

Safety has no quitting time



Community Events

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Justus Anderson, 27th Operations Group superintendent, will be at 3:30 p.m. today at The Landing.

Homeschool families

The Cannon homeschool community meets at 1 p.m. today at the base library. The meeting is open to all Cannon families interested in homeschooling their children.

Legal assistance closure

The Cannon legal office walk-in and appointment hours are cancelled Aug. 7-11 because of minimum staffing during the Phase II exercise.

For more information, call 784-4411.

Pre-Separation

Pre-Separation counseling is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 8-10 and is mandatory for all personnel separating or retiring and is required prior to signing up for the Transition Assistance Program Seminar. TAPS is at the Family Support Center.

For more information or to register for the seminar, call 784-4228.

Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic is open 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Staff Sergeants and below and their dependents are eligible to shop.

Operation Homefront Quilts

Operation Homefront Quilts is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the Family Support Center. Volunteers are invited to assist a local group making quilts for families who have lost loved ones in the war. No experience is necessary and all materials are pro-

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Ready for Phase II

Staff Sgt. Robin Manley, 27th Fighter Wing, and Tech Sgt. Steve Crow, 27th Mission Support Squadron, apply the finishing touches to their training gear July 21 as they ready for Phase II training next week. For schedules, maps and more information on the training, see pages 12 and 13.

Attention to detail earn Airmen 'Safety Salutes'

By Airman 1st Class Thomas Trower
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Pilots are trained and prepared for it, but none of them want to ever use that training. Ejecting from a high-speed F-16 can not only be frightening, but deadly, too.

Thankfully for Cannon pilots, they have the trained expertise of the 27th Maintenance Group to ensure they are flying in the safest jets possible. Five 27 MXG Airmen received safety salutes from the 27th Fighter Wing commander, Col. Scott West, for just that.

Staff Sgts. Bryan Jones and Robert Soto, Senior Airmen Johnny Brown and Janelle Delacruz, and Airman 1st Class Sherrika Reed demonstrated their attention to detail and trumped the mishap chain-of-events while performing a routine F-16 post-flight inspection.

Sergeant Soto, a crew chief with the 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, discovered a quarter inch of metal chips on an interior section of the jet's engine. Following procedure, he took an oil sample and the engine section to Non-Destructive Inspections (NDI) for examination.

Airman Reed, an NDI technician with the 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, tested the oil sample and came up with no contaminants, but the metal chips were like none that she had ever seen, so she acquired the opinion of her supervisor, Airman Delacruz. The two Airmen prepared the engine section for analysis.

The scan revealed a significant amount of hostile mate-



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander congratulates Airman 1st Class Sherrika Reed, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Airman Janelle Delacruz, 27th EMS, after they received "Safety Salutes" for preventing potential safety or flight incidents.

rial, along with #4 bearing material. Airman Delacruz began the proper notification procedures. Despite the test findings, engine technicians were skeptical about the results of the engine analysis because #4 bearing material

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NEWS



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

From left to right Jenyphyr Goldsberry, Tracey Hansen, Amy Gallemore, Stephanie Bolton, Kristen Cockrum, Stephanie Wolf and Andrea Ross go for a walk at Whispering Winds Golf Course as they prepare for the Breast Cancer 3-Day event, Oct. 27-29, in Dallas. Each member has pledged at least \$2,000 for research and awareness programs.

Cannon team readies for three-day cancer walk in Dallas

27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs staff report

A group of 10 Cannon women will join thousands of other women and men for the Breast Cancer 3-Day event Oct. 27-29 in Dallas to raise money for research and awareness programs. Each member of the team will walk 60-miles in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

There are 12 similar events nationwide in which participants pledge at least \$2,000.

"We have been training for this walk since April," said Amy Gallemore, team captain. "We have all known a friend or family member that has had to battle [breast cancer]. We hope our efforts will help our friends and our children to not have to go through the same experience."

The team gathers regularly, often with their children to walk through areas such as the Whispering Winds Golf Course.

"I decided to participate because my mother lost her life to breast cancer and I wanted to do something bold to help fight the disease."

Mrs. Gallemore, wife of Capt. John Gallemore, 522nd Fighter Squadron, enlisted other family members and Airman by showing them a video and telling them the story of her own mother's battle against breast cancer.

At each Breast Cancer 3-day, thousands of women and men, including breast cancer survivors, family members and friends and supporters of the cause, walk an average of 20 miles a day to battle breast cancer together, one step at a time. For some, it is a tribute to

lost loved ones while others rally in support for loved ones still fighting the disease.

As the primary beneficiary of the event, the Komen Foundation receives 85 percent of the net proceeds to support research, screening and treatment programs. An independent non-profit organization, National Philanthropic Trust, manages the event and directs up to 15 percent of the proceeds to the NPT Breast Cancer Fund, a special fund for breast cancer initiatives.

"Knowing that the Komen Foundation and the NPT are involved in the event assures me that the millions of dollars raised will support the fight against breast cancer," said team member Jenyphyr Goldsberry, wife of Capt. Gerremy Goldsberry, 522 FS.

For more information on the walk or to donate to the team, call 356-8094.

Fiesta-time

More than 80 children enjoyed snack time while attending Cannon's Vacation Bible School last week, said Gidget Sanders, this year's VBS director. With a theme of "Fiesta," children sent blankets along with workbooks in Spanish, to needy children in Mexico and South America.



PHOTO BY JANET TAYLOR-BIRKEY



NEWS

Operations, organization doctrine updated, released

by Lt. Col. Mary C. McCarthy
Air Force Doctrine Center

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley has approved the latest revision to Air Force Doctrine Document 2, Operations and Organization.

It is considered the Air Force's capstone document outlining the operations and organization of air and space power, officials said. The revised document has been posted on the Air Force Doctrine Center's home page.

This version has been updated significantly since the previous publication of AFDD 2 in 2000. AFDD 2 describes how the Air Force functions at the operational level of war. This latest revision gives Airmen the latest doctrinal principles about planning, organizing and employing Air Force operations. The publication also was restructured for better presentation of key ideas and also introduces new material clearly.

The new revision of AFDD 2 introduces the fact that air and space power operates in ways that are fundamentally different from other forms of military power. Air power and space power are more akin to each other than to the other forms of military power. AFDD 2 also discusses the Airman's perspective and explains why that perspective is different from those who operate on land or at sea.

AFDD 2 notes that because air and space power encompass a wide range of capabilities and operating environments it defies a single, general model for organization, planning and employment.

It states that "at the focus of operations within any region, it is possible to place the collective capabilities of air and space power in the hands of a single Airman through an adroit arrangement of command relationships, focused expeditionary organization, reach back and forward deployment of specialized talent."

