

Community Events



Rumor control

Will there be a civilian hiring freeze? Why does the gym have limited locker access? Will the privatization of base housing continue?

For answers to these and other questions asked by the Cannon community, go online to the Cannon Intranet site at <https://www2.cannon.af.mil>. There is also a "submit a question" button available on the site.

Car wash

A car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday will be hosted by the Cannon Junior Enlisted Council at Lowe's on North Prince. All proceeds will go for programs that benefit Airmen and families.

For more information, call 784-4132.

Chapel schedule change

One Catholic Mass and one combined Protestant service is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. There will then be a chapel picnic at noon.

For more information, call 784-2507.

Smooth Move

Smooth Move Overseas/Stateside is 8:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday at the Family Support Center. Learn how to make moves as stress free as possible.

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

Airman's Attic

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

Legal closes; hours change

The base legal office will close at 2:30 p.m. Thursday for an office function.

The following new legal assistance hours will go into effect Sept. 1:

Monday – Walk-ins, 1-3 p.m.; Will execution, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday – Appointments only, 9 – 11

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'Be proud of what you bring to the fight' 12th AF commander tours Cannon, addresses troops

By Staff Sgt. Craig Seals
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Norman Seip, 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern commander, paid his first visit to Cannon August 15 and 16 since accepting command in July.

General Seip visited the Melrose Range and toured Cannon's various facilities such as the Airman Leadership School, the End Zone, the Professional Enhancement Center, the clinic and other operations along the flightline.

During his visit, the general also had the opportunity to meet with Cannon's junior enlisted during a Diamond Sharp breakfast on Aug. 15, as well as Cannon's commanders and first sergeants at a lunch that same day.

Before leaving, General Seip met with noncommissioned officers and senior non-commissioned officers in a commander's call at the Base Theater.

At that meeting, General Seip had several topics to discuss with the enlisted leaders.

"The enlisted force is the heart and soul of our Air Force. Cannon is no exception to that," the general said. "What goes on in the minds of the NCOs is important to me because you are a part of Colonel West's [27th Fighter Wing commander] leadership team and you have your fingers on the pulse of the Airmen."

General Seip also addressed the topic of Air Force Special Operations Command's acquisition of Cannon as a new base of operations. According to the general, the mission of the 27th Fighter Wing is not over until it's over and, "Colonel West will continue to command this wing until then. Everyone here will continue to support the Global War on Terror until directed otherwise."

During his address, the general had three focus points

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

Lt. Gen. Norman Seip, 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern commander, addresses personnel at the First Term Airman Center during his visit to Cannon Aug. 15 and 16.

27th Security Forces Airman earns DoD honors

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

The young lieutenant didn't think he stood a chance. Even his father, a 20-year master sergeant, didn't think he stood a chance.

It wasn't because he wasn't good. As the only lieutenant out of five finalists he was at the top of his game.

But he was competing against a captain who was a pilot and plenty of others who were also exceptionally qualified.

But he was proud, and had enjoyed the trip that allowed him a visit with his dad, stepmother and brother.

"And then they called my name." He had indeed won.

And his father? He wound up

on the floor from falling out of his chair backward, overcome with the pride of a father for a son.

This is how 1st Lt. Jonathon Murray, 27th Security Forces Squadron recalls the day he became the 2006 Capt. Robert W. Williams Military Award Winner, part of the 35th Annual Tuskegee Airmen Awards, held this year in Phoenix, Ariz.

"It was pretty impressive, almost surreal," Lieutenant Murray mused, still appearing to find it difficult that he had truly won the Department of Defense level award. "It's like being first pick of the NBA draft – that's how shocking it was."

Certainly impressive, certainly

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1st Lt. Jonathan Murray, 27th Security Forces Squadron won the 2006 Capt. Robert W. Williams Military Award, part of the 35th Annual Tuskegee Airmen Awards.



NEWS FEATURE



Senior Airman Joey Hanson, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, cuts sheetrock Saturday for a home being built by Habitat for Humanity.



Habitat for Humanity provides affordable housing to qualified buyers who provide substantial "sweat equity" during construction.



Master Sgt. Luziano Reyna, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron, puts in some "sweat equity" at a home in Portales. The home is the most recent project by Habitat for Humanity, which provides affordable housing to qualified individuals.

Cannon team gives a hand up

Habitat for Humanity project provides affordable housing

Story and photos by Greg Allen
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Paulette Aguilar is all smiles these days. She is eagerly waiting for October when she plans to move into her new home in Portales.

And much of her happiness can be directly attributed to the efforts of Cannon Airmen, retired and active duty, and family members who spend their Saturdays working on her home.

"I never thought I would have my own home," said the single mother of two teens as she looks at her soon-to-be completed three-bedroom, two-bath house.

Ms. Aguilar was selected by the Roosevelt County Habitat for Humanity for home ownership said Joyce Davis, the volunteer executive director, because the program provides a "hand up, rather than a hand out" for people.

"We won't build a home until we select a family," she said. Selection is based on certain economic criteria and a prospective home-owner's willingness to provide at least 500 hours of "sweat equity," or working on the homes themselves.

In addition to labor provided by the owner, the homes are built almost totally through volunteer efforts of the community, said Mrs. Davis, a retired instructor at Eastern New Mexico State University.

The community that has provided the bulk of the volunteer work has come from Cannon.

Project manager Jon Gove retired from Cannon earlier this month and averages about 20 hours a

week at the site.

