

## DUI – One is too many



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### **Jumping to conclusions**

Staff Sgt. Scott Lawrence deploys his parachute during a practice jump over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Tuesday. He is assigned to the 418th Flight Test Squadron's test parachute program.

## Community Events

### **One-4 All animal rescue**

One-4-All Animal Rescue One-4-All Animal Rescue needs volunteers 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the Air Power Expo. Volunteers will distribute literature and help at the concession stand. Volunteers can work in shifts or all day.

For more information, call the Family Support Center at 784-4228.

### **Travel voucher changes**

Effective June 1, the travel voucher drop off box in front of Bldg. 600 will no longer be available. Vouchers can be dropped off at the finance office

Block 20c must be signed by the submitter's supervisor, a copy of orders need to be attached along with copies of all lodging receipts over \$75.

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### **Thunderbirds to soar over Cannon skies**

The Air Force Thunderbirds will display their aerial prowess at Air Power Expo 2006 Saturday. The Portales Gate will be open to the public starting at 8:30 a.m. for a day of aerial and static displays. For more information on the free event, see this week's special insert.

# Air Force Chief of Staff Memorial Day message

## **To the men and women of the United States Air Force:**

"In a time of peace and prosperity, we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. In a time of war, these memories are sharpened by the selfless service of those defending our freedoms daily.

"This Memorial Day, we pause to honor our fallen Airmen – active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian – who answered the call and paid the ultimate price for our country. Remember also the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, patriots all, who displayed the resolute courage that has defined our country through the generations.

"We also remember the families of those who served so well but did not come home. We hope that these families draw strength from the fact that their loved ones served a calling greater than their own self-interest. Likewise, we come together today to stand with the families of those who continue to serve, as their unconditional support is our true source of strength.

"We remain a nation at war, and an Air Force committed to upholding the charge presented in the Constitution to "provide for the common defense." This Memorial Day, we affirm our gratitude for those who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could live and enjoy freedom in abundance. We will never disappoint their legacy of service before self."

**T. Michael Moseley**  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff



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## NEWS

# Spouse of the Year – ‘The total package’

By Janet Taylor-Birkey  
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Mary Roux is the winner of Cannon's 2006 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year award.

Col. Robert West, 27th Maintenance Group commander nominated her, asserting that Mrs. Roux is "the whole package — a master of every trade and inspiration."

Mrs. Roux is quick to say that while she received the plaque, the award represents military spouses everywhere.

"I don't do anything different than most of the ladies and guys do," said Mrs. Roux. "It's an affirmation for everyone that [military spouses] are important."

As the wife of Lt. Col. Ronald Roux, 27th Maintenance Group deputy commander, Mrs. Roux is also a mother to Christopher (18) and Robert (16), and is no stranger to military life; she has seen both

sides as a military wife and former Air Force officer.

From the military wife side of the fence, Mrs. Roux's biggest challenge is "trying to be supportive, and at the same time, trying not to lose [myself]," she said.

She fears that the simple advice she offers Air Force spouses sounds cliché, but she is convinced it can make all the difference between surviving or thriving.

One of the many ways Mrs. Roux thrived during the frequent military moves is by developing a network of friends and helping others. "It really helps to put yourself out there, especially in smaller communities," she said. "When you help other people, you take yourself out of your own angst."

A big believer that "you just do the best you can with what you've got," Mrs. Roux said that everyone has their own talent and can help out in different ways. Some of the

ways she has helped out are sorting, packing and moving truckloads of goods to Las Angeles for victims of Hurricane Katrina (Katrina's Kids), always being available and on call for spouses in need, and welcoming newcomers to Cannon.

Another of her beliefs is that a military spouse can have an impact in how far their Airman goes in their military career. "You're not going to get them rank, but you can take care of things at home so he or she can focus," she said.

She said one way to help an Airman's focus is to not, "go crazy with the whining and complaining." Mrs. Roux encouraged.

She said she believes there is no one answer to thriving as a military spouse, but that spouses should, "try to make it the best you can, everywhere you go."

Part of the Air Force spouse's unwritten job descrip-

tion is to be supportive of the active-duty Airman, but this support is not one-sided. Her advice to Airmen is simple and to the point: "Be understanding; [military spouses] are going through their duty-day too."

For many military spouses, the duty day consists of taking care of things at home, but Mrs. Roux is adamant that spouses should not underestimate their job as a spouse and parent. "I do not like it when people say, 'I am just a stay-at-home mother,' or 'I'm just a wife.' [No] — you are you," she said.

Military spouses are expected to support their active-duty spouse and children at home, but are also frequently expected to be available to those in the squadron.

Mrs. Roux says she takes care of herself in order to meet those demands. This often includes a nap for rejuvenation, adding that for others it



Mary Roux  
Cannon's Spouse of the Year

may mean taking yoga classes or practicing tenants of their personal faith.

Some Air Force spouses may wonder if they are permitted to have anything resembling their own life or career. A military spouse can have their own career; she has worked in

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## Airman artists give base library facelift

By Janet Taylor-Birkey  
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The children's area at the Cannon library is getting a mini-makeover.

Airmen from the 27th Services Squadron are painting murals to brighten the children's area and encouraging them to take part in the summer reading program. The murals should be finished by the time children register for the summer reading program on Monday.

Murals in the children's area consist of a map of the world and people in traditional dress from around the world, said librarian Melissa Haraughty. She said the mural coordinates well with the theme of this year's reading program, "Places and Faces."

Among the painters at the library is Airman First Class Jerry Calalong, 27th Services Squadron. Airman Calalong said he and the group of Airmen painters hope to boost morale at Cannon through their volunteerism and the

work they are doing to brighten up the library.

He said future plans include painting the library's teen department, painting a booth at The Landing and working on a mural in the downtown Clovis area.

Ms. Haraughty encourages patrons of all ages to visit the library to see the murals and sign up for the summer reading programs.

The following is a guide to Cannon's Summer Reading Program events:

All programs begin at 3 p.m. at the library unless noted.

