



## Base Briefs

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Space Professional Management Office will conduct briefing for members in the following career fields: 13SXX, 1C6XX, 61SXX, 62EXX, 63AXX, 1N0XX, 1N2XX, 1N5XX and 3C1XX.

The 30th Space Wing commander has made attendance mandatory for all 30th SW personnel in the AFSCs listed above.

Briefings begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday for the 30th Launch Group and 10 a.m. for the 30th Operations Group and 14th Air Force in the base theater. The next briefing begins at 3 p.m. for the 392nd Training Squadron and 381st Training Support Squadron in the 381st Training Group Auditorium. Briefing begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday for the 22nd Space Operations Squadron, 148th Space Operations Squadron, 576th Flight Test Squadron and 30th SW Staff agencies at the base theater. The last briefing begins at 11 a.m. for the 533rd Training Squadron and 532nd Training Squadron at the 381st TRG Auditorium.

### NEW PHARMACY HOURS

Beginning Oct. 1, the 30th Medical Group Pharmacy hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No new prescriptions will be accepted after 3:30 p.m. and the new refill cut-off time is 1:30 p.m.

### RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Master Sgt. Quinn Johnson, 30th Space Wing, retires at 3 p.m. Oct. 4 in Chapel 2. Call Senior Master Sgt. Tenita Williams at 606-3077 for more information.

### RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Master Sgt. Anthony Norris, 576th Flight Test Squadron, retires at 10 a.m. Oct. 5 in the RRC room at building 8500. All base members are invited. Call Senior Master Sgt. Samuel Warren at 605-6317 for more information.

### GATE PROCEDURES

Gate guards will physically handle and inspect I.D.'s before allowing access to the base. To make this process faster, remove I.D.'s from wallets or holders before handing them to the entry controllers.

### CRIME HOTLINE

The 30th Security Forces Squadron Crime Stoppers Hotline is an anonymous 24/7 way to report non-emergency crimes, suspicious activity, phone in tips, ask questions about security forces or join the Vandenberg Neighborhood Watch. The number

## From the mountain top



COURTESY PHOTO BY BRIAN WEBB

An unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launches from North Vandenberg at 1:01 a.m. Wednesday. The purpose of the launch was to verify the continued reliability and accuracy of the Minuteman III ICBM force. The missile's three unarmed re-entry vehicles traveled approximately 4,200 miles in about 30 minutes, hitting pre-determined targets at the Kwajalein Missile Range in the western chain of the Marshall Islands.

## Team V honors missing, imprisoned war heros

By TECH. SGT. REBECCA DANÉT  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ A white granite obelisk in front of the base library stands as a stark memorial symbolizing the story of those held prisoner of war or missing in action. But a closer inspection and an annual ceremony reveal more to the story and give insight to Vandenberg's commitment to never forget the sacrifices made in the name of freedom.

For the 12th year in a row, the Air Force Sergeant's Association held its annual POW/MIA remembrance ceremony here Tuesday.

"For those who were held captive as prisoners of war, I think it's important to recognize them as heroes," said Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander. "They endured unimaginable trials for the sake of freedom. They deserve our utmost respect and admiration."

Retired Lt. Col. Wray Stitch of Lompoc was the guest speaker for Tuesday's ceremony. As a lieutenant, Lt. Col. Stitch was held POW in a German concentration camp during World War II. After being liberated by the Russian

*"It's important the country doesn't forget them or the sacrifices they've made."*

SENIOR MASTER SGT. RONALD WILLIAMS  
AIR FORCE SERGEANT'S ASSOCIATION CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Army, Lt. Col. Stitch returned to serve 22 years in the Air Force.

He then joined the Western Space and Missile Center at Vandenberg as an electronics engineer.

"This gathering is especially important to me and to all the POWs because this is the only time of the year when our efforts are recognized," Lt. Col. Stitch said. "I hope this continues to go on as time goes by."

The ceremony is important to the local Air Force Sergeant's Association as well, said Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Williams, AFSA chapter president.

"We do this to keep awareness levels up of those who are still missing in action," Sergeant Williams said. "It's important the country doesn't forget them or the sacrifices they've made."

AFSA's POW/MIA memorial here is more than just the obvious obelisk surrounded by the flags of each service. The seemingly inconspicuous lemon tree planted nearby symbolizes the bitter fate suffered by this nation's heroes, said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Pridemore, master of ceremonies for the event. A yellow rose bush is a reminder of the families and loved ones who wait faithfully for their return. A glass block in the wall of the memorial holds red poppies and salt to signify the demand for the proper accounting of those missing as well as their families' tears as they wait.

"We must always remember that our freedom has been bought at a very expensive cost," Colonel Gallegos said. "We can't let our children or our children's children ever forget that."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

Above: Tech Sgt. Charlie Jefferson (left) and Staff Sgt. Ben Ahrens (right), 30th Security Forces Squadron, run to rescue a simulated prisoner of war during Tuesday's POW/MIA remembrance ceremony. Left: Senior Airman Patrick Hunt, 30th Security Forces Squadron, performs a wreath laying ceremony during a POW/MIA tribute here.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RON HILL

Retired Lt. Col. Loren Jackson speaks along side retired Lt. Col. Wray Stitch about his POW experiences in Japan during World War II.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN SHAWN WELLS

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14th Air Force crushes the competition in women's intramural softball. See Page A5.