This recognition of different organizational models, and how they can be tied together effectively, is at the heart of AFDD 2.

The Air Force Doctrine Center's commander, Maj. Gen. Allen Peck, explained the importance of the changes within the revised document:

"AFDD 2 distills a lot of our experience from the last several years of operations around the world. It's been a very busy time for all our Armed Forces, and we've worked hard to be able to capture a lot of this and get it into this publication."

Retired Lt. Col. Bob Poyner, a military doctrine analyst at the center, explained the revisions:

"This version expands on experience gained in our deployments since 9/11: setting up and operating expeditionary bases, sometimes from scratch; organizing creatively to handle the mix of forces and JTFs within U.S. Central Command; and altering our mindset to deal with standing operations in the homeland," Colonel Poyner said.

The document is available for download from the AFDC Web site at <https://www.doctrine.af.mil/> or at <http://afdc.maxwell.af.mil>.

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Le Tour de Cannon

August 5 7 am

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Graphic by Sue Summers

Ready for Le Tour?

Le Tour de Cannon begins at 7 a.m. Saturday at the fitness center. Three person teams will compete for top team, top male and top female winners. The tour consists of a 5K run, followed by a 15.5K bike ride around Perimeter Road and another 5K run. Participants need to sign up at the fitness center at least two hours before the event in front of the center the morning of the run.

New utility uniform on track for distribution

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The new Airman Battle Uniform is moving into production and on track for distribution to deploying Airmen next summer.

Patterns have been finalized and are being run through production to ensure sizing and garment construction as well as preparing for assembly-line operations, said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, the Air Force uniform board superintendent.

Senior leaders want the warfighters to get the first ABUs, and Airmen deploying in the air and space expeditionary cycle 7/8 in May 2007 will receive two sets

each of the new ABU and the current deployment uniform, the Desert Combat Uniform.

Airmen embedded with Army units will get four ABU sets which lets them blend in more with their service counterparts. While the Army and the Air Force combat/battle uniforms will look similar from a distance, the Air Force distinctive pattern includes a slate-blue shade in addition to foliage green, desert sand and urban gray shades. The ABU is the first utility uniform designed in both male and female sizes to replace the DCU and "woodland" patterned Battle Dress Uniform.

The ABU will be worn in the desert, stateside bases and in environments for which the BDU was originally designed. And it has been redesigned from the largely

unpopular blue-tiger striped pattern initially fielded, most recently with additions of extra pockets, after feedback Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley got when he was visiting Airmen in Southwest Asia.

The ABU will begin rolling off the assembly line in January 2007, Sergeant Athnos said the ABU is on track and moving forward as planned.

After distribution to Airmen deploying next summer, Airmen in basic training will be issued the ABU beginning in October 2007. Once that distribution system is in place, the ABU will be available in AAFES outlets for purchase.

The expected mandatory wear date for the ABU is 2011.



COMMENTARY

Integrity today means an Air Force career tomorrow

By Maj. James Rich

27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Today's Air Force continues to emphasize the whole person concept and foot stomps that what we do both on and off duty can affect the length and success of our military careers.

It should be obvious to even the newest Airmen that on-duty actions heavily determine the speed of promotion, getting that primo job or duty assignment, or working on the newest cutting edge weapons system. But many may not know or realize that off-duty actions can have just as serious impacts on a career as their on-duty actions.

The Air Force historically has used its technological prowess and innovation to thwart the actions of our enemies. While the former Soviet bloc countries deployed vast numbers of tanks and aircraft, the Air Force's plan

relied on a limited number of advanced aircraft, munitions, and information technologies to defeat them in a time of war or limited conflict.

These systems limited the amount of personnel placed in danger and dramatically increased the efficiency and reduced the duration of combat operations.

For example, the first Persian Gulf War took less than 45 days of air operations to subdue the Iraqi forces under Saddam Hussein, and only just 30 days for the Iraqi government to fall 12 years later in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Although these systems provide an incredible capability they are extremely expensive; our enemies want this technology to use it against us or develop methods for defeating them.

What does this have to do with integrity and off-duty actions? Many of these new weapon systems require special clearances and background

checks to even handle the parts, work on the communication systems needed, or just to look at the aircraft in a maintenance configuration. Many Airmen are not passing the clearance requirements due to past off-duty problems such as bankruptcy, DUIs, family issues, and even Blog postings on the Internet.

These past issues will not keep these Airmen from working the systems currently in operation, but they will never get to work the newer system being deployed such as the F-22A Raptor and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Who wants to be stationed in Virginia, New Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, or Florida? If you ask Airmen this question, I bet many will say they want to be stationed in one or all of these locations. Guess where the F-22A and the F-35s are going to call home? That's right, in those very locations. If off-duty actions and integrity issues are in ques-

tion for an Airmen, he or she might as well take these great locations off their assignment dream sheet, as well as the promotion opportunities they present.

The Air Force and the United States taxpayer spent vast sums of money developing these systems to keep us safe and do not want our adversaries to gather intelligence or other information on the capability and means to defeat these cutting-edge systems. No one will deny that those people selected to work the newest aircraft, information, or munitions systems are some of the best and brightest that the Air Force has to offer. But I ask: Do you think we need to risk the safety and security of this country to those we cannot trust both on and off duty, or those who do not show they exemplify the core values of the Air Force?

We all should think about this before any of us let our actions off-duty affect a great Air Force career.

On that day – a reminder why the national anthem plays

By Maj. Mike Stolt

97th Flying Training Squadron

It was a hot Tuesday afternoon. I was leaving Bldg. 402 after updating my base vehicle sticker.

As I walked toward the double-glass doors leading to the parking lot, I encountered a small group of people standing just inside the door – two Airmen, a civilian employee and one captain. As I reached for the door, the captain said, "You don't want to go out there right now."

I looked out and saw traffic stopped and several people standing in the hot July sun, gazing westward, some saluting, some standing at attention and some with their hands laid on their chests.

No, I don't really want to go out there right now. I looked at my watch – 4:30 p.m.

I stood with the group that now numbered five. No one spoke. One Airman made a call on her cell phone, the other shifted his gaze back and forth

between his shoes and the wall. The captain sifted through a folder of papers. The civilian and I watched through the glass doors as a technical sergeant stood at attention, saluting, a sweat ring growing on his back. It seemed to go on forever.

The base loudspeakers squeaked out the last recorded notes of the national anthem. The cars rolled forward, the technical sergeant lowered his salute. The civilian pushed our door open and walked out. The rest of us followed. When the heat hit me, I felt fortunate that my timing had kept me inside during the long ceremony.

I thought about that day for weeks. Images of the episode flashed through my mind as if I'd witnessed a crime - the plate-sized sweat ring, the glow of the cell phone on the Airman's cheek, the civilian's hand resting on the door handle, the glare of the sun, the heat.