- Rich Gypsy heritage: June 2
- Chinese martial arts: June 9 – Characters and puppets from around the world: June 16
- La Llorna Spanish folklore: June 23
- Stories from far away islands: June 30
- Animals around the World (Albuquerque Biopark Zoo): 11 a.m., July 7
- African instruments: 3:30 p.m., July 14
- Native American Dancers: July 21
- Final prize day: July 28



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Airman 1st Class Jerry Calalong gives Airman 1st Class Diana Garcia some suggestions as she paints a mural of the world at the base library. The two 27th Services Squadron Airmen and other Airmen contributed their artistic talents to brighten the library.



## NEWS

# 0-0-1-3 safety program Promotes responsibility

Tech. Sgt. Michael Rogers,  
27th Fighter Wing Safety

Cannon's focus this summer is to "Live Smart, Train Hard and Defend Freedom."

0-0-1-3 is one way to remember what smart living is all about.

Developed to provide F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., Airmen guidance on responsible drinking, the 0-0-1-3 program concept has become well-known and accepted by its populace in just one year, to significantly reduce alcohol related incidents.

But that is merely the statistical tip of the iceberg. More importantly, it has furthered the development of a responsible culture among Airmen, resulting in right choices being made concerning alcohol.

So, what does 0-0-1-3 stand for? The first 0 restates the law, — zero underage drinking.

The second 0 restates the law as well, zero incidents of driving under the influence. The 1 stands for a maximum of one drink per hour. This is based on the amount of alcohol an average person's liver can process in that time.

The 3 stands for three drinks per night, maximum. Having three drinks or less keeps you in control and away from going over the edge toward binge drinking.

0-0-1-3 is an easy way to remember how to drink responsibly and is designed to keep Airmen away from risks associated with irresponsible drinking. It is based upon sound medical science and the laws designed to maintain public safety. Airmen don't have to know much more to employ 0-0-1-3.

This is not a teaching tool; it's a memory jogger. It promotes wise decisions by reminding Airmen of responsible drinking habits.

"Don't Drink and Drive" is

still very valid. 0-0-1-3 is not intended to replace this edict, nor does it suggest that Airmen should drink, then drive. It promotes the fact that they have a choice to be responsible when consuming alcoholic beverages, and that with a little reminder, they can avoid putting themselves in a situation where an alcohol-related incident might occur.

By embracing 0-0-1-3, Airmen develop the new "norm" of drinking among their peers. This benefits the Air Force as the culture shifts to responsibility instead of chasing abstinence or fearing punishment.

Cannon Airmen should consider their options this holiday weekend and the rest of the summer. Airmen as individuals benefit from using 0-0-1-3. The 27th Fighter Wing benefits from collective effort to remain focused on being "The World's Most Lethal Warfighting Team."



PHOTO BY JAMES O'REAR

## Long time, no see

Capt. Scott Crabtree, right, 27th Fighter Wing Safety Office, gets a few moments with his brother, Capt. Clint Crabtree, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores. The brothers had not seen each other for nearly three years until Scott, flying with the 522nd Fighter Squadron, made a stop at the base in Portugal following his recent deployment.

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retail and as a commercial airline flight attendant during her husband's career, but it is not easy, Mrs. Roux said. "You have got to make sacrifices."

Although both spouses careers may take sacrifice, Mrs. Roux encourages military spouses, "Don't give up your dreams."

Being a military spouse is not only about sacrificing; it is also about enjoying what the military lifestyle has to offer, along with having a good sense of humor.

It was during her time as a commercial airline attendant — and one of her husband's deployments — that Mrs. Roux found how necessary good humor can be.

Colonel Roux was deployed, she had a flat tire

and a 90 minute commute to Raleigh, N.C. Having never changed a tire before only added to the frustration of needing to be on time to catch her flight.

Removing lug nuts was difficult, but the tire got changed and she made her flight, Mrs. Roux explained.

When taking the car in the next day to get a regular-sized tire, the attendant told Mrs. Roux, "Well, you did it, but it's on backwards!"

Whether in times of sacrifice, or having to find humor in inconveniences, Mrs. Roux is humbled by the honor of being selected this year's winner. "It does make me feel good to know that I am helping our mission, our security in the world," she said.



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

## Click it or ticket campaign under way

The national Click it or Ticket campaign continues through June 4 in a nationwide effort to get drivers and passengers to buckle up. Civilians cited on Cannon for not wearing a seat belt face a \$75 fine, while Airmen receive four points against their base driving record. All seat-belt violators will have their base driving privileges suspended for 15 days, according to Tech. Sgt. Rich Jones, 27th Security Forces Squadron.



## COMMENTARY

# Memorial Day a time to honor our fallen heroes

On Memorial Day we pause to remember all who made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation, the fallen warriors who never came home to their families and friends.

Liberty is a precious gift whose benefits we all enjoy, but too often give little thought to its price. Memorial Day is the one day to reflect on the tremendous sacrifices made by our fellow countrymen.

We are a nation and an Air Force at war. Our Airmen have been engaged in combat operations for more than 15 years, from the Persian Gulf War, through the patrols over the No Fly Zone to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sadly, more than 2,300 young men and women have given their lives in the cause of freedom. We mourn the loss of each member of our military family.

This day of remembrance was first observed to mark the terrible losses of the Civil War. More than 620,000 Americans fell on our own soil, giving "the last full measure of devotion," in President Abraham Lincoln's memorable phrase.

Our nation survived that bloody war and became a beacon of hope for millions of people around the world.

The fruit of their labors can be seen throughout the world. Former World War II adversaries are now our allies. Countries once in the grip of Soviet domination are emerging as democracies in their own right.

The technology of war has changed dramatically since the

American Civil War, but the risks and suffering of war have not. For brave Americans who bear the risk, no victory is free from sorrow. This nation fights proudly, but we know the cost as we see the flag-draped coffins now carried home by our C-17s carrying the remains of fallen heroes.

Some of America's best and brightest have given their lives on the blood-soaked beaches of Normandy, in the jungles of the South Pacific, and over the skies of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. They fought and fell on the icy slopes of the Korean Peninsula and in the rice paddies of Vietnam. More recently, they fought and died in the caves of Afghanistan, and on the deadly streets of Iraq.

