

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Vol. 14, No. 26



Base Briefs

NEW CLINIC HOURS

The 30th Medical Group is open Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone lines open for appointments at 7:45 a.m. for active-duty service members and 8:30 a.m. for dependents and retirees on Thursdays. The clinic is closed for training the fourth Thursday of each month.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Maj. Richard Lindlan assumes command of the 30th Mission Support Squadron from Maj. Karen Taylor at 10 a.m. today in the Pacific Coast Club. Call Ruth Clark at 606-6200 for more information.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Col. Michael Morgan assumes command of the 381st Training Group from Col. Thomas Bouthiller at 10 a.m. July 13 at the 381st Training Group flagpole. Call Virginia Battle at 606-4315 for more information.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Wayne Monteith assumes command of the 392nd Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Brian Pletcher at 10 a.m. July 27 in the 381st Training Group auditorium. Call Capt. Lorne Chui at 606-7305 for more information.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Lorna Westfall assumes command of the 30th Medical Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Angela Thompson at 3 p.m. July 29 in the Pacific Coast Club ballroom. Call Karlene Kneeling at 606-6761 to make reservations by July 15.

SCHOOL PHYSICALS

Annual school and sports physicals will be offered at the family practice clinic by appointment only from 4 to 6 p.m. July 16 for children enrolled in TriCare Prime. Parents must bring the school's physical examination requirements and the child's immunization record. To make an appointment, call 606-2273. Call Staff Sgt. Nora Lerner at 606-5695 for more information.

EDUCATION RECORDS

All Vandenberg military personnel can view all college classes attended, see their CCAF credits and check their education records on the Web at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec>. Once signed in, users must exit the site and then log back in to access their information. For more information, call the education center at 605-5904.

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Telephone users no

See BRIEFS Page A4

Family Day



Staff Sgt. Brett Schofield, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, shows Jacob Rose, 3, the inside of a fire truck during a family day event put on by the 30th Mission Support Group at Vandenberg June 29.

PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN KAROLINA GMYREK

Delta II to deliver NASA satellite

COMPILED BY TIMES STAFF

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is set to launch Aura, a next generation Earth-observing satellite, into polar orbit Sunday from Vandenberg's Space Launch Complex 2.

A Boeing Delta II launch vehicle will carry the 6,860-pound satellite designed to supply information about the health of Earth's atmosphere from the Western Range into orbit.

Aura carries four instruments that survey different aspects of the Earth's atmosphere, helping scientists understand how atmospheric composition affects and responds to Earth's changing climate.

Once in orbit, Aura will survey the atmosphere from the troposphere through the stratosphere. The satellite will reveal the processes that connect local and global air quality while tracking the extent to which the Earth's protective ozone layer is recovering.

This satellite will complete NASA's first series of Earth Observing System satellites. The other satellites are Terra, which monitors land, and Aqua, which

See AURA Page A2

Super-sized vehicle carrying key Atlas V equipment to Vandenberg

By CAPT. TODD FLEMING

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

A transport rig the length of a football field is on its way to Vandenberg after leaving Florida June 22 carrying part of the fixed launch platform structure for Lockheed Martin's new Atlas V launch pad.

The 29-axle rig is one of four vehicles carrying the structure due to arrive at the base some time near the middle of July.

"As you might imagine, moving a vehicle literally as long as a football field all the way across this great nation of ours is quite a modern marvel," said Tech. Sgt. Norman Sibley, 4th Space Launch Squadron. "Planning has been underway since January and extensive coordination with each state was required. The actual route has been driven and surveyed in great detail to identify potential problem areas. Due to the width of the vehicle, two traffic lanes are being used at all times."

The truck is making a 3,300-mile journey across eight states traveling a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour. It is using both a standard diesel tractor to pull the transport and a pusher



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LOCKHEED MARTIN

The 29-axle rig is transporting part of the Atlas V launchpad from Florida to Vandenberg.

tractor.

When all four trucks arrive, the 400-ton launch platform will be assembled. Mechanical and electrical service requirements for the Atlas V are provided by the fixed launch platform.

The existing Atlas launch facility is being modified by Lockheed Martin to launch the new Atlas V rocket in fourteen months.

Depending on its configuration, Atlas V can place from 10,900 to 19,100 pounds into geosynchronous transfer orbit and 14,000 pounds directly into a geostationary orbit.

"The Atlas V is the latest evolution in expendable launch vehicles, being built by Lockheed Martin, that gives us another tremendous capability to deliver key national satellites into orbit," Sergeant Sibley said.

"We're excited about the opportunity to support this construction at Vandenberg in anticipation of a 2005 launch."

Sauer, Incorporated, which built the mobile launch platform for the Atlas V program at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., constructed this device. The new Atlas V launch complex is being built on Space Launch Complex-3 East, or SLC-3E.

Cadets converge on Team V for CAP Cadet Week

COMPILED BY TIMES STAFF

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team V participated in the first-ever Civil Air Patrol Cadet Week Thursday and today so that cadets could get a firsthand look at military life.

CAP Cadet Week activities here included a weapons demonstration, weapons firing, working dog demonstrations and a tour of the 76th Helicopter Flight, said Lt. Col. Neil Thomas, CAP-Air Force Reserve assistance officer. Vandenberg also provided CAP cadets with instruction from the honor guard.

Cadets all over the country visited their nearby Air Force installations this week, Colonel Thomas said.