Destinations Central Coast visits Mission Santa Ines before its bi-centennial celebration. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast  
Cloudy Saturday and partly cloudy Sunday.



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

# Four Airmen receive Articles 15

COMPILED BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER FULLER

30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate's office

■ Four Vandenberg Airmen received punishment in August under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Their crimes and punishments are as follows:

An Airman from the 30th Mission Support Squadron violated Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ for willful dereliction of duty, failure to obey a lawful order and failure to go. The Airman received a reduction in rank

to airman and 30 days restriction to base.

An Airman from the 2nd Range Operations Squadron violated Article 111 of the UCMJ for drunken driving. The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman first class and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 30th MSS violated Articles 107 and 121 of the UCMJ for wrongful appropriation of government funds more than \$500 and making a false official statement. The Airman received a

suspended reduction in rank to staff sergeant and a reprimand.

When a portion of a punishment is suspended, it does not go into effect unless the Airman commits further offenses within a specified timeframe.

An officer from the 30th Operations Support Squadron violated Article 112(A), of the UCMJ for possession and use of a controlled substance. The officer forfeits \$5,732 and received a reprimand.

# Smoke detectors save lives

By TIM JOHNSTON

30th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector

■ Every year thousands of people die from fires in the home. Fire kills an estimated 4,000 Americans every year. Another 30,000 people are seriously injured by fire each year. Property damage from fire costs taxpayers at least \$11.2 billion yearly. Most fire victims said they felt that fire would "never happen to them."

Although people like to feel safe at home, about two-thirds of the nation's fire deaths happen in the victims' own homes. The home is where people are at the greatest risk and where they must take the most precautions. Most deaths occur from inhaling smoke or poisonous gases, not from actual flames.

Most fatal fires occur in residential buildings between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. when occupants are more likely to be asleep. More than 90 percent of fire deaths in buildings occur in residential dwellings.

A Johns Hopkins University study, funded by the United States Fire Administration, found that 75 percent of residential fire deaths and 84 percent of residential fire injuries could have been prevented by smoke detectors.

### There are two basic types of smoke detectors:

**Ionization detectors** - Ionization detectors contain radioactive material that ionizes the air, making an electrical path. When smoke enters, the smoke molecules attach themselves to the ions. The change in electric current flow triggers the alarm. The radioactive material is called americium. It's a radioactive metallic element produced by bombardment of plutonium with high-energy neutrons. The amount is very small and not harmful.

**Photoelectric detectors** - These type of detectors contain a light source (usually a bulb) and a photocell, which is activated by light. Light from the bulb reflects off the smoke particles and is directed toward the photocell. The photocell then is activated to trigger the alarm.

### Choosing a smoke detector

When choosing a smoke detector, there are several things to consider. People should think about which areas of the house they want to protect, where fire would be most dangerous and how many they will need.

The Vandenberg Fire Department recommends that every home have a smoke detector outside each sleeping area (inside as well if

members of the household sleep with the door closed) and on every level of the home, including the basement. The National Fire Alarm code requires a smoke detector inside each sleeping area for new construction. On floors without bedrooms, detectors should be installed in or near living areas, such as dens, living rooms or family rooms. Smoke detectors are not recommended for kitchens.

### Installation

The placement of smoke detectors is very important. Sleeping areas need the most protection. One detector in a short hallway outside the bedroom area is usually adequate. Hallways longer than 30 feet should have one at each end. For maximum protection, install a detector in each bedroom.

Be sure to keep the detector away from fireplaces and wood stoves to avoid false alarms. Place smoke detectors at the top of each stairwell and at the end of each long hallway. Smoke rises easily through stairwells. If owners put a smoke detector in their kitchen, they should keep it away from cooking fumes or smoking areas.

Proper mounting of a smoke detector also is important. Most smoke detectors can be mounted by homeowners, but those connected to household wiring should have their own separate circuit and be installed by a professional electrician. When mounting a detector on the ceiling, be sure to keep it at least 18 inches away from dead air space near walls and corners and if mounting it on the wall, place it six to 12 inches below the ceiling and away from corners. Keep them high because smoke rises.

### Maintenance

Keeping smoke detectors in good condition is easy. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to replace the batteries every year or as needed. Most models will make a chirping, popping or beeping sound when the battery is losing its charge. When this sound is heard, install a fresh battery, preferably an alkaline type.

Check the smoke detector every 30 days by pushing the test button. Clean the detector face and grillwork often to remove dust and grease. Never paint a smoke detector, as it will hamper its function. Homeowners should check detectors if they've been away from home.

For more information, call the Vandenberg Fire Prevention Office at 606-4680.