I read an article about the war on terror and learned that we average 2.35 Americans dead and 10

wounded every day. That day leapt back into my thoughts. A few hours of research helped me identify the date – July 14, 2005. On July 14, 2005, 23-year-old Cpl. Chris Winchester and 22-year-old Cpl. Cliff Mounce were killed when their vehicle was targeted by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad.

On that day, 34-year-old Staff Sgt. Tricia Jameson was killed by a secondary IED while she was treating a victim of the primary IED. She, Chris Winchester and Cliff Mounce all died in Trebil. We can assume she was treating Chris, Cliff or another in their group. She volunteered to go to Iraq and had been in-country three weeks.

On that day, 21-year-old Pfc. Tim Hines Jr. died when an IED hit his Humvee.

On that day, four American Soldiers died in Iraq and numerous others were wounded.

On that day, I flew one sortie, sifted through e-

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SAFETY SALUTE

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would not normally be found anywhere inside of the engine. The engine representative even suggested that the testing equipment must be malfunctioning.

To verify the test results, Tech. Sgt. Luis Colon, NDI section chief, recalibrated the testing equipment and ran the sample again. The scan produced the same results. The equipment was definitely not malfunctioning. This information was relayed to Sergeant Soto on the flightline.

The flightline crew referenced F-16 technical orders, which required them to perform an isolated engine run. However, from the large amount of debris and test results, the inspection Airmen knew there was a major engine problem. Despite the written guidance

and with the approval of senior maintenance officials, they opted to remove the engine from the aircraft for troubleshooting.

During the engine teardown and bearing removal, technicians found the bearings uneven wear caused it to ride on the fan rotor shaft. This produced the large amount of metal chips.

Engine maintenance Airmen determined that if the engine had been operated just one more time, it could have been its last. If that had been in flight, it could have spelled disaster for the pilot.

Together, this crew of 27th MXG Airmen may have saved the Air Force \$30 million in warfighting capabilities and perhaps a pilot's life.

For these actions, in addition to receiving a 27th FW Safety Salute, they have been nominated for an Air Combat Command Unit Safety Award for Distinction.

This week's Viper Volunteer is

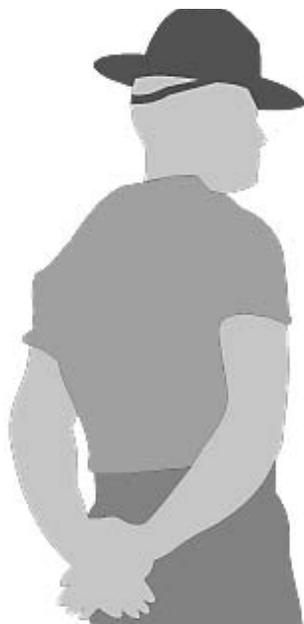


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Airman 1st Class Angelina Cromartie

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander congratulates Airman Cromartie, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, for leading committees for the Munitions Advisory Council as well as her community volunteer work with children.

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

Bracelets must be conservative, no wider than one inch and not present any safety hazards. A maximum of three rings may be worn at any one time. Eyeglasses and sunglasses must be free of ornamentation on frames and lenses. Sunglasses are not to be worn in formation.



FEATURE

Two F-16s pass 6,000 flying-hours

Upgrades, engine improvements, extend aircraft lifespan to 2020

By 1st Lt. Adrienne Stahl
332nd Expeditionary Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq - Two F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron passed 6,000 flying hours during two recent Operation Iraqi Freedom combat missions over Iraq.

Flown by Lt. Col. Mark Cline, 421st EFS commander, and Capt. Nick Edwards, aircraft numbers 88-0471 and 88-0428 were the first Block 40 F-16s to achieve this milestone in combat.

This accomplishment is rare, officials said. Only one other Block 40 F-16 in the Air Force inventory has reached the 6,000 flying-hour mark.

Designers of the F-16 forecasted the aircraft design life to be 8,000 flying hours, according to Lockheed Martin officials. However, Air Force officials expect the F-16 to be in service beyond the year 2020, taking the jets beyond 8,000 flight hours.

Aircraft 88-0428 was accepted into service in September 1989 and aircraft 88-0471 was accepted in January 1990 and assigned to the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, ever since. Both were deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm, four times in support of Operation

Southern Watch and three times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The crew chief on aircraft 88-0471 is Senior Airman Trent Nelson, with assistants Senior Airman Jason Wall and Senior Airman Tom Manues. The crew chief on aircraft 88-0428 is Senior Airman Victor Alvarez with assistant Senior Airman James Speicher.

"It is an honor to crew such a great jet, especially doing what she was made for here in a combat zone," Airman Nelson said. "It's a great feeling to crew the flagship and launch Colonel Cline for a milestone like this, but it's just the pride of the squadron taking care of business."

Upgrades and improvements to the engines and parts of the jets through the Service-Life Extension Program have helped extend the life of these aircraft, said Capt. Mark Sloan, 421st Aircraft Maintenance Unit officer in charge.

For these jets to have reached this milestone is a testament to the maintenance professionals who work these jets every day, said Chief Master Sgt. Dave Edwards, 421st AMU noncommissioned officer in charge.

"I've seen these jets roll over the 3,000, 4,000 and 5,000 flying hour mark, and the incredible thing is that after all