"I have worked with many cadets and senior members at Emergency Services Exercises, cadet encampments and numerous activities here at Vandenberg and all over the state of California," Colonel Thomas said. "The CAP folks really

appreciate how Vandenberg provides support, from classroom spaces for training to biouvac for cadets, tours and static displays. The members of Team Vandenberg have consistently made my mission much easier."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper is encouraging Air Force personnel to participate. In a memo written to all major commands, he wrote, "Attracting youths to aviation and space related career fields is key to our nation's continued progress in aeronautics and astronautics."

CAP's cadet program is an investment in America's future, both in producing responsible citizens for our nation and building a potential work force for our air and space community. During the observance of CAP Cadet Week, your activities can help make our outstanding Air Force world come alive for these dedicated cadets."

See CAP Page A2

Happy 4th of July

Fireworks light the night sky during the annual Fourth of July celebration at Pismo Beach. The city of Pismo Beach is located 35 miles north of Vandenberg.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ERIC SHELTER

In this issue of the



Also view The Space & Missile Times at www.vandenberg.af.mil and click the Space & Missile Times button.



Team Vandenberg Boy Scouts retire Old Glory in traditional ceremony. See Page A2.



Destinations Central Coast heads for Santa Barbara and fun in the sun on the water front. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast Partly cloudy Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Low/High 53/68

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

Caretakers of Old Glory put it to rest

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg Boy Scouts burned a U.S. flag July 1 at San Antonio Park, not because they were protesting the war or because they disagreed with the politics of the country, but out of respect for the U.S. flag.

"We retire flags with dignity and respect when they become worn, torn, faded, or soiled," Master Sgt. Mike DuBrule, 14th Air Force and Boy Scout Troop 394 Scoutmaster.

"It's a real honor for Troop 394 to perform the retirement of a Vandenberg flag," said Senior Airman Scott Ellison, 30th Medical Group and Troop 394 committee member. "The ceremony offers each scout an understanding of what respect for our flag really means."

The Boy Scouts are one of many organizations that retire unserviceable flags in a proper disposal ceremony, he said. The traditional method of retirement is incineration, but this doesn't mean one should simply drop the U.S. flag into a fire.

First, a flag must be cut up into pieces so it ceases to be a flag, but it should never be torn up like an old bed sheet. It should be cut with scissors or shears in a methodical manner, according to the Web site www.uscouts.org/ceremony. When cutting a flag, the field of stars should be left completely intact representing the union of the fifty states. The union must never be broken.

While some of the Troop 394 members performed the flag dissection here, others started and tended a medium sized, wood fire in a metal barrel. The scouts maintained vigil over the fire until all traces of the flag's remnants were destroyed. The fire was then extinguished and the ashes were buried.

Another aspect of the ceremony involves choosing a flag from those to be burned, and making the story behind that flag part of the ceremony.

Before accepting a flag for retirement, the recipient should try to obtain information about its history. For example: Where was it flown and for how long? Were there any memorable events at the site?

"The U.S. flag should be treated with respect when it's flying, and it should be treated with respect when it's being retired," Airman Ellison said.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST MATTHEW REED

(Above) James Ellison and Matt Tanous, V Boy Scout Troop 394, pay final respects to a flag retired by the troop July 1. (Right) A live fire is the preferred method of retiring a flag. (Below) Each stripe is cut from the flag and burned. The star field is left intact.



ALCON: Normal

DUI totals for the year: 12 A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.
Days since last DUI: 15
AADD saves: 150

30th OG	1	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	4	14th AF	0	381st TRG	4
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1

AURA:

From Page A1

observes Earth's water cycle.

Aura will also help answer scientific questions regarding the atmosphere, including whether the ozone layer is recovering and it may help determine the effectiveness of international agreements, which banned ozone-depleting chemicals like chlorofluorocarbons.

As Earth's atmosphere composition changes, so does its ability to absorb, reflect and retain

solar energy. Greenhouse gases, including water vapor, trap heat in the atmosphere. Airborne aerosols from human and natural sources absorb or reflect solar energy based on color, shape, size, and substance. The impact of aerosols, ozone and water vapor in the atmosphere on Earth's climate remains largely unknown, but Aura's ability to monitor these agents will help unravel some of its mystery.

For more information on Aura, go to www.aura.gsfc.nasa.gov.

CAP:

From Page A1

National Cadet Week offers a fun and worthwhile summer learning experience and a chance to see firsthand what a military career would be like, he said. For the Air Force, it's an excellent recruiting opportunity and a chance to interact with outstanding young people who are already interested in aviation and space. Cadet Week strengthens the working relationships among Air Force installations and their local CAP squadrons.

The Civil Air Patrol is the official Air Force auxiliary. Its a nonprofit organization with almost 62,000 members nationwide.

CAP performs 95 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Colonel Thomas said. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

The members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 60 years.



Col. Frank Gallegos
30th Space Wing commander
Capt. Todd Fleming
Chief, Public Affairs
Airman 1st Class Bryan Franks
Editor

Airman 1st Class Juanika Glover
Assistant Editor

1st Lt. Michelle Mayo
Master Sgt. Lloyd Conley
Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Danét
Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney
Staff Writers

Airman 1st Class Matthew Reed
Photographer

The Space & Missile Times is published by Lompoc Record Publications, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 30th Space Wing.

This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services.