The former master sergeant has been involved in Habitat for Humanity projects since 2003. During the week, when his work force is on duty at Cannon, he gathers supplies and looks for deals from the Clovis and Portales business sector.

"We get a lot at cost or even below cost," said Mr. Gove, "and some places have never sent us a bill."

His wife, Pam, works at Cannon, and was recently elected treasurer for the organization.

Senior Airman Joey Hanson, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, worked construction before he came into the Air Force and said he enjoys spending his Saturdays working on the house.

Steven Buchholz is the son of Master Sgt. Dawn Buchholz, 27th EMS, and is job hunting. As he paints, he explains that his volunteer efforts will look good on his resume.

Mrs. Davis said that volunteers are screened and briefed before they start work and for their efforts receive coffee, donuts and lunch, as well as a heartfelt thanks for their efforts.

She added that the next project will be in Clovis, and, as always, volunteers are always welcome.

Meanwhile, Ms. Aguilar continues to smile as she works next to members of the Cannon community, individuals intent on giving a "helping hand up" to a better life.

Individuals interested in volunteering can meet at 8 a.m. Saturday at 306 E. Kaywood Lane in Portales.



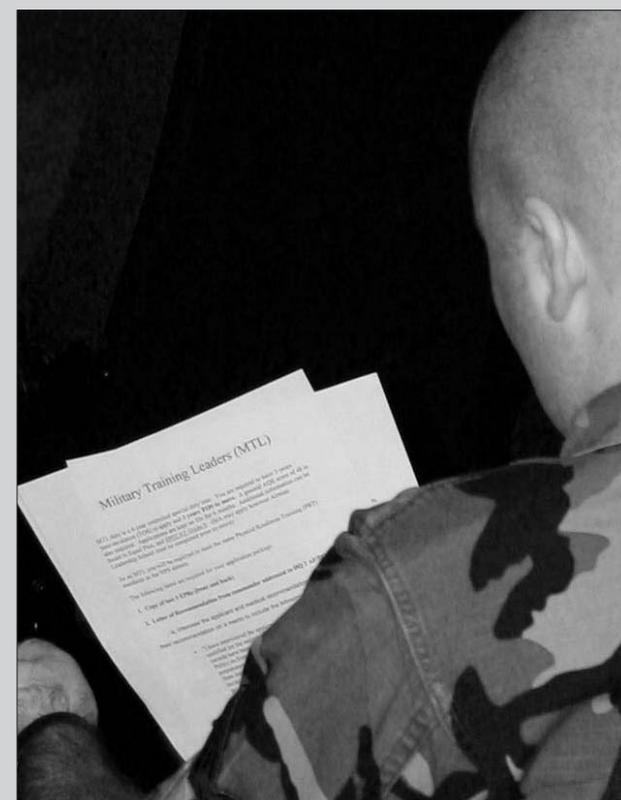
NEWS



PHOTOS BY GREG ALLEN

Opportunity knocks, visits

Top: Master Sgt. Andrew Sykes, Air Education and Training Command, briefs Airmen on enlisted career opportunities Tuesday at the Base Theater. Right: Senior Airman Brandon Broussard, 27th Operations Support Squadron, reviews information from the team. Opportunities as an officer were presented to Airmen on Wednesday.

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that he wanted to get across to Cannon's enlisted force.

First on that list was to win the Global War on Terror and still be able to respond to any task when called upon.

Second was to take care of Airmen. "We need to provide them the right supervision, tools, training and equipment. We don't want to set up our own folks for failure," General Seip said. "Create an environment that maximizes our Airmen's abilities and potential."

Third, was taking care of Air Force families. "If an Airman on the line can't concentrate on his tasks because he's worrying about his wife at home, then we aren't getting the mission accomplished," the general said. "We have to balance our quality of life with our

quality of jobs."

Another important topic facing the Air Force that was on the forefront of General Seip's address was the issue of Force Shaping and Air Force Smart Operations 21.

"Force Shaping is not a new concept. It's been going on for years," the general said. "We are always looking at how to best utilize the personnel we have, and from time to time that requires us to reduce those numbers."

"Issues like Force Shaping are why we've implemented AFSO 21; in order to make sure we are using our resources where they are best suited," General Seip said.

The Force Shaping process is looking at every Airman, from the airman basic to the general officers, General Seip said. "You as leaders will be here for what is left and that's where AFSO 21 comes into play. How

are you best utilizing the resources and personnel at your disposal?"

The general also addressed Force Shaping from the perspective of those asked to leave the service. "How do we streamline the Air Force by these numbers and at the same time, improve our processes for the future?" the general asked. "No one likes to ask people to leave."

During the closing of his address, the general spoke about the Air Force's joint efforts in the Global War on Terror and how the Air Force fits into the joint picture. "We are all part of a joint force in the Global War on Terror, but we bring unique and necessary capabilities to the fight," the general said.

"Be proud of what you bring to the fight. What you do is important and it's what makes you the most lethal."

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surreal. The company grade officer (CGO) award, based on leadership accomplishments, self-improvement and community service, had a pool of 400 nominees to draw from. And then there were five.

Lieutenant Murray entered the Air Force with a degree in kinesiology (the study of body movements) and a desire to pay down his school bill, but by his own admission, he has gained much more, among other things, high respect from his supervisor, Capt. Christopher Neiman, 27th Security Forces commander.