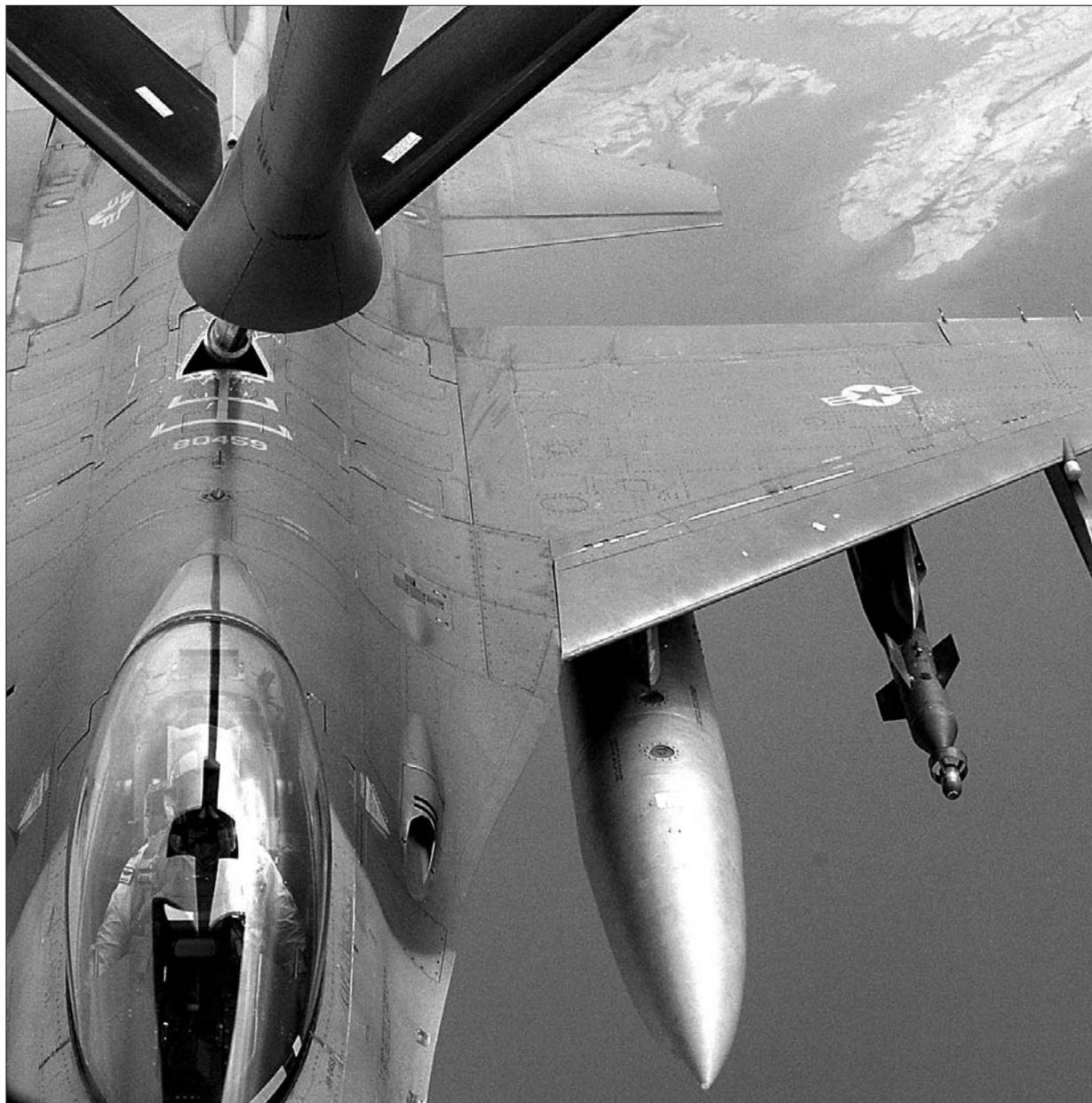


PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN FERGUSON

An F-16 Fighting Falcon connects with the refueling boom of a KC-135 Stratotanker during a refueling mission over Iraq on Friday, May 5, 2006. The tanker is with the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at a base in Southeast Asia. The Falcon, from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, flies out of Balad Air Base, Iraq.

these hours, they are flying as well today as they did when they were accepted off the pro-

duction line," the chief said. "The reason these jets have performed this well, for this long, is

the blood, sweat and tears the maintainers pour into these aircraft."

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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mails, updated my base vehicle sticker and hid from the heat behind a glass door.

Why does it matter that I avoided participating in retreat? Some may think it's silly symbolism, that it's not real. An aircraft is real. A computer, a vehicle sticker - they're real.

I believe that anything that you allow to move you, or that inspires those around you to search their hearts, is as real as the bomb that tore

Chris Winchester's body apart last summer. Anything that forces an entire base to stop and listen to their thoughts for a while is real. Anything that causes you to pause and acknowledge that American Soldiers may be under fire as you listen to the national anthem is real.

As we five stood inside that doorway, the Soldiers killed and wounded that day may have been bleeding, screaming and dying in the sand.

If my timing is ever again as perfect as it was that day, I'll be prepared. I'll be ready with, "Yes, I do want to go out there right now." You may not come with me, but I'll bet you will think about it for weeks.

If I had stepped outside to pay respect to the flag and to the four Soldiers who died that day, how long would it have taken?

One minute and 28 seconds.



A 27th Fighter Wing F-16 takes off from Cannon at night earlier this year during a recent deployment. After four wars and 50 years of almost continuous service, the 27th FW continues to live up to one of its unofficial slogans: "World's most lethal warfighting team."

27th Fighter Wing – from Korea to Iraq, its history continues

(Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series)

*Photo and story courtesy
27th Fighter Wing historical office*

During the 1950s the wing flew F-84E, F-84G, F-84F, and F-101A aircraft. It transferred from the Strategic Air Command to the Tactical Air Command in July 1957 and took the designation of the 27th Tactical Fighter Wing in 1958.

In 1959 the 27th Tactical Fighter Wing, without men or equipment, moved to Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

During the Vietnam War, the 27th TFW deployed individual F-100 squadrons to Southeast Asia, which included Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

On Jan. 1, 1966 the wing's mission changed to training pilots and maintenance personnel for F-100 units. The role expanded with the arrival of T/AT-33 aircraft.

In July 1969, on loan from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, 10 F-111As facilitated training while the wing waited for its own planes. F-111Es began arriving in October 1969, but their stay was short. In the summer of 1971 wing aircrews ferried the last of them to the United Kingdom.

In 1971, the 27th TFW received the first of its F-111Ds. In April 1990, the 428th Fighter Training Squadron was reactivated.

During Desert Shield/Storm the men and women of the 27th TFW played a role which was not what they envisioned. The aircrews and aircraft of the 27th did not deploy to the region. Support personnel and a combat support group element, headed by Colonel David Benson, Commander of the 27th Combat Support Group, represented the wing. On Jan. 16, 1991, when the U.S. led coalition force initiated an air assault against key Iraqi positions, the 27th TFW had 325 personnel serving in the Persian Gulf.

On Nov. 1, 1991, the 27th TFW was redesignated the 27th Fighter Wing as part of an Air Force-wide reorganization. In June 1992, the 27th FW became part of a new major command – Air Combat Command. ACC was created when SAC, TAC, and the Military Airlift Command merged to form two commands, ACC and the Air Mobility Command.

From September 1992 to July 1993, F-111F crews and support personnel from the 522nd, 523rd and 524th Fighter Squadrons rotated to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation Provide Comfort.

In 1995 the face of the flightline changed when the wing began its transition to F-16 aircraft. The first F-16's to arrive in May were assigned to the 522nd Fighter Squadron. Also transitioning were the 523rd and 524th Fighter

Squadrons. In response to the conversion, the 428th Fighter Squadron was inactivated in Sept. 1995.

Jan. 16, 1998, the 524th Fighter Squadron ventured to the desert for their first overseas deployment since transitioning to the F-16. The 522nd Fighter Squadron deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia in direct support of Operation Southern Watch. They flew missions enforcing UN resolutions of no-fly zone over Southern Iraq.