Contents of the Space & Missile Times are not necessarily the official views of or endorsed by the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in the publica-

tion, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or Lompoc Record Publications, of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Vandenberg AFB Public Affairs

Office. All photos, unless otherwise indicated, are Air Force photos.

The Public Affairs Office reserves the right to edit all submissions for style and space.

Deadline for publication is 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday, nine days prior to publication.

Send submissions to: 30SW/PA, 747 Nebraska Ave., Room A-105, VAFB, CA 93437; via fax at DSN 276-8303 or commercial (805) 606-8303; or by e-mail to Space&MissileTimes@vandenberg.af.mil

For information about the Space & Missile Times, call the staff at (805) 606-2040.

Commander's Action Line



Col. Frank Gallegos
commander

By performing Vandenberg's mission safely and effectively, Team Vandenberg 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, Team Vandenberg and the 30th SW will ensure 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.

Q. *I hate to bother you with this issue, but I could not resolve it by talking to the housing office. I visited my*

son last week at Vandenberg. He is currently going through missile school. I was somewhat appalled by the housing area he is in. At the corner near his house on Willow and Mulberry, there is a truck with no engine, front end or doors, parked in the front yard.

I called the housing office and they told me that there wasn't really anything that they could do about it. I've lived in housing at various bases and have always been told that living in base housing was a privilege and if the rules weren't followed, that privilege could and would easily be taken away.

The person at the housing office proceeded to tell me that there was a car parked further down on Willow that had been abandoned for more than five years and they couldn't get anything done about it either. Other violations that I saw at the same house at the corner of Willow and Mulberry were a basketball hoop set up in the street and a swing hanging from a tree in the front yard.

I would hate for my son and

his new wife's first experience living in base housing to be a poor one. I'd appreciate your assistance with this matter.

A. Thank you for bringing these conditions to my attention. It is the responsibility of all occupants living in housing at Vandenberg to keep their neighborhoods up to standards outlined in the Vandenberg housing brochure. The following narrative and excerpts are from the housing brochure, which everyone receives when they sign for their military family house.

- Inoperable vehicles: Any vehicle that becomes inoperable due to mechanical failure must be removed from the street, road, or roadside within 12 hours.

- Automobile repair work: Any repair with the possibility of drainage or spillage of gasoline, oil or other lubricants on the ground is not permitted.

- Recreational vehicles, boats and trailers: Store recreational vehicles and pick up trucks with campers not used as daily transportation in the RV storage area, located in the northeast corner of 13th Street and New Mexico Avenue.

- Basketball hoops: Freestanding hoops are allowed. For safety reasons, avoid placing the hoop near or directly in the street or in such a manner that the ball might freely

bounce on the street.

- Trees: Chain or rope swings and pet leashes should not be attached to trees because of possible damage to the tree as well as the safety hazards involved.

- Grounds care: It is expected that housing residents make a concerted effort to keep their yard clean and to help keep common areas litter free. Mow as necessary to maintain a neat appearance and keep the grass from exceeding three inches in height. Edge grass next to sidewalks, driveways and borders without excavating trenches.

Military family housing and close neighbors are synonymous. We ask occupants to be reasonable and considerate and talk to their neighbors when problems and misunderstandings arise.

The first step in the process of dealing with complaints in your housing area is to go to the person you have differences with. If this does not correct the dispute please contact the housing office at 606-3477.

They will notify the appropriate security forces for inoperable vehicles and the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron for grounds care. For all other violations, contact the housing office. The responsible agency will then get involved with the violator's first sergeant and if necessary continue up the chain of command. A fourth consecutive notice for the same

discrepancy will be forwarded to the group commander, along with the history of write-up, previous action taken and a recommendation that on-base living privileges be revoked.

I will provide the information to security forces regarding the inoperable vehicle and will look into the other two violations. I urge housing residents to handle issues with their neighbors first because with nearly 2,000 houses around base it is difficult for our office to put eyes on every neighborhood. I'm sorry you did not get any resolution from the housing office. In the future, they will disseminate violations to the appropriate office in order to handle any violations.

Recently we have stepped up getting out in the neighborhoods by having the 30th CES perform lawn inspections on the weekend. In addition, the 30th CES has provided Airmen from the shops to ensure standards are being kept in base housing. Thanks again for bringing these issues to my attention. The base wants to make a good impression on all its military members, families, local community and visitors.

Q. *I would like to voice my concern with the post office closure on base. This is the first military installation I have been assigned to that doesn't*

have a postal service. For those living on base, it's very time consuming to go to Lompoc or Santa Maria and wait in lines for 30 to 45 minutes to take care of postal needs. Are there any plans for the post office reopening?

A. The post office on Vandenberg was operated under a United States Postal Service contract to a civilian company. USPS chose not to renew this contract and did not have another contractor ready to take its place.

The USPS is in the process of selecting a new contractor to operate the base post office. I have voiced my concerns to the Lompoc postmaster and regional USPS business office about opening the post office as soon as possible and they promised to expedite their contract process to do so. In the mean time, the USPS has recommended the use of the following facilities:

- Lompoc Post Office
801 West Ocean Avenue
- Vanessa's Hallmark
1540 North H Street
- Anything Athletic
708 North H Street

To submit an action line: Call 606-7850 or E-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

HAWKS'

Point of View

"What is your dream car?"