## X marks the spot

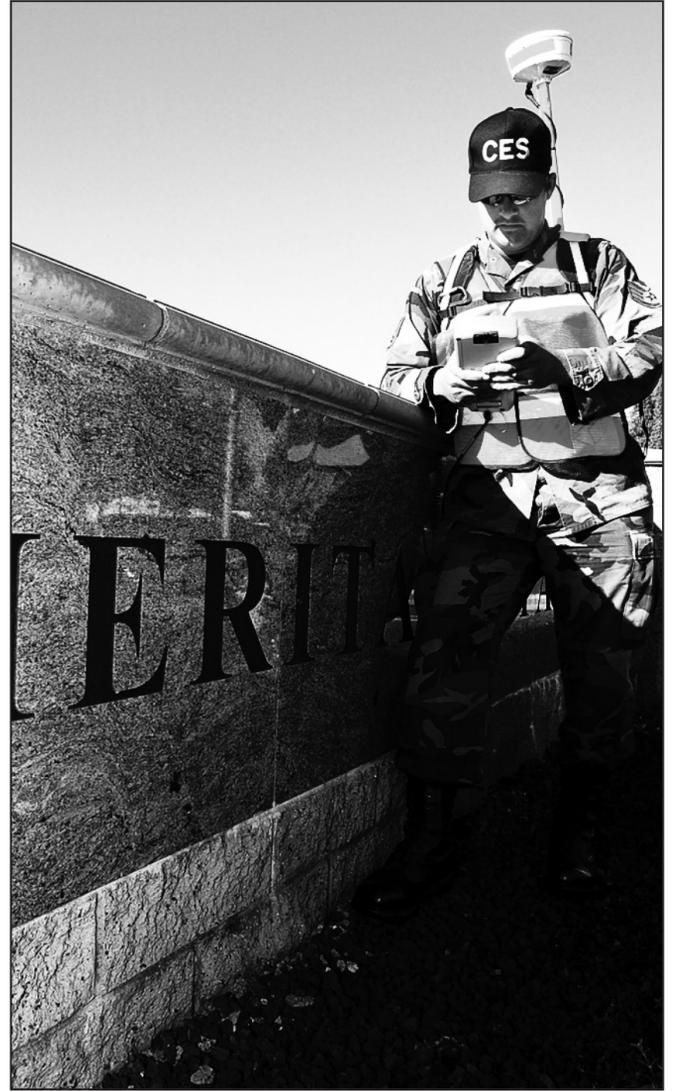


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Staff Sgt. Chad Lewis, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, uses global positioning satellites to take down coordinates of Vandenberg's landmarks including road and street signs.



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**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**

Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving

For a free and confidential 'no questions asked' ride home, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 606-AADD or 605-AADD (2233).

## ALCON: Normal

30th OG	2	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	6	14th AF	0	381st TRG	5
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

AADD saves: **204**

Days since last DUI: **39**

DUI totals for the year: **16**

## SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

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# COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

## Honoring heroes who gave all for America

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

When I was a fourth class cadet at the Air Force Academy, I remember getting drilled by the upperclassmen on the United States Military Code of Conduct. Although we had to memorize many famous quotations and other "knowledge," the one area where the upperclassmen held the line was on the code of conduct...mistakes were not tolerated. The backdrop of these training sessions for me was Sijan Hall, named after Capt. Lance Sijan, an Air Force POW and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient during Vietnam. His incredible resistance to the enemy motivated and sustained his fellow POWs and ultimately cost him his life.

Why were the upperclassmen so unrelenting on the code of conduct? Because it prepares military men and women to resist in the event they are captured, one of the worst ordeals anyone can face. Many former POWs point to the code of conduct as something that inspired and sustained them through long periods of confinement and mistreatment by the enemy. And, unfortunately, many Americans have been POWs in the course of our history, more than 140,000 Americans since World War I.

We have set aside September 14th as POW/MIA day as a day to honor the commitments and sacrifices of some of our nation's greatest heroes. Although the military does all in its power to ensure that all who serve make it home during war, not all do.

30th Space Wing vectors

Unleash Lt. Human talent

Airmen

Wing mission

Knowledge to command the future

Safety

When I read the accounts from former prisoners of war, I am always amazed at their incredible faith, their faith in God and their faith that America will not forget them. That faith sustains them through the incredible trials and tribulations of being held by an enemy nation. Many of our POWs suffered mightily at the hands of our enemies. Many died from the abuse far away from home in a hostile environment. Yet the stories of resistance among POWs seemingly facing a hopeless situation are some of the most fascinating and awe-inspiring stories from the wars. We are free today because of

what brave men and women were willing to do and endure to defend their nation. They gave up everything for their country, their freedom and, in many cases, their lives.

Our nation is again at war and will likely remain at war for the foreseeable future. I recently read some of the stories about men and women who've died fighting the Global War on Terrorism. It's easy to forget when viewing the number of fallen that each death represents a tragic story, a promising life cut short. But the stories are heart wrenching and we are deeply saddened as a nation.

