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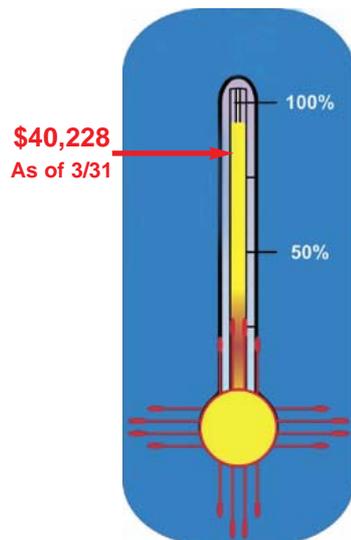
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Community Events

Child plan to be signed

The Military Child Education Coalition Action Plan will be signed into effect in a ceremony at 12:30 p.m. today at The Landing. The plan outlines actions for the base and school district to address challenges military students face as they transition to and from various schools.

Loading competition

Events for the first quarter Proud Falcon loading competition begin at 7 a.m. today at Hangar 133. Cannon personnel are invited.

For information, contact Master Sgt. Todd Kenny at 784-4198.

Volunteer for Kite Karnival

Individuals interested in helping with set up or tear down or working with the games and rides for tomorrow's Kite Karnival should call 784-6381.

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AIR FORCE FILE PHOTO

Warrior Week Wrumble

Cannon Airmen will have an opportunity to practice what they've learned and acquire additional combat skills during Warrior Week Monday through Friday. For a look at what will be covered, locations and some of the instructors, see pages 12 and 13.

Children's contributions recognized

By Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has long understood the value of caring for and celebrating children of servicemembers.

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. The Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

Military children face many obstacles unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and frequently being uprooted from school.

"Military children endure a great deal of change as a result of a parents' military career," said Douglas Ide, a

public affairs officer with the Army's Community and Family Support Center.

"The military family averages nine moves through a 20-year career. And in doing so, their children must say goodbye to friends, change schools, and start all over again," said Mr. Ide.

Throughout the month, numerous military commands will plan special events to honor military children. These events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle, defense personnel and readiness officials said.

"Installations are honoring military children by providing the month packed with special activities that include arts and crafts shows, picnics, carnivals, fairs, parades, block parties and other special



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JANET TAYLOR-BIRKEY

The Month of the Military Child is celebrated in April.

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NEWS

Promise keeper

Commander keeps vow to make positive changes

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Eighteen years ago, Lt. Col. Roseanne Warner, 27th Medical Operations Squadron commander, was the mother of a six-week-old baby girl and was performing her annual physical training test. Knowing that six weeks postpartum was too quick to do the required strenuous testing, she thought, "One day I am going to change things."

"It was a crystallizing moment," she said. Following her resolve to change things for the better, Colonel Warner worked to get postpartum PT training waived until six months after childbirth. But that was just the beginning of many changes to come.

The changes Colonel Warner committed herself to making led to a variety of Air Force positions and awards, the most recent being the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners State Award for Excellence for New Mexico.

As a two-level award, the first will be presented by the New Mexico Nurse Practitioner Council, in Albuquerque on April 22 and then again on a

national level in June at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners annual conference in Texas, where one person is chosen from each state.

"The award is based on my work with the local nurse practitioners," said Colonel Warner. "It is truly an honor; I never expected [my work] to lead to this. It represents a career pinnacle." She is quick to add, however, that the award is not the end of her career. "There are more things to do."

When she arrived at Cannon in 2004, Colonel Warner found out the closest Nurse Practitioner Chapter was located in Albuquerque. The lack of local support for nurse practitioners caused Colonel Warner to envision a local, formal network of nurse practitioners in the Clovis/Portales area. Begun in January 2005, this group allows nurse practitioners to learn from speakers, allows nurse practitioner students to join them for mentoring purposes and has become a military/civilian venture. As a result of this venture, some of the local civilian nurse practitioners have also become Tricare providers.



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. JAMES NICHOLS

Lt. Col. Rosemary Warner, 27th Medical Operations Squadron commander, will receive the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners State Award for Excellence for New Mexico April 22 in Albuquerque. She leaves Cannon Air Force Base for duty at Aviano Air Base, Italy, in July.

Colonel Warner's influence extends far beyond the local nurse practitioner's networking group of which she is a part. Lauding the Air Force for a satisfying career since joining in 1985, she said, "It's given me a lot of opportunities to do very different things. I have been able to have an impact on others. The Air Force allows me to impact the world globally."

The impact made by Colonel Warner extends from having been the Military Consultant to the Surgeon General

for Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner to making changes in women's clinics across the Air Force.

"I have been able to have a voice in women's health care for the deployed female," said Colonel Warner, citing how her input helped change medical deployment kits to better care for deployed Airmen's health concerns.

Most of these changes have come about with the background of rearing a family. "It's about recognizing [everything

that needs to be done] and finding balance," said Colonel Warner. "If you focus on the positive and are persistent, you can do great things," she said, reminding Airmen when they go to a new duty station, "You have fresh eyes, just jump in. Do well where you are planted."

Colonel Warner will leave Cannon for Aviano Air Base, Italy in July where she will work as the deputy medical group commander of the hospital.

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activities, focusing on military children that highlight the unique contributions they make," according to a Defense Department fact sheet.

The Defense Department will also launch a new toolkit series called "Military Students on the Move." The toolkit includes material designed to promote more efficient and effective methods of moving military children from school to school. The toolkit includes material for parents, children, installation commanders and school officials, Defense Department officials said.

In addition, the Air Force recently launched its "Stay Connected" deployment program kits in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child. The kits include items like teddy bears, writing pens and disposable cameras.

"The purpose of the Stay Connected kit is to

provide young people and parents an avenue to keep a connection during the deployed members' time away from home," said Eliza Nesmith, an Air Force family member programs specialist "The items in the kit come in pairs, so that the young person and parent can have an item that will help them remember each other."

Air Force bases will choose the best distribution method to correspond with an existing event or develop a new event to best serve their families. For example, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., will give out Stay Connected kits to deploying servicemembers during its basewide Month of the Military Child celebration, planned for April 8, Ms. Nesmith said.

Throughout the month of April, the U.S. Navy child and youth programs will also be hosting special programs and events to salute military children.

These events will include, carnivals, health screening for children, youth talent shows, and more, Navy officials said.