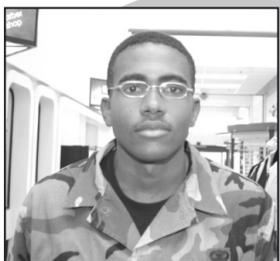


"BMW 325 I" -
Staff Sgt. Dave Brewster, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron

"Cadillac Escalade EXT" - A1C Reginald Ellison, 533rd Training Squadron



"Ferrari Enzo" -
Airmen 1st Class Steve Crossley, 30th Security Forces Squadron



"Honda S2000." -
Curtis Clark, AAFES employee



No excuse for driving drunk

By Lt. Col. Raymond Chamberland
30th Space Wing Judge Advocate

So far this year, Team V has had twelve DUIs. That's twelve confirmed cases where our Airmen have put themselves and others at risk by driving under the influence of alcohol. That's twelve careers that have suffered huge setbacks. And, it goes without saying, that's thirteen more DUIs than we hoped to have at this point.

The problem actually extends beyond DUIs. Nearly all of the misconduct on this base involves alcohol. Even though it is only a very small percentage of our folks making poor decisions, their actions reflect poorly on all of us and cloud the otherwise fantastic work everyone is doing on Vandenberg. We must do a better job at all levels to curb this trend.

It is an integrity issue. If our people are truly putting integrity first in their lives, they should not be putting lives at risk by driving under the influence of alcohol.

I can guarantee you that none of those who have stood before the wing commander after getting a DUI expected they'd ever be in that position. Some may not have even realized they were over the legal limit. But, nonetheless, all suffered the consequences of their actions.

The biggest contributing factor to DUIs is setting out without a plan. After you've already been drinking is not the time to start thinking about how you are going to get home. With alcohol impairing your judgment, you will likely make the wrong decision.

You need to already have a plan before you head to the club or bar, whether you have a designated driver in the group, somebody coming to pick you up, or the recognition that you can only have one drink.

Many people don't realize how quickly they hit the legal limit. For the .08 standard, depending on the size and content of the drinks, you can be over the legal limit after only two drinks. Four twelve-ounce beers or a few glasses of wine will push even a big guy over the legal limit. It doesn't take long. And the intoxication is further accelerated if you are on medication or fatigued.

If you have more than one drink in an hour or more than a couple drinks for the night, you simply should not be behind the wheel of the car. And there isn't reason to be. There are options.

We've got a great Airmen Against Drunk Driving team who provide a ride home with no questions asked. This heroic group has already provided this service more than 150 times this year. Their contact number is either 605-AADD or 606-AADD.

If you really find yourself in a pinch without options, call your commander or first sergeant. Having the moral courage to make that tough phone call and acknowledge that you made a mistake is far more admirable than endangering others by driving drunk.

Supervisors need to do a better job educating

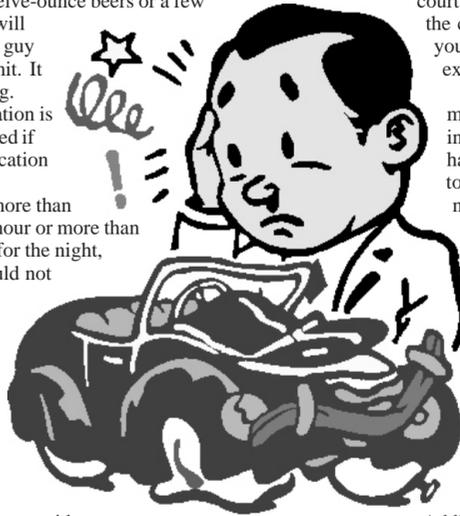
their folks on the penalties of driving under the influence and on the need to drink responsibly at all times. Everyone who gets an off-base DUI

pays a substantial fine, not to mention court costs, attorney's fees and the costs associated with losing your license. These costs can exceed ten thousand dollars. On-base DUIs by military members are handled by the individual's commander, who has a variety of tools available to handle the matter including non-judicial punishment or even trial by court-martial.

An offender could be reduced in rank and forfeit half a month's pay for two months as well as face jail time and punitive discharge if court-martialed. Military members who get DUIs also get to stand before the wing commander with their supervisor to explain how it happened.

Additionally, they also become responsible for changing the alcohol condition sign to indicate their group received the most recent DUI. In these days of force shaping to reduce the Air Force by 22,500 people, they also face the very real possibility of being discharged. And these are the best-case scenarios that assume nobody got injured while the person was driving while intoxicated. Bottom-line: it just isn't worth it!

Team V has been doing great work. Let's work together to fix this problem.



Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team

The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team invites junior enlisted Airmen to come out and join their fellow peers in a monthly forum to meet with Vandenberg leadership representatives to discuss the critical quality of life issues on Vandenberg and to discover new ways to work smarter and play harder.

The VEAT meets at 10 a.m. every third Thursday of the month in the Pacific Coast Club. Contact Staff Sgt. Patricia Keen at 606-6456 for more information.

Check out our on-line news at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news

Team Vandenberg is invited to attend the 50th Anniversary of Air Force Space and Missiles Ball Aug. 21 in the Pacific Coast Club ballroom.

Time: 5 p.m. social
6 p.m. dinner
Attire: Mess dress or semi-formal for military. Black tie for civilians.
Menu: Prime Rib and Halibut
Cost: \$30



Call Kristie Stavoli at 606- 2538 to make reservations by Aug. 9.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

Pool's open!

Breanna Rio takes a turn down the water slide at the base pool Wednesday. The pool was previously closed for repair and recently opened. The pool will remain open until the end of August. The pool is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. Swimming lessons are offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. To sign up for swimming lessons call 606-3851.

