

## Base Briefs

### EMERGENCY DATA

All active-duty members of Team Vandenberg must complete their virtual record of emergency data online between Monday and March 23. Information on the vRED is used to notify members' next of kin in the event of an emergency. Members can access the Virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site from their home or office computer at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Comptroller Squadron closes today at 3 p.m. for an official function. Anyone with a financial emergency, should call 1st Lt. Steven Swiderski at 588-0701.

### AFA LUNCHEON

The Air Force Association Goddard chapter holds its annual awards luncheon at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Pacific Coast Club. Call 606-2538 to make reservations.

### APAA MEETING

The Asian Pacific American Association meets in the library's conference room A from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. They will begin planning Asian Pacific Heritage Month events. Old and new members are encouraged to attend. People need not be of Asian descent to be members or serve on the planning committee. For more information, call 1st Lt. Pete Kim, 606-6832.

### HUMANITARIAN MISSION

The 30th Medical Group conducts a Humanitarian Mission to Guatemala Monday through March 29. During the deployment, the family practice clinic staff will be reduced. Clinic hours and medical services will not change significantly, however, patients with anticipated needs like refills or check-ups are asked to make arrangements for care either before or after the deployment period. This allows access to care for those with urgent needs. For more information, call Capt. Vernon Swinton at 606-9076.

### VENDOR DAY 2003

Various businesses set up promotional display tables from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 17 at the Pacific Coast Club. The displays show what the commercial world has to offer to military members, civil servants, families and contractors. All Vandenberg is invited to attend. Refreshments and gifts are available. Call 606-6439.

### FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Service contracts are performance-based. Facilities receiving contracted custodial and grounds maintenance services should be clean and well maintained at all times. Special event services for Guardian Challenge prep are no longer provided. If facilities are not maintained up to standard, call 606-2330.

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## Peacekeeper test successful

By 2ND LT. KELLY GABEL  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg successfully launched an unarmed Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile Wednesday at 1:29 a.m.

The launch was a combined effort by the men and women of the 30th Space Wing and 576th Flight Test Squadron here, the 595th Space Group at Schriever AFB, Colo. and a task force from the 90th Space Wing at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Lt. Col. Andre Shappell led the 31-member task force from Wyoming, which performed the launch.

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, was the spacelift commander or final go/no-go authority for the launch.

As mission director, Col. Michael Carey, 595th SG commander, was responsible for the overall test management.

Wednesday's peacekeeper was selected from operational missiles on alert at F.E. Warren AFB. The test was a part of the Force Development Evaluation program, which routinely verifies the accuracy and reliability of the Peacekeeper force.

The missile carried eight unarmed re-entry vehicles approximately 4,200 miles across the Pacific Ocean to a predetermined target at the Kwajalein Atoll.



PHOTO BY DANIEL SAYLOR

An unarmed Peacekeeper missile launches at 1:29 a.m. Wednesday.

## AF implements Stop Loss

By STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Lossed.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air

Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented for specified career fields across the total force (active duty, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard) and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of

See STOP LOSS Page A4

## Rally time!



Vandenberg boxing coach Don Green runs the countdown after Team V's Hawkman knocks out a stand-in for the 45th Space Wing's mascot, Sharkey, in a sparing match during the 2003 Guardian Challenge kick-off rally at the Pacific Coast Club March 7. This year, the 30th Space Wing has five teams ready to take on the competition during GC 2003; security forces, missile maintainers, helicopter crews, launch crews and honor guard. Go Hawks!



PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Senior Airman Marques Granderson (left) and Airman 1st Class Nestor Rodriguez, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, carry the Schriever Trophy into the Pacific Coast Club during the Guardian Challenge 2003 kick-off rally March 7. Team Vandenberg has held the Schriever Trophy for the past two years and plans to keep it following the 2003 competition!



One command,  
One voice,  
Shaping the future

## Two earn eagles

■ Congratulations to the following Team Vandenberg lieutenant colonels selected for promotion!  
**Gary Bomberger**, 30th Space Wing Chapel  
**David Thompson**, 2nd Space Launch Squadron

## Back to basics

## Commanders get chance to 're-blue'

By MAJ. STACEE N. BAKO  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team V commanders and senior leaders took a step back from the daily grind March 4 - 6 to focus solely on getting back to leadership basics.

The three-day conference, held twice yearly is designed to teach commanders and senior staff about Team V issues as well as to promote better leadership and to have fun doing it.

Following on the heels of a successful mentoring day for the wing, the Commander's Conference came at the perfect time for commanders and senior leaders to learn something about themselves, the people they work with, and gain some new tools and techniques to help them be better leaders.

"This fits in very well with our mentoring efforts," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. "It's a time set aside to focus on personally and professionally developing the leaders on this base and giving them a new found energy for leading our people to new heights as we move Team V forward."

While the majority of information taught at the conference was not new to the commanders, it was still a rewarding experience for most.

"For me it helped reaffirm why it is that we're commanders," said Maj. Tom Reppart, 30th Services Squadron commander. "Sometimes we get caught up in the day-to-day routine, and forget why we're actually here."

Conference topics were divided into three areas said Lt. Col. David Thompson, 2nd Space Launch Squadron director of operations and conference organizer.

The first area was Team V issues and hot topics briefed by commanders of appropriate organizations. Members of the Behavioral Science and Leadership Department at the U.S. Air Force Academy taught the second area, a leadership seminar. And finally, Team V subject matter experts briefed the third area, commander's issues.

In the leadership seminar, the commanders were given the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality inventory, a model and inventory of personality development based on the ideas and theories of psychologist Carl Jung.

According to the MBTI, personalities are one of 16 combinations of the following traits: extroverted or introverted; sensing or intuitive; thinking or feeling; judging or perceiving.

During the conference, the

MBTI administrators gave the test then divided the leaders up based on their responses so they could see where their co-workers came out on those indicators.

"It helped me understand how I need to interact with the commanders," said Lt. Col. Ray Chamberland, Staff Judge Advocate. "I now know what will get their interest on issues."

"That was the most valuable thing about this conference," Chamberland said. "The ability to see the commanders work with the boss and amongst themselves, really helped me as an advisor to them, to see how they each approached issues and how they dealt with different scenarios."

The conference was valuable to all the commanders in different ways, but all benefited from the opportunity to interact in a "low-threat, non-stressed environment" where there were no agendas, Chamberland said.

Worley agreed the conference was a great success.

"I hope the commanders got a better understanding of themselves and their personality traits, as well as a better understanding of the various aspects of leadership like power, motivation, relationships, and communication," he said.



A typical day in the life of a 381st Training Group student is anything but typical.  
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The 30th Space Wing hosts an evening of high stakes fun at Monte Carlo night.  
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Weekend forecast  
Mostly cloudy with rainshowers Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
Low/High  
50/62  
For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit  
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# Reshaping not an easy task

By GEN. LANCE LORD  
Commander, Air Force Space  
Command

Over the next seven years, Air Force Space Command will trim 1,125 manpower positions. That is our share of the more than 13,200 reductions the Air Force must make before the end of the decade. Seven hundred and fifty-six of those cuts will come in the next year, so we are exploring proposals to implement the reductions. We will focus on outsourcing, reprogramming or delaying some manpower positions and eliminating lower-priority workload.

With all the rumors out there, I want to assure everyone in Air Force Space Command that this force reshaping is central to the

needs of the Air Force, especially in strengthening sorely stressed career fields such as security forces and intelligence.

The command is taking a mission-oriented approach to the cuts it has been directed to make, rather than arbitrarily assigning reduction numbers to bases. We believe a "fair share" spread of the reduction to the field is counterproductive, so we will take a hard look at each mission area rather than taking a percentage of slots from each unit.

