY COACH

from Twentynine Palms," Savella said. "It was an opportunity for guys to get some good exposure to real-time competition."

All-tournament performers Marion Savella and Angie Fernandez led the Lady Hawks team.

"The ladies played awesome in today's tournament," Coach Krause said. "We were unable to

practice as much as we would have liked as a complete team, but there was a lot of learning on the fly. It's kind of tough having 11 players, in so far as finding enough playing time for everyone, but they've all been real good about that. They're team players ... all of them!"

Along with Savella and Fernandez, Tabitha Wisner and Dixie Rapanotti of Edwards AFB, Calif., were named all-tournament players along with Elayne Kirkpatrick and Dawn Benevitez of Twentynine Palms, Calif. Ike Fabunan and Brett Camerford of Edwards AFB comprised the men's all-tourney team along with Jason Golaboski and Jon Rossetti of LAAFB, Joshua Kelsey of Twentynine Palms and Vandenberg's Rafael Lechon.

Coach Krause credits the tournament's success to everyone working together.

"I think the tourney turned out real well and that was do to a great

team effort," said Coach Krause.

The other teams agreed with Coach Krause's sentiment.

"The camaraderie was the big thing today," said Edwards AFB's Coach Fabunan. "We had a fun time, enjoyed some good competition and the whole tournament, all the way down to the accommodations, was first-rate."

"As for our team, we started off with one win and five losses, but our team jelled over the course of the tournament and we pulled it off," Coach Rossetti said of his tournament winning men's team from LAAFB. "The big key was our passing and I think we may have done that just a little better than the other teams."

As with any other team sport, it usually boils down to teamwork when all is said-and-done.

When the champions were crowned, the LAAFB men and Team V's women proved to have just a little more than the rest.

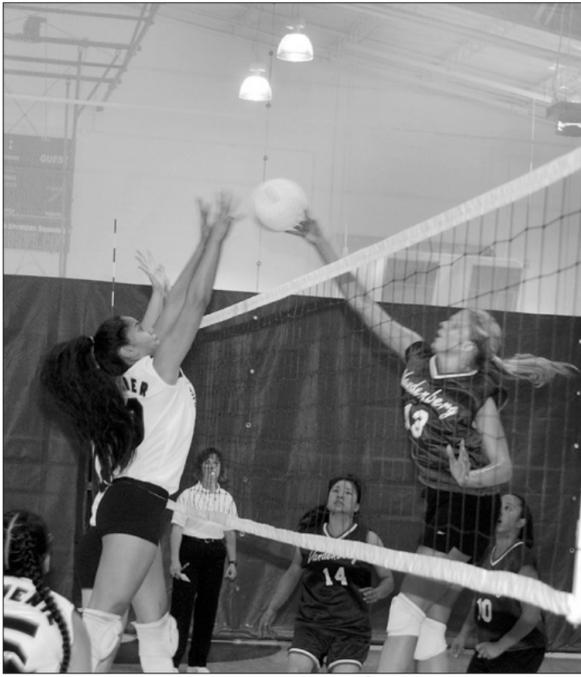


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**No. 10 Puataunofa Barber of Twentynine Palms, Calif., blocks a spiked shot from Vandenberg's No. 13 Meghan Rische during a varsity volleyball tournament Saturday.**

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**We just gotta sing!**



**VANDENBERG  
CHAPEL  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
TIMES**

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Praise and  
Worship, Chapel 2  
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

# SPACE & MISSILE

## FEATURES

### Destinations

#### Central Coast @ Sugar Magnolia's



**Left:** During open-mic night at Sugar Magnolia's in Lompoc, Airman Shamena Nurse, 30th Comptroller Squadron, reads a poem she wrote for the occasion. **Above:** Staff Sgt. Chris Phelps, 532nd Training Squadron, DJs at the coffeehouse to set the mood for poetry reading.



Fourteen-year-old Emily Wryn sings a song she wrote herself. Artists of all ages participated in the open-mic night at Sugar Magnolia's in Lompoc June 20.

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Who knew there was so much undiscovered talent at Vandenberg? Well a handful of soulful poets here, talented enough to run with the best of the best, prove there is. Nikki Giovanni and Maya Angelou better watch out, cause a new breed of phenomenal poets is on the scene!