We must never forget the incredible sacrifice of America's sons and daughters who have suffered and died fighting for the nation they love. We must never forget the heroic struggles of those who have been held by America's enemies and those never to return to the land and the people they love.

### Commander's Action Line

Call 606-7850 or E-mail your message to [actionline@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:actionline@vandenberg.af.mil)



Col. Frank Gallegos commander

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do you have a perspective or experience you want to share with TeamV? Write about it and E-mail it to [SMT@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:SMT@vandenberg.af.mil) or call 606-3595.

## Secretary, chief send Air Force birthday message

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

Happy birthday to the Airmen of the world's greatest air and space force! Our 57 years of history may be short, but they are packed with astounding accomplishments.

We've broken the sound barrier, expanded military operations to the reaches of space, ushered stealth technology and precision-strike capability into modern warfare, delivered humanitarian aid to austere locations, jointly won the Cold War and provided decisive air and space power for wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Your dedication to excellence, your integrity and your faithful service is recognized and appreciated by all Americans.

Since our inception in 1947, America's Air Force

has flown lead in defending peace and freedom around the world. That legacy was made possible by millions of professional Airmen dedicated to accomplishing critical missions with total success.

Today, you are the torchbearers of our legacy. You are performing remarkably across the globe delivering aid to people in need and defending and protecting our great nation from emerging threats and new enemies.

Your competence, dedication to the mission and pride of service is renowned. We know you also have wonderful families who support your long hours and deployments away from home. We are grateful for their support.

You represent the strength and patriotism of our great nation. America is proud of our Air Force because of you. Thanks for your service and again, happy birthday!

## Airmen...the deciding vote

By GEN. LANCE LORD  
Air Force Space Command commander

Voting is one of the most important rights we have as Americans. The very constitution every Airman swore to defend guarantees us that right. I challenge every Airman, civilian and family member to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming elections.

Let me remind you that our most recent national election was decided by less than one percent of the overall vote, so every single vote matters!

I know military members and their families suffer unique challenges when it comes to voting. We are usually serving our nation in assignments

outside of our home states. Therefore, it is absolutely critical we provide each of you the means to exercise your right to vote.

Each unit in the United States Air Force has a voting representative to assist you. Your voting representative can help you fill out applications to receive absentee ballots from your home state. I vote using the absentee ballot system and it works.

To simplify and expedite the process for obtaining absentee ballots for all our Airmen and family members, we have recently established key links for voter registration and information on the Air Force Web site available

via the "Airmen Votes" icon on the [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil) Web site. This link contains all the information required for every Airman, family member and Air Force civilian to register to vote in their home state with just a few clicks from anywhere in the world.

The time left to register is running out, so contact your unit's voting representative today.

Please pay attention to the directions on your absentee ballots and make sure you mail your ballot before the required deadline.

Remember...you've earned the right to vote and every Airman's vote counts...so please register and vote!

## HAWKS'

Point of View

"What do you think about the "1000-death milestone" of troops in Iraq?"



"Lets look at the positive side of the war, like how many lives we've saved and not all of the negatives" - 1st Lt. Henry Heren, 30th Mission Support Group

"From a historical perspective it's low compared to Vietnam, Korean War, ect. It's important to rebuild Iraq so that we don't have to go over there again" - 2nd Lt. Ken Tomlinson, 392nd Training Squadron



"Very sad" - Marie Grafe

"It's something that was anticipated because of the president's and leaders' in the military commitment to the war on terrorism" - Maj. Stephen Tuller, 30th Medical Group



## It's simple - don't drink and drive

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CHRIS SMITH  
460th Space Wing Public Affairs

Because someone didn't think, a friend of mine is dead. Although Kris followed every safety precaution necessary when driving his motorcycle home from work, someone was drinking and driving and Kris paid the price.

We've heard it time and again. If you're drinking alcohol, don't get behind the wheel of a car. Although just about everyone, especially in the military, hears it constantly, it sometimes becomes like a broken record. People don't pay much attention.

It would have been nice if someone had listened to that 'broken record' before drinking this weekend.

When my roommate and I got the call, we drove down to the hospital as fast as we could. We talked to Kris's father and the chaplain briefly then went to his room and saw him. That was something I'll never forget.

Kris was lying there on the bed, needles and tubes hooked up all over his body leading to several machines placed all around him. He had bandages wrapped around his head but otherwise looked unscathed. Still, they told me he wasn't going to live.

Standing there looking at him, I experienced different emotions. It was so sad seeing him lay there, knowing he wasn't going to wake. I felt sympathy knowing he was leaving behind a family that loved

and cared for him, many of whom were also there.

And I felt anger. I was angry because Kris had just recently made it back from a four-month deployment to Iraq without being harmed. He was killed when he got back home.

I'm also angry at myself because I don't know how many times I've seen people I know get into their cars after having a couple of drinks. They'd tell me they were fine or they could make it or they're just driving a couple of minutes away and I would let them go.

Most of all, I'm angry because this could have been avoided. If that driver had just been responsible and handed his keys to somebody else, my friend would still be here.

Instead, he got in that driver's seat, most likely knowing he shouldn't have, and someone else lost his life because of it.