We still have not completely resolved what bases, or career fields, this reduction will come from in AFSPC. Those decisions should be finalized in the next month.

Identified airmen will have the opportunity to retrain while civilians will be eligible for priority placement, voluntary early

retirement and voluntary separation incentives. I can't absolutely guarantee that no civilian workers will lose their jobs, but we're doing everything we can to avoid any involuntary separations as a result of this manpower reduction.

Increased operations tempo, workload and security requirements created by the war on terrorism, as well as budget constraints, have prompted the Air Force to review its authorizations to create a workforce better prepared to meet future challenges and missions. Our challenge is to reallocate positions – both military and civilian – to alleviate some of that workforce stress.

Let me assure you that we will do everything possible to trim positions with a minimal effect on current AFSPC employees. We will

do this in part by delaying or deleting some positions slated to be filled in the next year, as well as using attrition and current vacancies. We're concerned about the personal issues of this action more than the personnel issues.

Today's challenges have forced the Air Force to make tough decisions. Shaping the workforce to meet the future steady state of the Air Force that has evolved since Sept. 11 is our top priority. We must do this by making sure manpower authorizations do not exceed the funding Congress has given us.

We will work this issue extremely hard to get answers as soon as possible. We are fully committed to keeping the number of people affected as low as possible without negatively impacting the missions of our bases.

## Top ten ways to stay out of jail

Counselor outlines some common mistakes that end in court-martial

By CAPT. CONRAD HUYGEN  
Area Defense Counsel, Royal Air  
Force Lakenheath, England

As an Area Defense Counsel, I'd like to share with you some observations and advice from what I've seen over the past six months.

I am addressing this article primarily to E-5's and below because from 1987-1991, I was in your shoes. You provide the lion's share of my business now, and when you fail, the Air Force has failed you.

Observation one is that too many airmen drink far too much. A large proportion of the cases I deal with involve alcohol. I'm not telling you not to drink at all, but the volume of alcohol I hear about is shocking.

If you drink yourself into a stupor every weekend, you need help – please get it before you and I have to talk about your Article 15.

Observation two is that drug use is by far the most common court-martial offense, and it oftentimes follows drinking. If you use drugs, you'll get caught because one of your friends will rat on you – drug use tends to be a group activity and someone always ends up talking about it.

I'm not an expert on human nature, but if you think your friends are different, you're simply kidding yourself.

Observation three is that commanders, first sergeants and the legal office staff are not out to get you.

These are all men and women of great integrity who take adverse action only when presented with evidence. Sometimes that evidence is credible and makes sense, sometimes it doesn't, but nobody

is out to get you.

Observation four is that airmen who face adverse action are generally good people. I have the best clients in the world and will do everything in my power to defend you if you become one of them.

Here, then, is my Top Ten List of things you can do to complete a successful enlistment.

An honorable discharge and the G.I. Bill opened every door that I've walked through as an adult, from college to jobs to law school. I want you to succeed and the Air Force wants you to succeed, but the choice is yours.

10. Quit getting sloppy drunk; otherwise, you'll end up doing something really stupid.

9. Don't ever use drugs. Ask yourself if it's worth your career, your \$20,000 G.I. Bill, and a criminal record.

8. Don't lie, not even a little. When questioned, either say nothing at all until after you speak with a lawyer or tell the

truth. There is no other option.

7. Live within your means. I can't afford a Porsche – you can't afford a Porsche.

6. Be likeable and valuable. Good troops get breaks because they've earned them.

5. If you want to fight, try organized boxing. It's a lot harder than it looks.

4. Always be squared away and 10 minutes early. Your uniform, haircut, military bearing, and punctuality really do reflect who you are.

3. Treat everyone with respect. Military members and civilians alike deserve it.

2. Don't hang out with idiots. You will eventually get blamed for what they did.

1. Always ask for a lawyer when read your rights. Trust me, you have no idea what you're doing if you agree to answer questions. Your ADC is here to serve you, but you have to ask for us. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces Europe News Service)

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To provide combat capabilities through launch, range and expeditionary operations.

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

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the action line is a

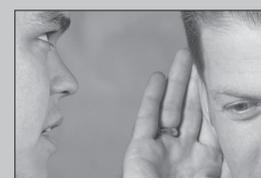


Col. Robert M. Worley II  
Commander

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

Thank you for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live.

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



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# Commander finds balance between AF service, family

*Women's History Month celebrates success stories*

By 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Women in today's Air Force have many opportunities and face many challenges. Lt. Col. Liz Borelli, 30th Weather Squadron commander, has met the challenges and succeeded in the multiple roles of Air Force officer, wife and mother.

Borelli grew up in an Air Force family and calls Mexico Beach, Fla. home. Her father was a Strategic Air Command reconnaissance navigator who retired after 34 years of military service.

She graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and received her commission through the Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Ala. in December 1985.

Borelli just passed the 17-year mark for Air Force service.

She holds an Air Force Institute of Technology basic meteorology certification from Texas A&M University and a Master of Science degree in meteorology with an emphasis in mesoscale forecasting and analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.

Borelli has attended Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and the Joint Forces Staff College. She completed Air War College by correspondence and is set to attend Air War College in residence at Maxwell AFB this summer.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

**Lt. Col. Liz Borelli, 30th Weather Squadron commander, shares her knowledge and experience to help young women like Airman 1st Class Stephanie Rodriguez, 30th WS, balance their roles as women and airmen in today's Air Force.**

Borelli entered the Air Force as a weather officer in 1985. She said there were many opportunities for women in the service due to advances made in the 1970's.

"I entered in a time when we were still struggling to get women to be allowed to fly in combat," Borelli said. "I remember some heated debates in my 1993 Squadron Officer School class after the ban was finally lifted allowing women to fly in combat in 1991 and we had several of the first wave of women fighter jet pilots."

She said arguments arose over women pulling G's (gravitational forces) and what would happen if a woman were captured in combat and held as a

prisoner of war.

"The women were out there doing these things. It was the mindset and attitudes of some that hadn't quite changed," she said. "We, both military and civilian leaders alike, are still struggling with breaking down the last barriers to allow women into direct ground combat roles," Borelli said.

The commander said she's seen a few changes and firsts in the last two decades for women serving in various positions across the military services.

She saw the first woman graduate at the top of the class from the Air Force Academy in 1986 and Sheila Widnall become the first female Secretary of the Air Force in 1993.

Borelli said Operation Desert Storm showed that the all-volunteer force is truly integrated, with women serving in nearly every capacity in the Armed Forces.

The lieutenant colonel said she remembers distinctly the first time women were allowed to work on combat ships in 1993. She was completing an eight-year stint working with Naval meteorologists and oceanographers in Guam.

"It really opened up opportunities for women in the Navy to work with and compete for jobs with their male counterparts," she said.

Borelli said she feels things are continuing to get better for all members of the military, as she's seen a concerted effort by the military to recognize families and improve the quality of life for everyone.

She also sees that military service affects women in different ways that it does men.

"I do think that women face the getting married, having children, and raising a family issues in a different light than men," she said. "That puts a strain on women as they try to decide how that fits with military service."

The commander said that her Air Force career has been fairly seamless in her family life. Her husband stays home with their two children.

"My daughter didn't realize that there was anything different until she started pre-school and realized that mostly moms picked up kids and not dads!"

She hopes that by seeing women like herself, in leadership positions and making the Air Force a career, young women will understand that it is all

possible.

"You can do it!" she said. "You can have a career, a family, a life, and more. It's an exciting time to be in the military, and we're still waiting for someone to become the first female chief master sergeant and chief of staff of the Air Force."

