



OFFICIAL AIR FORCE PHOTO

Lt. Gen. Norman Seip
Commander, Air Forces Southern
Command and 12th Air Force

Team Cannon welcomes Lt. Gen. Seip

Team Cannon — Next week we will have the privilege of hosting Lt. Gen. Norman Seip, Commander, Air Forces Southern Command and 12th Air Force, his wife Kathleen, and Chief Master Sgt. Wade Johnson, 12 AF command chief, at Cannon. During their visit, we will have the opportunity to show our 12 AF leaders what Cannon is all about — a beautiful place to work and live, with Airmen who are still a valuable part of 12 AF's arsenal and the Global War on Terror. As long as we are part of 12 AF, we will remain ready, when called, to go anywhere, anytime. I am looking forward to showing General Seip the World's Most Lethal combat team. We have earned that distinction.

Col. Scott West

27th Fighter Wing commander

Community News

TMO closure

TMO-Passenger Section is closed for an official function from 2 to 3 p.m. today. Airmen may pick up tickets early.

Dad's class

Dads of all experiences can learn parenting tips from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants receive a four day leave pass. Call 784-4228 to sign up.

COC reads to youth

The Cultural Observance Committee will read books to children at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Cannon Library.

Parenting workshop

A six-week parenting workshop is from at 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the base

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN ERIK CARDENAS

Airman 1st Class Harlyn Johnson, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron corrosion control, sands off the "CC" tail marking from a 523rd Fighter Squadron jet to prepare it for movement to its new home. Some jets have already left and others will soon be departing, but the 27th Fighter Wing will remain mission ready.

523 FS begins to move out

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Cannon's 523rd Fighter Squadron jets are making history by being the first jets to leave Cannon in the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) transition. The first two are destined for Des Moines Air Guard Station, Iowa, said Maj. James Mansard, 27th Operations Group, but for now, Cannon pilots and maintainers are staying here.

F-16 aircraft and associated equipment are going to bases needing the assets determined by Air Combat Command (ACC), said Maj. David Nicholson, 27th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander. The jets will be transferred by the end of June and the 524th FS is scheduled to finish its transfer in September. The 522nd Fighter Squadron will begin transferring aircraft upon its Airmen's return from Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) 7/8 this summer and the last F-16 will leave in March 2008.

The 523rd FS history dates from Feb. 1, 1940, when it was activated at Barksdale Field, La., as the 17th Bombardment Squadron (Light). Its aircraft was the B-18.

The squadron has a 67-year history that is rich in contributions to the fight for freedom. After the "9-11" terrorist attacks, the 523rd FS took up the gauntlet for

homeland defense, flying 24 hours a day, seven days a week for an entire month in August 2002. In 2003, the 523rd FS added targeting pods and precision guided munitions to its capability.

The F-16 squadron proved its new capability by employing Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs), Guided Bomb Unit (GBU)-10s, GBU-12s, and GBU-24s during Air Warrior and Combat Hammer deployments. In June 2004, the 523rd FS became the first F-16 unit to employ the gun against the airborne-towed banner at Combat Archer.

Throughout the transition from Cannon to other bases, the 523rd FS continues to accomplish its mission as a vital part of the 27th Fighter Wing and remains mission ready, said Lt. Col. Brad Kearney, 523rd FS commander.

"The team, both ops and maintenance, remained ready for any wartime tasking during the AEF 4 period," said Colonel Kearney. "As operations continue for the next few months, our pilots and maintenance professionals will continue to hone their skills during upgrades and normal daily operations."

(The 27th Fighter Wing Historian's office contributed to this article.)



NEWS

Breakfast hosts first female chaplain

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Introduced by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Gallagher as the first female chaplain in the armed services and the first female chief of chaplains: an officer “with a wise and loving heart of a pastor,” retired Maj. Gen. Lorraine Potter addressed more than 150 military members and civilians at the annual Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 1 at the Cannon Chapel.