I was lucky enough to spend an evening with them June 20 at Sugar Magnolia's in Lompoc. About once a month Jahaz Shine, 30th Medical Group; Tyrone Eddins, 576th Flight Test Squadron; and Shamena Nurse, 30th Comptroller Squadron, put on an open-mic poetry reading that will send you to a land of peace, relaxation and desire.

Shine, with her glowing personality, lit up the evening in a dual role as hostess and poet. She said she began reading poetry in a dormitory dayroom with a group of 14 friends. The group quickly grew and moved to G.I. Java. Later, they decided to move the readings to Sugar Magnolia's to share the experience, not only with Team V members, but also with anyone with a love of poetry.

Susan Krishen, Sugar Magnolia's owner, was nice enough to allow Shine and her friends to take over the café for a couple of hours once a month for the poetry readings.

Along with coffee, the café sells a number of different dishes and drinks for people to enjoy while being entertained.

The evening began with DJ Staff. Sgt. Chris Phelps, 532nd Training Squadron, playing some light sounds



**Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs, reads one of more than 380 poems he's written.**

of jazz. Shine placed incense around the room. The smell of jasmine in the air created a calm mood.

The group of poets, musicians and even aspiring writers, included an array of people from all different backgrounds and ages. Like a writer sharing their diary with the world, each poet came up and opened their inner thoughts to share with us.

Some read poems about their heritage and the struggles of their ancestors, while others read about love and heartache.

Nurse read a poem about a pretty girl eating lunch alone. The end result was the understanding that it's okay to enjoy the company of one's self.

Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs, came prepared with two of his 380 pieces, which include prose and poems. One was about his struggles as a man, and how he wanted the world to see him as much more than just another black man. His excitement about being able to finally reveal his work showed. As he read, I could tell he had put a lot of thought into what he wanted to say.

Along with the wonderful poets, a couple of musicians graced us with their presence. Emily Wryn, 14, sang and played the guitar. Her raspy, but silky voice could easily be compared with a mixture between Nora Jones and Sarah McLachlan.

It was amazing to see someone so young, gifted with such a lovely, adult-like voice. She sang like she had a world of wisdom and experiences to let out.

I too even brought a poem to share with the crowd. Being that it was my first time on the microphone, I was extremely nervous. However the calmness, of the crowd made it easier for me to read.

I have never enjoyed myself as much as I did with the spectacular group of people I met that evening. There is nothing like being around a group of intelligent individuals who are willing to share their experience and knowledge in the form of art. I will definitely be attending the next reading.

For those interested in sharing their work or just coming out to listen, the next poetry reading is at 8 p.m. July 25 at Sugar Magnolia's. To get there from Vandenberg, turn right out of the main gate. Turn right on H Street in Lompoc. At Pine Street, make a left and then take the first right. Sugar Magnolia's is in the shopping center with Foot Locker. For more information regarding the poetry readings, call Shine at 734-1980.

## Community Calendar

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**Community assessment** – Military members and spouses receiving the Air Force Community Assessment Survey by mail or e-mail, are encouraged to fill it out and submit it. Call 606-0039 to request the Web site and access code.

**Boy Scout Camp** – July 28 through August 1 at Pioneer Park in Santa Maria. Call (805) 925-1955 to register.

**Family readiness reunion briefing** – for servicemembers and their families who have questions or concerns about planning the homecoming, reuniting and relationship building. Call 606-1607 for an appointment.

**Allan Hancock College registration** – now underway for the fall session. Schedules are online at [www.hancockcollege.edu](http://www.hancockcollege.edu). Fall mail-in registration continues through July 22. Call 605-5915.

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**CLEP tests** – College-Level Examination Program pre-tests are now available online. Go to [www.petersons.com/airforce/testprep.html](http://www.petersons.com/airforce/testprep.html) then register using the activation code FL5518.

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**Educational scholarships** – available from the Vandenberg Top-3. All enlisted members, regardless of rank, are eligible for one of three \$200 scholarships. They'll be awarded at the August general membership meeting. Call Senior Master Sgt. Paul McGinnis at 606-6571 or 606-3459 for more information and details.