In March, 1998, the 523rd Fighter Squadron deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Southern Watch. They were the first F-16 unit to replace A-10 units performing close air support. They were the first F-16 unit to maintain the demanding combat search and rescue alert in Southwest Asia.

In May, 1998, the 27th Fighter Wing officially retired the EF-111A during a dedication ceremony held in memorial park and the 429th Electronic Combat Squadron was officially inactivated on 19 June 1998.

In August, 1998, the 524th Fighter Squadron deployed to Hill AFB, Utah for exercise Combat Hammer. During the exercise, they dropped inert GBU-24 laser guided bombs and fired live maverick anti-tank missiles on Utah test range. The hit rate was one of the highest ever seen in the Air Force, showcasing the lethality

of the F-16 block 40.

In 1998, the governments of the United States and Singapore signed an agreement laying the foundation of the Peace Carvin III program. As a Foreign Military Sales training program for the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Peace Carvin III is designed for the continued training of RSAF in rapid deployment and tactical employment of the block 52 F-16 C/D throughout a wide spectrum of missions including air-to-air, joint maritime and precision air-to-ground weapons delivery.

Reactivated on Nov. 12, 1998, 428th Fighter Squadron "Buccaneers" were tasked to take the lead in Peace Carvin III. The squadron is a hybrid of USAF and RSAF F-16 C/D manned by USAF instructor pilots, Singaporean pilots and combined RSAF and USAF teams of maintenance and support personnel.

While deployed to the Gulf region in December 1998, the F-16s from the 522nd Fighter Squadron provided close air support alert, defensive counter air alert and interdiction in Iraq.

In May 1999, the 428th Fighter Squadron participated in its first official major exercise after its reactivation. The squadron deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., for exercise Combat Archer. The exercise was designed to test weapons

capabilities, tactics and employment. This included the first live firing of radar-guided air-to-air AIM-7 by the RSAF.

In July 1999, the 522nd Fighter Squadron deployed to Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland, to support NATO exercise Coronet Norsemen. They served primarily as the combat-air arm of the Iceland Defense Force. In August 1999, the 523rd Fighter Squadron relieved the 522nd Fighter Squadron from Coronet Norsemen.

During Operation Allied Force in 1999, the 524th Fighter Squadron was notified for "on-call" duty to augment forces. Quick termination of hostilities precluded the 524th Fighter Squadron from seeing action.

Sept. 11, 2001, the day terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon, aircraft from 522nd FS, 523rd FS and 524th FS went on alert.

In December 2002, the 524th FS deployed to Kuwait and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom, dropping nearly a million pounds of precision guided munitions, more than any other F-16 Block 40 squadron in history.

Today, the 27th Fighter Wing continues to live up to its name as the "World's Most Lethal Warfighting team." In a moment's notice, the wing is capable of deploying its aircraft and warriors anywhere in the world.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the Week

This young male retriever-mix is full of affection and because he is neutered, is available for only \$21. For information on him or other available pets, call the Family Support Center at 784-4228.

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

Happy, healthy families workshop

The base chapel is sponsoring a free marriage enrichment workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18 at the La Quinta Inn. Learn to identify danger signs in a relationship, improve communication skills, resolve problems and differences and discover the heart of commitment. The workshop includes lunch and space available child care will be provided by the Child Development Center.

Contact unit first sergeants to register and then call the chapel at 784-2507.

NCO retraining

The fiscal year 2007 noncommissioned officer retraining program begins Oct. 1 and targets approximately 1,113 NCOs in the ranks of staff sergeant through senior master sergeant in overage Air Force Specialty Codes. The voluntary phase runs through Sept. 18.

For more information, call 784-2619.

Volunteer opportunities

Habitat for Humanity – Construction for a home at 306 E. Kaywood Street in Portales is under way. They need help Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide free water, sodas, and lunch for volunteers.

For more information or to register, call the FSC at 784-4228.

Curry County Fair – Volunteers are needed to help direct cars during the fair on Aug. 14-19.

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

Special Olympics – Officials are looking for horse handlers, side walkers, and arena spotters for their equestrian program. Practices are Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to about 7 p.m. at the Clovis Fairgrounds near the rodeo arena until the area games in August.

For more information or to register, call the FSC at 784-4228.



Air Force led team conquers Kilimanjaro

Group hopes to summit seven continents' tallest peaks

By Karen Abeyasekera
100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, ENGLAND – Guided by moonlight and headlamps to the crater rim of Mount Kilimanjaro, two men worked their way around the 19,300-foot rocky summit. As they reached the summit marker July 16, the sun finally cracked the horizon, treating them to a spectacular view of Africa coming to life.

Eight others, led by those two men's enthusiasm, passion and experience, successfully climbed to the mountain's peak as well.

Climbers on Mount Kilimanjaro only have a 50 percent success rate, so getting all 10 of us up there was quite a feat, said Capt. Rob Marshall, a 67th Special Operations Squadron pilot and one of the two who led the group.

The other leader is 1st Lt. Mark Uberuaga, a 21st SOS pilot. They both are on a mission to take the Air Force and American flags to the highest peaks in each of the world's seven continents as part of their Seven Summits Challenge.

Along with flying the flags atop the world's highest points, the two are using the challenge as a way to raise money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation which provides college tuition money for children of fallen special operations troops.

Mount Kilimanjaro is the second peak to be checked off their list. The two climbed Russia's Mount Elbrus by themselves a year ago. After returning from the first trip, they started looking for others to join their quest.

This time, they were joined by Lieutenant Uberuaga's father, David, a superintendent at Mount Ranier National Park;

Captain Marshall's sister, Edie; Capt. Heather Healey, 16th Air Force vice commander's aide-de-camp; Capts. Ryan Wilson and Nichelle Brokering, 351st Air Refueling Squadron pilots, and Capt. Jaime Rivas, a 48th Aerospace Medicine Squadron aerospace physiologist at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England; Capt. Christina Stack, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.; and 1st Lt. Graydon Muller, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

The ascent wasn't the usual snowy climb. The team trekked through the rainforest before tackling a rocky trail along the Machame Route. The journey ended with a 45-minute walk through snow and volcanic rock that led to the summit.

The weather on our night of ascent was excellent, Captain Marshall said. A bright, half-moon lit the rocky, sandy path and helped them on their way.

With tens of thousands of stars overhead and the glow of the summit's glaciers beckoning us, we slowly made our way from camp (at 15,000 feet) to the 19,000-foot crater rim in less than six hours, the captain said.

The climb spanned seven days, and the team members chose their route carefully to help them adjust to the altitude.

All 10 of us started out together and finished together. That was the biggest deal for all of us, Captain Rivas said. It was such a team effort the whole way, and we were a big family at the end.