"First Lieutenant Jon Murray has performed exceptionally within Security Forces both at home and deployed. As a first lieutenant, he has been fulfilling the role of Operations and Training Flight

commander within the unit, a position typically held by a seasoned captain," said Captain Neiman. This role includes commanding the flight line and front gate troops along with commanding the K-9 unit, overseeing jail confinements and securing unit training.

Training is a priority for Lieutenant Murray, since he knows first hand what it means to have to rely on the training received.

As commander of a gun truck security convoy traveling through Balad, Iraq, Lieutenant Murray and his troops were hit by enemy fire, that killed a third-country national on their team. The convoy returned fire, recovered the body and returned it for a proper burial and was soon on the road again.

One of the more amazing things about his tour at Forward Operating Base

Speicher was, "You don't know how much you are loved." He said when the convoy returned to their mission, nationals were lined along the road, waving American flags and blowing kisses. "They know you put your life on the line for them."

Asked about the fear factor, Lieutenant Murray said, "You don't have time to be scared. You react and go on auto pilot." He credits 18-hour days, seven days a week for two months for providing him the training that saved his and his troops lives.

"We have the goal to bring all of our troops home," said Lieutenant Murray. "I'm coming home, so I'm going to pay attention to this training."

But why are activities such as community involvement important for this young officer?

"It creates a total package of what

you can provide to your troops," said Lieutenant Murray, who then posed the question of how can leaders ask their troops to be involved if they do not get involved themselves?

Lieutenant Murray will pin on the rank of captain in about nine months, but then what? Are his future walls decorated with more military awards and his clothing with more impressive rank patches? Captain Neiman believes Lieutenant Murray has a bright future with the Air Force. "He is, and will no doubt continue to be an experienced and valued asset [to] the [security forces] career field."

Lieutenant Murray said he is not sure of what the future will bring, but plans to stay "as long as I'm having fun. Anytime I'm allowed to do that, makes it worthwhile."



COMMENTARY

Commander's Action Line

Q: I am calling about the Phase II operations because in the middle of the night sirens go off for military mobilizing for base X.

The loud speaker sounds as though it is right outside my window. I don't know if the Air Force has changed its procedures for the sirens going off in base housing, but I am a dependant and a non-player and my children have been woken up in the middle of the night by the sirens.

I understand the importance of "playing war" and these practices, but I don't understand why non-players need to be woken up in the middle of the night. If they want us to participate they should give us shelter areas or gas masks. Thank you.

A: Good comments, thanks for submitting. Although the 16th Special Operations Wing will stand up at Cannon in late 2007, the 27th Fighter Wing is still a viable and valued part of Air Combat Command's arsenal.

We provide all manner of expeditionary F-16 fighter and combat support capabilities, but doing so takes practice. Periodic exercises, wherein the entire wing "plays" at the same time, are important. By periodically exercising the entire wing, we hone the interrelated skills Airmen perform throughout the wing. Day-to-day, we're unable to exercise a composite scenario.

Since no Airman is "immune" when deployed, we'll periodically exercise everywhere, with everyone, on base and

in our Military Operating Areas, day/night, 24/7 - just like our enemies force us to do in combat.

To help prepare our families for our various wing activities, we post our exercises (and other items) on our intranet Wing Calendar.

Your military spouse has access to this Web site. We will exercise the entire wing again the week of Nov. 6. It's important that we train like we'll fight.

Our Airmen deserve our very best effort to prepare for contingencies. Occasional exercises are necessary, even for the World's Most Lethal Warfighting Team.

Cannon One

If you have a question to ask or a suggestion to make, call the Action Line at 784-2722.



OFFICIAL AIR FORCE PHOTO

Col. Scott West

27th Fighter Wing commander

Even if you hate it, running helps accomplish the mission

By Lt. Col. Ella Sanjume

335th Training Squadron commander

I hate running. Running makes every part of my body hurt: knees, lower back, lungs, even my teeth.

I'll admit, I may be getting old and decrepit, but running hurt when I first joined the Air Force, too. So, why do I run?

First, the Air Force adopted the 1.5-mile run standard to test and measure our physical fitness.

Second, despite the discomfort, a regular running routine has tremendous physical and mental health benefits.

Finally, I've learned how to run in a manner that minimizes pain and maximizes performance.

In January 2004, the Air Force implemented a new physical fitness requirement that tested aerobic fitness, muscular strength and body composition. The 1.5-mile run replaced cycle ergometry as the cardiovascular test. That was a change for the better, or was I the only one who wondered how we would pedal into battle?

As the Air Force moves to a leaner expeditionary force, our return to running highlights the fitness level required in today's environment of more austere deployments and wartime locations. The run is a standard we must meet to indicate we're fit to perform our wartime mission.

We have customs, courtesies, and rules on uniforms and

physical fitness. I run for the same reason I salute and press my uniform. It is a military standard I've sworn to uphold.

I also run to support my dessert-eating capability. Ask anyone in the chow hall who has tried to come between me and my three desserts. Running burns more calories per minute than any other form of cardiovascular exercise and is one of the best activities for burning fat.

With our busy schedules, running provides the most bang for the buck in terms of time, cardiovascular work, location and equipment. Running requires only good running shoes and 30 minutes in order to maintain cardiovascular

fitness.

If you're having a bad day, running also relieves stress. Why worry about work when you can concentrate on your legs and lungs burning instead? Running clears the mind and is a great distraction.

Then, there's the famous "runner's high" when endorphins are released that mask pain and make running effortless. Personally, I think this is a myth runners feed to non-runners as an inside joke. I'd like to see the "MythBusters" take on that one.