**Gift of Groceries program** – The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates. They can be donated to military families through charitable organizations or given directly to military friends and family to use at local commissaries. Gift certificates are available online at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

**Marriage enrichment counseling** – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

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**Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs** – These mentorship programs offer support to new

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moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

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

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**Art Show** – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays through July 31 at the Allan Hancock College art gallery in the Santa Maria campus Learning Resources Center. Call (805) 922-6966, ext. 3550.

**Office closure** – The family support center is closed for staff training Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Those requiring emergency Air Force Aid will be assisted. Call 606-0801.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly** – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center.

**Relaxation room** – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

8 TUE

**Air Force Sergeant's Association meeting** – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Vandenberg Services Center. Call 606-8700.

**Anger Management class** – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the HAWC for the next four weeks. Call 606-9958.

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**3-day TAP Seminar** – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the family support center. The Transition Assistance Program is for those retiring or separating from the military within one year. Call 606-0801.

**Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center** – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday – Friday in building 10346 in the Vandenberg Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

**Society of Military Widows** – 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center. Call 606-5474.

**Summer reading program** – 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through July 23 at the Lompoc Public Library. Call 736-3477, ext. 12.

**Risk Reduction classes** – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

**Depression management group** – 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Vandenberg Life Skills Support Center. New groups begin every 6 to 8 weeks. The group is open to active-duty

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members and their dependents. It's appropriate for adults or mature adolescents experiencing depression. Call Capt. Arlin Hatch or the LSSC staff at 606-8217.

**"Kids on the Move" workshop** – 3 to 4:15 p.m. July 11 at the family support center, for children ages 6 to 11 just arriving or departing Vandenberg. Call 606-0801.

**Investment series** – 11 a.m. to noon July 11 at the family support center. Call 606-4491.

**Craft show fund raiser** – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 12. Proceed will go to the Vandenberg Flyers Cheer and Dance Team. Call 734-5621.

**Top 3 barbecue** – noon July 16 at Cocheo Park. Lunch is free for new master sergeant's selects. Call 606-1221.

**Airmen appreciation free barbecue** – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 18 at Cocheo Park for E-5 and below. Food, beverages, musical entertainment and activities for children are provided. Call Jack Hokanson at 606-5814.

**"The Town Meeting"** – 8 p.m. July 26 and 2:30 p.m. July 27 at the Lompoc Civic Theatre. Call 735-2381.

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**Free amusement park admissions** – through Nov. 11. Sea World, Bush Gardens, and Sesame Place parks give free single-day admission to active-duty military, Reservists, and Guardsmen and up to four dependents. Call Patty Burrus at (210) 523-3656 for more information.

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**Free Disneyland admission** – Disneyland offers one complimentary three-day pass to active-duty military members through Nov. 19. Active-duty personnel may also purchase tickets for \$39 for up to five guests. Call (714) 956-6424 or visit the Web site [www.disneyland.com/military](http://www.disneyland.com/military) for more information.

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**Sandals Resorts** – offers free vacations for military members. Details are available at [www.sandals.com](http://www.sandals.com).

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The 30th Space Wing legal office advises that photocopying military identification cards for this purpose is prohibited by AF instruction. Sandals Resorts has indicated that a copy of military orders is an acceptable form of verification.

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**Did you know?**

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The service dress uniform has been approved for wear while appearing on the television game show, "The Price is Right."

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## Chapel Services & Events

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

- ♦ **G.I. Java** – opens 5 to 9 p.m. daily for dorm and billeting residents to enjoy free lattes, frappaccinos, sodas, chips and fellowship.
- ♦ **Monthly prayer breakfast** – 6:30 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel 1 annex.
- ♦ **Family Bible study** – 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Chapel 1 annex.
- ♦ **Catholic summer fellowship** – noon Wednesdays at Cocheo Park, weather permitting.
- ♦ **Men's Bible study** – 6 a.m.

### WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2  
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

- Wednesdays at Breakers.
- ♦ **Gospel musicians rehearsal** – 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapel 2.
- ♦ **Praise and Worship rehearsal** – 5 p.m. Thursdays at Chapel 1.
- ♦ **Gospel choir rehearsal** – 7 p.m. Thursday at Chapel 2.
- ♦ **Singles' group** – 6:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at G.I. Java.
- ♦ **Picnic, ice cream social** – 2 p.m. Sunday on the patio behind the Chapel 1 annex.