The New Orleans native said she'd never done anything like this before, and she didn't consider herself a hiker, mountain-climber or even the outdoorsy type.

The group went a little faster than me, she said. Most of the team are from Colorado or Seattle and have more mountain-climbing experience. I went a little bit slower, but when I got to the top, I was able to share



COURTESY PHOTO

The Seven Summits Challenge team and two of their guides take a break in front of Mount Kilimanjaro July 12 at 13,000 feet, day three of their ascent. They summited July 15. The Air Force-led team hopes to summit the tallest peak on each of the seven continents.

the moment with everybody.

Reaching the top was an emotional experience for the two leaders.

I was pretty overwhelmed with happiness when I reached the summit, Lieutenant Uberuaga said. I was just so proud. My father was up there with me, and it was the first time we'd ever climbed a mountain together.

After learning only 50 percent of climbers reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the team was determined to make theirs a 100 percent success.

Our guides told us there were two certificates given out after the climb: green for those who made it near the mountain's top, and gold for those who actually made it to the summit, Captain Marshall said.

They would then say, 'Green is for girls; gold is for men.' But we told them, 'No, you don't understand. You don't know the people you're climbing with. We're all going for gold. We're all reaching the summit!' And we did, he said.

I think the climb ended up being a little easier than I expected, but then again, I attribute that to the team effort and the motivation I drew off the rest of the team, Captain Brokering said. The encourage-

ment and motivation came from all directions.

One of the reasons mountain climbers start their ascents late in the day is that it takes an average of six hours to get to the top, and climbers can experience the sunrise.

I say, if you looked up in daylight and saw what you had to climb for the next six hours, there's no way you'd want to climb it, Captain Rivas said.

When the team started its final climb to the summit, it was pitch black. They had to walk single file behind their guide.

We had to take one step and breathe then another step and breathe, Captain Rivas said. It was like meditating. An hour would go by, and you'd have to take a break.

Once they reached the summit, the group finally got to fulfill its goal, they flew the Air Force and American flags on top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

I think one of the proudest parts for me was when we unfurled the flags, Captain Marshall said. Everyone with us was so excited and kept jumping up and down, wanting to hold the flags themselves. People really connected to the fact that we were both American and Air Force members.

Once the flags had been flown, Captain Marshall and

Lieutenant Uberuaga still had one last mission to accomplish. They'd been sponsored by Tech. Sgt. Jim Gary, 21st Special Operations Squadron, to do push-ups on the summit.

He sponsored us for \$1 a push-up, to a maximum of \$100, the lieutenant said. We made sure we did more than 100 between us. Rob and I knocked out more than 80 between us, and my dad did 20.

Though still not sure of the final figure raised for the foundation, Captain Marshall said they are sure they surpassed their financial goal of \$10,000.

We each made a point of trying to raise \$1,000, and we all reached way over that, he said.

The success of this climb really underlines that this is a very positive challenge, and it highlights the kind of people that are in the Air Force, the captain said. The majority of our group were Air Force members, and we had pilots, academic instructors and physiologists.

This success is because of the type of people the Air Force attracts, he said. They're fit, not afraid of a challenge, and are willing to put themselves in a situation where they could possibly fail, but overcome the challenge and succeed.



SERVICES

Back-to-school walk set for Cannon families

Courtesy 27 Services Squadron

While Le Tour de Cannon will draw avid bicyclists and runners, a more leisurely family activity Aug. 12 provides families the opportunity to join in fun competition in the Back-to-School Parent/Child 1 mile walk. The event begins at 9 a.m., and participants can sign up at the fitness Center and meet at the base track the morning of the walk.

Cannon families who either home-school or are interested in homeschooling their children are encouraged to join the Cannon homeschool group meeting today at 1 p.m. at the base library.

About 10 families are already a part of the group, and are working to form a pool of knowledge and resources, identify best practices and resources and cooperate with field trips and learning experiences. There is no fee to be involved in the group. Those interested in becoming a part can "just show up," said Melissa Haraughty, Cannon librarian.

Services is hosting its annual membership drive during September.

Lots of prizes will be given and events such as Battle of the Bands, a car show, squadron chili cook-off and more will be held. Check the *Mach Meter* and *Horizon* for dates and times.

Air Force Club membership just got more exciting as two club members will win a brand new H3 Hummer, which will be given away to show Air Force Clubs' appreciation to its members. All new members who sign up for club membership during the annual membership drive from Sept. 1 through Nov. 31 are eligible to win one of the H3 Hummers.

"We are really looking forward to this year's drive," said Frank Black, Air Force Clubs division chief. "According to our younger members, the H3 is 'tight'. They think it's cool and are excited about the opportunity to get one free."

The H3 is Hummer's grandson, a mid-size suburban utility vehicle. It features heated leather seats, electric sliding sunroof, power windows and door locks and AM/FM Stereo with compact disc.

Becoming a club member brings

with it, benefits that underscore the fact that membership has exclusive advantages that include:

– Reciprocal privileges at Air Force Clubs worldwide. Members find a home away from home at any Air Force Club. Whether club members are on temporary duty, vacation or in the midst of a move, their welcome is assured in any Air Force Club.

– Tradition, special occasions and entertainment programs such as promotion ceremonies, dining-ins or Air Force balls are made special by clubs.

– Members Only Programs offer events for their members that include concerts, gourmet dining, comedians, complimentary buffets and meals.

– Membership conveniences include cashier service with access to free check cashing, on the spot dues and MasterCard payments, and in overseas locations, currency exchange.

– Air Force Clubs Scholarship Program supports Airmen and their families by providing them the opportunity to compete for \$25,000 in scholarships.

– Easy membership transfer

makes a permanent change of station transition easier. Members just present a copy of their orders within 90 days of arrival and the cashier will update their mailing and contact information and give each transferring member \$25 in welcoming coupons.

– Air Force catering programs provide benefits such as no-fee party rooms, no deposit for the member's personal special functions, free parking, assistance with protocol, menu planning, selecting service style and more. A professional catering staff will assist members in planning functions within their budget.

– Members who live 50 miles or more from the base receive half-price dues.

– Air Force Clubs worldwide developed and tested hundreds of recipes featuring regional specialties from around the world. Each club menu offers a selection of entrees, healthy items, salads and desserts.

For more information on becoming an Air Force Club member, visit The Landing or call 784-2853.



What's happening?