I run as smartly as I can to minimize injuries. Although there are opposing camps on the benefits of stretching, I find it works if I warm up first and

then stretch out. I run at a slow pace until my legs feel loose. Once done, I recommend stretching out slowly and holding the stretch while your muscles are warm.

As you get into better shape, set time or distance goals and try to run faster or further each session. Start preparing for your fitness test months in advance. If you want to run fast, you need to practice running fast. Don't expect to pass the test after just one week of running.

Being "fit to fight" is now part of the Air Force mindset.

Though it's not my favorite activity, I know running helps me to be physically fit and able to accomplish the Air Force mission.

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The Air Force
Flight Surgeon of the Year



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Capt.
George Buse

*Col. Scott West, 27th
Fighter Wing commander,
congratulates Capt.
George Buse, 27th
Aeromedical Dental
Squadron for his selection
as the Air Force Flight
Surgeon of the Year.*

This week's
Viper Volunteer is



Airman 1st Class
Sheldon Milligan

*Col. Scott West, 27th
Fighter Wing command-
er, congratulates the
27th Aircraft Mainte-
nance Squadron
Airman for his 72 hours
of volunteer work for
Habitat for Humanity
as well as his work with
Airman's Attic, Light-
house for the Blind and
the Special Olympics.*

*The Viper Volunteer highlights the spirit of volunteerism and extraordinary contribu-
tions 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 the 96th
Uniform Board Message of
June 30, 2004, male Airmen
may cleanly shave their heads
or have military "high and
tight" haircuts. Female
Airmen are not authorized to
shave their heads or wear
"high and tight" haircuts.**



FEATURE

Sexual assault in Air Force gets zero tolerance

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A young Airman decides to have a few drinks after a long work week. The Airman loosens up with a few friends and acquaintances, and before the night is over, something has been compromised – their personal space. They are now the victim of a sexual assault.

What should have been a night of fun, turned into a night to remember, but not in a good way.

Cannon leadership knows their team works hard, but they want them to play just as hard – and smart – as they work.

“We want people to know it’s okay to go out there and have some fun, because our Airmen do work hard... that’s evident by the awards they win. It’s okay to have some fun, but you need to be responsible for your actions,” said Capt. Paul Candelaria, a 27th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC).

The pleas for safety are not without merit; this summer has already brought

two allegations of sexual assault from Cannon Airmen, Captain Candelaria said. In addition to the allegations, there is feedback that some Airmen are trying to encourage their victimized friends to see the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SARP) office.

While victims are typically women, “Cannon has had male victims in the past and we don’t want to undermine the fact that males can be victimized also,” Captain Candelaria said. “Males go through a lot of the same things that females go through: the uncertainty, [asking] ‘Did this really happen?’ the shame, the self blame, but with males there are added factors.”

He said these added factors may include societal upbringing of aggression in males and the admonition to be strong. Captain Candelaria said sexual assaults cause men to question their manhood and in male-to-male assault, they begin to question their sexuality, but with professional help, these things may be overcome.

Most outside agencies

dealing with victim assault are trained to deal only with females, but SARC is able and willing to help men, pairing them with male victim advocates.

The SAPR office is not designed to give legal advice or counseling, but rather works to connect victims – male and female – with available resources and provide support to the victim, no matter the circumstances behind the assault. This support is given by pairing victims with a same-sex volunteer to guide and let the victim know what is going to happen as they work through various channels to find help.

Some may stereotype that females suffer sexual assaults due to dressing provocatively or drinking, but Captain Candelaria said that is not an excuse for the perpetrator and it’s not the victim’s fault. “Just saying those words to a victim means so much to them. When you say, ‘It’s not your fault,’ most of them say, ‘That’s what I wanted to hear.’”

The SAPR office wants Airmen to know that there is

no excuse for sexual assault, and to be cautious when consuming alcohol. “Whenever alcohol is involved, sometimes messages get mixed. What may seem consensual that night could turn out to be an allegation of sexual assault,” Captain Candelaria said.

Besides being careful of alcohol consumption, Airmen can take safety measures, such as going out with a group, and stating with assertiveness and firmness what they want from the beginning of a relationship, he said.

Airmen choosing to violate another person need to be aware of the serious consequences they can incur by their actions. “This is a crime and you will be held accountable,” said Captain Candelaria. “Being drunk is no excuse, not knowing that this is a crime is no excuse.”

Those interested in taking an active role in preventing sexual assault are encouraged to become victim advocates. To find out more about SAPR volunteer opportunities, call Captain Candelaria at 784-1014.

Awareness a key

Common sense, situational awareness, and trusting your instincts will reduce your risk of being sexually assaulted. Following the tips below will also decrease your chances of being attacked.

– If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation. Studies indicate that about half of all U.S. sexual assaults involve the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim or both.

– Do not leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.

– If you feel uncomfortable, scared, or pressured, act quickly to end the situation. Say, “Stop it” and leave or call for help.

– Communicate clearly with a date to ensure he or she knows your limits from the beginning. Both verbal and nonverbal (body language) communication can be used to ensure the message is understood.

– If you go on a date with someone you do not know very well, tell a close friend what your plans are.

Compiled by Janet Taylor-Birkey

TRICARE eases long-distance travel to specialists

By Mark Jecker

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

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Reimbursement may be authorized for the travel expenses of one non-medical attendant – an adult family member or guardian – deemed medically necessary by the PCM.