Borelli said one of her role models was a female captain she met while attending Basic Meteorology Training at Texas A&M University. She said the captain kept the weather students going, involved them in campus activities, and was enthusiastic about being in the Air Force.

The captain also helped Borelli through some challenging times, and remains a mentor and friend to this day.

"I admired her honesty, her ability to react quickly, make very good decisions, and keep me informed of the issues," Borelli said. "And I still admire her ability to get things done," she added.

Borelli said she honestly hadn't thought about her career in terms of being a woman.

"I think the biggest victory women have made during my career so far, is that we don't have to spend time discussing the value of women in the Air Force—it is truly a given. It is a seamless military—one in which it is less about your gender and more about your contribution to the mission," she said.

She added that equality for women in the Air Force should be based on the individual's ability to get the job done, not gender.

"When we finally see the first female president of the United States and chief of staff of the Air Force, we shouldn't be amazed—we should be saying 'it's about time!'"

## Meet the new commander

*Lt. Col. Angela Thompson  
30th Medical Operations Squadron commander*

**Hometown:** Newport News, Va.  
**Time in service:** 20 years  
**Significant fact about your new unit:** I've been working here for 18 months already and have knowledge of the super people for which I have assumed command. They are award winning, loyal Air Force medical warriors!

**Recent career history:** Thompson assumed command from the deputy position here working under Lt. Col. Robert Miller. She served, and continues to serve, as chief nurse.

Prior to Vandenberg, Thompson was deputy commander, 12th Medical Operations Squadron at Randolph AFB, Texas, and flight commander for the pediatric clinic, while also serving as a full-time pediatric nurse practitioner.

**Leadership philosophy:** faith, focus and follow-through equal success ... and success is possible if I don't try to achieve it all by myself. Author - Robert Shueller

**Short-term goals:** to increase appointment access in the 30th Medical Group

**Personal information:** single with two daughters and two grandchildren

**Hobbies:** reading, singing, bowling and spending time with family

**How do you fulfill the Air Force's core values?** By simply doing what is right - on and off the job. I'm studying to improve my knowledge and skills to ensure that I do what's right and can be confident in and accountable for my decisions and actions. It's important to remain spiritually connected and socially involved.

**What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career?** Being tasked to accompany the president (Reagan) during his visit to Mexico. I was assigned to a medical cadre of about 50 people on alert in the event anything happened to him during his visit to that country. Erecting a partial Air Transportable Hospital and being fully prepared to assist in his care was quite exciting, although I was extremely happy that we were not used, which equaled a successful mission.

**Who is your favorite leader in history and why?** I respect Martin Luther King, because of his influence over so many races of people for a cause that evoked violence in some but garnered peaceful actions in so



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

many others, revealing the true meaning of leadership.

**Who is your role model and why?** Col. Debra Bates, because of her personal knowledge and genuine compassion for her people, along with her stern and realistic expectations. She epitomized the strength of a warrior and the poise of a princess all wrapped in one.

**What do you like best about the Air Force?** I like the discipline, organization and loyalty of it's people said. There are opportunities for travel, education and sustained career progression. I love the leadership value of our people ... taking care of them so that we can get the job done as a team ... defending our nation!

## 14th Air Force emblem captures unit heritage

CONTRIBUTED BY DONNA CLARK  
14th Air Force Historian

The idea to paint a tiger shark nose on American

Volunteer Group aircraft during World War II came not from the Chinese but from British and German fighters.

When Volunteers saw pictures of Royal Air Force planes in Libya in Illustrated Weekly, they expressed a desire to paint AVG aircraft likewise.

The British had most likely copied the logo from the German Luftwaffe in which some of the Messerschmitt 210 fighters were painted with shark's teeth.

While the AVG's three squadrons - Adam and Eve, the Panda Bears, and Hell's Angels - carried no threatening symbols, the mood changed once the pilots painted a shark's nose on each aircraft.

The AVG version, with ugly teeth and evil eyes glaring from either side of the cowl, exhibited a better depiction of a shark's mouth than either the British or German airplanes.

The first magazine article written about the AVG was entitled, The Flying Tigers. It appeared in a publication called China At War, edited and published by the Ministry of Information



in Chungking. The article stated that American airmen were so good they were virtually "fei-hu" or flying tigers. The name stuck.

In early 1942, Walt Disney Studios designed the original Flying Tigers patch for the American Volunteer Group - a Bengal Tiger with

wings, soaring out of a V for Victory.

The China Air Task Force patch, approved in July 1942, used a tiger virtually identical to the AVG Flying Tiger, crashing through the red ball of the Japanese flag and wearing an Uncle Sam hat. The new logo signaled that the Tiger was now flying for the United States.

In 1943, Sgt. Howard Arnegard designed the final official 14th Air Force emblem with a Flying Tiger on a disc, with a blue background beneath the Army Air Force Star.

The War Department approved this disc emblem Aug. 6, 1943. The 14th Air Force shield emblem on the flag was approved Sept. 10, 1943.

The 14th Air Force Heritage Ball is Saturday at the Pacific Coast Club.

Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis through Master Sgt. Lee Lopez, 606-5102.

Attire for the evening is the mess dress uniform or formal civilian-wear.

## Crimebeat ...

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

Mar. 6

**Suspicious item - 11:22 a.m.**

A military member reported an unknown person had placed a suspicious item on his desk at building 10577. Investigation revealed it was an insulated box filled with audiotapes.

**Wanted person - 9:45 p.m.**

Patrolmen stopped a non-base affiliated civilian on Highway 1 adjacent to San Antonio Road east for speeding. A records check of a non-base affiliated passenger in the vehicle revealed there was a warrant for his arrest. Lompoc Police took the passenger into custody.

Mar. 7

**Loose pet - 7:20 a.m.**

A military member reported an unleashed dog chasing a resident on Bristol Drive.

Patrolmen determined the military owner of the pet. The member was issued a Failure to Control Pet warning letter.

**Stray Pit Bull - 9:50 p.m.**

A military member reported a loose and aggressive pit bull running on Pecan Court. Patrolmen captured the dog but could not determine the owner. A patrolman transported the canine to the Lompoc Animal Shelter.

Mar. 8

**Noisy pets - 7:45 p.m.**

An anonymous caller reported loud barking dogs throughout the day from a home on Noble Drive. Patrolmen found no one home. The occupant was later informed of the complaint and returned home to quiet her pets.

**Suspicious person - 8:30 p.m.**

A military member's wife reported seeing a suspicious person exiting the backyard of a vacant home on Cottonwood Street. Investigation revealed a military member entered the yard to relieve himself. The identity of the member was documented.

Mar. 9

**Child custody complaint - 7:41 p.m.**

A military member's wife reported her estranged husband, a military member, failed to return their children to her on-base quarters as prescribed in their custody agreement. The wife stated a mediator had notified her of her husband's delay and she requested police presence upon his arrival. The member and children arrived on-base three hours later and were escorted to the quarters. The member's first sergeant was notified.

**Loud music - 10:47 p.m.**

An anonymous caller reported loud music from a home on Camphor Street. The caller said he knocked at the residence but there was no answer at the door. Patrolmen directed the military member to lower his music and the member complied.

Mar. 10

**Harassing phone calls - 6:30 p.m.**

A military member's wife reported receiving unwanted phone calls from another military

member. The member's first sergeant was notified.