What's unbelievable is that it happens all the time. Somebody thinks he's okay to drink and drive and hurts somebody else in the process. It's just plain stupid. There's no better way to put it.

This is why I say it's simple. Don't drink and drive. You shouldn't be trying to guess if you've had too much to drink or not. If the alcohol has touched your lips, don't risk it.

If it's someone you know, take his keys. Let him be upset with you. You might save a life.

Don't make someone see his loved one the way I last saw my friend. Don't let someone leave behind a family and friends that way.

# WESTERN AIR & SPACE SHOW

The Best Come West

Keep your eyes to the skies over Vandenberg to see the following acts, air show teams and fly-bys:

- ♦ F-16 Tac-demo team from Hill AFB, Utah
- ♦ F/A-18 Tac-demo team from Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.
- ♦ A-10 West Coast Tac-demo team
- ♦ T-6 Tac-demo team
- ♦ F-16, A-10 & P-51 Heritage Flight team
- ♦ F-18, F-8F & F-4F Legacy Flight team
- ♦ Patriot jet team
- ♦ Eddie Anderini in his YAK 3
- ♦ Bill Cornick in his S-2C Pitts
- ♦ Dave Nash in his 540 Edge
- ♦ Rob Harrison in his Zlin 50
- ♦ Julie Clark Air Shows
- ♦ Tim Weber Air Shows
- ♦ Bill Stein Air Shows
- ♦ B-2 fly-by
- ♦ F-22 fly-by

Oct. 30 and 31 on the Vandenberg Flightline

## Girl Scouts



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

Alyssa Pablo, 5, makes a bead toy during the Girl Scouts ice cream social in front of the Vandenberg Library Saturday. Space and Sea Girl Scouts representative Cheryl Willard said 25 girls applied to join the troop Saturday. Young women in kindergarten through 12th grade and their families attended the annual social to get information and to register. Sign-ups are still being accepted. Those interested should call Ms. Willard at 606-1119.

## Destinations Central Coast **WANTS YOU!**

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

# Crimebeat...

BY SENIOR AIRMAN HARIS JOHNSON  
30th Security Forces Squadron

### Sept. 7

#### Tennis menace – 9:11 a.m.

A civilian employee reported possible vandalism at the base tennis courts. He said on two separate occasions wires to the court's circuit breaker appeared to be deliberately cut. 30th Security Forces Squadron investigators were notified and are investigating the incidents.

### Sept. 8

#### Gas prices aren't that high – 8:11 a.m.

A civilian employee reported a white sport-utility vehicle receiving gas from the base pumps without paying. Responding patrols searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

#### Better safe than sorry – noon

An officer reported an unattended package at building 11777. She said while conducting antiterrorism checks she discovered the item and immediately evacuated the building. Responding patrolmen secured the area. Several minutes later a bomb detecting military working dog team deemed the items and the area safe.

#### Battery – 4:47 p.m.

A delayed entry program enlistee reported being assaulted

at the fitness center annex.

She said a former acquaintance who is a non-base affiliated civilian, attacked her without warning. She suffered minor injuries but declined medical attention. The non-base affiliated civilian was detained and cited for battery.

#### Medical emergency – 9:30 p.m.

An Airman at Space Launch Complex-4 reported another Airman suffering from sharp pains in her stomach. Responding medical crews transported the Airman to Lompoc's emergency room.

### Sept. 10

#### Vehicle rollover – 4:45 p.m.

The Santa Maria Gate sentry received a report of a major vehicle accident at Highway 1 and Firefighter Road. Responding patrolmen discovered a civilian employee suffering from minor injuries after losing control and overturning his vehicle. He was transported to Lompoc's emergency room for further treatment.

### Sept. 11

#### Big brother's watching – 1:05 p.m.

An Air Force retiree's dependent was reported



shoplifting makeup from the base exchange. Responding patrolman viewed a video surveillance tape which confirmed security detectives accusations. The juvenile was cited and released to her sponsor.

### Sept. 12

#### Not this time – 3:48 a.m.

The Santa Maria Gate sentry reported a non-base affiliated civilian driving under the influence. Responding patrolmen conducted a field sobriety test, which the driver failed. The California Highway Patrol responded and took custody of the civilian.

#### Break your own stuff – 9 a.m.

A security forces patrolman reported damage to several vacant houses. She said while conducting a foot patrol on Buckeye Street, she discovered four homes not secure and two with broken windows and damage to their interior. 30th SFS investigators were notified and are investigating the incident.

## This week in history...

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

### Sept. 19

1959 – Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev is barred from visiting Disneyland. In one of the more surreal moments in the history of the Cold War, Mr. Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns he cannot visit Disneyland.

### Sept. 20

1963 – President John Kennedy proposes a joint mission to the moon. An optimistic and upbeat Mr. Kennedy suggests that the Soviet Union and the United States cooperate on a mission to mount an expedition to the moon.

### Sept. 21

1942 – The Superfortress takes flight. In 1942, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress makes its debut flight in Seattle, Wash. It was the largest bomber used in the war by any nation.