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FEATURE

Heroism earns former Marine Wall of Heroes induction

By Airman 1st Class
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27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Cannon Airman Leadership School's Hall of Heroes has recently received a new member to add to its ranks. This was the first time the event was held in the newly named Hall of Heroes room at The Landing.

Retired Cpl. Frederick Madera was inducted on Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. by ALS Class 2006-F. Mr. Madera is a Clovis, N.M. native and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

At the age of eighteen on Sept. 8, 1966, Mr. Madera enlisted into the Marines and was assigned to Company A, 1st Anti-tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division. The 1st Marine Division conducted 44 named operations during the Vietnam War, including Operations HASTINGS, UNION I and II, and FORD. It was Mr. Madera's responsibility to load, drive and then command the Ontos Anti-Tank Vehicle, also known as the "Pig."

"When I got out of high school, everyone was patriotic, just like they are now," said Mr. Madera. "So I went down

to the mall and got a Sailor to sign me up for the United States Marine Corps."

During Operation FORD in the Thua Thien province, Mr. Madera was providing support from his vehicle for a Marine company assaulting fortified enemy positions. Although he was on the receiving end of automatic weapons fire, he directed 17 rounds at the enemy with a 106mm recoilless rifle. He destroyed a hostile gun emplacement and killed three enemy soldiers. When his rifle malfunctioned, he disregarded the enemy fire and began delivering machine gun fire at the enemy forces.

Mr. Madera was wounded in the arm by enemy fire and sustained injuries to the back of his head during the firefight, but continued to fire into enemy emplacements until his weapon was destroyed. He persisted to help his fellow Marines in the capturing of numerous weapons before he was medically evacuated.

After his show of extraordinary performance in the field, Mr. Madera retired in April of 1969 and eventually returned to Clovis. Throughout his experiences in the Marines, Mr. Madera earned a bronze star medal with combat

valor, a purple heart medal, a good conduct medal, a Vietnam campaign medal, a Vietnam service medal with three bronze stars and a presidential unit citation with one bronze star.

When asked if he was proud he served in the military, he said "Now I am, Yes."

"When I first got back and out of the hospital ... I put all of my medals away," said Mr. Madera. "My son [Ace] asked me when he was a senior in high school here if I had ever served. You see, he didn't even know it. I told him yes. They were studying the Vietnam War then. He never even knew I had any medals. I kept them all hidden. It was because of the way the people treated us Vietnam veterans when we got back. We had the first war that had ever been protested."

Our parents didn't want anything to do with us because we went over there, neither did anyone else. So, the best thing most of us did was try to hide it the best we could."

The Hall of Heroes not only honors our previous servicemembers, but it can also let them know that they have not been forgotten. "I feel complete now. That's the best way I can explain it. I feel totally

honored that this class has chosen me."

Mr. Madera does not see himself as a hero, but does think that "most heroes have a thing about them that lets them rise to an occasion, even when everyone thinks they are insane for what they are doing."

"It's an honor for anyone to serve in the military, regardless of what the public has to say, good or bad, about it. Because if it wasn't for the servicemen, [America] wouldn't be the country that it is now.

You'd be flying an entirely different flag than we are flying now.

Mr. Madera became involved with the Boy Scouts of America after his service to his country, receiving awards from them as well, such as the Vigil Honor Order of the Arrow, the Scout Master

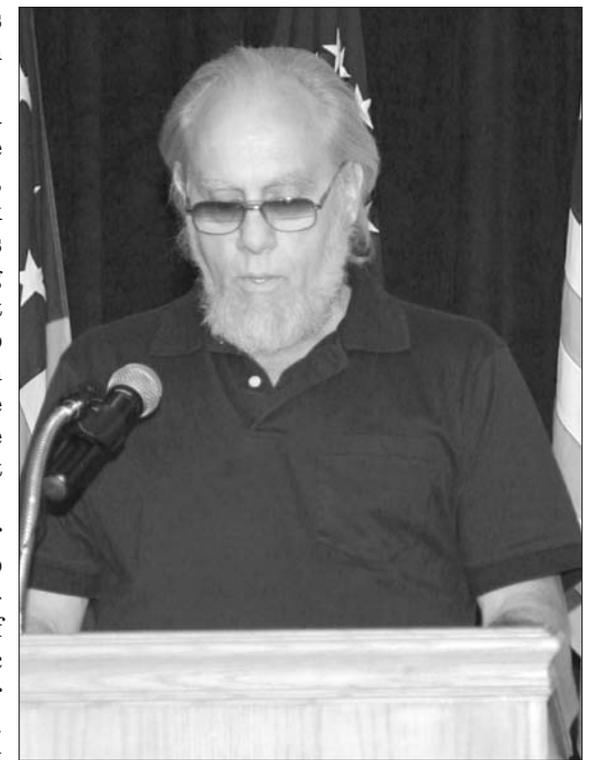


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Retired Marine Cpl. Frederick Madera addresses the audience at The Landing on Aug. 16 following his induction into the newly named Wall of Heroes.

Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award and the Founder's Award.

Now, he fills his time at the Disabled American Veterans in Clovis. "You have to keep yourself busy," said Mr. Madera.

Mr. Madera married his wife Linda in 1970 and they have a son.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

Each member of the newly named Hall of Heroes has a shadow box of their awards and decorations on display at The Landing.

'Wall' becomes 'Hall' of Heroes

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

The Hall of Heroes, a program begun as the Wall of Heroes in 2004 at the Airman Leadership School honors the military service of local heroes. There are eight ALS classes held each year, and each class chooses a hero to add to the Hall. The present 16 inductees have, so far, served in WWII, Korea or Vietnam.