**Reckless driving - 11:15 p.m.**

Patrolmen stopped a civilian employee on San Antonio Road west for a traffic violation. Upon contact, the driver became irate and nearly struck a patrolman with his vehicle. The employee was detained and transported to the security forces control center for processing. He was cited for several violations.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Per 30th Space Wing Instruction 31-107, unless accompanied by an adult, children or visitors under the age of 18 must be in their homes or the homes they are visiting from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Children attending civic activities like church or school events or adult-sponsored functions ending after curfew hours may go from the function directly to their homes. Children under the age of 18 returning to base after curfew hours must go from the entry gate directly to their homes.

## BRIEFS:

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### SMTHOME DELIVERY

The Space & Missile Times should arrive at every on-base residence by 6 p.m. each Friday. Anyone not receiving home delivery should call the Lompoc Record at 736-2313.

### BULK TRASH PICKUP

Scheduled pick-ups for bulk trash are the second and fourth Monday of each month or Tuesday if the second or fourth Monday is a federal holiday. Housing residents should place trash items at the curb before 7 a.m. on pick-up

days. Residents who are moving out can take bulk trash to the landfill with a copy of their orders. For more information, call the housing office at 606-2330.

### ELECTRONIC WASTE

Televisions and computer monitors can't be disposed of in the trash or the landfill. Military housing residents should bring such waste to the collection accumulation point, building 6830, for recycling. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 606-8438.

### VAFB CHIEF'S GROUP

The Vandenberg Chief's Group is looking for all local retired chief

master sergeants to become members. Meetings are at 7 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Breaker's Dining Facility. For more information, call Chief Master Sgts. John Gunther at 605-0750, or Philip Cope at 606-9567.

### PATRIOT VOICES

Vandenberg's vocal ensemble, Patriot Voices, needs military members of all ranks to audition for this all-volunteer organization. Patriot Voices performs at various functions on base and in the local community. For more information, call Capt. Zack Guza at 606-4725 or Staff Sgt. Tim VanProoyen at 606-8483.

## ALCON: Bravo

A DUI or alcohol-related incident has occurred without injuries.

Days since last DUI: **11**  
DUI totals for the Year: **7**  
Saves by AADD this year: **63**

30th OG	<b>0</b>	14th AF	<b>0</b>
30th MXG	<b>1</b>	381st TRG	<b>1</b>
30th MSG	<b>3</b>	576th FLTS	<b>0</b>
30th MDG	<b>0</b>	Det. 9	<b>1</b>
30th SW Staff	<b>0</b>	Others	<b>1</b>

# 381st Training Group develops world's finest

By ROBIN MCCURRY

576th Flight Test Squadron family member

Vandenberg, typically known for launching missiles and rockets, is also the launch pad for nearly 2,800 space and missile careers each year.

The 381st Training Group, covering about 88 acres of the base, is home to 720 students and instructors, nearly a quarter of the base's military population. There are approximately 200 enlisted students at the training group averaging 19 years of age.

According to its vision, the training group's goal is to develop its students into the world's finest space and missile operators and maintainers.

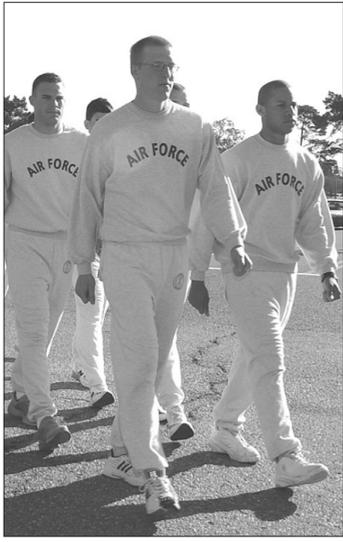
To do that, the group passes its students through comprehensive training programs keeping them to rigorous schedules and requiring strict self-discipline.

The enlisted airmen's day starts at 5 a.m. They're required to have breakfast and be ready for a 5:45 a.m. troop roll call. For those headed for assignments in the missile fields, the next nine hours are spent studying and training to work with Air Launched Cruise Missiles and Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

Airmen spend anywhere from six weeks to six months in technical training, depending upon their career field. Each career field requires a different set of courses.

Within the space career field, the 3rd Space Operations Squadron Defense Satellite Communication System Phase III Satellite Vehicle Operator course is the longest. On the other hand, the longest course in the missile career field, the Air Launched Missile Maintenance course, is just a few days shorter.

After school, military training leaders provide airmen with professional development to help them transition from



Students from the 381st Training Squadron march to the track for mandatory physical training three times per week. The students are encouraged to stay in top physical condition.

Basic Military Training to the operational Air Force. This training includes military history, protocol, and internal teamwork.

"When we receive the airmen they are used to accepting and following orders," said Master Sgt. Ron Forsythe, 381st Training Group military training leader. "In the training group we use their personality and mind process to work as a team."

Being an airman in training is not easy. There is theory to memorize and months of hands-on technical maintenance.

"I chose the missile field, because



From the left, Airman Basic Corey Maillette, Airman Basic Robert Mclauchlan and Airman First Class Crystal Hampton, 381st Training Squadron, perform maintenance on a security pit vault door during a hands-on training session.

maintenance fits my background," said Airman 1st Class Carlene Wilson, who has ten months in service and five months in training here. "I grew up working on a farm where I operated and repaired large equipment. I take pride in knowing I'm doing such an important job for the protection of my country."

Wilson is set to graduate early this month.

During technical training, airmen go through a transition from a totally controlled environment to becoming self-sufficient. This happens in four phases.

During phase I, their time is very

controlled and restricted. Room inspections are held weekly, and they are not allowed to leave the base.

During Phase II, airmen can wear civilian clothes after duty hours and they may leave base up to twenty-five miles dressed in their blues.

Phase III allows a little more freedom. The airmen can travel within 150 miles of the base in civilian clothes. They have a minimum of two room inspections a month. In the final phase, the trainees can travel up to 300 miles off base in civilian clothes and they have a minimum of one room inspection per month.

the new airmen get settled into their new surroundings.

"What I enjoy most about being a dorm chief is getting to know all of the airmen and MTLs. It also helps me to build my leadership skills for the future," Wilson added.

The 381st Training Group strives to keep a balance between the restrictions of basic training and the freedom of professional military life.

"When I stand next to a graduating class, I know they are ready to use the core values in the operational Air Force," Forsythe said.

## Team Vandenberg Warrior

30th Space Wing Military Equal Opportunity



Staff Sgt. Carmia Basker  
PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

**Duty:** NCO in charge of human relations education  
**Hometown:** Baufort, N.C.  
**Time in service:** 11 years  
**Time on Vandenberg:** 1 year  
**Hobbies:** electronics, crafts, travel  
**Favorite part of the job:** I love the human interaction of this job. It enables me to increase productivity and enhance mission effectiveness through improved human relations.  
**Supervisor's comments:** "Tech Sergeant select Basker's ability to think outside the box benefits the office and Team Vandenberg," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Brown, 30th SW MEO superintendent. "Her job creativity enables her to make MEO briefings, classes and seminars not only educational but also enjoyable."