Her entry into the military chaplaincy was not without setbacks. Feeling the need to enter the military chaplaincy, Mrs. Potter wrote a letter to see if it was possible for a woman to serve in the military chaplaincy. She had to give up that idea, because she met all the requirements except one: she was not a man.

Receiving a second letter about two weeks later, Mrs. Potter thought it was a duplicate. However, she found it held news that would change the face of her military service and ministry: the federal law had changed and women could now apply for a chaplaincy position.

Mrs. Potter’s 31 year career took her to the Pentagon as an Air Force Chief of Chaplains. Now retired, Mrs. Potter said her current mission is to be a cheerleader and mentor for military members and continually reminds Airmen and civilians that each is unique and “all are essential to fulfilling the mission of the wing.”

But she knows the mission of the wing is far from easy. “Our world continues to be a dangerous and hostile place to live,” said Mrs. Potter. Quoting the Star-Spangled Banner, she reminded Airmen of the changes and risks involved with their way of life. She encouraged military members and civilians alike that the song that was destined to become the national anthem was “written when the enemy had our forces in bad straits.”

Mrs. Potter was presented with a check from Col. Valentino Bagnani III, 27th Fighter Wing vice-commander, payable to her favorite charity, Women United in Ministry, a mentoring group for women in military chaplaincy.

There are currently fewer than 30 women serving in the Air Force chaplaincy. One, Chaplain (Capt.) Eusebia Rios, is stationed here.

Former chaplain’s advice on transition

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Retired Maj. Gen. Lorraine Potter was hosted by the Cannon Chapel for the 2007 Annual Prayer Breakfast on Feb. 1.

In an interview after the breakfast, Mrs. Potter spoke candidly about Cannon, transitions and the importance of family.

In her third visit here since 1975, Potter said she is impressed with the attractiveness of Cannon. “It’s convenient to other places ... which I think would be helpful. I’m impressed with how many dorms are new dorms here.” While she knows that most single Airmen would prefer to live on their own, she says that “if everyone has individual rooms ... that’s the right direction.”

“The community is just so friendly here,” she said. “One thing I’ve heard from several people, including our chaplains, is you get so close to people here and that the problem with all the changes coming is that people will be leaving.

“My word to the younger [Airmen], who haven’t been in as long, is that it means your family just goes elsewhere around the world. As you go to other places, know that it’s not goodbye when you leave, it’s see you later. It also means you’re going to expand your family as new people come in.”

One group of new people she enjoyed highlighting was the chapel staff, most of whom are new since her last visit to Cannon in 2004. “I have never seen a more positive group of chaplain service folks who not only

enjoy each others company, but affirm each other. There’s great hospitality and a great love for the people here. You’ve got young chaplains here which means they have the energy to be out and about. You don’t have a chapel staff here that’s hiding in the chapel.”

Though they may be young, Mrs. Potter was impressed with their commitment to Airmen and their families. While chaplains face the same crises as other Air Force members, she reminds Airmen, “You’re never alone: they journey with you.”

Cannon’s shift in October can be energizing, according to Mrs. Potter. “Cannon’s transition to AFSOC is birthing something here.”

Although everyone is in a state of transition and on the edge of crisis, she said, this is no time to give in to defeat. “That’s the importance of leaning on your spiritual faith.”

Part of the problem that intensifies crisis, she said, is the feeling of not being in control, like servicemembers may often do. But Mrs. Potter has a different view of what having control means. “You exercised that control when you raised your right hand and took an oath.”

Mrs. Potter knows it not easy being in the military, but “you can handle it if your family is willing to do it with you.” She reiterated by telling Airmen to let family members know how much they are appreciated, because they “are the emotional and spiritual support” of Airmen and the Air Force.

Workforce Investment Act helps civilians/spouses affected by BRAC

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Military spouses and civil service civilians affected by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decision, Reduction in Forces Board (RIF), or those spouses who leave their job to accompany their spouse to a new duty station may be eligible for unemployment insurance, continuing education and/or on the job training to assist them in re-entering the workforce.