"Events that celebrate the Month of the Military Child stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle," said Larrie Jarvis, a Navy child and youth programs analyst.

Army bases will plan their own events such as fun runs, bicycle safety courses, carnivals, fishing derbies, community service projects and other events geared specifically toward children and youth, Army officials said.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who died March 28. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.



NEWS

ACC takes combat search, rescue assets under wing

Courtesy Air Combat Command News Service

Air Combat Command took administrative control of select Air Force combat search and rescue assets from Air Force Special Operations Command Monday as part of a realignment announced in February.

The transfer ensures the Air Force core competency of combat search and rescue, or CSAR, is directly linked to the combat air forces and the personnel they support. This consolidates the management of limited Air Force resources and provides a clearer presentation of force in theater. Under ACC, CSAR assets can be mobilized faster during a national crisis, integrated into combat training and tasked to support all air and space expeditionary force rotations, ACC officials said.

Moving the CSAR mission under ACC will be completely transparent to the warfighter. They will continue, as before, to gain CSAR capability from the owning major command.

The transfer will affect most active-duty operational HC-130s, HH-60 Pave Hawks and most combat rescue officers and pararescuemen, as well as the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Units transferred from AFSOC to ACC will not relocate.

In addition, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units will remain administratively con-

trolled by Air Force Reserve Command and their respective states, but will be gained by ACC or Pacific Air Forces when fully mobilized.

Active-duty units affected by the transfer are the 347th Rescue Wing at Moody AFB, Ga., and all subordinate units; the 563rd Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and all subordinate units; the HH-60G Combined Test Force at Nellis AFB, Nev.; and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Va.

Air Force Reserve Command units affected are the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick AFB, Fla., and the 943rd Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan, Ariz., and its subordinate squadron, the 304th Rescue Squadron at Portland International Airport, Ore.

Affected Air National Guard units are the 106th Rescue Wing at Gabreski Field, N.Y., and the 129th RQW at Moffett Field, Calif.

CSAR assets and personnel assigned to PACAF and U.S. Air Forces Europe will not be affected by the transfer.

Further actions associated with the transfer, including a routine site visit and funding actions, will occur over the next few months. ACC, with assistance from AFSOC, will complete the programmatic actions associated with the transfer by October.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS VERONICA PIERCE

Pararescuemen from the 306th and 48th Rescue Squadrons fast rope from an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter during training at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Air Combat Command took administrative control of select Air Force combat search and rescue assets from Air Force Special Operations Command Monday as part of a realignment announced in February.



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the week

This Chow-mix puppy is a blond male, quiet and mellow. Anyone interested in adopting him or other needy animals should call 784-4228.

NCO remembers helping hand

Air Force Assistance Fund drive heads down home stretch

By 2nd Lt. George Tobias
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is one of the four foundations funded by the Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF), but is, perhaps, the most notable for Airmen.

AFAS assists Airmen of need, and according to one Cannon Airman, that is just what it has done. Tech. Sgt. Heather Jones, 27th Comptroller Squadron, benefited from AFAS help on two different occasions.

On one occasion her grandfather was very ill, and Sergeant Jones had made plans to go home to see him.

"I had talked to my mom on a Friday night and she said 'everything's good with him, he has at least another couple of months, so you should be good to go home and see him before he passes,'" said Sergeant Jones, remembering the incident.

But later that evening, around midnight, she received a call from her

mother who told her that her grandfather had just died.

"because it was so last minute and having to get tickets for my daughter and me, I had no means to get home for the funeral, which was on that Monday."

She called her first sergeant and commander and on Saturday morning they had her in with Air Force Aid Society personnel who had already cut her a check.

She and her daughter were able to fly home Sunday morning for the funeral.

"They [AFAS] helped out a lot; they even made sure I had money for food. In a bad situation they came through."

That was not, however, the only time the AFAS helped Sergeant Jones,

"When I first came into the military, I totaled my car a week after I got it," said Sergeant Jones. The AFAS helped her out with the deductible.

"They have always come through

[for me]. There are people here taking

Tech. Sgt. Heather Jones

"I've given back to them [AFAS] ever since they helped me out 12 years ago."

— 27th Comptroller Squadron

care of their own," she said.

As expected, Sgt. Jones is now a faithful contributor to the AFAS.

"I've given back to them [AFAS] ever since they helped me out 12 years ago."

The AFAF drive ends April 21. To donate, contact your squadron representative or call 784-4131 or 784-



COMMENTARIES

We must continue to be ready to fly, fight, win

By Col. Mark Mueller
36th Maintenance Group commander

If you would have asked me what I would expect of our service in the 21st century 24 years ago when I raised my right hand and pledged to serve our nation and Air Force, I would never have imagined the transformation our Air Force has gone through. It has been, and remains, an exciting ride.

We are at another important crossroad in the 58-year existence of our Air Force. We read and hear about it all the time.

We have to do more with less. We are more expeditionary than ever in the history of our Air Force.

We have to be fit to fly, fight and win. We will change and get leaner.

Oh, how times have changed!

When I came in the Air Force, we were approximately 680,000-plus strong. What did commitment and readiness to our Air Force and mission — to fly and fight in air, space, and cyberspace (and win) — mean to me back then? Not what it means to me today.

As a young lieutenant, I was not sure that a career in the Air Force was meant for me. But I was blessed with fellow Airmen who inspired me, supported me, made me feel I was part of the team and these feelings remain today, 14 change of stations moves later.

What has not changed is our Airmen — the people behind the mission and our training.

Today, we are deployed all around the world, and our total force is around 340,000 members strong and getting smaller. Technology plays a big role in our superiority. We must stay strong and united in our commitment, or else find another calling.

Recently, our secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force redefined our mission. What was left out of this mission statement was winning. But I know we all agree that losing is not an option.

What can we as Airmen (military and civilian), do to ensure the continued success of our Air Force and to remain the world's most dominant air, space, and cyberspace fighting team?

First, high on my list, is

taking care of family. We take too much for granted and don't realize the sacrifices we put our families through for the betterment of our careers or service to our country.

Another thing to live by is being fit to fight. Why did we ever need programs to hold members of our Air Force team accountable for being fit? We have embraced staying fit to fight. We will all be healthier and happy for it, and ready when called to serve in stressful missions.