## STOP LOSS: From Page A1

voluntary service. "We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop Loss, members can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center at (210) 565-2374, DSN 665-2374 or [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

Beginning May 2, Stop Loss is implemented on the following Air Force Specialty Codes regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

Officers	46NXX, Critical Care Nurse
11AX, Airlift Pilot	46SX, Operating Room Nurse
11BX, Bomber Pilot	48AX, Aerospace Medicine Specialist
11EX, Test Pilot	48GX, General Medical Officer
11FX, Fighter Pilot	48RX, Residency Trained Flight Surgeon
11GX, Generalist Pilot	51XX, Judge Advocate
11HX, Helicopter Pilot	71SX, Special Investigator
11KX, Trainer Pilot	Enlisted
11RX, Recce/Surv/Elect Warfare Pilot	1A0XX, In-Flight Refueling
11SX, Special Operations Pilot	1A1XX, Flight Engineer
11TX, Tanker, C-12 Cpt Pilot	1A2XX, Loadmaster
12AX, Airlift Navigator	1A3XX, Airborne Communications and Electronics Systems
12BX, Bomber Navigator	1A4XX, Airborne Battle Management
12EX, Test Navigator	1A5XX, Airborne Mission Systems
12FX, Fighter Navigator	1A7XX, Aerial Gunner
12GX, Generalist Navigator	1A8XX, Airborne Cryptologic Linguist
12KX, Trainer Navigator	1C0X1, Airfield Management
12RX, Recce/Surv/Elect Warfare Navigator	1C1XX, Air Traffic Control
12SX, Special Operations Navigator	1C2XX, Combat Control
12TX, Tanker Navigator	1C3XX, Command Post
13BX, Air Battle Manager	1C4XX, Tactical Air Command and Control
13DXA, Combat Rescue	1C5XX, Aerospace Control and Warning System
13DXB, Special Tactics	1N0XX, Intelligence Applications
14NX, Intelligence	1N1XX, Imagery Analysis
31PX, Security Forces	1N200, Signals Intelligence Analysis Manager
32EX, Civil Engineer	X1N2XX, Aircrew Signals Intelligence Production
43EX, Bioenvironmental Engineer	1N3X4, Far East Cryptologic Linguist
43HX, Public Health	1N3X5, Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist
43TX, Biomedical Laboratory	1N3X6, African Cryptologic Linguist
44EX, Emergency Services Physician	1N3X7, Turkic Cryptologic Linguist
44MX, Internist	1N3X8, Polynesian Cryptologic Linguist
45AX, Anesthesiologist	1N3X9, Indo-Iranian Cryptologic Linguist
45BX, Orthopedic Surgeon	1N4XX, Signals Intelligence Analysis
45XX, Surgeon	
46FX, Flight Nurse	
46MX, Nurse Anesthetist	

1N5XX, Electronic Signals Intelligence Exploitation
1N6XX, Electronic System Security Assessment
1S0XX, Safety
1T1XX, Aircrew Life Support
1T2XX, Pararescue
2E2X1, Com, Network, Switching and Crypto Systems
2F0X1, Fuels
2T3X2A, Special Vehicle Maintenance (Fire Trucks)
2T3X2B, Special Vehicle Maintenance (Refueling Vehicles)
3C0X1, Communications - Computer Systems Operations
3C2X1, Communications - Computer Systems Control
3E0XX, Electrical (Cem)
3E0X2, Electrical Power Production
3E4X1, Utilities Systems
3E4X2, Liquid Fuels Systems Maintenance
3E5X1, Engineering
3E7X1, Fire Protection
3E8X1, Explosive Ordnance Disposal
3E9X1, Readiness
3H0X1, Historian
3N0XX, Public Affairs & Radio/Tv Broadcasting
3P0XX, Security Forces
4A1XX, Medical Material
4A2XX, Biomedical Equipment
4E0XX, Bioenvironmental Engineering
4H0XX, Public Health
4H0XX, Cardiopulmonary Laboratory
5J0X1, Paralegal
7S0X1, Special Investigations
8D000, Linguist Debriefer
9L000, Interpreter/Translator

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## Rumsfeld: Defense Department stands ready for action

By SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON, D.C. — Saddam Hussein is “an accomplished deceiver” who will stop at nothing to “deceive the world and his own people,” Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in his Pentagon briefing today.

“There are many examples, but the point is this: He lied during the Gulf War, and if there is another war he will lie again. Indeed, he already is. The only question is whether he will be believed despite his record,” the secretary observed.

The United States and a “coalition of willing countries” await the U.N. Security Council decision on a second resolution on Iraqi disarmament, Rumsfeld said.

“We hope to see the United Nations act... but if the Security Council fails in this test and resolve, the coalition will be ready to act,” he said.

The U.S. troops deployed now exceed 225,000, said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, Joint Chiefs chairman, adding that “if the president decides to act, they stand ready to disarm Iraq.” He also reported stepping up Operation Southern Watch to support diplomacy and to keep pressure on Iraq. “We are now flying several hundred sorties a day, with 200 or 300 over the Southern No-Fly Zone,” Myers said.

Rumsfeld said that the question before the United Nations is clear: “Is Saddam Hussein taking every opportunity to disarm or not?” He said the answer to that question is “increasingly obvious.”

“He makes a show of destroying missiles which he claims in his declaration do not violate U.N. restrictions, but now admits that they do . . . Yet even as he destroys those missiles, he’s ordered the continued production of the very same missiles.”

Rumsfeld called Iraq “one of the most repressive regimes on the face of the Earth. They threaten all of

their people every day. That’s how they live in that country, under threat of the government.”

During the first Gulf War, he pointed out that Saddam ordered his forces to dismantle a mosque in Baghdad, while placing the blame for the destruction on coalition forces’ bombing.

Rumsfeld said that Saddam sought to maximize civilian deaths to create the “false impression” that coalition forces targeted innocent lives. Hussein placed Iraqi civilians inside bunkers, telling them that it was an air raid shelter for protection.

“Right beneath them,” Rumsfeld said, “was a military command and control center that was being used by senior Iraqi officials for military communications. We later learned that Saddam Hussein had decreed that all Iraqi military bunkers would also house civilians.”

Myers also confirmed reports of a vehicle accident in Afghanistan in which a U.S. soldier and three Afghan nationals struck a land mine while riding in a vehicle. The accident killed one Afghan and seriously injured another. The U.S. soldier and other Afghan were unharmed.

## National Guard and Reserve mobilized

■ WASHINGTON D.C. — This week, the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps each announce an increase of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization.

The net collective result is 12,039 more reservists than last week.

The total number of reserve personnel currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 130,142; Naval Reserve, 8,744; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 27,737; Marine Corps Reserve, 18,770; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 3,199. This brings the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty to 188,592 including both units and individual augmentees.

At any given time, services may mobilize some units and

individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve who are currently on active duty can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/d20030312ngr.pdf>.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

## Rumsfeld talks of shifting U.S. troops in Korea

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States will work with its Korean allies to “rebalance” U.S. forces in the country, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said March 6.

Rumsfeld was talking about a worldwide reconfiguring of U.S. forces during a Pentagon town hall meeting.

He opined on the situation in Korea. “We still have a lot of forces in Korea arranged very far forward, where it’s intrusive in their lives, and where they really aren’t very flexible or usable for other things,” he said.

South Korea has a gross domestic product between 25 and 35 times that of North Korea, the secretary said. “(South Korea) has all the capability in the world of providing the kind of up-front deterrent that is needed,” he said.

The United States could even remove forces from the Korean Peninsula because control of the air and sea gives the United States unprecedented mobility, he said. A quick, light military could move back into the area at a moment’s notice. New South Korean President Roh Muh-hyun ran on a platform to rebalance the alliance, and DoD is eager to do so, according to a senior defense official.

But that does not mean America would desert the alliance. “The United States remains committed to the defense of the Republic of Korea and to the stability of the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia,” said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jeff

Davis, a DoD spokesman. He noted the alliance has kept the peace in Korea for 50 years and will continue to do so in the future.

Rumsfeld said the United States is working with its Korean ally to update and strengthen the U.S.-ROK alliance in the 21st century. With that in mind, Richard Lawless, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific affairs, met with Deputy Minister of Defense Lt. Gen. Cha Young Koo in Seoul and discussed the future.

The two allies talked about repositioning U.S. troops in South Korea, moving the headquarters for U.S. Forces Korea out of Seoul and changing the mission focus of U.S. troops based on the peninsula.