These servicemembers are honored for their accomplishments, dedication and sacrifices throughout their military careers.

The first induction was on June 21, 2004 for Santiago Hidalgo.

"This month, Mr. Hidalgo passed away," said Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, at the induction of Frederick Madera on Aug. 14. "We

marked his shadow box, as we have with Mr. [Duey] Langston's [inductee number two], with a black banner. While they are no longer with us, their places on the wall will make sure their service will not be forgotten."

Colonel West said there are three objectives of the Hall of Heroes; it pays tribute to extraordinary veterans, provides lasting legacy to these heroes; and provides ALS students with an exemplary role model as well as an opportunity to interact with Americans who have distinguished themselves in their service to their country.

The Hall of Heroes was moved from the ALS to The Landing to provide "greater public access," said Colonel West. "Our community is interested and supports the preservation of our American heritage."

The display is available for Cannon visitors.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the Week

This young female shepherd-mix has a short, smooth coat and is available for adoption. For information on her or other available pets, call the Family Support Center at 784-4228.

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a.m.; Will execution, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday – Walk-ins, 9–11 a.m.; Will execution, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday – Appointments only, 1-3 p.m.; Will execution, 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 784-4411.

Federal employment seminar

Learn more about the federal application and hiring process at a Federal Employment Seminar, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the Family Support Center.

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

Case lot sale

A case lot sale at the commissary is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16.

For more information, go to www.commissaries.com.

Job List

View the FSC's weekly job list at the Clovis Community College's Web site at www.clovis.edu/BusinessCommunity/Jobs/index.asp.

Insurance settlement

Individuals who purchased a Horizon Life or Wealth Builder policy between Jan. 1, 2000 and June 8 may be eligible for cash compensation from a recent settlement.

For more information, call 784-4228.

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. If necessary, an involuntary phase will begin shortly afterward.

For more information, Airmen should contact their commander support staff.



Canadian sport perfected by U.S. Air Force

Photos and story by 2nd Lt. George Tobias
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

They swarm around the table pushing and jockeying for position, trying to knock their opponent's ball into a pocket, "crack" the balls collide.

And just as fast, the roles have changed.

This was the scene at The Landing on Aug. 18 when a Crud tournament pitted teams from the 27th Mission Support Group, 523rd Fighter Squadron and 524th Fighter Squadron against each other in fierce competition, with team "Hound 01" from the 524th FS emerging victorious.

Crud, a sport developed by the Royal Canadian Air force by a bunch of bored Canadian pilots on their way to England, is said to date back to World War II. Though the game originated in Canada, "It took the U.S. Air Force to perfect it," said 1st Lt. Kenyatta Ruffin, 523 Fighter Squadron.

According to the American Crud Players Association, Crud is played with two pool balls; a Shooter (the cue ball), and any other regulation numbered pool ball. No cue stick is used. Each player begins with three "lives" to possibly be lost as the game progresses.

While shooting from either end of the table, a player tries to hit the Object ball with the Shooter ball, causing it to either go into a pocket or stop all movement on the table before an opposing player can take his turn. The team that loses all of its lives first, loses the game.

Traditionally, the losing team must pay a



Capt. Jason Bell tries to distract 1st Lt. Jarret Flexman as he tries to pocket the Object ball at the Crud Tournament held at The Landing Aug. 18. Crud is a sport that originated in the Canadian Royal Air Force, but has since been altered by the U.S. Air Force. It is said to date back to World War II.

penalty to the winning team (usually by aligned players on the scoreboard). If the winning team has at least one player with all their lives, the penalty is doubled.

Also, as recompense for services rendered, the first player to lose all three lives must pay a

penalty to the judge of the game. The next player out pays the penalty to any assistant judge and the third player pays to the scorekeeper.

Crud originated as an officers' sport, but like

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What's happening?



COURTESY PHOTO

In full swing

The Senior Golf League hits the links at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the Whispering Winds Golf Course.

Today

Cannon Appreciation Day – 11 a.m. at Unity Park
Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Rib Eye Steaks – 5 p.m. at The Landing
Family Bowl-a-Rama – 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Saturday

Quilting Class – all day at the Clovis CC*
Paintball – 1 p.m. with the youth center
Cosmic Bowling – 6 p.m. to midnight at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

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
Mongolian BBQ – 5 to 8 p.m. at The Landing
XBox Challenge – 5 to 7 p.m. at the Portales CC
Free Billiards – 6 to 9 p.m. at The End Zone
Chess Club Casual play – 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central CC
Community Theater – 6:30 p.m. at the Central CC

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



FEATURE



Tech. Sgt. James Elmore, 27th Fighter Wing Historian Office reviews photos on a portable slide viewing machine. Sergeant Elmore and Master Sgt. Dwight Almacen are two of the last military historians as the career field moves to the civilian sector.

Historians keep finger on historical pulse

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

Most people might not think much goes on in a military history office. After all, they are dealing with things that are over and done with, right? Not so, said Tech. Sgt. James Elmore, a historian for the 27th Fighter Wing and Cannon.

"What a lot of people don't understand is that there are actually two histories that are maintained," said Sergeant Elmore. When the 27th Fighter Wing is deactivated next year, the history of Cannon Air Force Base will continue and the office will take on the history of the 16th Special Operations wing. At that time, the Air Force historian career field will also be extinct and will be civilianized.