Another point to live by is training for success. Many of the foreign officers who attended schools with me over the years spoke about how amazing our military enlisted corps is and how well our United States

forces are trained. They revel at the level of responsibility given to our enlisted corps and their competence.

I could go on and on with other examples and experiences, but I have this vivid picture in my mind of my twin daughters saying, "Dad, stop ... you're killing us," not to mention this article has probably gone too long.

It's an exciting time to be a member of the Air Force. You must be ready every day to fly, fight and win. The soft and hard combat capability being developed provides a credible option for our combatant commanders.

Stay ready and strong; future adversaries will not give us the time we have had in the past.

Sometimes being a good wingman's not enough

By Maj. Tom Means
39th Operations Squadron director of operations

Several months ago, while returning from a state-side TDY, I was waiting in the domestic terminal of the Istanbul Airport when I saw something unusual. Among the busy crowd was a young Airman who obviously was new to Turkey and its environment.

How did I know this from 50 yards? If the clean shave and short haircut didn't give it away, the well-pressed service uniform with a matching Air Force embroidered garment bag did. The fledgling rank on his shoulder meant he'd probably just graduated tech school and was a first-term Airman assigned overseas.

Although he stood tall and wore his uniform proudly, it was apparent he had nothing more inconspicuous to change into. So, because of the shortcomings of his sponsor, he'd have to wait for a newcomer's

briefings to get the force protection briefings that could have prevented this unnecessary risk.

Some would argue he had no "wingman" that day. I contest he needed something more. In the fighter business, a wingman is an inexperienced pilot who struggles with the complex tasks and tactics of combat aviation. The brand new wingman can usually keep other aircraft in sight, provide visual mutual support and avoid hitting the ground while maneuvering in three dimensions.

Mistakes are expected and corrected through extra instruction, study and sometimes public embarrassment in front of his peers. It's the flight lead who's responsible for sound judgment, exemplary discipline, timely instruction and overall safe conduct of the flight and its multimillion-dollar assets.

The wingman program is based on the tenet that any "wingman" can provide mutual support and theo-

retically mitigate a bad situation. While this may be true, we sometimes overlook the opportunities to call on our experiences and maturity to lead when necessary.

Leadership in this case is going the extra mile, calling on the courage to intervene, and tell a complete stranger their behavior is unacceptable and may get themselves hurt or in trouble.

Although they may have a wingman meeting the intent, their lack of experience in the local area may buy them an entry into the police blotter or worse. It's you, the resident expert, or for a better term the flight lead, who needs to watch out for them. Our Airman at the Istanbul airport needed someone like this.

We can't afford a preventable accident due to inaction. Be a good flight lead, get engaged, and take care of your wingman.

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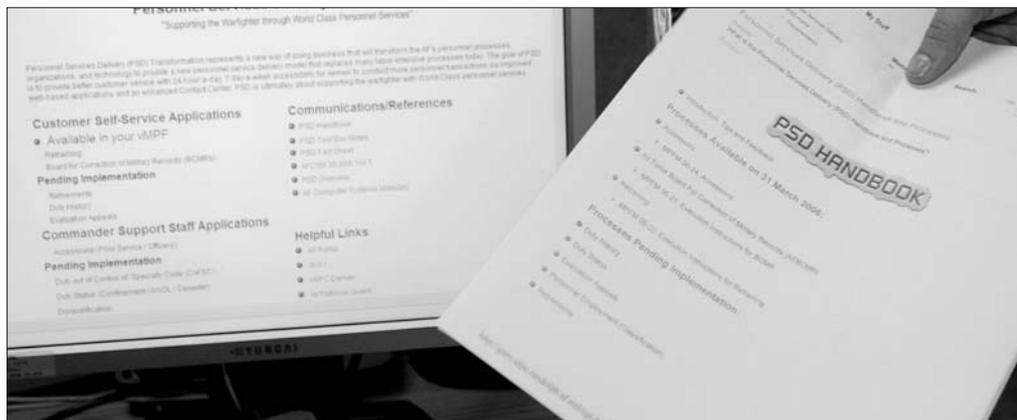


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Airmen interested in voluntary retraining can now initiate the process online. Applications are now processed by the Air Force Contact Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, as part of the first phase of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation that went online March 31.

Enlisted retraining centralized

Courtesy Air Force Personnel Center

The active duty retraining program is now virtual, and applications are now processed by the Air Force Contact Center as part of the first phase of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation.

Airmen interested in voluntary retraining as well as those identified for involuntary retraining will initiate the process online at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight (VMPF).

The retraining self-service application in the VMPF gives Airmen step-by-step instructions on retraining under the Career Airmen Reenlistment Reservation System and the Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program.

The new process consists of these basic steps:

- Review the retraining advisory to identify potential Air Force Specialty Codes.
- Review Air Force Manual

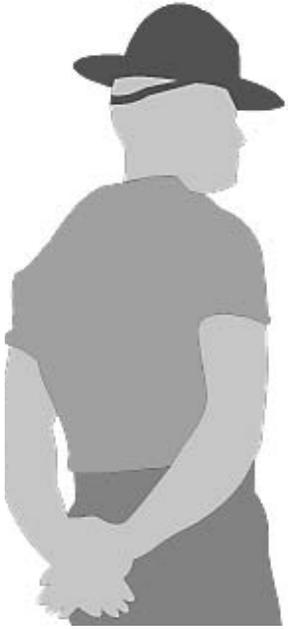
- 36-2108, "Enlisted Classification."
 - Review retainability requirements listed in Table 3.3 of Air Force Instruction 36-2626, "Airman Retraining Program."

- Submit a retraining request to the Air Force Contact Center using the retraining request link. Contact center personnel will verify career field eligibility and qualifications to retrain into the AFSCs listed. They will notify Airmen of any additional requirements they must complete.

- After the application is completed, it will be routed electronically for additional coordination, then submitted to the Air Force Personnel Center Retraining Office for a final decision.

Base-level military personnel flights will continue to work any actions or related case files opened before March 31.

Airmen requiring assistance or checking on the status of a submission should call the contact center at (800) 616-3775, option 1, option 1, option 2; commercial (210) 565-5000; or DSN 665-5000.



Sgt. Afi's 36-2903

Tip of the Week

Airmen who wish to recommend uniform changes should submit proposals on an AF Form 1000. Disapproval is appropriate when the suggestion is not a new idea, when it duplicates a previous suggestion or when the proposal is not beneficial or desirable.