“I suspect that what we’ll do is we’ll end up making some adjustments there,” Rumsfeld said during the town hall session. “Whether the forces would come home or whether they’d move farther south on the peninsula, or whether they would move to some neighboring area are the kinds of things that are being sorted out.”

The first formal meeting of the Future of the Alliance Policy Initiative is set in April, DoD officials said.

## U.S. plans to preserve Iraq’s oil for Iraqi people

■ WASHINGTON D.C. — In light of past acts of eco-terrorism by the regime of Saddam Hussein, the Department of Defense has developed plans to extinguish oil well fires and to assess damage to oil facilities that might occur in Iraq in the event of hostilities.

Oil is a natural resource of Iraq that provides commerce, income for education and other needs, and infrastructure. The department considers destruction of that resource as an act of terrorism.

U.S. goals are to prevent damage in order to preserve the lifeblood of Iraq’s economy and to prevent or mitigate environmental effects on Iraq and its neighbors.

A variety of sources lead the department to believe that the regime has both the capability and the intent to damage or destroy Iraq’s oil fields, potentially causing a crisis for both Iraq’s people and its neighbors. That assessment, coupled with the fact that Saddam Hussein’s regime set afire more than 700 of Kuwait’s oil wells in 1991, led the U.S. to plan for the possibility of oil well fires in Iraq should military action against the Iraqi regime become necessary.

Reliable reports indicate that these activities have been planned, and in some cases, may already

have begun. Recent information revealed that Iraq has received 24 railroad boxcars full of pentolite explosives. While destruction of the fields would not be a militarily significant act, it will produce economic and environmental impacts with lasting effects on the people of Iraq, as well as Iraq’s neighbors.

Economically, destruction of the oil fields could have enormous and lasting effects on Iraq’s post-war economy. Iraq’s oil is vitally important for the future of the Iraqi people. The department estimates the potential income from oil at \$20 to \$30 billion a year. That income today goes mainly to the regime and not to the Iraqi people because of Iraqi circumvention of the U.N. Oil for Food program.

For the future, it is critical to create that economic income for the Iraqi people in order to bring their standard of living back to one comparable to other nations in the region and to give them a viable economic future. Destruction of the oil fields would result in potential loss of \$20 to \$30 billion a year in oil revenues as well as an estimated cost of between \$30 and \$40 billion to recreate the infrastructure.

Environmentally, the U.S. estimates that the regime’s likely actions have the potential to double the disastrous effects experienced in Kuwait in 1991. The destruction of oil wells by Saddam Hussein in Kuwait during the Gulf War had an impact twenty times larger than that of the Exxon Valdez disaster.

In addition to setting fire to more than 700 of the oil fields in Kuwait, the regime released about five million barrels of oil into the Arabian Gulf. Even today, there are still environmental clean-up actions being taken. The threat at the time was not only to the environment but also to the numerous water desalination plants along the Gulf. The long-term effects on the water tables in various countries are still being analyzed.

## WASP



PHOTO BY RUDI WILLIAMS

**Former Women’s Airforce Service Pilot Toby Felker poses for a picture in front of a poster depicting the pioneering women pilots of World War II on display at the Women’s Memorial at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery.**

Today, it is estimated that in Kuwait, about 30 percent of its water is unusable, which is critical to such an arid country. The department has determined that up to 15 desalination plants would be affected were Iraq to undertake such actions today, critically affecting many of Iraq’s neighbors.

U.S. plans are first to prevent the destruction of Iraq’s oil fields and second, if unable to prevent the destruction, to control and mitigate the damage quickly. The department has crafted strategies that will allow U.S. forces to secure and protect the oil fields as rapidly as possible in order to preserve them prior to destruction. U.S. military forces would be responsible for securing and protecting the oil sites, and private sector companies would extinguish any fires and assess damage to oil facilities.

The department has a plan for dealing, on short notice, with oil well fires that might occur in Iraq. Brown & Root Services developed the plan, which also addresses assessing damage to oil facilities, for the government.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

# Around the Air Force

## Child-care test program provides peace of mind

By STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

*Air Force Print News*

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, — Airmen who use base child-care facilities no longer need to take a day off of work when their children are too sick to stay with others.

A test program began recently at 25 Air Force installations designating a special-care provider for children who are mildly ill — children who would, under Air Force rules, not be allowed to stay in base child-care facilities with healthy children.

Vandenberg Family Services is set to implement the program later this month, said Ken Ostini, Vandenberg chief of family services.

"In the past, parents have had to either take leave or find another care setting and pay additional costs when their children had a mild illness," said Beverly Houston, family member program specialist in the Air Force services directorate at the Pentagon. "This program will allow the parent to still perform their military duty and avoid the cost of additional child-care."

Under the program, a private-care provider at each base was selected by the family child-care panel and specially trained to deal with mildly ill children. Additionally, during the selection process, the Air Force looked first to those providers who already had special skills.

"We looked for people who may be a registered nurse or another specialized provider," Houston said.

When children who are already in base child-care become sick, their parents pick them up and take them to the special-care provider until they are well enough to be in their regular child-care setting again.

## GI Mail provides secure e-mail link to loved ones

By CYNTHIA BAUER

*Air Mobility Command Public Affairs*

■ **SCOTT AFB, Ill.** — With airmen deployed away from home, the opportunity to communicate with loved ones takes on greater importance.

"To provide a link back home, Air Force Crossroads, the Air Force's official community Web site, offers a secure and reliable e-mail program through Global Internet Mail to help families keep in touch," said Capt. Greg Whitaker of the Air Mobility Command Network Operations and Security Center here.

"Although there are other nonprofit and commercial e-mail and Internet services available, military members need to understand GI Mail is sponsored and maintained by the Air Force. We can't verify the operational capability or security of other such services," he said.

Registration for GI Mail is free for those eligible through the Air Force Crossroads Web site at [www.afcrossroads.com](http://www.afcrossroads.com). Airmen can log in to the Web-based system from any computer with Internet access. Eligible users include active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or civil service employees and their authorized family members.

Whitaker said there are three great reasons to use GI Mail: security, bandwidth and availability.

"You've probably heard about the various break-ins and hacker attacks at free commercial e-mail providers," he said. "GI Mail is a Department of Defense system, employing the same great security you've grown accustomed to in AMC," he said.

Concerning bandwidth, there is

no advertising or "spamming" from junk mail distributors on GI Mail, unlike commercial providers. "Not only will the service remain speedy even in the most remote or forward locations, users will not spend time sifting through mountains of junk mail," Whitaker said. "And GI Mail is a DOD product provided for morale. Unlike civilian services, the system will get the attention and maintenance that our deployed personnel deserve."

## Memo serves as officer career guide

By STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

*Air Force Print News*

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C.** — A recent memorandum from the secretary of the Air Force regarding the selection process for general officers could very well serve as a guide to all officers — regardless of rank — as they chart out their careers.

The memorandum is one of a series of initiatives designed to help explain how officials intend to incorporate deliberate force development throughout the Air Force.

In the memorandum, Dr. James Roche discussed the instructions he gives to promotion boards before they consider an individual for promotion to brigadier or major general. He asked all Air Force officers to consider those requirements set out in the instructions.

Among the qualities the secretary looks for are a proven ability to be proactive rather than reactive, a breadth of career experiences and an understanding of the expeditionary air and space force concept.

In addition, he said, general officer selectees are those known for making things happen.