Serving as the corporate knowledge for the wing, historians are subject matter experts for the parent wing residing at the base and a secondary historian for the base itself.

"We are basically a commander's tool and our primary job is to make sure those lessons learned get forwarded to those individuals that ask," said

Sergeant Elmore.

Using primary source documents, historians maintain all lineage and honors data, including rosters of key personnel, meanings of emblems and most anything of significance happening at Cannon.

This careful record keeping becomes invaluable in times of war, allowing commanders to review data from an event such as Operation Desert Storm and contrast it with Operation Enduring Freedom. "They look at what worked and what didn't work. They take those lessons learned and they use them," said Sergeant Elmore.

Historical records are also useful in examining what worked or did not work in a Phase II exercise or a home station building project. The question of, "What kind of mistakes can we prevent from happening that were made in previous building projects?" can be answered in the quest for preventative maintenance.

Records from Cannon's historical office allow squadron leaders and group commanders to learn the history of the group they have been assigned to lead. Wanting to make good choices,



Tech. Sgt. James Elmore, 27th Fighter Wing Historian Office, views microfilm of past 27th Fighter Wing events. Cannon historians track two sets of history: Cannon Air Force Base and the history of the 27th Fighter Wing.

these leaders may want to review past records to find out what decisions were made in the past and why. "It helps younger leaders maybe glean a tidbit of something that could help them," said Sergeant Elmore.

Keeping valuable records is imperative, but can be cumbersome, so squadrons are provided with four footlocker boxes for memorabilia such as guidons, awards, etc. These footlockers serve not only as a repository for items, but are also helpful if plans should ever change for the wing. "If we decide to resurrect the 27th Fighter Wing 20 years from now, the base commander can open the boxes and give them to the squadrons. They would then have a history and necessities to get the squadron up and running again," Sergeant Elmore said.

Sergeant Elmore and his co-worker, Master Sgt. Dwight Almacen, conduct interviews to gain perspective of how certain events have affected the wing

mission, find out what is happening and see the technology various offices use to accomplish their part of the mission. Every six months, these interviews are woven with other notes to produce a narrative of the 27th Fighter Wing.

One copy of the narrative is kept at Cannon and one is sent to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to the Air Force Historical Research Agency for the research repository. Personnel at Maxwell then formally update lineage and honors history for the 27th Fighter Wing from this narrative.

Donations of historical items, while appreciated, are dealt with by enforcing tight parameters. When receiving a donation, Cannon historians contact the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and ask if they would like to place it in their archives. If they decline, Cannon is free to use the items as they choose, sometimes using them for displays or programs. If Wright-Pat-

erson wants the item, it will catalogue it and then keep it in their own archives or send it back to Cannon for display.

Like most everything else in the 21st century, military offices are going digital.

Sergeant Elmore and Sergeant Almacen, who are close to being the last two Air Force historians, have worked over the past couple of years to go electronic. This falls in line with Air Force Smart Ops 21 by helping save space, since each basic narrative amounts to 50-100 pages and two stationery boxes brimming with source documents. Sergeant Elmore said that security measures have been put in place to keep documents from being altered.

When the current military historian career field is completely phased out, Sergeant Almacen plans to return to his previous career field, while Sergeant Elmore is hoping to cross-train to another field and possibly remain at Cannon.



Unit Spotlights



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

Congratulations Diamond Sharp winners

Diamond Sharp winners were congratulated by Lt. Gen. Norman Seip, 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern commander, on the left and Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, on the right, during a ceremony Aug. 16. Recipients were, from left to right: Airman 1st Class Ottoniel Gonzales, 27th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Senior Airman Barbara Chang, 27th Civil Engineers Squadron; and Senior Airman Scott Labonte, 27th Component Maintenance Squadron.

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
There will be a base chapel picnic at noon, Sunday.

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

PROTESTANT

Sunday Services

Combined service 10:30 a.m.
There will be a base chapel picnic at noon, Sunday

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.

My Super Ex-Girlfriend Today and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Description: Matt Saunders, a regular guy, finds out just how hard breaking up can be when attempting to call it quits with female crime fighter, Jenny Johnson, who doesn't want to let love die.

PG-13: sexual content, crude humor and, language and brief nudity

Running time: 96 min.

Monster House

Saturday at 1 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.

Description: A suburban home has become physically animated by a vengeful human soul who is looking to stir up trouble from beyond the grave. It is up to three adventurous kids from the neighborhood to do battle in this frightful tale.

PG: scary images and sequences, some crude humor and brief language

Running time: 91 min.

Clerks II

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

Description: Ten years ago best friends were New Jersey mini-mall clerks slacking off. Now working in the fast-food universe, they manage to maintain their in-your-face attitude.