1964 – The XB-70 experimental aircraft makes its first flight.

### Sept. 22

1945 – Gen. George Patton questions the necessity of Germany's "denazification." On this day in 1945, General Patton tells reporters he does not see the need for "this denazification thing" and compares the controversy over Nazism to a "Democratic and

Republican election fight." Once again, "Old Blood and Guts" put his foot in his mouth.

1950 – The first non-stop jet flight across the Atlantic Ocean is made.

### Sept. 23

1921 – Day and night bombardment tests result in the sinking of the battleship Alabama.

1949 – President Harry Truman announces the Soviets have exploded a nuclear device. In a surprisingly low-key and carefully worded statement, Mr. Truman informs the American people that the Soviets have exploded a nuclear bomb. The Soviet accomplishment took place years ahead of what was thought possible by most U.S. officials.

### Sept. 24

622 – The prophet Muhammad completes his Hegira, or "flight," from Mecca to Medina to escape persecution. In Medina, Muhammad set about building the followers of his religion—Islam—into an organized community and Arabian power. The Hegira would later mark the beginning of the Muslim calendar.

1919 – An altitude record of 30,900 ft. is set for an airplane carrying a passenger.

### Sept. 25

1947 – General Carl Spaatz is appointed the first Air Force Chief of Staff.

# 14th Air Force makes two comebacks to finish off LCG

By Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker  
30th Space Communications Squadron

When you can make a big comeback in a championship game it is great, but when you can make two big comebacks in the same game that is something unique and special.

That is exactly what the 14th Air Force women's softball team did on Friday night.

Kate Massa went 3 for 4 with an RBI and two runs scored and Breea Lemm got the game-winning hit in extra innings as the 14th AF defeated the 30th Launch Control Group 11-10 in eight innings to win the base championship.

Tigers' coach James Goode said he knew his girls could meet the challenge.

"When the pressure is on, these players come through," Goode said. "We just started hitting and we never gave up. I really can't say much. It was all them."

Going into the bottom of the sixth inning it looked like if the 14th AF was going to win the title they would have to wait and do it in game two.

Trailing 5-1, the Tigers scored four runs in their half of the inning to tie the score, getting RBI-

singles from Tiffany Hendrick-Canfield and Katie Gates and an RBI-double from Massa.

After each team failed to score in its half of the seventh inning the game moved to extra innings.

In the top of the eighth inning the 30th LCG plated five runs, the big hit coming on a two-RBI double by Jackie Core, giving the LCG, which looked to be an insurmountable 10-5 lead.

Enter comeback No. 2. In the bottom of the eighth inning the 14th AF scored an unbelievable six runs as Gates rapped a two-RBI double and the Tigers walked off as champions.

One player who was extremely glad for the second comeback was Tigers pitcher Hendrick-Canfield.

With two outs in the top of the eighth inning, Hendrick-Canfield turned a routine comebacker into a two-run throwing error that kept the Launch Group's big inning alive.

"I shouldn't have thrown the ball, I should have just held it," Hendrick-Canfield said. "It was an unbelievable comeback, it was awesome. I knew we could come back; we've really been hitting good as a team lately. We just needed to pull together and score some runs. This is outstanding.



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. RON HILL

The 14th Air Force celebrates their win with Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, 14th AF commander, as he presents the trophy to the team.

Words can't express it. It was a very, very good game. I'm just glad we came out the winners."

30th LCG coach Mike Brown had no excuses for his team's loss.

He praised the 14th AF for the way they didn't give up and said he was still proud of his team.

"The 14th Air Force kept fighting," Brown said. "They never quit. What can I say? The 14th AF was the better team. They deserved to win the

championship. It just wasn't meant to be. We have no regrets. Our ladies played the best they could. It just wasn't in the cards."

Goode said his team really came through in the clutch.

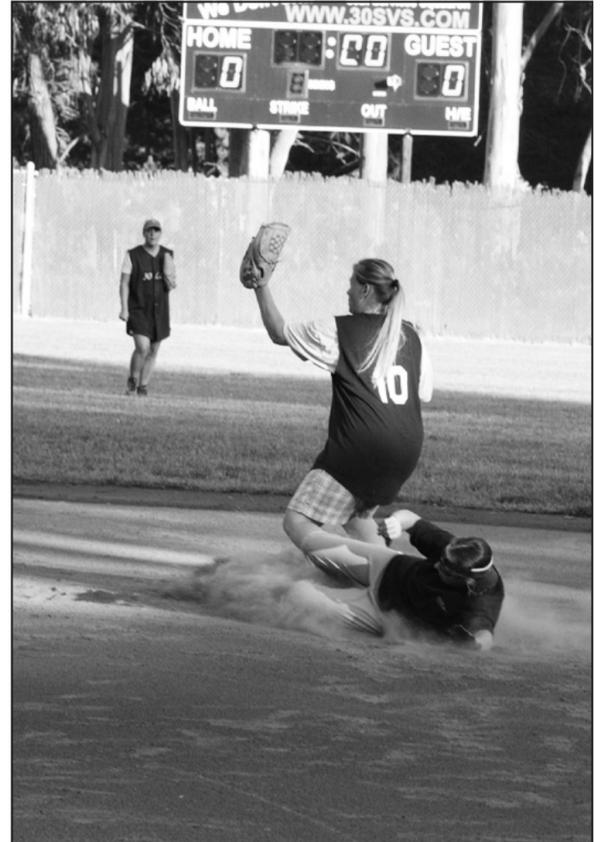
"Before we went to bat in the eighth, I told the girls, 'you did it once, we can do it again,'" Goode said. "I told them to calm down and have fun and that's just what we did. I really feel proud of them. They truly battled back. It was all them. They are the champions."