NEWS

Family liaison officers help shoulder burdens

By Laura Dorey
Air Force Print News

For some Airmen, going above and beyond is their call of duty.

The Family Liaison Officer Program, or FLO, was designed to help the families of Airmen who have died or been injured.

FLO Airmen, all of them senior NCOs or commissioned officers, assist families with everything from the small stuff — carrying groceries, mowing the lawn, taking the kids to soccer practice, to the bigger concerns — helping them get insurance, arranging financial matters or even handling funeral services.

“FLOs help so a family isn’t overwhelmed with so many things at one time,” said John Beckett, the Air Force Survivor Assistance Program manager. “They help shoulder burdens so families can focus on taking care of their loved ones and not worry about other things that come up.”

This past year, one FLO helped an Airman’s family travel from New Orleans to Washington, D.C., so they could visit their son in the hospital. When Hurricane Katrina hit, the FLO helped the family locate relatives, helped

them find temporary housing in the Washington area and helped them get in contact with Federal Emergency Management Agency to see what kind of aid was eligible to them, Mr. Beckett said.

To improve FLO instruction, family members and wounded troops have begun visiting training schools to give feedback on their experiences so the program can be further refined.

Although the Air Force has always helped families of killed and injured Airmen, the first official FLO provided assistance after an aircraft crash in Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, in 1999. In 2004, the program expanded to provide an officer to those who were wounded and their families.

In true “service before self” fashion, a FLOs role can last more than a year. These responsibilities are in addition to an Airman’s typical duties. And although they may not be experts in every issue a family may encounter during a tragedy, FLOs are familiar enough with the Air Force and their particular base to get them the answers they need.

“Overwhelmingly, Air Force commanders are in great support of the program,” Mr. Beckett said. “FLOs make me proud to be part of the Air Force because of what they do.”



TPHOTO BY TECH. SGT. KEVIN WILLIAMS

NCO awarded \$10K

Master Sgt. Scott Laws inspects a shut-off valve on an F-16 Fighting Falcon. Sergeant Laws made a suggestion that could save the Air Force \$320,000 a year by replacing the valves heat shield instead of the entire valve assembly. Sergeant Laws is the assistant electrical environmental section chief with the 20th Component Maintenance Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

AADD volunteers take care of fellow Airmen

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

“How bad would it feel coming to work and knowing that a fellow Airman you worked with, or someone in the next squadron was killed because there was nobody there to help them get home?” asked president of the Cannon Airmen Against Drunk Driving program Senior Airman Brianna Scott, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

That is her no-holds barred response to the question, “Why should someone volunteer with AADD?”

“There are people out there, no matter how many

times you tell them drinking and driving is bad [who] aren’t going to listen,” said Airman Scott. That is precisely the reason AADD needs more volunteers.

When you shouldn't
drive yourself, call

Airman Against Drunk Driving

784-AADD
784-2233

No questions asked, just a safe ride home

Hours of training are not required, but volunteers can get help anytime. “I can tell them over the phone what they need to do,” said Airman Scott.

Willingness to help, being 18 years or older and having a valid driver’s license and vehicle insurance are the only items needed to begin the process of volunteering with AADD.

“It makes you feel good to know you picked someone up and you helped them. Going out and making sure that person gets home,” said Airman Scott, but she also says there are additional benefits for Airmen volunteers beside feeling good.

Since becoming involved in AADD, “a lot of the first sergeants and commanders know me,” she said, stressing that while her first reason for involvement is helping others, it also looks good on Enlisted Performance Reviews (EPRs).

Although volunteers may not be dispatched every time they are on call, they are reminded, “preventing even a single DUI/DWI and keeping these intoxicated individuals off the road where they jeopardize the safety of others [makes] AADD ... a success,” according to the AADD brochure.

For more information or to volunteer, call Airman Scott at 784-7903



NEWS

Wings-level landing might have saved C-5 crash survivors

By Louis A. Arana-Barradas
Courtesy Air Force Print News

A veteran C-5 Galaxy pilot said all 17 people survived the Monday plane crash at Dover Air Force Base, Del., mainly because the pilot did his job.

Col. Udo McGregor said the “100 percent reason” everyone aboard survived the crash was because the pilot did a wings-level landing.

“The survivors are survivors because he put it on the ground wings level,” said the colonel, commander of the 439th Operations Group at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

The transport took off from Dover at about 6:20 a.m. bound for Spain and Southwest Asia. On board were Airmen and several passengers. Base officials said the aircrew noticed a problem with the aircraft soon after takeoff and the pilot turned the aircraft around to land back at the base.

But at 6:42 a.m. the aircraft crashed into a grassy field and broke up into several pieces. Base officials think the

aircraft might have struck a utility pole, which cut off the aircraft’s six-story tail section. It had a quarter million pounds of fuel, but miraculously did not catch fire.

Colonel McGregor, a command pilot with more than 10,600 flying hours — more than 7,000 of those in the Galaxy — said there are other reasons why the accident cost the Air Force only a transport aircraft.

One is that the aircraft — almost as long as a football field — has many crumple zones.

“If you watch car commercials on TV and watch them do the crash testing — the more metal you, have the larger the piece of equipment — the more the chance you have of survival,” he said.

And the cargo plane has so much cargo space below its wings that a wings-level landing gives those on board “a pretty good chance of surviving,” he said.

“It’s an incredibly safe airplane,” said the colonel. “Very, very few accidents for the mil-



PHOTO BY DOUG CURAN

Emergency responders are on the scene of a C-5 Galaxy crash Monday at Dover Air Force Base, Del. All 17 individuals aboard the aircraft survived.

lions and millions of flying hours that it’s accomplished.”

The colonel has flown all over the world in the C-5. He knows the transport inside and out. The emergency that the Dover crew faced — a heavy weight, three-engine emergency return — is a “pretty standard” procedure for which Galaxy pilots are well prepared, he said.

“In this particular case, the experience level of the crew would suggest they’ve done it hundreds of times — practiced it hundreds of times in a simulator,” he said.