This week in history ...

COMPILED BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

July 4

1776 – In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king. The declaration came 442 days after the first volleys of the American Revolution were fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts and marked an ideological expansion of the conflict that would eventually encourage France's intervention on behalf of the Patriots.

July 5

1912 – Capt. C. Chandler and

Lts. T.D. Milling and H.H. Arnold become the first to qualify as military aviators.

July 6

1950 – James Doolittle named the Aviator of the Decade by Harmon Aviation Committee.

1976 – In Annapolis, Maryland, the United States Naval Academy admits women for the first time in its history with the induction of 81 female midshipmen.

In May 1980, Elizabeth Anne Rowe became the first woman member of the class to graduate.

Four years later, Kristine Holderied became the first female midshipman to graduate at the top of her class.

1989 – General James Doolittle received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in a formal ceremony at

the White House in Washington D.C.

July 7

1976 – For the first time in history, women are enrolled into the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. May 28, 1980, 62 of these female cadets graduated and were commissioned as second lieutenants.

July 8

1776 – In Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell rings out from the tower of the Pennsylvania State House (now known as Independence Hall), summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Colonel John Nixon. On July 4, the historic document was adopted by delegates to the Continental Congress meeting in the State House. However, the Liberty Bell, which bore the apt biblical quotation, "Proclaim Liberty

BRIEFS:

From Page A1

longer need to dial 99 before calling a toll free number from a Vandenberg DSN line. The change is due to a switch in the base telephone provider.

NEW FINANCE HOURS

Vandenberg's Financial Service Flight customer service section is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays the section is open at 10 a.m. For financial service information, call 606-4630.

CHARGE OF QUARTERS

Each Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. there is a charge of quarters on duty in unaccompanied housing. Contact the CQ office at 606-8469 or 606-8487 for assistance.

TOP 3 SCHOLARSHIPS

The 30th Space Wing Top 3 Association offers three \$200 scholarships to base personnel. Requirements are on the Top 3 Web site under the Scholarship Program tab. For more information, call Master Sgt. Steven Benesh at 606-8696.

Throughout All the Land unto All the Inhabitants Thereof," was not rung until the Declaration of Independence returned from the printer on July 8.

1943 – Col. M.G. Grow, 8th AF Surgeon, received the Legion of Merit for developing the flak vest.

July 9

1947 – In a ceremony held at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, General Dwight Eisenhower appoints Florence Blanchfield to be a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, making her the first woman in U.S. history to hold permanent military rank.

1964 – A 1st Air Commando Wing C-47 crew was awarded the Mackay Trophy for a Vietnam rescue mission.

July 10

1965 – The USAF scored the first air-to-air combat victory in Southeast Asia.

Crimebeat...

June 28

Oops – 2:03pm

An officer reported a minor vehicle accident at building 8312. He stated an Airman parked a vehicle next to his and dented the passenger side door of his car when he opened his driver side door. No damage was caused to the Airman's vehicle.



June 30

Keep the noise down – 1:06am

An anonymous caller reported a loud noise complaint at Minuteman Dormitory. Patrols responded the area and made contact with an Airman, who was instructed to keep the noise down. No further action was taken.

June 29

Uh-oh – 10:50am

A civilian employee reported a minor vehicle accident at building 5500. He stated while reversing out of a parking spot, he didn't turn his vehicle with enough clearance and subsequently hit a hand-rail. His vehicle sustained minor damage but the driver was not injured.

In-laws – 2:24am

An Airman reported hearing a woman screaming for help. Patrols arrived on scene and discovered a female who was the victim of battery. She stated her brother-in-law assaulted her after over hearing a conversation about him. EMTs responded to the scene and transported the female (an Airman's spouse) to Lompoc ER for minor injuries. The in-law, a civilian, was detained, cited, and removed from base.

Take a chill pill – 1:35pm

A visitor control clerk reported an irate customer at the visitor's center. Patrols responded to the scene where they made contact with a civilian who was being impatient and yelling at clerks. The non-base affiliated civilian later admitted to losing her temper and was denied access to the installation.

Laziness – 8:13pm

Gate sentries reported witnessing an individual on a bike unlawfully enter East Housing. Patrols responded to the area and made contact with an Airman fitting the description of the trespasser. The Airman was apprehended for unlawful entry and was later released to his unit's first sergeant.

July 1

It's a dog eat dog world – 6:27pm

An anonymous caller reported a stray K-9 at the Vandenberg Skate Park. The caller also stated the same animal bit another dog earlier that day. security forces patrols responded to the scene and captured the animal and transported it to the 30th Security Forces Squadron control center where its owner (an Airman) was awaiting to claim it. The Airman was issued a failure to control pet notice and no further action was taken.

Around the Air Force

Air Force symbol now official

By Staff Sgt. MELANIE STREETER
Air Force Print News

■ The Air Force symbol is now official, four years after the service first applied for trademark protection.

"I'm proud our symbol is now an official part of our heritage," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "It represents our storied past and links our 21st Century Air Force to our core values and capabilities."

The decision to designate it as the official symbol of the Air Force demonstrates the service's conviction to preserving the symbol's integrity and should ease concerns that the symbol is temporary or remains a test.

Trademark protection designates the symbol as exclusive property of the Air Force and gives the service authority to control and enforce its use.