Only those who have seen the horrors of war firsthand can ever truly know what these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines went through in their final moments. Perhaps they charged from a landing craft onto Omaha Beach, with no place to hide and no chance of retreat. Or maybe they were in a burning aircraft, trying desperately to escape a fiery death. Perhaps they were in a convoy racing through the dusty streets of Baghdad when a roadside bomb ripped through their vehicle.

Each knew what their duty was, but surely each of them also dreamed of going home to those they loved and the life they cherished. Each of them had families who waited eagerly to see them again. They left their hopes and dreams behind when they went

off to war. They parted with them forever when they died.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "Most of those who died in defense of our country were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives – the one they were living, and the one they would have lived. They gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers .... They gave up everything for their country, for us. All we can do is remember."

One of those young men was Capt. Lance Sijan. In early November 1967, Capt. Sijan was on his 53rd combat mission in an F-4 Phantom over Laos. Almost immediately after dropping his bombs, Sijan's plane was engulfed in flames. Sijan ejected, but lost consciousness from severe head injuries, a crushed right hand and a compound fracture to his leg. Despite these injuries, he managed to evade North Vietnamese troops for 45 days.

When he was finally captured, Sijan was little more than a skeleton, covered by flesh rubbed raw from his desperate evasion ordeal. His North Vietnamese captors offered him no medical treatment. Despite his injuries, he managed to escape, though only for a short time. After being recaptured, Sijan developed pneumonia, but continued his escape attempts. He died of his injuries on Jan. 22, 1968, more than two months after his plane went down. Sijan was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his valiant resistance in the face of incredi-



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ble pain and suffering.

The war on terrorism has produced a whole new set of heroes, men like Tech. Sgt. John Chapman, a special operations combat controller from Pope Air Force Base, N.C. Sergeant Chapman guided precision air strikes on Taliban strongholds in the rugged mountains of eastern Afghanistan. During some of the fiercest fighting of Operation Anaconda, Sergeant Chapman volunteered to help rescue a fallen comrade. He lost his own life in the rescue effort. His sacrifice reminds us again that defending freedom exacts a terrible toll.

Every life lost is a tragedy. It is a loss to our military, to our nation, and to the families who grieve. Every Memorial Day, we struggle to understand the meaning of such sacrifice and loss. And it always seems so much more painful than words alone can convey. All we can do is remember the sacrifices made for us and for our freedom.

We owe it to them to complete the mission for which they gave their lives – to bring freedom and democracy to a troubled region of the world.

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell, a career military man turned statesman, may have said it best: "We have gone forth from our shores repeatedly over the last hundred years ... and put wonderful young men and women at risk, many of whom have lost their lives, and we have asked for nothing except enough ground to bury them in."

On Memorial Day we honor all those who left us too soon, whose lives were cut short on distant battlefields.

As you celebrate this Memorial Day with family and friends, reflect on those who sacrificed their lives so others may enjoy freedom.

We owe them nothing less than to remember, and to give thanks for all they have done on our behalf.

—27th Fighter Wing

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**Viper Volunteer is**

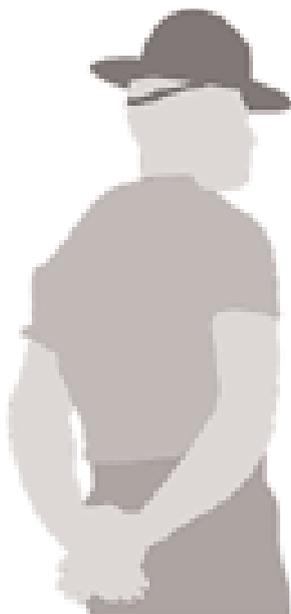


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Tech. Sgt.  
Barbara Bozeman

*Sergeant Bozeman, 27th Operations Support Squadron, has been an outstanding volunteer in support of Operation Home Front Quilts. She made and donated more than 10 memorial quilts. She also volunteered her services to the Heartly House through her donations, said Ellen Saccoia-Smith, Family Support Center.*

*The Viper Volunteer highlights the spirit of volunteerism and extraordinary contributions to the Cannon community. To nominate a Viper Volunteer, call Ellen Saccoia-Smith at 784-4228.*



**Sgt. Afi's 36-2903**  
**Tip of the Week**

**In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, when members wear shirts tucked into trousers or slacks with front fly opening, the buttons, front edge of the shirt, the outside of the belt buckle (when required) and the edge of the fly will align.**



PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. TOM MCKENZIE

**Memorial Day preparations**

First Lt. Tiffany Changet and Master Sgt. Randall Miller set up a flag at Andersonville National cemetery near Americus, Ga., May 19 in preparation for Memorial Day ceremonies. Both are assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing.



## FEATURE

# Airmen help rebuild a nation

Story and photos by  
Master Sgt. Orville Desjarlais Jr.  
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After a six-day killing frenzy of local Afghans, the Taliban seized control of Mazar-E-Sharif, Afghanistan in 1998. In November 2001, with U.S. assistance, the Afghan Northern Alliance recaptured the city of 180,000 residents.

Today, Airmen continue to assist Afghanistan in its war against extremists by mentoring the military members of the Afghan National Army, created in 2002.

## Helping a country

In January 2002, a Group of Eight conference – a meeting of the world's top leaders – in Japan spelled out America's role in rebuilding Afghanistan. With the World Trade Center attack still fresh on the minds of its citizens, America focused on counterterrorism within Afghanistan. That meant taking on the task of building the Afghan National Army.

Since then, the United States, with help from France and the United Kingdom, has been training a new national army, which is growing every day – not only in numbers, but in experience.

"Afghanistan has been at war with terrorists for four years," said Maj. Sarbeland, an Afghan National Army operations leader. "We have been freed, not because of our achievements, but because of [United States] achievements. Four years ago we dreamed of having our own government, and it's a reality today because of [Airmen]."

Airmen mentors are known as embedded training teams (ETT). Approximately 20 teams, totaling about 150 Airmen, scattered throughout Afghanistan, instruct Afghan soldiers in communications, logistics, supply, medical, and training and education.