Colonel McGregor has had

to deal with similar in-flight emergencies during his 15 years at the helm of the heavy jet. More than once he has had to land a heavily-loaded Galaxy with only three engines. But with about a million parts, many mechanical things can go wrong with the aging aircraft, which entered the Air Force inventory in the June 1970. After so many hours in the air, the aircraft is bound to experience one or two emergencies, he said.

“That’s just part of flying something for an extensive amount of time that has this

many moving parts,” the colonel said. “It’s a very complicated airplane.”

The colonel remembers a flight into Osan Air Base, South Korea, when the air conditioning turbine on his C-5 malfunctioned and filled the entire aircraft with smoke.

The aircrew made an emergency landing and did an emergency evacuation of 73 passengers — who exited down the slide from the passenger compartment on the back of the aircraft.

At Dover, the aircrew also used the inflatable slide to evacuate the aircraft.

Crash fails to diminish venerable C-5s historical contributions

By Master Sgt. Orville Desjarlais Jr.
Air Force Print News

The C-5 Galaxy crash at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Monday placed the aging aircraft in the spotlight once again.

With no deaths reported, military officials are cleaning the crash site and are convening a board of officers to investigate the cause of the accident.

But the crash does not tarnish John Leland’s image of the C-5 Galaxy. He places the aircraft in such high regard he has co-written a book about the Air Force’s largest cargo aircraft, “The Chronological History of the C-5 Galaxy.”

“Since this was just its sixth crash in its history, that tells me it has had a good, solid record of performance over the years,” said the historian who works at the Air Mobility Command Office of History at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Mr. Leland will include the recent crash in the C-5’s chronological history, which he updates religiously.

The C-5’s history dates back to March 2, 1968, when President Lyndon B. Johnson attended the rollout and christening ceremony. At that time, it was the largest plane in the world.

“The aircraft symbolized the size, power, might and majesty of the United States Air Force,” Mr. Leland said.

The Galaxy has 12 internal wing tanks with a total capacity of 51,150 gallons of fuel — enough to fill six-and-a-half regular-size railroad tank cars. At nearly a football field long and nearly six stories high, it can carry tanks and buses. With aerial refueling, the aircraft’s range is limited only by crew endurance.

In 1982, the Antonov 124, a Soviet air transport, set a record for the largest mass ever lifted by

an airplane, snatching away the C-5’s title.

Since its inception, the C-5 has helped during times of war — Vietnam, Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2001, the C-5 furnished about 50 percent of Air Mobility Command’s organic strategic airlift capability. During OEF, the C-5 flew 33 percent of the cargo missions, hauled 46 percent of the total cargo and carried 40 percent of all passengers airlifted by AMC. In Operation Iraqi Freedom, it flew about 23 percent of the missions and delivered about 48 percent of the cargo, moving more cargo per mission than the C-17 Globemaster III and the C-141B Starlifter.

Although the C-5 Galaxy is getting old, it can still carry twice the amount of its newest cargo carrier sibling, the C-17.



NEWS FEATURE

Airmen move troops in, out of theater

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Nichols
U.S. Central Command Air Forces News Team

When traveling throughout the area of responsibility, accountability is key. Ensuring that service-members get where they need to go safely is the responsibility of Airmen at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

As one of the main staging points for service-members traveling in and out of theater, it's not unusual to see more than a hundred troops passing through at all hours of the night.

The Airmen here ensure each of these service-members, starting or finishing their deployment through their gates, make it to their destination safely. Most transient passengers are Soldiers, and around 10 a.m. each day, the sounds of roll call from each unit passing through echo through the base.

While roll call is the responsibility of the individual unit, Staff Sgt. Ailiyeh Boydon, 376th Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team, makes sure troops traveling through the base are accounted.

"If a Red Cross message comes through, we locate the person it is for, and make sure it gets delivered," Sergeant Boydon said. "If their home base is trying to reach them; again, we locate them. Our responsibility is to know how to locate each and every troop on Manas AB."

Sergeant Boydon also tries to be a friendly face during a time of possible anxiety for these troops.

"We're the first ones they see when they land. We try to give them a warm welcome, and make them feel welcome while they're here," said Sergeant Boydon, who is deployed from the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"The rules can be different (at Manas) than downrange, which can make their stay here a little



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. LANCE CHEUNG

A contracted airline, a key component in moving armed forces, prepares to leave Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, March 15. Airliners arrive and depart day and night. The base population, normally about 1,000, surges to 2,500 during Army rotations.

confusing. We try and make sure they have the right information and feel as comfortable as possible," she said.

Security also plays a key role for anyone passing through Manas. Staff Sgt. Amy Greenslade, a military working dog handler with the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron here, along with her dog, Nero, carefully inspect every backpack, duffle bag and carry-on.

"[Dog handlers] make sure each trip (for tran-

sient troops) is a safe trip, making sure everybody on base stays safe, nothing gets brought into country that shouldn't be here, and nothing leaves that shouldn't leave," said Sergeant Greenslade, who is deployed from the 28th Security Forces Squadron at Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

During the current rotation, Manas AB has moved more than 38,000 passengers, 10,000 short-tons of cargo and served more than 246,000 meals at the dining facility.



Senior Airman Michael Brown (left), 378th Expeditionary Services Squadron, provides a lodging assignment for Army Major Charles Stacowski at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, March 15.



Soldiers from forts Lewis, Wash., and Bragg, N.C., muster for a roll call during their layover at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, March 15. Airmen assigned to the 378th Expeditionary Services Squadron coordinate movement to deployed locations and the return home.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN THOMAS TROWER

Tree planting time

Master Sgt. Brian Smith (left) and 1st Lt. Jonathan Murray, 27th Security Forces Squadron, dig a tree out of the tree farm in Doc Stewart Park to transplant to Unity Park Wednesday. Cannon will be designated a Tree City U.S.A. by the Arbor Day Foundation on April 19. Volunteers are needed to transplant more trees at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Manpower career opportunities

There are openings for qualified noncommissioned officers in the Manpower career field. If you have above-average mathematical and communicative skills, you may qualify for a career opportunity in this field.

For more information, call Mr. Jim Lewis at 784-2589 or Tech. Sgt. Sarita Phillips at 784-4342.

Free tax service

With the tax deadline a little more than two weeks away, the Cannon Tax Center, located in the Legal Office building, offers free tax preparation.

For an appointment or more information, call 784-7304.

Dealing with difficult people

The "Dealing with Difficult People II" course that is offered by the Professional Enhancement Center (PEC), from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., April 19, at the PEC.