A team of lawyers, public affairs officers, artists and historians are working to expand guidance and standards for the use of the symbol. An official Air Force Instruction is scheduled for release in fiscal 2005.

In the meantime, the intent is to expand use of the symbol today and protect it for the future.

Use must be consistent with applicable Air Force instructions and symbol guidelines posted at www.af.mil/library/symbol/.

When Air Force officials began testing the symbol in 2001, it appeared on a limited number of base entry signs and water towers and a small number of aircraft and vehicles. Acceptance during the

test was so widespread that in 2002, 90 percent of Airmen surveyed thought the symbol was already official.

"Since then, I've seen Airmen wear it, drive it, eat it, carry it, embroider it and even brand it," said Maj. René Stockwell, of the Air Force public affairs national outreach and communications division, who manages the symbol Trademark licensing program.

The service is licensing use of the symbol on a variety of commercial goods, from candy and furniture to tires and jewelry, which allows Airmen to display their service pride off-duty.

On duty, the symbol is featured on optional military tie tacs, the proposed utility uniform and gray boots, the Air Force lightweight blue jacket and is being showcased in Air Force marketing campaigns.

"We've used the symbol to help encourage people to join, Airmen to stay and [to] build understanding, appreciation and support for America's Air Force," Major Stockwell said.

Airmen and their families can help protect the integrity of the symbol by adhering to the guidelines online, the major said.

They have an implied license to use the Air Force symbol on personal items such as printed materials, food, clothing, literature and briefings.

These items must be intended for personal or internal use only, not used for retail sales, advertising or unauthorized endorsements.

Any commercial use of the symbol, by individuals or companies, requires completion of a license agreement with the Air

Force, Major Stockwell said.

People with questions not covered online can e-mail the Air Force Symbol office at afstory@pentagon.af.mil.

Four cadets charged with steroid-related violations

■ **U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Air Force Academy officials announced July 6 that four cadets have been charged with steroid-related violations.

The cadets involved are Cadets 1st Class Eric Swartz and Jonathan Belkowitz, and Cadets 2nd Class Overton Spence Jr. and Matthew Ward. They are being charged with violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice's Article 112a. If convicted, they face confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and dismissal from the academy.

Cadet Swartz is charged with wrongful use, importation, introduction and two counts of distribution of a controlled substance.

An Article 32 hearing is scheduled for July 28. He faces a maximum of 65 years confinement if convicted on all charges.

Cadet Belkowitz is charged with wrongful use, importation, introduction and distribution of a controlled substance. He is also charged with violating the UCMJ's Article 107: making a false official written statement.

He has waived his right to an Article 32 hearing. A trial date has not yet been set. He faces a maximum of 55 years confinement if convicted on all charges.

Cadet Spence is charged with

It's Snowing



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BENNIE DAVIS

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam — Contractors for the 36th Wing's civil engineer squadron test and evaluate a high-expansion foam system here June 30. The system helps fight fires inside aircraft hangars by covering the hangar with up to 12 feet of fire-retardant foam.

wrongful use, distribution and possession of a controlled substance. Cadet Spence also waived his right to an Article 32 hearing.

His case has been submitted to the superintendent to determine if it will go to court-martial.

He faces a maximum of 25 years confinement if convicted on all charges.

Cadet Ward is charged with wrongful use and possession of a controlled substance.

He waived his right to an Article 32 hearing and his case is awaiting a trial date. He faces a maximum of 10 years confinement if convicted on all charges.

Overseas returnee assignment listing available July 13

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for November to January requirements will be available July 13 to overseas returnees and continental United States mandatory movers, Airmen facing mandatory reassignment.

Airmen can work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by July 29.

They will be notified of their selection by mid-August.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty and rank.

Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the assignment list, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said.

People can view the lists at local MPFs or online at the personnel center's Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm/>.

Airmen on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Destinations

CENTRAL COAST

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

July 9, 2004

Walk down Santa Barbara's waterfront for cool fun

By 1st Lt. Michelle Mayo
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Since I've been living on the Central Coast for almost three years now, perhaps I shouldn't admit this: The first time I went to the Santa Barbara waterfront was last New Year's Eve.

I'd been close. I often made stops at the Paseo Nuevo shopping center, which is just five blocks up the street, but I just never made it down to the ocean.

Now I know I've been missing out.

The waterfront is more than just a beach. It's a bustling center of activity. You can buy art, skateboard at a little skate park, jog, and of course, sunbathe on the beach. You can also rent a family-sized bicycle and take a ride or you can set up a tent and a loudspeaker and espouse your political views.

When I was there last month, there was a guy who talked for hours about what he thought was wrong with the current administration.

I was pretty impressed with the fact that he was able to go on and on for hours, but I think I would have been pretty annoyed if I wanted to just relax by the oceanside.

As it turns out, I was walking along Stearn's Wharf.

Stearn's Wharf was built in 1872. A trio of dolphins statue greets you at the entrance. At the end of the wharf are several shops and restaurants. If you're there on a hot day, you can enjoy an ice cream at one of the outside tables.

As you walk the pier, you'll notice beach blankets with buckets at the end. You can throw in coins and make a wish. I was tempted until I saw the sign, "Need Beer, Why Lie?" I personally think brutal honesty in this case did serve him well.

I passed the blankets without tossing in coins and went on to the end of the pier. I browsed the shops and spent some time relaxing at the outdoor picnic tables.