A little more than 20 team members at Camp Michael Spann mentor the Afghan army in supply matters, such as storing and transporting. The trick is, they aren't teaching the ANA how supply is done the Air Force way. Since the Airmen are filling Army shortfall positions, they must teach supply how the Army does it. Although ETT teams fall administratively under the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group stationed at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, they work alongside other NATO trainers to teach the Afghan army how to be self sufficient.

"The sooner we teach the

Afghan military what it needs to know, the sooner we go home," said Col. Douglas Hine, 755th's commander.

## Fueling an Army

With few members of the ANA able to read or write training is difficult, especially in the supply world, where everything must be documented on forms.

The lack of documentation created a serious diesel-fuel accountability problem for the ANA, until Tech. Sgt. Roland Alexander arrived with the team in January.

Basically, the Afghan army didn't have a way to measure its fuel consumption, thus never knowing how much fuel was needed on a monthly basis.

With 18 years of Air Force experience in fuels, Sergeant Alexander is accustomed to solving problems in austere environments. He has deployed six times.

"When I first got here, the ANA couldn't account for 3,000 to 8,000 liters of fuel per month," Sergeant Alexander said.

## First things first

The first thing Sergeant Alexander discovered was the fuel tank the ANA thought held 25,000 liters of fuel actually held only 22,000. He then emptied the tank and waited for the users to arrive, documenting every visit for a month. This gave him a baseline on monthly fuel consumption and a chance to witness Afghan ingenuity.

"The ANA bus that shuttled pilots to and from the airport was out of gas and the driver asked me if we had any gas," Sergeant Alexander said. "I said no, but while I was talking to the driver, the ANA had lowered a



Tech. Sgt. Roland Alexander shows an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier how to test fuel. Airmen on embedded training teams are training ANA troops about supply issues.

little man into the tank. He was using a bucket to scoop out the last of the gas and putting it in the bus."

After solving the fuel accountability mystery, Sergeant Alexander began tackling his biggest challenge – trying to instill military discipline. His initial assessment of the ANA was that its members were unorganized and experience levels varied greatly.

"Some of them were in the previous Afghanistan army, some are young, others old, some can read and write while most can't," Sergeant Alexander said.

## Checklists for everything

To make it easy for the ANA, he made a checklist for them to follow, which contained everything from what time to report to work, to an entire day's taskings. Then, three days a week, he taught the platoon sergeant, who could speak English, and another soldier how to operate a computer and fill out a spread sheet.

While off duty, he asked the camp's interpreter to teach English, while he in turn learned their language.

"It all worked out pretty well," Sergeant Alexander said. Sergeant Alexander and other Airmen also noticed that the Afghan culture didn't fit the military mindset. They said it's against Afghan customs to

degrade a man in public, which they feel is happening when the soldiers are corrected for violating military standards.

When a lower-ranking soldier broke the rules, officers and higher ranking NCOs would say nothing.

"It was difficult to explain to them that we weren't trying to belittle the man. We were trying to have him conform to a military standard," Sergeant Alexander said.

That military bearing was also lacking in their personal lives, said Master Sgt. Mitch Mitchell, the forward support depot superintendent.

"We went to visit the soldiers' dorms and we found the place in a mess," Sergeant Mitchell said. "So we told them we were going to return in two days to inspect their barracks. When we came back for the inspection, the place was clean, and it still is today. The soldiers are on the bottom rung, and what we've tried to do is make life better for them."

"I'll look back and I'm going to wonder about the frontline noncommissioned officers, the young future of Afghanistan and the challenges they'll have to overcome," Sergeant Alexander said. "However, I will leave them with enough tools to make a difference. To help stand up a country is exciting."



Col. Mike Wilson, Detachment 2 commander deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, looks over the mud wall of Kala-I-Janghi, site of a bloody Taliban uprising. Airmen are training Afghan soldiers about supply issues.