Tiffany Hendrick-Canfield, 14th Air Force, pitched the winning game.



Julian Voyles, 14th Air Force team, tags the 30th Launch Group player out. The 14th AF beat the 20th LCG 11-10.



The game stayed close with good defense.

# Destinations

# CENTRAL COAST

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

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## Mission celebrates 200th anniversary

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Your eyes won't be deceiving you if you see an encampment of Spanish soldiers on the Old Mission Santa Inés field Saturday and Sunday. If you look close enough you might catch a glimpse of Lt. Col. Juan Bautista de Anza on his faithful steed, Contessa, or Col. Ortega relaxing by the camp tent.

The encampment of Spanish Colonial "soldados" or soldiers is all part of the Mission Santa Inés Bicentennial Weekend celebration. In honor of its 200th Anniversary, the mission has planned many events that showcase its early California history.

Mission Santa Inés is the nineteenth of twenty-one California missions established by Franciscan priests from 1769 to 1823. Named in honor of St. Agnes (Santa Inés), a fourth century Christian martyr, the mission was established in 1804 to serve the Chumash Indians in the Santa Ynez Valley and to provide a link between the missions in Santa Barbara and Lompoc.

Over the past 200 years, Old Mission Santa Inés has endured natural disasters, political turmoil, social upheaval, financial hardship, neglect and decay.

However, through extensive restoration efforts begun in the early 1900's Mission Santa Inés has emerged to become one of the most successful of the southern California missions.

In the early 19th century, Old Mission Santa Inés was home to Spanish padres, soldiers, native Chumash Indians, people from Mexico, a few Europeans and thousands of head of cattle and sheep.

The Los Soldados del Real Presidio de Santa Barbara re-enactors (early Spanish colonial soldiers) will be encamped on the Mission Field and

talking with visitors about early life in the Santa Ynez Valley.

A dramatic musket and canon firing will take place at noon for all to witness. Lt. Col. Juan Bautista de Anza (Paul Trujillo) on his horse, Contessa, will be on hand to the delight of young and old alike.

At 1 p.m. the New World Baroque Orchestra, under the direction of John Warren, will present a concert in the mission featuring Spanish colonial and early mission music.

The concert opens up with a presentation of the Spanish colonial flags by the Soldados and ends with a medley of festive early California dance by the Cabrera Dance Troupe. The concert is performed in the historic sanctuary of the mission.

The afternoon will wind down with a demonstration of ceremonial dances by Chumash Tribe dancers and a lively folkloric sequence by the Cabrera Dance troupe. These dance demonstrations will be held in the mission gardens from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

As evening falls, the popular musical tribute to the Mission, "The Bells of Santa Ynez" will light up the mission plaza at 7:30 p.m. The late Paul Weston wrote the beautiful musical

score as a tribute to the Santa Ynez Valley and the mission.

During Weston's visits in the early 60's to the Alisal each summer, he grew to love the Valley and the historical Mission. Weston felt so moved by the Valley's beauty he wrote the "Bells of

Santa Ynez" for all to enjoy. This performance is open to the public.

The mission will provide tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday of its museum, church and gardens. Tickets are available from the mission gift shop, Book Loft and the Solvang

Visitors Bureau.

At 3 p.m. Sunday the mission will celebrate its Anniversary mass with Cardinal Roger Mahony and local and state dignitaries in attendance. The mass will be followed by a festive outdoor reception.



COURTESY PHOTO

Spanish soldiers will fight at Mission Santa Inés Saturday and Sunday in celebration of the mission's 200th anniversary. Ceremonial dances by local Chumash Indians will take place during the celebration.

## Community Calendar

**17 FRI** PALACE CHASE Separates - individuals separating from the Air Force through PALACE CHASE need to complete the mandatory pre-separation briefing at least 90 days prior to separation. Call 606-0039 for more information.

**Animal Shelter Volunteers** - The Lompoc County Animal Shelter needs volunteers for 4-6 hours a week. Join the Companion Animal Placement Assistance Volunteer Team at the Lompoc County Animal Shelter. Call 737-7754 for membership information.

**Cheerleading Coach needed** - Vandenberg Middle School competitive cheerleading squad is looking for an assistant coach. Call 605-0786 or 934-9916 for more information.