"The Air Force needs officers who can conceptualize, chart

## New stripes



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

During a deployment, Tech. Sgt. Joselito Papa, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron, braces for the punches before his co-workers tag on his new stripes at his promotion ceremony in Southwest Asia.

strategies and formulate policies, as opposed to merely organizing solutions to problems," Roche said. "The board should find those officers who provided the direction and force that shaped outcomes rather than reacted successfully to a series of events."

The secretary also stressed the need for officers to possess a variety of backgrounds, strengths and levels of operational and technical expertise. Such a background includes experience in administrative, support and technical positions. For line officers, joint-duty experience is a significant factor. And where appropriate, he explained, command experience remained an important consideration. He stressed that the Air Force focus on force development will help meet requirements for these leaders and better meet the developmental needs.

"For those eligible to command, demonstrated performance as a commander is, and will continue to be, a key factor in selection for advancement," Roche said.

Finally, the secretary identified a keen understanding of and commitment to the expeditionary air and space force concept as an important trait to have.

In particular, he said, officers vying for general must be able to explain the value of air and space capabilities, must have an understanding of the Air Force's

contribution to overall national security and must understand each Air Force individual's contribution to the overall EAF concept.

"An understanding of the full spectrum of expeditionary air and space force and air and space operation is a cornerstone for selection to general officer grade," the secretary said. "To support this effort, the Air Force needs leaders who ... don't just do, but who also can conceptualize what needs to be done."

Those potential leaders can be identified in part as officers who are comfortable with change, who are creative and who are flexible, Roche added.

## Academy problems a 'corporate responsibility'

By MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

*Air Force Print News*

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Citing policies that were "clearly not smart," the Air Force's senior official acknowledged March 6 the service has a corporate responsibility for the barrage of sexual assault charges filed at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee that the service allowed budget and manpower restrictions to adversely affect management decisions.

"We gave up on a year of

advanced education for counseling of senior staff officers in how to deal with this sort of situation. That clearly was not smart."

"That's not the fault of the people there, it's a corporate responsibility," he said.

According to Roche's Feb. 27 testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, a three-pronged investigation is looking into the charges of rape and sexual assault at the Academy.

An Air Force working group, led by Air Force General Counsel Mary Walker, is examining how the service deals with sexual assault in its officer training programs, while the Department of Defense's inspector general and the undersecretary of defense for personnel and programs head two other investigations.

Roche expects to implement major policy changes in the coming months before the arrival of the new class of cadets, including 218 women, in June.

"We are learning enough to realize that change must occur," he said. "(There must be a) change in climate, how we manage the place, and how we lead.

While the male cadets will be afforded due process, Roche said he and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper plan to make life difficult for anyone who contemplates sexual assault.

**For these stories and more, log on to [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).**

# Workouts OK after smallpox shot

By WAYNE AMANN  
37th Training Wing Public Affairs

■ **LACKLAND AFB, Texas** – Air Force fitness center patrons who receive the smallpox vaccination got a welcome shot in the arm concerning their fitness routines thanks to some common sense rules.

Vaccinated gym-goers can go about their workouts by simply following the precautions prominently posted in the various fitness facilities.

“The main reason for the rules is just close contact with bare skin,” said Maj. John Dice, the officer in charge of the Immunizations Clinic at Wilford Hall Medical Center and a physician in the Allergy and Immunology Clinic. “A vaccinated upper arm shouldn’t touch someone else or a common object like a shirt or towel, thereby transmitting the vaccine virus that sits on the skin.”

♦ The only off-limits area is the sauna or steam room. The risk of transmitting is much higher in these rooms since people are sitting close to each other wearing very little clothing.

♦ A band-aid or bandage must cover the vaccine site. As the first layer of protection, they effectively reduce the side effects of transmitting the virus.

♦ No tank tops are allowed, only shirts with sleeves that cover the immunization site. They provide another barrier.

♦ Equipment must be wiped down after use with a solution provided by the fitness center. Normally a 60 percent alcohol-based solution is good. However, the virus can be inactivated by cleaning with hot, soapy water. Wiping can be done with a paper towel or common towel over any sweaty area like a chair.

♦ “The chance of transmitting something down your arm onto equipment is fairly



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

**Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Michael Quaranta, Port Hueneme, Calif., administers the smallpox vaccine to Tech. Sgt. Brian Rosby, 30th Medical Group immunizations technician. Rosby is the first Team Vandenberg member to receive the shot. Today, he begins administering the vaccine to other medical group staff here.**

small, but not zero,” Dice cautioned. “So it’s better to inactivate anything still on there.”

♦ Showers can be used.

But, how do they differ from the sauna or steam room?

“It’s not much of a risk because you’re using hundreds of gallons of hot, soapy water,” Dice explained. “That’s pretty good at diluting the virus down the drain. Just keep the vaccine site clear of others in the shower.”

♦ When the scab falls off, return to

normal gym use. The vaccine-site will heal and form a scab, which holds a little virus. Generally it takes about three weeks for the scab to fall off, leaving normal flat skin.

“That’s your marker. That means the site’s completely healed over and there’s no virus on the skin surface,” Dice said.

Local base immunizations desk and public health office workers can help answer common questions regarding the smallpox vaccination.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

## Girl power!



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

**Teresa Galvin, Dynamic Concepts Incorporated, demonstrates a self defense tactic with the help of Staff Sgt. John Vail, 30th Security Forces Squadron, during the Self Defense for Dummies class held at the Services Center Wednesday. The class is one of several Women’s History Month events.**

## Intramural basketball standings

### American League

Team	Wins	Losses	Standing
30th Security Forces Squadron No. 1	13	0	1
30th Logistics Readiness Squadron	10	3	2
614th Space Operations Group	9	4	3
30th Space Communications Squadron	8	5	4
381st Training Group No. 2	6	7	5
533rd Training Squadron	3	10	6
30th SFS No. 3	2	11	7
30th Operations Group No. 2	1	12	8

### National League

Team	Wins	Losses	Standing
30th Mission Support Squadron	14	0	1
30th Medical Group	10	4	2
30th Operations Group No. 1	10	4	3
576th Flight Test Squadron No. 1	8	6	4
576th FLTS No. 3	6	8	5
30th Security Forces Squadron No. 2	4	10	6
534th Training Squadron	3	11	7
Detachment 9	1	13	8

## Team Vandenberg intramural sports

### Basketball:

♦ Intramural basketball playoff games are at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 p.m. March 17 - 20 at the fitness center.

♦ The intramural basketball championship game is at 6 p.m. March 21 at the fitness center.

### Volleyball:

♦ Intramural volleyball begins March 24. To sign up, contact the unit sports representative or call the fitness center at 606-3833.

# Team Vandenberg bets aces during Monte Carlo Night



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Members of Team Vandenberg play games of chance and exchange funny money for chances to win prizes like golf and spa packages, skydive jumps and flying lessons at the 30th Space Wing staff-sponsored Monte Carlo theme night Saturday at the Pacific Coast Club.



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Staff Sgt. Tim Golden, 576th Flight Test Squadron, tries his luck at the Craps table.



PHOTO BY MAJ. STACEE N. BAKO

Two of the evening's three Elvis look-alikes supervise a game of Twister during Monte Carlo Night Saturday at the PCC.



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Staff Sgt. Ed Braly, 30th Space Communications Squadron, shows his excitement after getting a card to his liking in a game of Black Jack. Braly won nearly \$6,500 in funny money Saturday.



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Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney, 30th Space Wing Command Section, holds up the current Bingo ball during Monte Carlo Night at the Pacific Coast Club.