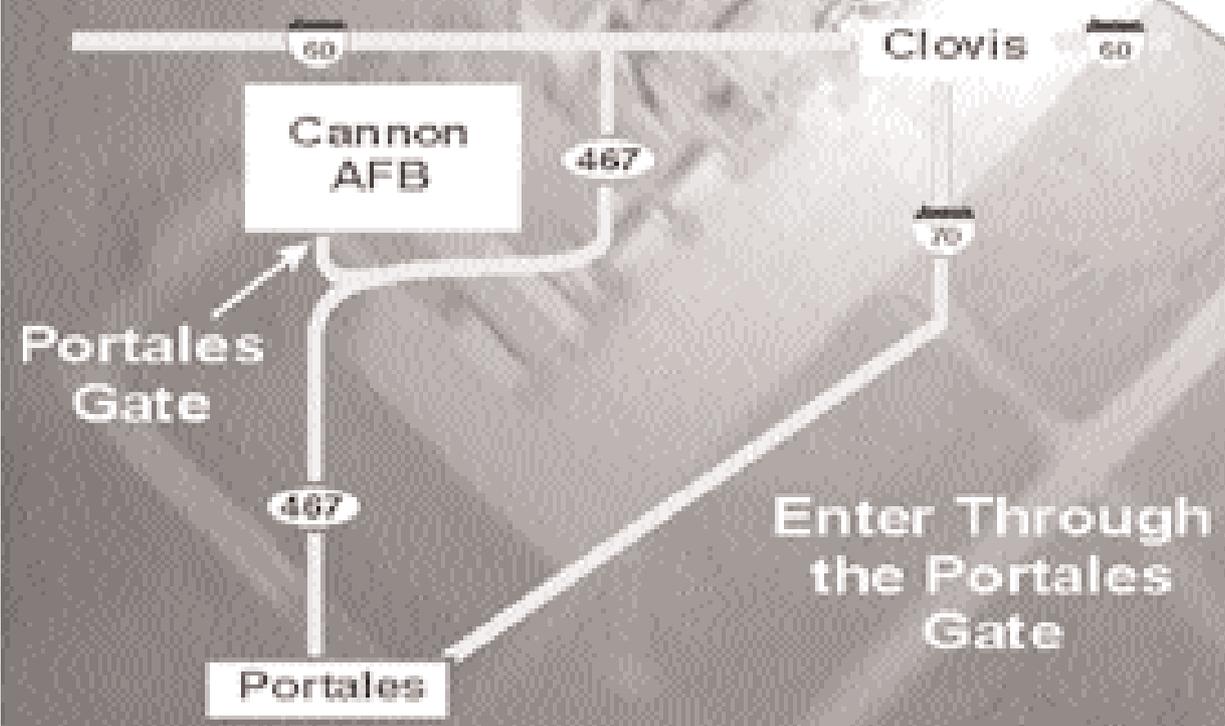
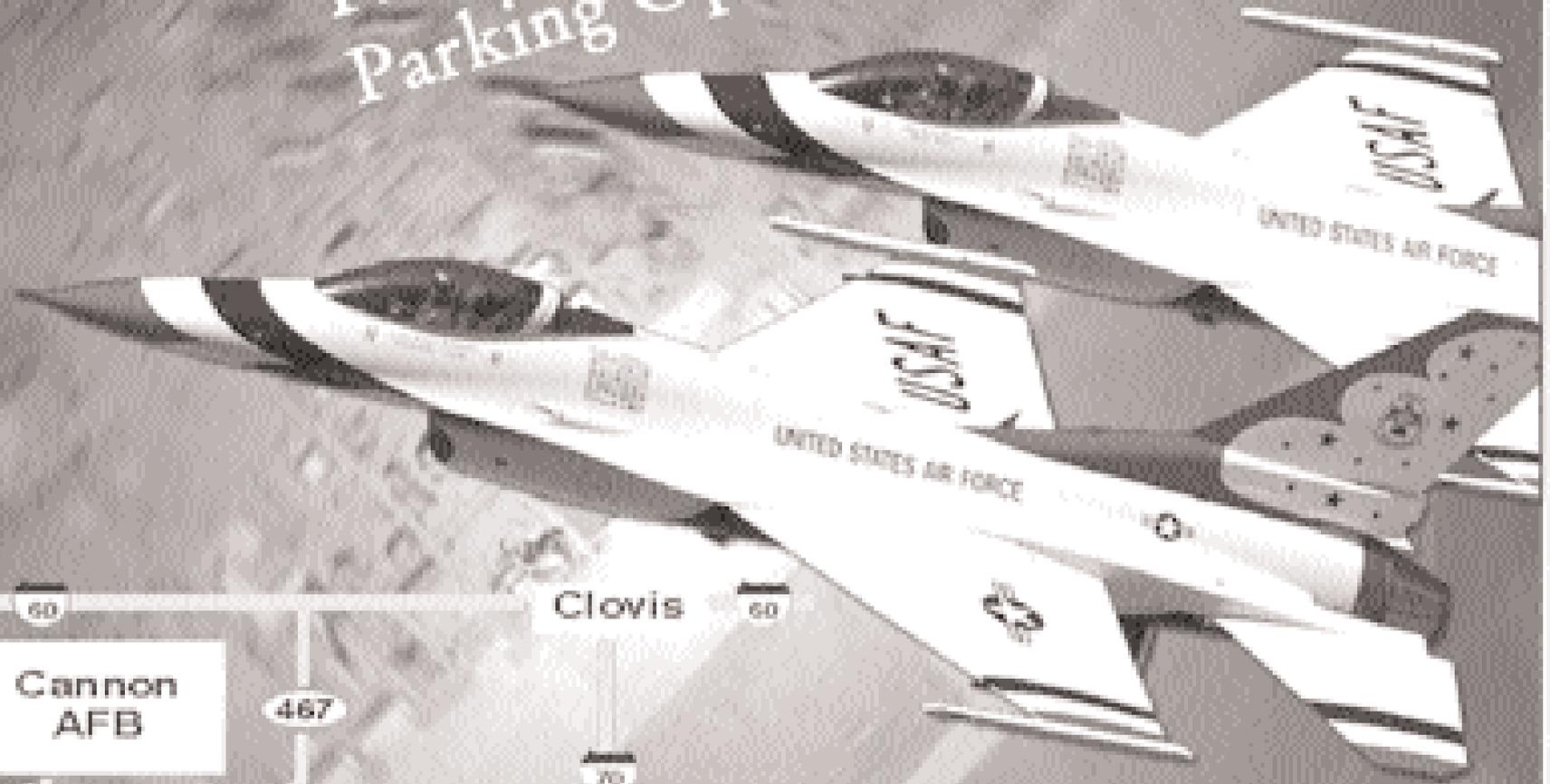


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### ***Pet of the Week***

K.C. gets along well with children and other animals and loves to have his belly rubbed. To adopt K.C. or other available dogs or cats, call the Family Support Center at 784-4228.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### **Employment opportunities**

The Family Support Center has employment listings, computers, books and local newspapers. Free popcorn is available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays in the Discovery Center.

All classes are free and held at the Family Support Center unless posted otherwise. Class sizes are limited. Call 784-4228 to reserve a seat.

### **Women, Infants and Children Program**

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and Airman's Attic can help qualified pregnant or postpartum women and families with children five years old and under with nutritional needs. Register for an appointment 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the base clinic. Call 784-2127 for more information.

### **Asian/Pacific luncheon**

Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at The Landing. Guest speaker is Dr. Albert Kwan. Lunch is \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members.

### **Volunteers needed**

Special Olympics Equestrian volunteers are needed to help with children and horses. Three volunteers per child are needed. Volunteer training starts at 8:30 a.m. June 10. Lunch is provided.

For more information, call 760-0558.

### **AFOSI seeks new special agents**

Military members are being sought for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Special agents are volunteers and handle criminal investigations for the Air Force.

Senior Airmen with less than six years time in service, staff sergeants and technical sergeants in all career fields are eligible. Security Forces members in the grades of technical sergeant-select through master sergeant are eligible. Members who have at least 18 months time-on-station and fewer than 12 years of total active federal military service are eligible to apply.

For more information, call 784-2511.