# 30th Services News

## PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Pacific Coast Club & Foggio's will be **CLOSED** Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the 4th of July holiday weekend

5 to 8 p.m.  
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## LIBRARY

**New children's reading group**  
Ages 9 to 13 meet at 2 p.m. Thursday at the library. The discussion topic is "Esperanza Rising" by Pam Munoz Ryan. Call the library at 606-6414 to sign up.

**"Take Flight and READ!"**  
Celebrating 100 years of flight, this new summer reading program starts June 30. The program is for children 3 to 13. Children may register until July 26 at the base library, and pick up their packets to "Take Flight and READ."  
This is an ATWIND event!

## ROD & GUN CLUB

### Bowling match

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$5 entry fee per class

This event is the first Sunday of every month. Three classes available: revolver, semi-auto, and .22 rimfire. Shoot any or all classes!

### Sporting clay

July 13 and 27 at 9 a.m.  
Cost: \$22.50 for club members  
\$27.50 for nonmembers

This event is the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Sign ups begin at 8 a.m., shooting at 9 a.m.

For more information, call the rod & gun club at 606-4560.

## OUTDOOR REC

### WHITEWATER RAFTING

on the Kern River July 12, 19 and 26  
\$65 per person

All trips are one-day and include:

- Full day of rafting up to Class IV whitewater
- Transportation to and from Vandenberg AFB
- Gourmet, deli-style lunch
- Departure from Outdoor Rec Bldg. 10250 at 6 a.m., return at 9 p.m.

Call 606-5908 for more information or to sign up for this adventure!  
The July 19 trip is an ATWIND event!

## 30TH SERVICES SQUADRON



Play **ATWIND**  
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### Week No.6 places to play ...

- Friday**  
Golf - all day  
Library - all day  
4th of July Picnic - Cocheo Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday**  
Surf Lanes - youth bowl, all day  
Golf - youth, all day  
Auto Skills - all day
- Sunday**  
Aquatic Center - family swim, all day
- Monday**  
Fitness Center - all day  
Surf Lanes - lunch  
Aquatic Center - water aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Lunch & Learn, "Excel Headers & Footers," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
Services Center - all day  
Surf Lanes - bowl all day  
Family Support Center - Transition Assistance Program, 8 a.m.  
Services Center - Deployed Spouses Support Group, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Pacific Coast Club - lunch (Launch Pad dining facility) - lunch  
HAWC - stress management class, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Services Center - indoor cycling, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
Rod & Gun - all day  
Outdoor Rec - all day  
Foggio's - lunch  
Golf Course - lunch  
Lunch & Learn, "Photo, Special Effects I," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Aquatic Center - family fun night & barbecue, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday**  
FAMCAMP - all day  
Skills arts & crafts - all day  
Library - Storytime, 10 a.m.  
Breakers - lunch  
Pacific Coast Club - family dinner, 5 to 8 p.m.

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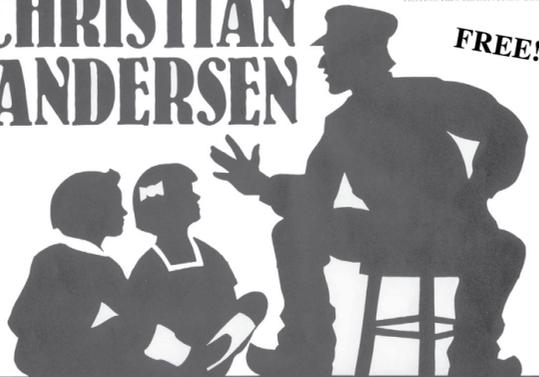
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July 14, 15 and 16, 10 a.m., youth center gym  
July 17 and 18, 10 a.m., Vandenberg Center

**Performance:**  
July 19, 2 p.m., Vandenberg Center

For more information, call the youth center at 606-2152.

## 30TH SERVICES SQUADRON

ATWIND EVENT!

## Welcome Some Warriors 4th of July PICNIC

FRIDAY  
Cocheo Park  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Entertainment, Food, Fun & Games



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