Today

Home Schooling 1 p.m. at Cannon Library
Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Yu-Gi-Oh Challenge Plus – 4 p.m. at the Clovis CC*
Rib Eye Steaks – 5 to 9 p.m. at The Landing
Techno/Alternative – Night 5 p.m. at The End Zone

Saturday

Le Tour de Cannon 7 a.m. at the fitness center
Kids ID Fair – 10 a.m. at the Portales CC
Four for two – 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

Dart League – 6:30 p.m. at The End Zone

Monday

Coca-Cola Bowling – 8 a.m. at Cannon Lanes
Melba's Choice Buffet – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing

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

Tuesday

Senior Golf League – 9 a.m. at WWGC
Home Style Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Pool Tournament – 4 to 6 p.m. at the Portales CC

Wednesday

Foosball Tournaments – 3 to 5 p.m. at the Portales CC
International Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Chicken or Fried Steak – 5 p.m. at The Landing

Thursday

X-Box Challenge – 5 to 7 p.m. at the Portales CC
Roast Beef Buffet – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Landing
Fajitas – 5 to 8 p.m. at The Landing

Free Billiards – 6 to 9 p.m. at The End Zone
Community Theater – 6:30 p.m. at the Central CC
Chess Club Casual play – 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central CC



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



Unit Spotlights



Congratulations Cannon Lance P. Sijan Award winners

Leaders recognized

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, congratulates Cannon's Lance P. Sijan leadership award winners July 18. From left to right are: Master Sgt. Jeffrey Davis, 27th Maintenance Group, Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Mateka, 27th Fighter Wing wing administration, Colonel West, Maj. Shawn Larcher, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron, and 1st Lt. Jonathon Murray, 27th Security Forces Squadron. The Airmen will represent Cannon at the 12th Air Combat Command level. The award recognizes achievements in professional and community leadership and for inspiring others by personal example, character and conduct. The award is named after Capt. Sijan, a pilot who died as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT MACKAY



CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL

CATHOLIC

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass 12:05 p.m. M,W,F

PROTESTANT

Sunday Services

(Summer Schedule)

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Combined Service 11 a.m.

For more information about other programs or other faith groups, call the chapel office 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.

Waist Deep

Today at 7 p.m.

Description: An ex-convict gets caught up in gang violence and turmoil after his car is hijacked with his son inside. He manages to outsmart the gang leaders with the help of a young woman.

R – violence, language
Running time: 97 min.

Click

Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Description: A workaholic architect, who has been overlooking his family in favor of his career, comes across a universal remote that allows him to perform TiVo-like functions on his life such as pausing events or fast-forwarding over them. When the remote begins creating its own memory and chooses what to fast-forward over, the man sees how much of his personal life has passed him by.

PG – language, crude humor, sexual humor, drug references
Running time: 90 min.

Superman Returns

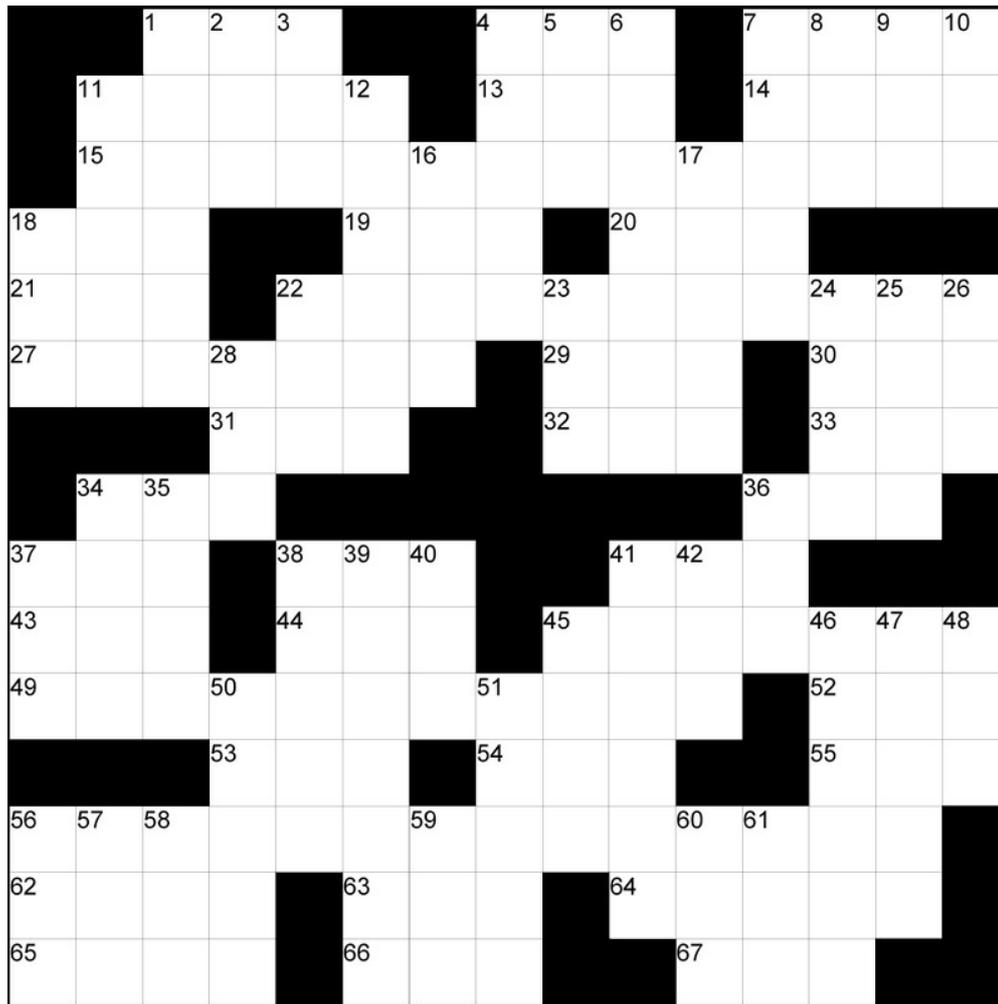
Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

Description: Following a mysterious disappearance, the Man of Steel returns to Earth – but things have changed. While an old enemy plots to render him powerless, Lois Lane has moved on with her life. Or has she?