When I got back to "land," I headed to one of my favorite restaurants. I have to admit that one of my favorite discoveries along the waterfront is !HOLA



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. MICHELLE MAYO

(Above) People can enjoy ice cream, meals and great ocean views at the picnic tables on Stearn's Wharf. (Right) The trio of dolphins stands at the entrance of the wharf. (Below) There always room at the beaches to lounge around, near the wharf.

Amigos! Cantina and Restaurant. I love the food there. My husband and I have made it the restaurant of choice when we're in Santa Barbara. The food is excellent and the service has been superb every time we've been there. I loved the spinach enchiladas and the Mexican ceasar salad. I realize the ceasar salad is not authentic Mexican food.

It was delicious nonetheless. Oh, and I have to mention the flan. Flan is not an easy dessert to make. Most restaurants make it too "eggy." However, here it's perfect. I noticed Tres Leches-cake on the menu last time I was there (but I was too full to partake), but that will be on my list of things to try next time.



Community Calendar

9 FRI **Kids Fitness Club** – The Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center holds a 'Super Kids Fitness Club' from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at the HAWC through Aug. 18. The club is for children ages 10 to 13. To sign up, call 606-2152 or register at the youth center.

CASA needs volunteers – Court Appointed Special Advocates needs volunteers. CASA provides volunteer advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Call Becky Reid at (805) 739-9102 for more information.

Short story contest – The

Ventura County Writer's Club holds a summertime short story contest. Team Vandenberg writers can submit original, unpublished short stories in any genre. Eligible entries must include a \$25 entry fee and be postmarked no later than Aug. 1. Entrants can submit multiple stories but each must have a separate entry fee. Winners will be announced at the Writefest Conference Nov. 20 at the Clarion Palm Garden Hotel in Newbury Park, Calif. First place winners will receive \$500 and a publication of their story in the Ventura County Star. Mail submissions to Gerry Schiller, P.O. Box 246, Newbury Park, Calif. 91319. For a complete list of

contest rules, visit www.vcwc.org or call William Vietinghoff at (805) 495-7865.

9 FRI **Library volunteer tutors** – The Lompoc Public Library Adult Reading Program needs volunteers to work with English-speaking adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Call (805) 735-7323, ext. 16 for more information or to register.

Low walk-up fares – American Airlines expanded its military fares through the fall. The fares include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees. Call (800) 433-7300.

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.

12 MON **Computer resource room** – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the family support center. Computers are available to those who need access to the Internet for job searches, relocation assistance, or to stay in touch with family separated by military service.

13 TUE **Disabled American Veterans** – Mobility services are available at 9 a.m. Tuesdays in the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building at 108 East Locus Street.

Call Dan Contreras at (310) 477-2539 for more information.

Youth sign language classes – 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the education center room E-4. The class is for children in third through fifth grades. Call 734-0452 for more information.

14 WED **Baby Meet** – 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the Vandenberg Library. Participants should use the staff entrance. The group meets for discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies, newborn through two years old. Call 734-6606 for more information.

Special needs information network – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the library the third Wednesday of each month. Call 734-2282 for information.

16 FRI **Playtime for Tots** – 10 to 11 a.m. Fridays in the Religious Education Building. The playgroup is for children ages three to five. Call 757-9044 for more information.

Lompoc Civic Theater – Presents 'B-I-N-G-O Spells Murder' July 23, Aug. 13 and Sept. 3 at the Alpha Club in Lompoc. Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner. To make reservations, call 735-2281.

Movie Corner

BASE THEATER

DAY AFTER TOMORROW PG-13
7 p.m. TONIGHT,
SHREK 2 PG
6 p.m. SATURDAY
RAISING HELEN PG-13
7 p.m. SUNDAY

"Kids Fun Day at Vandenberg" day begins at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the base theater. There will be games for the kids, food booths and drawings, and many more things for the kids and families to do.

Hi-Way Drive-in

Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515

SPIDERMAN 2 PG-13
WHITE CHICKS
DAILY 8:30 p.m.

Movies Lompoc

SLEEPOVER PG
DAILY 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:45 a.m.
SPIDERMAN 2 PG-13
DAILY 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
KING ARTHUR PG-13
DAILY 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:45 a.m.

Movies Gemini

ANCHORMAN PG-13
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m.
THE TERMINAL PG-13
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m.

Parks Plaza Buellton

THE TERMINAL PG-13
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m.
SPIDERMAN 2 PG-13
DAILY 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
ANCHORMAN PG-13
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:45 a.m.
KING ARTHUR PG-13
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m.
General Admission \$7.50; children and seniors \$5.50; hows before 5:30 p.m. \$5.50. Movies and times subject to change.

Chapel Services & Events

Call 606-5773 for other denomination worship services and events.

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

Know how to make a Caramel Frappuccino?

Volunteers are needed at the G.I. Java. Call 606-5773 for details.



30th Services News

YOUTH CENTER



Santa Barbara

Z.O.O TRIP

July 16 • 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$15 for Youth Center members

Sign up by Thursday at the Youth Center.

Call 606-2152 for more information.

Do You Play the Piano?

The Youth Center needs a volunteer to play the piano for it's upcoming children's theatre group production for Wednesday to July 17. Contact Karen Cook at the Youth Center, 606-2152.

OUTDOOR REC

ATWIND EVENT!

WHITEWATER RAFTING

on the KERN RIVER with OUTDOOR RECREATION
Saturday, July 24 & August 7

These are one-day trips
Cost is \$60 per person

Call Outdoor Recreation at 606-5908 today to sign up for your adventure!