## SERVICES

# Pool opens, offers splashing good summertime fun

By Janet Taylor-Birkey  
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The days of summer may not be as lazy as they were a few generations ago, but many people still look forward to lounging by the pool and splashing up some fun.

Cannon's Liberty swimming pool will open tomorrow, noon to 5 p.m. During the summer it will be open noon to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and noon to 6 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. In addition to water recreation, there are snacks, water aerobics, swimming lessons and special events to round out the amenities offered.

A free swim will be held on July 4th.

Most people who enjoy water recreation also know there are rules to be followed, which allows the majority of people to have safe fun.

One of the most impor-

tant rules is to make sure you have no contagious illnesses before coming to the pool, said Jeanette Hattan, Outdoor Recreation manager.

Describing the pool as "warm, wet and wonderful," Ms. Hattan reminds poolgoers that illnesses spread quickly in the 80 plus degree wet environment and can become life-threatening. Customers want to get their money's worth, but need to respect the health rules for everyone's swimming pleasure, she said.

Water is a great conductor for all kinds of communicable illnesses, said Ms. Hattan. "We don't want people getting sick."

Pool customers need to understand that occasionally the pool must close. At these times, the pool will be reopened as quickly as possible, but not until all health and safety departments involved agree that the pool

is safe for everyone.

Children ages 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult 16 years or older, while children ages 11 to 13 must pass a swim test before entering the pool without adult supervision.

Helping provide safety for children and adults comes in

the form of flotation devices. Those who need flotation devices to swim in the newly painted pool can purchase Coast Guard approved flotation devices at the pool shop, said Ms. Hattan.

"We want everyone to come out and have fun," she said.

The daily cost is \$2 per person, 11 years and older. For children 3-10 years old is \$1.50 and children under 3 are free.

Individual monthly passes are \$15. A family pass costs \$70 for four individuals.

For more information, call 784-2910.



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Cannon's Liberty swimming pool opens Saturday for a summer season of water fun. The pool will be open noon to 5 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and noon to 6 p.m. Fridays through Sundays.



## What's happening?



### Today

Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special – Cup of Soup and half a Roast Beef Sub \$3 Members First  
Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing  
Steak Special – 5 to 9 p.m. at The Landing  
Yu-Gi-Oh Challenge Plus – 4 p.m. at the Clovis CC\*  
Temmora Concert – 8 p.m. at The End Zone

### Saturday

Air Expo – 10 a.m. at the flight line  
Pool Opens – Noon to 5 p.m. at Liberty Pool  
Cosmic Bowling – 9 p.m. to midnight 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

Community Theater – 6:30 p.m. at the Central CC

### Tuesday

Wing Family Day  
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special – Cup of Soup and half a Roast Beef sub \$3 Members First  
Oriental Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing  
Country Fried – Steak 5 p.m. at The Landing  
Pool Tournament – 4 to 6 p.m. at the Portales CC

### Wednesday

Punt Pass & Kick Contest – 11 a.m. at the fitness center  
Penny Pincher Daily Lunch Special – Cup of Soup and half a Roast Beef sub \$3 Members First  
Italian Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing  
Foosball Tournament – 5 to 6 p.m. at the Portales CC  
Family Night – 6:30 p.m. at the Clovis CC  
Country Fried Steak – 5 to 8 p.m. at The Landing

### Thursday

Penny Pincher Special – Side Salad and half a Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$3 Members First  
Tween Torch Club – 4:30 p.m. at the youth center  
X-Box Challenge – 5 to 7 p.m. at the Portales CC  
Community Theater – 6:30 p.m. at the Central CC\*



\* CC — Community Center WWGC — Whispering Winds Golf Course CDC — Child Development Center



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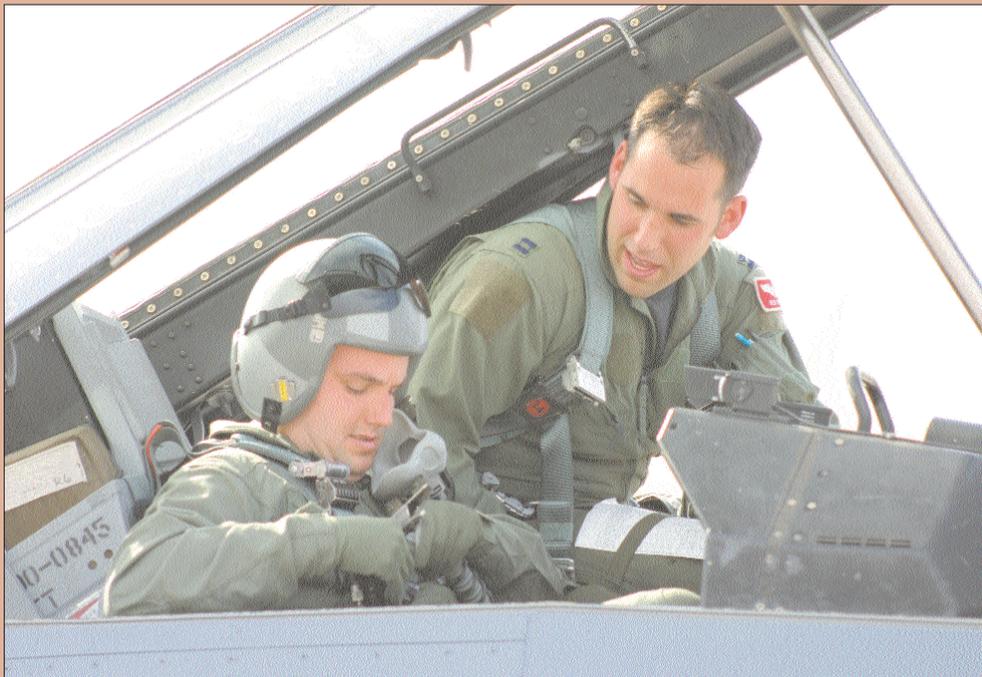


PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CRAIG SEALS

**Reporting is a tough job, but somebody's got to do it**

Left: Capt. Ben "Indian Larry" Schill, 522nd Fighter Squadron, assists Duffy Moon with his harness and oxygen hose connection prior to his flight Monday. Moon is one half of the Rooney and Moon morning radio show on 107.5 in Clovis. They were selected to receive a media flight in an effort to promote Air Expo 2006. Right: Capt. Edwin Blevins, 524th Fighter Squadron, instructs Dusty Green on the proper entry and exit procedures of the F-16 cockpit in an egress mock cockpit. Capt. Blevins gave Green and Duffy Moon a safety and egress briefing prior to their flights on Monday. Green is the news editor for KVII Channel 7 in Amarillo, Texas.