This course is a substitute for the Communication Skill Soft course. It is not, however, a substitute for the Change Management course that supervisors are required to complete.

Contact Senior Master Sergeant Jill Helm to sign up, or email: jill.helm@cannon.af.mil.

Do you homeschool?

The base library is planning a home schooling support group that will meet monthly. Entertainment for children will be provided by 27th Services Squadron.

For more information, call 784-2786.

Popular magnetic toy recalled

The Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall of all Magnetix Magnetic Building Sets is sold at many large department and discount stores.

There have been 34 reported incidents and one death reported.

For additional information, contact Rose Art at (800) 779-7122 or go online at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml06/06127.html>



FEATURE



Teresa Peralez uses a computer program to designate the dimensions of a picture mat to be cut.

Above: Terry Vaughn and Ms. Peralez make a gameplan on an assortment of projects to complete Wednesday at the Cannon Framing and Engraving shop. The shop is capable of creating a variety of awards for professional and personal use. The shop engraves coffee mugs, wine glasses and metal plaques, often given away when a fellow coworker moves.

Below: Name plates must be precisely measured and placed on their trophies. Although computers do some of the work for the shop, workers must be fluent in math.



Engravers use cutting edge technology to create awards

Story and photos by
Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Most words are not written in stone, but where Terry Vaughn, of Cannon's Framing and Engraving shop is concerned they might as well be.

Lasers engrave, burn and cut with precision on a variety of materials such as glass and acrylic, wood, plastic, leather and some metals but when a mistake is made in lettering, "We do it over," said Mr. Vaughn, though it is costly in time and money. "[Because of possible mistakes] it makes me very leery if someone brings in their own [irreplaceable] piece. We will either send it downtown to get it laser engraved, or I will suggest lasering a plate."

Using various types of engraving, sublimation, a more detailed process

than silk screening, and custom framing, Mr. Vaughn uses high-tech tools to accomplish the work of a skilled craftsman.

The result of his labor becomes remembrance pieces, such as squadron awards which are a large part of the workload at the framing and engraving shop. "We do a lot of the units' awards programs. We provide them with plaques or the acrylic awards they prefer," said Mr. Vaughn, adding that anyone who has access to the base can shop at the framing and engraving shop.

Subjects ranging from elegant to humorous, such as a multi-colored ceramic cow that will become a going away trophy, add variety to Mr. Vaughn's work. Arriving with a broken leg, the cow has been repaired, mounted on a wooden block and enhanced with a lasered name plate.

An often ordered item for both base personnel and the public sector at Cannon is coffee mugs. "We do a lot of coffee mugs. For \$5 you get a personalized coffee mug to send to grandparents," said Mr. Vaughn. Large glass mugs, which are engraved and then filled with candy or tools are also popular as going away mementos.

Mr. Vaughn and co-worker Teresa Peralez can also help customers with picture framing needs. Frames can be made for regular and odd-sized prints, and shop personnel can also frame pieces for a small fee if the customer brings in their own mat and frame.

The framing and engraving shop is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information about framing and engraving services, call Terry Vaughn at 784-4735.



SERVICES

Cannon childcare providers ensure quality licensed care

Courtesy 27th Services Squadron

Working parents with childcare concerns need to be assured their child is in a safe environment.

Many of these parents find comfort in having their children in the care of a licensed childcare provider.

The Air Force requires childcare providers who provide 10 or more hours per week to become licensed. Though licensing takes time, it can be comforting for the parent.

All applicants undergo extensive background checks through various military entities, said Jim Hernandez, family childcare coordinator.

This two-week process ensures applicants don't have major criminal records, don't live in an emotionally unsta-

ble environment and live in a structurally sound home.

Following a physical checkup, applicants receive a week of training, encompassing areas such as equipment usage, sanitation and food preparation, and become insured before licensing is complete.

A three-month probationary period allows in-depth inspections of providers and then monthly Air Force inspections are given, said Mr. Hernandez.

"To a parent, it's important that providers get inspected, so that they feel more at ease, because there's an extra set of eyes checking to ensure all health and safety guidelines are being met," said Tanya Kelley, family childcare trainer.

Providers must also attend at least 24 hours of

training per year and complete 15 modules, or workbooks, within their first 18 months.

This additional training keeps providers up-to-date on guidelines for childcare current trends.

Full-time providers must maintain cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification and enroll in the Department of Agriculture food program.

The Cannon Family Child Care office helps potential providers gain access to the lending library, which supplies such items as outdoor play areas, creative arts and crafts, diaper changing stations, and learning materials.

For information on becoming a childcare provider, call the Cannon Family Child Care Office at 784-6560.

Warrior Week support facility time changes

The following facilities will have extended hours to accommodate training throughout Warrior Week.

Pecos Trail Dining Facility:

Breakfast — 6 to 8 a.m.

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dinner — 4 to 8 p.m.

Midnight — 11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Child Development Centers:

Open from 6:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Schedule of Services events

Today

Seafood Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing
Book Group — 1:30 p.m. at the Cannon Library
Yu-Gi-Oh Challenge Plus — 4 p.m. at the Clovis CC
Friday Movies — 5 p.m. at the Portales CC* ages 12 and under
Steak Special — 5 p.m. at The Landing
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Saturday

Kite Carnival — 10 a.m. at Doc Stewart Park
Birthday Bash — 1 p.m. at the youth center
9 Pin Bowling — 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes
Cosmic Bowling — 9 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

Free Billiards — 3:30 p.m. at The End Zone
Dart League — 6:30 p.m. at The End Zone

Monday

Jr. & Sr. Cheer — 4 p.m. at the Clovis CC

Chess Club — 5 p.m. at the Portales CC
Community Theater — 6 p.m. at the Central CC
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Tuesday

Oriental Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing
Pool Tournament — 4 p.m. at the Portales CC
Country Fried Steak — 5 p.m. at The Landing
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Wednesday

Italian Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing
Drop Everything and Read — 1 p.m. at the Cannon Library
Poetry Open Mic — 4:30 p.m. at the Cannon Library
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing

Thursday

Story Time — 10:30 a.m. at the Cannon Library

Mexican Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing
Searching 101 — noon at the Cannon Library
Tween Torch Club — 4:30 p.m. at the youth center
XBox Challenge — 5 p.m. at the Portales CC
Pasta Bar — 5 p.m. at The Landing
Book Club — 6 p.m. at the Cannon Library
Chess Club Casual Play — 6 p.m. at the Central CC
Teen Keystone Meeting — 6:30 p.m. at the youth center
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special — \$4 at The Landing



* CC — Community Center ITT — Information Tickets and Travel CDC — Child Development Center



Unit Spotlights

Congratulations Cannon Diamond Sharp Award Winners



Staff Sgt. Stacey Smyth,
27th Civil Engineer Squadron
Sponsor*: Diane Antill,
Cannon Federal Credit Union



Senior Airman Justin Nobles,
27th Component Maintenance Squadron
Sponsor: Camille Sanning,
Army and Air Force Exchange Services



Airman 1st Class Geoffrey Leal,
27th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Sponsor: Master Sgt. Michael Dols,
1st Sergeants Council

PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

*Sponsors donate \$50 in cash or gift certificates to each winner. Cannon Federal Credit Union contributes to a celebration breakfast as well. No federal endorsement intended.

Congratulations Jorge Talamantes, 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Winner of the Air Combat Command Transportation Civilian of the Year award

AWARENESS MONTH

What marches began-women's organized protests against violence in the late 70s in England ?

- A. March for Women's Lives
- B. Take Back the Night
- C. Women's Suffrage March

The correct answer is (B) Take Back the Night.

These marches spread into the United States in New York City and San Francisco in 1978 .

Sexual Assault Awareness Month was first observed nationally in April 2001.

Chapel Schedule

CATHOLIC

Sunday — Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms and Mass 9:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Thursday — Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 p.m.
Eucharist Adoration End of mass until 12 a.m.
April 14 — Good Friday
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 8:00 p.m.
April 15 — Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
April 16 — Easter Morning
Mass of the Ressurrection 9:30 a.m.

PROTESTANT

Wednesday
Observance of Seder meal 5:30 p.m.
April 14th
Good Friday Service 1:00 p.m.
April 16th
Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m.
— at the Whispering Winds Golf Course
Combined Protestant service 11:00 a.m.

For more information concerning other programs or faith groups, call the base chapel at 784-2507.

At the Movies

The Cannon Movie Theater is located on the corner of Torch and D.L. Ingram.
Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children and \$1 for all viewers on Thursdays.

Eight Below

4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Description: Inspired by a true story, this an action-adventure about loyalty and the bonds of friendship set in the extreme wilderness of Antarctica. The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition: Jerry Shepard, his best friend, Cooper, and a rugged American geologist, who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica.

Rated: PG (some peril and brief mild language)

Running time: 120 minutes

Freedomland

7 p.m. today and Saturday

Description: A white woman blames an African-American man for the death of her son, but a white reporter and an African-American detective think otherwise.

Rated: R (language and some violent content)

Running time: 113 minutes

Date Movie

7 p.m. Sunday

Description: The story of hopeless romantic Julia Jones, who has finally met the man of her dreams, the very British Grant Fonckyerdoder. But before they can have their Big Fat Greek Wedding, they'll have to Meet the Parents, hook-up with The Wedding Planner and contend with Grant's friend Andy, a spectacularly beautiful woman who wants to put an end to her Best Friend's Wedding.

Rated: PG-13 (continuous crude and sexual humor, including language)

Running time: 83 minutes



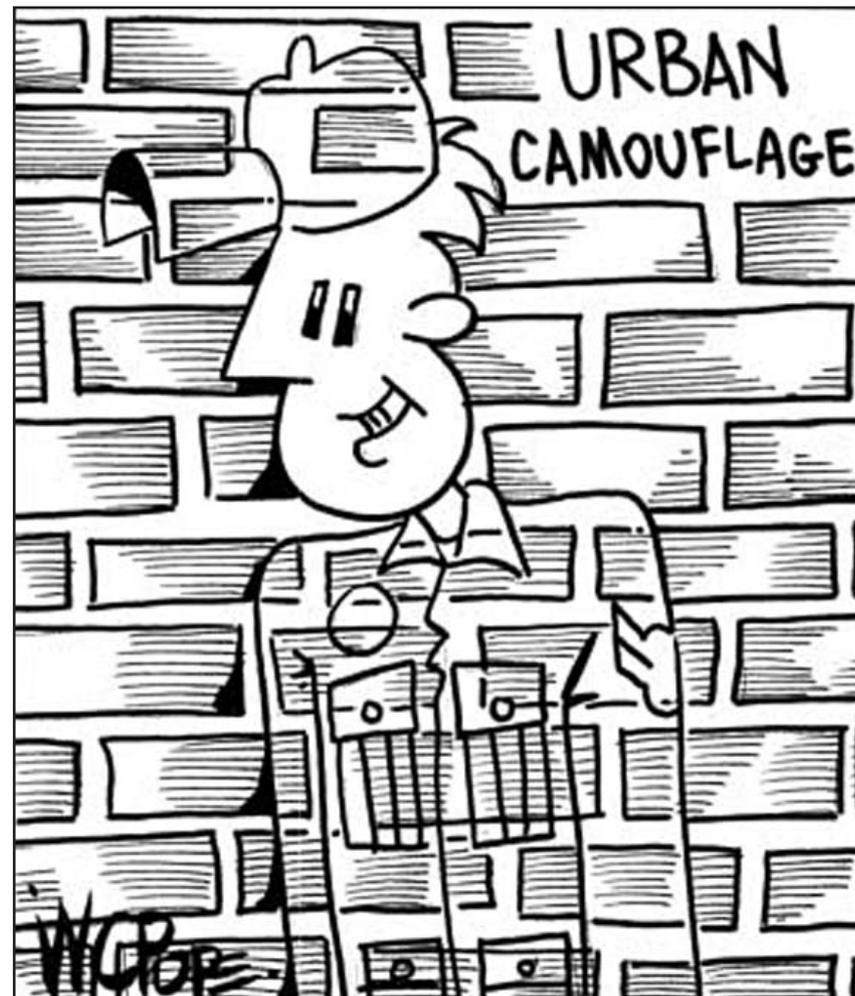
LIGHTER SIDE



COURTESY PHOTO

Relay for life

Col. Delores Forrest, 27th Medical Group commander, signs up for the May 5 and 6, 11th Annual Curry County Relay for Life along with captains of other medical group teams. From left to right: Yolanda Infante, Tech. Sgt. Eugene Von Bon, Staff Sgt. Angila Denman and Capt. Robin Kincaid.