R: pervasive sexual and crude content, strong language and drug material

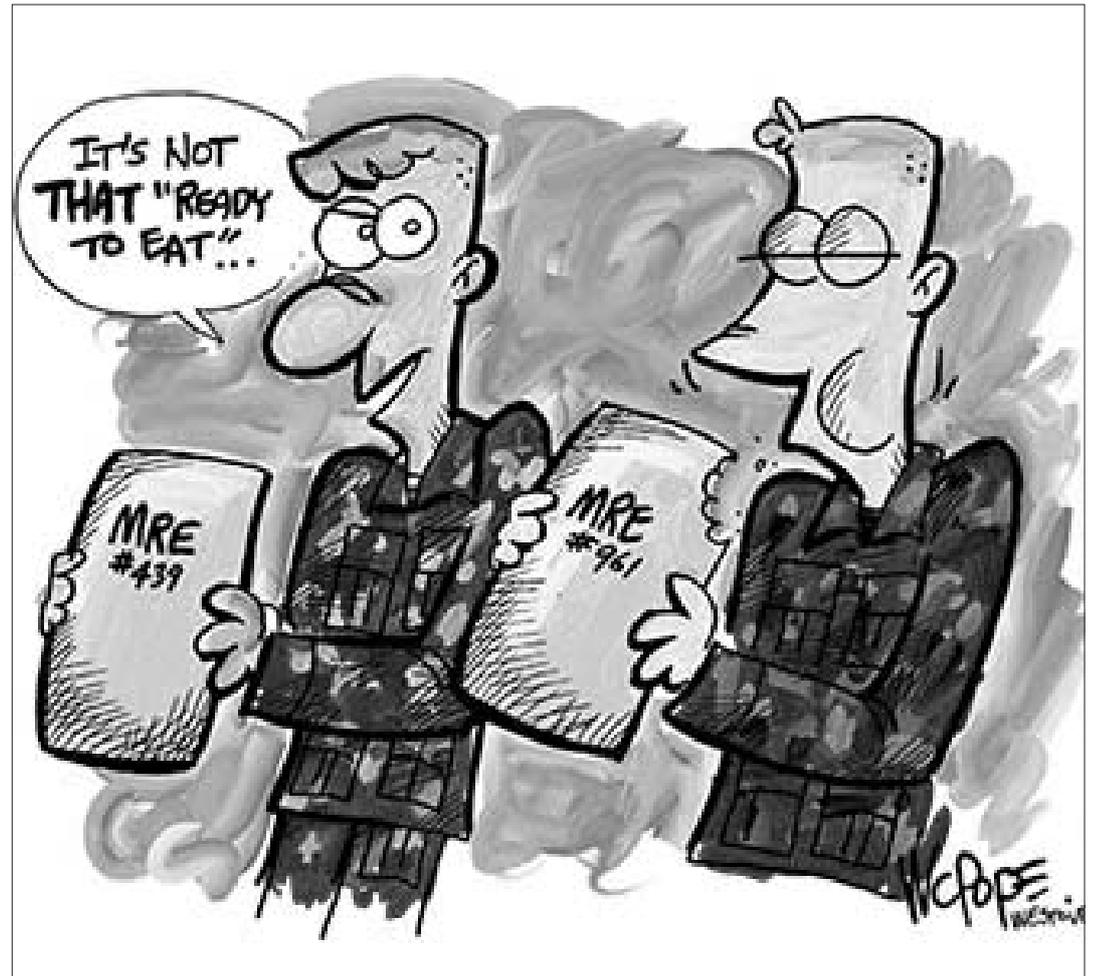
Running time: 97 min.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



ANSWERS TO AUG. 18 PUZZLE





THE LIGHTER SIDE



Capt. Nicholas Sweeney obscures the Object ball from sight, making it harder for the shooter to hit it accurately. Crud teams vary in sizes. Games can be set up in team tournaments, but the game can also be played in a one-on-one match if needed.

CRUD

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many sports in the military, rank is not recognized and all players are referred to by their callsigns.

Because of this, one of the most popular variations of this sport is Combat Crud, in which body checking and full blocking is

allowed. The judge, however, is not to be touched. In this variation, junior ranking players can actually knock over higher ranking players and not find themselves in trouble for their actions during play.

To view the official rules of Crud, visit the American Crud Players Association Web site at (Web address is case sensitive) www.aifcv.org/pdf/CRUDRULES2000.pdf.



Lt. Col. Jack Maixner carefully takes aim as the Object ball rolls toward him. If the Object ball comes to a rest then the shooter loses a life. Players are given three lives for the duration of the game.



Col. Jeff McDaniels, the tournament's judge, accesses a Life from a player as Lt. Col. Brad Kearney agrees by pointing with his elbow. Pointing with hands is not allowed by players during the game.



Capt. Jason Bell blocks 2nd Lt. Harry Gilinos as he reaches for the Shooter ball. Only two balls are used during the game, the Shooter (cue) and Object (numbered) balls.



SPORTS SHORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Tug-of-fun

Cannon Airmen prepare for a tug-of-war match during last year's Cannon Appreciation Day. Activities begin at 11 a.m. today for the Cannon community at Unity Park and includes plenty of food, fun and prizes.

Cannon Lanes

Family Bowl-a-Rama – 6 to 9 p.m., today. Bowl with up to six family members for two hours for \$12 per lane. The price includes shoes and one pitcher of soda. Lanes must be assigned between 6 and 7 p.m.

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 receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric carts Monday and Tuesday.

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

Outdoor Recreation

Rock Climbing weekend – Sept. 9 and 10. The cost is \$80 per person. This adventure is for beginners through 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.

New Mexico State Fair – Sept. 16-17. The cost is \$110 single, \$75 double, \$65 triple and \$40 quad. The price includes transportation to Albuquerque, one night hotel accommodation and entry into the fair. Pre-pay by Sept. 11.

For more information, call 784-1275 or 784-1533.

White Sands Star Party – Sept. 23-24 at White Sands, Alamogordo and Ruidosa. The cost is \$70 per person. Gaze into the heavens as astronomers from across the country make their equipment available. Camping gear, fees, meals, snacks and transportation is included.

For more information, call 784-2773.