**Airmen help honor veterans at country music awards show**

By 1st Lt. Jon Stock  
99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Backstage, the anticipation of the curtains rising was surreal as 40 Airmen and eight veterans waited to make their national television debut during the 41st Academy of Country Music awards program in Las Vegas, Nev., Tuesday.

With a quick nod and a smile from the band to calm their nerves, the director yelled, "We're live" as the stage curtains rolled away.

Before them, country music duo Big & Rich were about to pay tribute to American veterans with a rendition of their hit song, "The 8th of November."

There was a quick cheer – and then silence – from the country music star-studded audience that filled the MGM Grand Garden Hotel

Arena as Kenny Alphin and John Rich performed.

The Airmen, from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., stood at attention in the background as the duo paid tribute to the veterans – each a Purple Heart Medal recipient – from a local American Legion post on behalf of all military veterans of past and present wars.

As the backlighting dimmed and stage lights came up to reveal the faces of the Airmen on stage, the eight World War II, Vietnam, Korean War and Desert Storm veterans walked or rolled their wheelchair next to the singers. The Airmen saluted them.

**“W**hen the music began playing and we stood saluting the veterans there was a huge sense of pride that came to my heart,” said operations intelligence

analyst Airman 1st Class Shaun Pechin with the 547th Intelligence Squadron. “These veterans made a great sacrifice – and gave me the chance to serve my country today.”

When the singers played their last chords, the audience stood and gave the veterans and Airmen a standing ovation.

“Standing out there brought tears to my eyes and made me more proud than ever,” said retired Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Harry Grater, a World War II veteran.

**T**he duo said the inspiration for the song came from Vietnam experiences of one of their buddies, retired Army Master Sgt. Niles Harris. The song is one Soldier’s account of the realities of war and how they continue to affect him today. Their

tribute was to their friend and the thousands of other veterans and those who serve today because they “represented our country with courage and bravery and throughout the world.”

**T**ech. Sgt. Brent Hall, a program security manager with the 98th Range Wing, feels it is important to honor “those who came before us,” he said. “Last night’s tribute being nationally televised with a standing ovation from the audience made it even more special,” the sergeant said.

“Saluting the veterans was the greatest experience of the night,” said Maj. Ken Whitlock, 99th Air Base Wing director of staff. “They are the men and women who provided us the opportunity to live in a free country.

“It was an honor to meet each veteran,” the major

said. “It was a privilege to share the stage with them. These men and women are truly American heroes.”

After the show, Airmen joined the encore party at the hotel’s conference center, where many of the country music artists put on another show.

**S**enior Airman Kelly Barczykowski had what she said was the experience of a lifetime when the duo of Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry pulled her on stage and asked her to help them sing their hit song, My Town.

“It was an overwhelming feeling of respect and gratitude and I was honored to be there,” Airman Barczykowski said. “Singing with Montgomery Gentry, and getting pictures with both of them, made my night all that much better. I was proud to represent the Air Force.”



# Unit Spotlights

## Congratulations Cannon's 1st quarter 90+ Club members

### 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Chris Huard,  
 Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bish,  
 Staff Sgt. Jesse Dull,  
 Staff Sgt. Lucas May,  
 Staff Sgt. Anthony Pasco,  
 Staff Sgt. Daniel Terry,  
 Staff Sgt. Matthew Vedder,  
 Airman 1st Class Matthew Buchanan,  
 Airman 1st Class Nichols Hart,  
 Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Heward,  
 Airman 1st Class Donte Hunter,  
 Airman 1st Class Roy Sproule,  
 Airman 1st Class Derek Wood,  
 Airman Kenneth Hicks

### 27th Component Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Alan Mann,  
 Senior Airman Jarod Gruver

### 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kyle Bergstedt  
 Airman 1st Class Joshua White

### 27th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Juan Villa

### 27th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Corey Gates,  
 Airman 1st Class LaKietha Boynton,  
 Airman 1st Class Diego Salcedo,  
 Airman 1st Class Erik Zimmerman

### 27th Communications Squadron

Airman 1st Class Brandon Cross

### 27th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman John Houston  
 Airman 1st Class Eric Ernst

### 27th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Staff Sgt. Christopher Porter

## Chapel Schedule

### CATHOLIC

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 8:30 a.m. Sundays and 4 to 4:30 p.m. the third Sunday of the month.*

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
 Weekday Mass 12:05 p.m. M,W,F  
 Religious Education (grades K-6) 10:45 a.m. Sunday  
 LifeTeen youth ministry (grades 7-12) 6 p.m. Sunday

### PROTESTANT

*Little Blessings children's class (under four years old) is available during all services and Wednesday ministries.*

#### Sunday Services:

Traditional Service 8 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service 11 a.m.  
 Fellowship Noon  
 Inspirational 12:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday Services

Prepared meal (small donation requested) 5:30 p.m.  
 AWANA (Three years old to 6th grade) 6:15 p.m.  
 CrossFaith (grades 7-12) 6:15 p.m.  
 Alpha Course (Cyber Café) 6:15 p.m.  
 Old Fashioned Bible Study 6:15 p.m.

## 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.

### Phat Girlz

**Today, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.**

**Description:** Jasmin Biltmore (Monique Imes) is a smart-mouthed, frustrated, plus-sized fashion designer who is obsessed with her weight and struggles to find love and acceptance in a world full of "hot-bodied" babes.