**Partners Assisting In Reading** - PAIR needs volunteers to work with students at Crestview Elementary School. Call Julie Hegeman at 734-2549 or e-mail [julsheg@yahoo.com](mailto:julsheg@yahoo.com) for more information.

**57th concert season** - The Lompoc Concert Association

sells season subscriptions for various concerts throughout the Lompoc Valley. For more information, call Vivian Dew at 733-4006 or Jean Jacoby at 736-8713.

**Santa Maria Improv Team** - Adults 18 or older call (805) 474-8954 or e-mail [mjpassarelli@charter.com](mailto:mjpassarelli@charter.com) to join the team.

**The Maverick Saloon** - Live music weekends. 510 South Broadway St., Santa Maria. Call (805) 922-9002 for more information.

**CASA volunteers** - Court Appointed Special Advocates 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 or to sign up.

**Red Cross volunteers** - Call Pat Nuth at 605-0042 or e-mail [tesee1@juno.com](mailto:tesee1@juno.com) for more information or to sign up.

**18 SAT** **Stinky's Bar and Grill** - DJ and dancing 9 p.m. Saturdays. 2430 South Broadway St., Santa Maria.

**Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Museum** - 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment. Call (805) 343-5901 for more information.

**19 SUN** **Global Hearts Group** - 3 p.m. Sunday at the bowling center and at 5 p.m. Global Hearts invites eligible spouses and their families for dinner at Beachcomber dining facility. Call Tech. Sgt. Sheila White at 606-0039 for more information.

**20 MON** **Military Parents of the Central Coast** - 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at United Methodist Church. 1515 Fredericks St., San Luis Obispo. Call Janice Somers at (805) 549-9199 or Sharon Livsey at (805) 544-3930 for more information.

**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.

**21 TUE** **Moms, Pops & Tots** - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the fitness center annex. All 734-2448 or 734-0020 for more information.

**School bus registration** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in building 10728.

**Word Wizards** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays. 519 West Taylor St., Santa Maria. Writers of any genre meet for reading and critiquing. Call (805) 929-2140 for more information.

**Star performers at Bill's Place** - 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays. 112 East Branch St., Arroyo Grande. Call (805) 489-9989 for more information.

**Disabled American Veterans** - 9 a.m. Tuesdays in the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building. 108 East Locus St., Lompoc. Rides are available to various appointments. Call Dan Contreras at (310) 477-2539.

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

**23 WED** **CFC Charity Expo** - 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Pacific Coast Club. Call 606-3037 for more information.

**Reggae night** - Wednesdays at the Frog and Peach Pub. 728 Higuera Rd., San Luis Obispo. Call (805) 595-3764 for more information.

**Central Coast Chapter of the Society of Military Widows** - 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the retirees' center here. Call (805) 937-6747 for more information.

**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. the third Wednesday of each month at the library. Call 734-2282 for information.

**Back-to-School night** - 6 p.m. Wednesday at Crestview

Elementary School. **16 THU** **AF Sergeant's Association meeting** - 3:30 p.m. Thursday in building 8339, 2nd floor, room 2. AFSA is open to all active duty and retired enlisted military. Call 606-1568 for information.

**24 THU** **Women Infants and Children (WIC)** - is moving to the Health and Wellness Center beginning Sept. 24.

**25 WED** **Def Comedy Jam All-Stars** - 9 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Pacific Coast Club.

**29 WED** **Education fair** - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Education Center Student Lounge. Call 605-5904 for more information.

**OCT 2 SAT** **Autumn Arts Grapes and Grains Festival** - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center in Santa Maria.

**16 SAT** **Chili Cook-off** - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at the base exchange. Call 606-2538 for more information.

## Movie



## Corner

**BASE THEATER**  
**THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE R**  
7 p.m. TODAY  
**THE VILLAGE PG-13**  
7 p.m. SAT

**Hi-Way Drive-in**  
Santa Maria Ph. 937-  
**RESIDENT EVIL 2R**  
**COLLATERAL R**  
DAILY 7:30 p.m.

**Movies Lompoc**  
**WICKER PARK PG-13**  
DAILY 4:30, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
**SKY CAPTAIN PG**

DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
**WIMLEDON PG-13**  
DAILY 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.  
**WITHOUT A PADDLE PG-13**  
DAILY 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

**Movies Gemini**  
**RESIDENT EVIL 2R**  
DAILY 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.  
**MR. 3000 PG-13**  
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**Parks Plaza Buellton**

**MR. 3000 PG-13**  
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
**RESIDENT EVIL 2R**  
DAILY 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:45 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
**SKY CAPTAIN PG**  
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
**WIMLEDON PG-13**  
DAILY 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:45 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
**NAPOLEON DYNAMITE PG**  
DAILY 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-MON 11:45 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

General Admission \$7.50; children and seniors \$5.50; shows 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

\*Only the traditional service in Chapel 1 will be held on 3-day holiday weekends.



**Rosh Hashanah** - 10 a.m. today at the Chapel 1 annex.  
**Yom Kippur** - 10 a.m. Sept. 25 at the Chapel 1 annex.