SPORTS & HEALTH

Senior league still in need of recruits

The Cannon Senior Golf League plays at 9 a.m. Tuesdays.

Players may enter the league any week before 8:30 a.m. that Tuesday.

Anyone interested in playing should contact the Whispering Winds Golf Course at 784-2800.



Cannon adopts program to minimize paperwork, streamline transfers

Courtesy Air Force Medical Service

Beginning April 17 the 27th Medical Group providers will be using a new computer program to document health-care.

This program is part of a new computer information system being added to the medical treatment facilities' (MTF) existing technologies.

This system is replacing current paper-based records with a permanent, computer-based patient records, which will be accessible by authorized providers and staff throughout the Department of Defense's Military Health System (MHS) at MHS facilities world-wide.

This system will offer special features of direct benefit to patients, their healthcare providers, the MHS staff and the DoD.

Initially, as providers and the MTF staff become familiar with this new technology, patients may experience a

slight increase in the length of their appointments as their health encounter information is documented in the Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application (AHLTA).

Additionally, during implementation, each provider may have fewer available appointments.

As the MTF staff becomes experienced with this new clinical information system, patients will see a return to the normal process as more appointments become available over the six-week ramp-up period.

Although fewer appointments will be available for the next two months and access to providers may become challenging, the quality of care during appointments will not be compromised.

Anyone wishing to make an appointment with their provider may call the clinic at 784-2778.

AHLTA program defined by Defense Department

Courtesy Air Force Medical Service

The Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application (AHLTA), is the largest, most significant electronic health record system of its kind.

It has the potential to serve more than 9 million servicemembers, retirees and their families worldwide.

When fully implemented, about 60,000 military healthcare professionals — at stateside defense medical facilities and 11 other countries — will use this electronic health record system.

"Beneficiaries' health records will be available around the clock and around the world. Available to healthcare providers, yet protected from loss and unauthorized access," said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant sec-

retary of defense for health affairs. "Our electronic health record has matured to a point that its size and complexity are unrivaled.

"Most importantly, this new system was built in partnership with America's leading information technology companies," he said.

Thousands of military medical providers use the system. Nearly 300,000 outpatient visits are captured digitally every week.

Full deployment of the system in DOD's 800 clinics and 70 hospitals will be complete by December 2006.

"With the roll-out of AHLTA, the Department of Defense has made a great step toward achieving President Bush's goal of making electronic health records available to a majority of Americans within 10 years," said Michael Leavitt, secretary of health

and human services. "The lessons we learn from an initiative of this geographic scope and patient base will prove invaluable for future private and government health systems."

The longer-term vision — expected to be achieved in the next two to three years — is a continuously updated digital medical record from the point of injury or care on the battlefield to military clinics and hospitals in the United States, officials said.

Records are all completely transferable electronically to the Veterans Health Administration.

A massive training program for AHLTA is underway in DoD's medical community to ensure all who have access to the system are properly trained how to use it and on health record security.

Fitness Center events calendar

Today

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 a.m.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Saturday

Yoga

8 - 9 a.m.

Sunday

No Classes

Monday

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 a.m.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Cardio Cycling

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Cardio Cycling

5:30 - 6:15 a.m.
9 - 10 a.m.

Aerobics

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Yoga

5:30 - 6:30 a.m.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Cardio Cycling

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

4 - 5 p.m.

Aerobics

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Cardio Cycling

5:30 - 6:15 a.m.
Step Aerobics

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Yoga

6:45 - 7:45 p.m.



SPORTS & HEALTH

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August 3, 2006
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COURTESY GRAPHIC

Dart league

The Cannon dart league needs more players. Top performers may qualify to play in the Military Cup Challenge VI Aug. 3 in Las Vegas.

To sign up, call Master Sgt. Glen Pugh at 693-1316, or e-mail him at gpugh8@cox.net

Cannon Lanes

9 Pin Bowling Night — Bowl from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday for \$2 per game and an extra twist.

An automatic strike will be awarded to anyone who knocks down nine pins on their first ball. Everyone in the family can participate.

Cosmic Bowling — Enjoy a show of music, lights and glow-in-the-dark lanes, pins and bowling balls from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday. The cost is \$2.50 per game.

Month of the Military Child — To celebrate Month of the Military Child, Cannon Lanes will offer 50 cent games with free shoe rental Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. to children 16 years old and under, when accompanied by a paying adult.

Outdoor recreation

Hall of the White Giant — Take a "Wild Caving Tour" and experience Carlsbad Caverns away from the crowds April 15 for \$65 per adult and \$62 per child 12 to 15 years old.

Leave at 7 a.m. and return that day at 11 p.m.

Price includes general admission fee into the cave and a four-hour guided tour to the Hall of the White Giant. Soft work gloves, knee pads and four new AA batteries are required on the trip.

Sign-up deadline is Monday.

Boater Safety Course — Receive a U.S. Coast Guard boaters safety certificate and On-Water Familiarization certification April 22 at Fort Sumner Lake in Fort Sumner, N.M.

This daylong trip costs \$20 and is required to rent outdoor recreation powered water crafts.

Price includes transportation, sack lunch and courses. Sign up deadline is April 18.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 784-2773.

Youth sports

Roller Skating — Come roller-skate from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the youth center gym.

For more information, call the youth center at 784-2747.

Tee Ball and Baseball — The tee ball league is for players ages five to six and baseball league is for players ages seven to nine.

The cost is \$25 and player registration is Saturday through April 22. Leagues will begin games on April 29.

There must be enough players for four teams in each league.

For more information, call Lionel Alston at 784-2485.

Instructional programs — Sign up for cheerleading, dance, yoga and preschool tumble at the youth center.

Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays and cost \$30 per child.

Whispering Winds

Texas Scramble — Whispering Winds will establish the teams for the four-person teams at 8 a.m. April 15. Each player tees off and the best tee shot is selected. From that spot, everyone plays their own ball into the hole. Sign up by noon April 14.

Monday Night Scrambles — Nine hole scrambles begin at 5 p.m. Mondays for two-person teams. Handicaps will be used and players may pick their own partners.

Players must sign up by 3 p.m.