PG 13 – action violence
Running time: 153 min.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



What a Relief

By Capt Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Accord or Escort
- 4. Guitar player need
- 7. Crazes
- 11. Wise ones
- 13. North American fish; needlefish
- 14. Date to beware for Caesar
- 15. 1991 humanitarian relief mission in Iraq
- 18. Operation ___ Angel; 1991 humanitarian relief operation in Bangladesh
- 19. Jog
- 20. ___ Shorty
- 21. Galoot
- 22. 1992 humanitarian relief mission in Somalia
- 27. "___Arms;" command to salute
- 29. Horse food
- 30. Embroider
- 31. Asner and Norton
- 32. U.K. equivalent to U.S.S.
- 33. Confederate general
- 34. Dramatize
- 36. Internet provider
- 37. Gun lobby

- 38. Compute
- 41. Director Howard
- 43. Knee ligament, in short; common sports injury
- 44. Zodiac sign
- 45. Nickname for D.C.
- 49. 1999 humanitarian relief operation in Kosovo
- 52. Pie ___ mode
- 53. ___ Ghraib
- 54. Army equivalent to OPR
- 55. Edge
- 56. 1992 humanitarian relief operation in Yugoslavia
- 62. Radiance
- 63. Before, poetically
- 64. Kitchen wrap
- 65. Fishing item
- 66. ER attendants
- 67. Inexperienced

DOWN

- 1. Decanter
- 2. A long time ____
- 3. Gun the motor
- 4. Government representative
- 5. Actor Bernie ___
- 6. Schedule
- 7. The ___ Element
- 8. Stir
- 9. German article
- 10. Concorde, in short
- 11. Skewer

- 12. Sea nymphs
- 16. Cloud of fine, dry particles
- 17. Coincides
- 18. Drench in a liquid
- 22. Ssea between Africa and Arabian Peninsula
- 23. Cry of satisfaction
- 24. Norwegian capital
- 25. ___ off; doff
- 26. Ram's mate
- 28. Place
- 34. St. Louis landmark
- 35. Columbian city
- 36. Picnic pest
- 37. USN equivalent to AFB
- 38. Excuse
- 39. Disrobed
- 40. Pet
- 41. Copies
- 42. Bullring cheer
- 45. Dutch settler in Africa
- 46. ___ Pact; NATO opponent at one time
- 47. Foreigner
- 48. Sweet potato
- 50. History or ship preceder
- 51. ___ and dreams
- 56. Even score
- 57. Lament
- 58. Mining goal
- 59. Mistake
- 60. Damage
- 61. Retirement acct.



SPORTS & HEALTH



Parents teamed with their children at the 12th annual Air Combat Command-sponsored golf program for children at Cannon July 21. The children learned sportsmanship and the basics of the game during the six-week program.

Junior golfers tee up at Whispering Winds



Youthful Cannon golfers took to the Whispering Winds Golf Course during the summer to learn the basics of golf that included a class-ending tournament.

Story and photos by
Dennis "Cris" Christensen
Whispering Winds golf director

The 12th annual Air Combat Command-sponsored U.S. Kids Golf Program, hosted at the Whispering Winds Golf Course, ended July 21.

Many of the children were first-time golfers but two weeks of intensive golf instruction, provided them the basics of the sport.

Participants in the clinic were assigned by age groups and attended six sessions.

The first five sessions were devoted to learning the basics

of the golf swing, golf course etiquette, putting, chipping and driving and the sixth session was a nine hole tournament.

Each golfer played with a parent as their partner and after the tournament, they were treated to a hotdog lunch. The winners received trophies and each golfer received a graduation certificate for their participation.

The following is a list of tournament and closest-to-the-pin winners:

Six Year Old Flight: Miles Aubuchon - 33

Seven Year Old Flight:

Evan Slowick - 36

Eight Year Old Flight:

Hanna Hugo - 32

Nine Year Old Flight:

Tribecca Bess - 38

Ten Year Old Flight: Scott

Hollandsworth and Gabby

Woyak tied - 39

Eleven Year Old Flight:

Preston Ray - 37

Twelve Year Old Flight:

Brian Dixon - 35

Thirteen Year Old Flight:

Kelsey Porto and Raelea Grant

tied - 40

Evan Fuller won closest-to-

the-pin on hole 3, Devin Glover

hole 7, Christian Hugo hole 11

and Raelea Grant hole 17.

27th Services Squadron wins intramural golf championship

By Dennis "Chris" Christensen
Whispering Winds golf director

Twelve weeks of intramural golf competition came to a close on July 13, with 27th Services Squadron finishing at the top of the standings to win the regular season league title.

Services edged 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron by 3.5 points, 27th Communications Squadron finished third followed by 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

By virtue of winning the league title, SVS headed into the playoffs as a slight favorite to win

the base championship.

Pairings for the single elimination playoffs, which were held July 26-27, found SVS playing EMS and CS going up against the tough LRS team.

Upon completion of the first day playoff competition, SVS won their match over EMS by a score of 9.5 points to 2.5 and the anticipated slugfest between CS and LRS turned into an easy victory for CS, 8.5 points to 3.5 for LRS.

SVS put on a surge that CS couldn't match and propelled them to the championship by a score of 7.5 to 4.5. In the playoff for third place EMS outdistanced LRS 9.5 to 2.5.



SPORTS SHORTS

Cannon Lanes

Through Aug 15

Mondays – Coca-Cola Bowling from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$1.50 per game. Win a two liter bottle of Coke with a strike on a red head pin. Limit one win per game. *No endorsement intended.*

Thursdays and Fridays – Children's Hour – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first child, 12 or under, bowls free when the parent bowls at regular price. The second child bowls for \$1 per game and each additional child bowls for 50 cents per game.

(*Call 784-2280 regarding children under 3 years of age)

Whispering Winds Golf Course

Monday Night Scrambles – Two-person teams and players may select their partners. Sign up by 3 p.m.

Senior Days – Senior golfers 50 years and older will receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric carts Monday and Tuesday.

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

Member First discounts – 10 percent discount off annual, quarterly and monthly greens fees. Half off club rentals. \$2 off cart rental for 18 holes.

Outdoor Recreation

Boater Safety Course – Aug. 11 at Fort Sumner Lake. This course is

mandatory before renting powered watercraft from Outdoor Recreation.

The cost is \$20 per person.

For more information, call 784-2773.

Family Boating Play Day – Aug. 19 at Ute Lake State Park. For \$20 enjoy a day on the lake, ski boating, swimming, water skiing, wake boarding or just relaxing.

The price includes transportation, a barbecue picnic lunch, drinks and snacks. Sign up deadline is Aug. 10. Depart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

This is for adults and children three years old and older.

For more information, call 784-2773.

New Mexico Hot Springs Hike and Bike – Aug. 26 and 27. The cost is \$80 per person. Soak and enjoy McCauley Hot Springs after a hike. Return to the campground and enjoy a barbecue-style dinner. On the second day, bike the San Antonio Trail and soak in the San Antonio Hot Springs.

Sign-up deadline is Aug. 21 and includes transportation, three meals, overnight camping and all gear and bicycles for those who need one.

This is for adults and children 12 years old and older.

For more information, call 784-2773.

Rock Climbing weekend – Sept. 9 and 10. The cost is \$80 per person. This adventure is for beginner and experienced climbers and provides initial climb and bouldering training or technique brush up. Training is at Kirtland Air Force Base's indoor climbing area. The second day will include several climbing stations.

Sign-up deadline is Sept. 4 and includes transportation, lesson instructions, three meals and a camping area.

This is for adults and children 12 years old and older.

For more information, call 784-2773.