**PG-13** – sexual content and language, including some crude sexual references

**Running time:** 98 min.

### Benchwarmers

**Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m.**

**Description:** Gus (Rob Schneider) and his nerdy buddies, Richie (David Spade) and Clark (Jon Heder), are scouted by a millionaire nerd, Mel (Jon Lovitz), who wants to form a baseball team and compete with the meanest Little League teams in the state. A stellar ballplayer, Gus becomes a role model for nerds and outcasts everywhere. But when his fans learn that Gus, himself, was once a school bully, they feel outraged and betrayed, until Gus takes extraordinary steps to win back their admiration and trust.

**PG-13** – crude and suggestive humor, and for language

**Running time:** 85 min



## FITNESS AND HEALTH

### Accepting the challenge

Staff Sgt. Steve Bailey, 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, holds the feet for Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Collins, 27th AMXS, as he knocks out another sit-up during the second annual Chief's Challenge May 12. Fifty-seven Cannon Airmen accepted the challenge to complete as many push-ups and situps in a ten-minute period to raise money for local groups such as the Enlisted Spouses Club Scholarship Fund and the Wall of Heroes banquet. The challenge is expected to raise about \$5,500, said Chief Master Sgt. Guillermo Lopez, 27th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

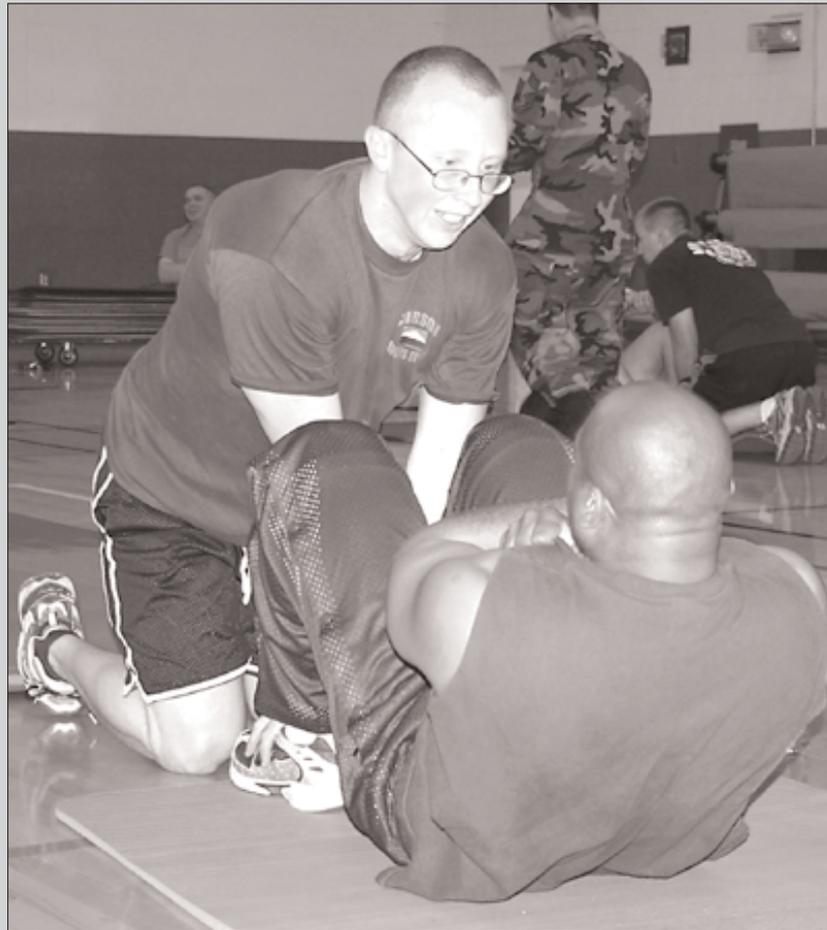


PHOTO BY JANET TAYLOR-BIRKEY

### Walkers 'Step out' to healthier lives

By Candace Weaver  
Health Education Program manager

More than 50 individuals walked more than 3.4 million steps during the Steppin' Out Walking Challenge April 24-30, enough to go from Clovis to El Paso, Texas.

Each participant recorded their daily steps for seven days using a pedometer, striving to achieve 10,000 steps a day.

Top "steppers" were Staff Sgt. Jason Atchley, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and Rosemary Metcalf who compiled 128,280 steps. Runners-up were Michelle Graves and Airman 1st Class Hollie McGowan, 27th Maintenance Group with 101,031 steps.

A total of ninety-three people participated in the challenge, at Cannon during the second annual Medical Fitness Week.

To enroll in one of the many programs designed to improve health, call the Health and Wellness Center at 784-1004.



## SPORTS SHORTS



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTINA WILSON

### *It's outta here*

Chris Jelks, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, drills a home run during a softball tournament at Cannon Saturday. The tournament, won by the 27th AMMO team, was one of many activities sponsored by 27th Security Forces Squadron during National Police Week last week.

### Cannon Lanes

**Family Bowl-a-Rama** — Bowl two hours with up to six family members on the lane for \$12 from 6 to 9 p.m. today. Price includes shoes and one pitcher of soda.

**Cosmic Bowling** — Saturday and Wednesday 9 p.m. to midnight for only \$2.50 per game.

**8 Pin Bowling Night** — Bowl from 6 to 9 p.m. May 6. Cost is \$5.25 for three games.

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

### Fitness center

**Body fat/blood pressure check** — The Health and Wellness Center will provide free check-ups from 8 to 9:30 a.m. today.

**Sit-up Competition** — The Cannon fitness center is searching for the Airmen who can do the most sit-ups with a competition Monday at the fitness center.

### Youth sports

**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

**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.

**Tee time policy** — Tee times will only be given to groups of three, four or five people on weekends or holidays.

Groups of five must have at least one electric cart per group. Singles or groups of two are encouraged to come out and try joining another group to make a three, four or five-some.

If the course is not crowded, the counter attendant or course marshal may allow smaller groups to play.

**Retiree Wednesdays** — Golfers with a retired military ID card receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric carts on Wednesdays.

**Member First Discounts** — Members receive 10 percent discount off annual, quarterly and monthly greens fees.

### The End Zone

**Dart League** — The Cannon dart league is looking for new players and teams. Register for league play at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in The End Zone game room.

For more information, call at 784-2332.