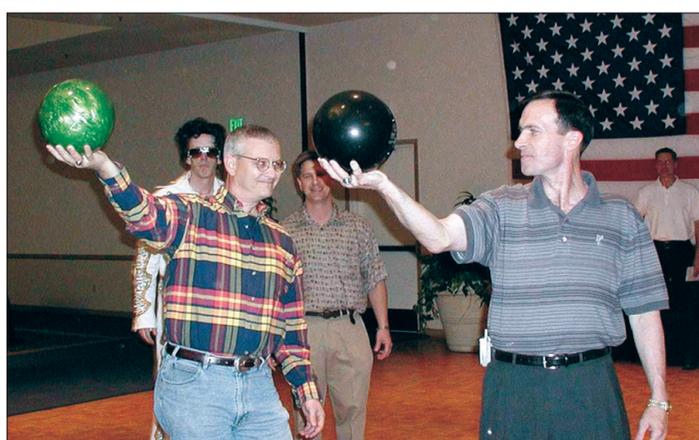


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Lt. Col. Rich Lamb (left), 30th Operations Group deputy commander, and Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, duke it out as the final contestants in an endurance test Saturday.



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Nearly 350 members of Team Vandenberg participated in the membership theme night Saturday at the PCC.

## Black Jack, Craps, Bingo, Twister ...

*Team V makes bank in gaming action at PCC*

# SPACE & MISSILE

## FEATURES

### Destinations *Central Coast people watching @ Pismo Beach*



Fishing, bait sales and equipment rental are available year-round on the pier at Pismo Beach.



Above: Pismo is well known for its clams. Clam chowder in a sourdough bread bowl is a local lunch favorite.

Right: Local skater Chris Smith perfects his craft in the wide-open spaces at the pier.



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

Fledgling people watcher Kaitlin Bonilla, 6, checks out the families, surfers and shells visible just off the Pismo Beach pier. At little to no cost, families can spend a day in the sun collecting sand dollars, burying each other in the sand and playing in the surf at Pismo Beach.



Anisa and Martin Segovia take a sunset stroll down the pier after their wedding.



A family buries their youngest daughter in the sand at Pismo Beach Saturday. Eventually, they did dig her out.



The Pismo Beach pier is touted as a favorite locale for surf enthusiasts.

## Community Calendar

**14 FRI** **Swing dancing** – 7 p.m. today in the Chumash Auditorium at Cal Poly University.

**Measure for Measure** – PCPA Theaterfest presents this play at 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays and 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through April 13 in the Severson Theatre. Call (805) 928-7731.

**Henry H. Arnold education grant** – Applications are available at the family support center for \$1,500 grants to qualifying applicants. Today is the last day for submissions. Call 605-8551.

**Allan Hancock College foreign film series** – Fridays in March at the Santa Maria campus. Two films are also scheduled to play at the Lompoc Valley Center, Mar. 15 and 22. All films are subtitled in English and begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3209

**14 FRI** **Vandenberg Spouses' Club college scholarship** – applications are available for qualifying applicants through their high school counselors and all first sergeants, at the Vandenberg Thrift Shop and the education office. All applications should be sent to VSC

**14 FRI** **Closed captioning project** – Allan Hancock College needs

volunteers who are competent typists, have a command of the English language and are good spellers. The Learning Assistance Program project is to caption a library of nearly 3,000 films. Call Brian Dill at (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3788.

**American Military University** – offers free undergraduate tuition through the Spouse Schoolmates Scholarship program to spouses of active duty members who attend the college as undergraduate students. Call (703) 330-5398.

**The Vandenberg Airmen's Attic** - needs donations of items necessary to set up a household. The program is open to military personnel E-5 and below with an Air Force Form 552 from their first sergeant. Call 606-5484.

**Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs** – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

**14 FRI** **Free car seats** – available for single-income families E-4 and below. Call 606-5338.

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

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

**15 SAT** **Aqualliers Dive Club beach cleanup** – noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Vandenberg AFB boat dock. For information, see the club's website at <http://members.tripod.com/aqualliers/aqualliers.html> or call Roy Wurzbach at 733-5026.

**Girl Scout cookie sales** – Girl Scouts are at the base exchange and commissary each weekend in March with cookies for sale. Call 606-1119.

**16 SUN** **Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra concert** – 3 p.m. Sunday in the Cal Poly Theatre. The orchestra performs a "Mostly Beethoven" winter concert. Tickets cost \$5 to \$8. Call (805) 756-2406.

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

**17 MON** **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call the HAWC at 606-2221.

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

**Allan Hancock College photo exhibit** – 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the art gallery at the Santa Maria campus. This free exhibit runs through March 31, and features black and white photos of Latino farm workers on the Central Coast. Call (805) 922-6966.

**18 TUE** **REDUX/career status bonus class** – 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the family support center. Class offers advice on making the decision to trade retired pay for a lump sum now. Call 606-0801.

**Allan Hancock College registration** – noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at any AHC location. Register for short-term computer training classes and more than 50 Fast Track courses. Cost is \$11 per unit. Call (805) 922-6966.

**Pre-separation briefing** – 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. The

briefing is required 90 days prior to leaving the service. Call 606-0801.

**18 TUE** **Joint 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.

**19 WED** **Manage Your Move** – 8:45 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Plan to attend 90-120 days prior to departure. Call 606-0801.

**Women's History Month meetings** – noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in March at the Pacific Coast Club. Call 606-3284.

**20 THU** **Women's History Month Film Festival** – 5 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday in Vandenberg's Chapel 1. The WHM committee is showing "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" and serving refreshments.

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

**21 FRI** **CAL-VET home loan class** – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. March 21 at the family support center. Call 606-0801.

**25 TUE** **Single Parents' Support Group** – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Vandenberg Services Center. Call 606-9958.

**27 THU** **Women, Infants and Children** – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the family support center. Call 605-8557 or the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470 for an appointment.

**29 SAT** **Vandenberg Spouses' Club auction** – 6 p.m. Mar. 29 at the Pacific Coast Club. Bid numbers cost \$2. The event is open to all but reservations are necessary. Call Karen Rife at 734-0397.

**APR 2 WED** **Yellowstone National Park lodging** – Military members and civil servants and their families visiting Yellowstone National Park can rent six-person trailers at reduced rates. Trailers are available at Flagg Ranch and Lionshead Resort at the park. Phone-in reservations begin April 2 for May and June bookings, May 1 for July, and June 3 for August and September. Call (208) 828-6333 for reservations.

## Chapel Services & Events

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

• **Spring fever break** – 6 to 9 p.m. March 21 at the Chapel 1 Annex. Call 606-5773 by close of business today to make reservations.  
• **G.I. Java** – This free coffee house is open 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for dorm residents.  
• **Catholic Lenten fellowship** – Every Friday during Lent a soup and bread meal is served at 5 p.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex. The Stations of the Cross follow the meal at 6 p.m. in Chapel 1.

**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

• **Protestant Lenten event** – A meal of soup and bread is served each Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club.  
• **Torah study** – 7 p.m. Sundays in Lompoc. Call 605-7564 or 736-5822 for more information. Everyone is welcome.  
• **Purim Celebration** – 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Chapel 1 Annex and sanctuary. Call Anita Friedman, Jewish lay leader at 605-7564 or 736-5822 for more information.

## At the Movies

**Today**  
**Biker Boyz**  
A contemporary western on wheels about lawyers and city workers who take to the streets in their leathers to race at night. The undefeated racer known as Smoke is threatened by a young motorcycle racing prodigy called Kid, who is determined to win Smoke's helmet and earn the coveted title.  
Rated PG-13

**Saturday**  
**Final Destination 2**  
The story of this sequel and the events of the first film unexpectedly coincide and intertwine to create many surprises and revelations about Death and its plans on Earth. Rated R  
**Sunday**  
**Closed**  
All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. A minimum of 15 people must be present for movies to run.