AQUATIC CENTER

The POOL is open!

Hours: 1 to 4 p.m.

Summer Schedule will begin Monday. Sign up for swimming lessons are being taken from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday at the pool.

Call 606-3581 for more information.

LIBRARY

DIAL-A-STORY

Dial-A-Story: To hear this week's story, "Piglet Brother" call the Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7, and are updated every Friday.

Summer Reading Program: The Summer Reading Program is underway. The theme for this year is "Explore New Worlds...READ!" with an ocean background. Sign up your kids and get their packages any time through July 25. Kids bring in their reading logs weekly (week starts each Friday) for prizes and their name on the reading wall.

Road Map Exchange: Taking a trip? Would you like to have a road map before you get there? Stop by the library and checkout our Road Map Exchange.

EDWARDS AFB

WATCH THE STARS PLAY

NBA Entertainment League Basketball Game

Saturday, 2 p.m. • Hanger 1600
FREE

For more information, call Oasis Community Center at 661-275-CNTR at Edwards AFB.

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

TONIGHT!

LATINO NIGHT

E-Lounge
9pm to 2am

Karaoke w/ Rebecca
in the O-Lounge

30th Services Squadron



GUARANTEED MONTHLY WINNERS!

it's coming

ATWIND PICNIC

WIN BIG!



July 23

Cocheo Park • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WEEK #7: Pick up your game pieces at these locations!

One game piece per facility per day.

TODAY -

Outdoor Rec - Weekend rental
Golf - All active duty golfers
Fitness Center - Lunch work out, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
Lunch & Learn - 'Word - Mail Merge', 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY -

Golf - Youth golfers, all day
Surf Lanes - Youth bowlers, all day
Library - Sign up for children's reading program/club
Pacific Coast Club - 5 to 8 p.m., order 1 large pizza, and 2nd is half price - get 3 game pcs.

MONDAY -

Vet Clinic - Over-the-counter sales, all day
Surf Lanes - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pacific Coast Club - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lunch & Learn - 'Excel - Conditional Formatting' 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY -

Skills, Arts & Crafts - All day
Surf Lanes - Open bowling, all day
Rod & Gun - Shoot a round of skeet or trap, all day
Golf - Intramural golf, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Pacific Coast Club - Chicken Buffet, 5 to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY -

ITT, Leisure Travel (now located at Outdoor Rec) - All day, 8 p.m. to 5 p.m.,
Family Support Center - 'PHP-IDS', 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Auto Hobby - All day
Rod & Gun - All day
Lunch & Learn - 'Word - Forms & Tables', 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Pacific Coast Club - Over-the-Hump night, 5 to 6:30 p.m., sign up for club drawing
Beachcomber - Ethnic Lunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
CDC - Special Meal Day - 2 p.m., Trip to the Youth Center Gym

THURSDAY -

Youth Center - All day
Family Support Center - 'Computer Lab', 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Library - Participate in Storytime, 10 a.m.
Rod & Gun - Shoot a round of skeet or trap, all day
Golf - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Surf Lanes - Airman's Bowling Night, 5 to 9 p.m.

Hot Dog - \$1 • Chicken - \$2

(Beachcomber Hot Dog Day will move to the picnic...)

Military Meal Card holders eat free!

Sponsors SATURN & COCA-COLA!



Win a new Saturn Car or SUV!



GAMES & PRIZES!
Bring the family for lots of food and fun!

June ATWINNER!

Maj. Tom Reppart, left, congratulates Pedro Carrillo our June ATWINNER of the Life Fitness Exercise Cycle.

IT PAYS TO PLAY!



UT4 Exercise Bike

To Play Go To: www.atwind.com or Call: 888-597-9960

Sponsored by:
SPRINT • USAA • COCA-COLA • US AIRWAYS • SATURN • THOMASVILLE • LIFE FITNESS • ASPEN • TYSON
No Federal Endorsement of Sponsors Intended.

ATWIND Questions?

The Marketing and Publicity office is the headquarters for ATWIND.

We are located in the 30th Services Headquarters/NAF Accounting Office, Bldg. 11013. Telephone: 606-0276.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Looking for a Job?

Vandenberg AFB, Nonappropriated Fund Employment (NFA) is accepting applications for Housekeeper, \$7.38 per hour. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. Visit our website at www.30svs.com and apply on line or call Human Resources Office at 606-8906.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

STAINED GLASS Instruction by Peggy Johnson

Course listings for Stained Glass instruction are shown below. All classes will be held on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or as determined by the class members. Class fee: must be paid in advance, at least one week prior to the first class. Refunds are available if notice of cancellation is provided one week before the first class and/or if enrollment is below class minimum. In addition to those listed below, Repair Workshop available upon request. Cost, \$5. Session 1. Sign up deadline: 2-days prior to class. Minimum of 5, maximum of 12 students.

CLASS LISTINGS:

- BASIC STAINED GLASS CLASS - Copper Foil Method
- INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED STAINED GLASS - Copper Foil Method
- LEADED STAINED GLASS CLASS - Lead Came Method
- PANEL LAMPS - Copper Foil Method
- POTPOURRI - Copper Foil and Lead Came Method

Call 606-8885 for more information.

Skills Development is looking for contract instructors to teach various art techniques. Interested persons can call 606-9487 or come by the facility, Bldg. 11193.