The New Mexico Workforce Connection Center in Clovis and Portales, through a special partnership with the Air Force community, works with eligible job seekers to provide access to employment and training assistance tailored to obtain and maintain meaningful employment. Participants must choose an in demand career field with an

expected local growth rate of 22 percent or more. Those who qualify may be eligible for up to 104 semester weeks of education/training through an approved provider.

“There is a lot of money in the pot, but not a lot of people are aware of it,” said Josie Guzman, Military Spouse Advocate, of the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board. “Many spouses who leave a job due to a permanent change of station often do not realize they may be able to obtain unemployment compensation, depending on the state statute. Additionally, those spouses, as well as civilian employees notified of a layoff, may be eligible for education and training assistance.

“We want to encourage those spouses who left their jobs to come to Cannon, are leaving their jobs to PCS due to the new mission, and those civilian personnel notified of a lay off to contact the

Department of Labor to inquire about unemployment insurance and to contact the New Mexico Workforce Connection Center to determine if they are eligible for education and training assistance,” Mrs. Guzman said.

There is no charge for the eligibility screening or for any of the workforce services, which also may provide assistance with childcare, transportation, work related expenses and other training and support services.

For more information on these services or applications for the program, visit www.connections.nm.org or contact the New Mexico Workforce Connection at one of the following locations:

Clovis — 1401 N. Main Street
763-3155

Portales — 100 S. Ave. A, Suite 110
356-4720



NEWS

Banking class can save Airmen from becoming fraud victims

Story and graphic by
Janet Taylor-Birkey

27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

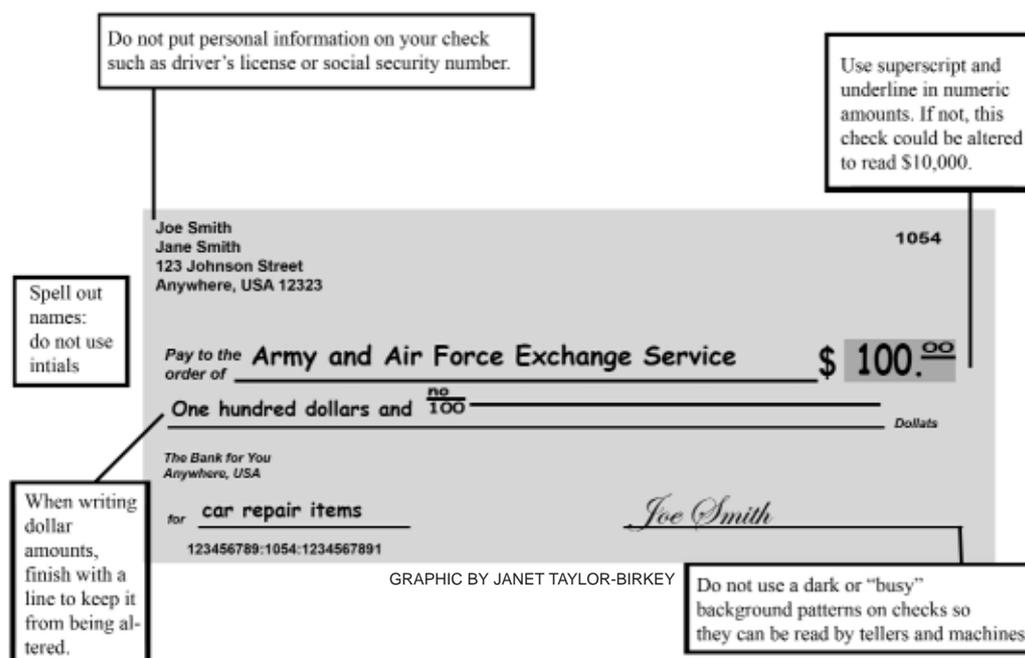
The old joke goes, "I can't be out of money: I still have checks," and was obviously spoken by someone who does not manage their bank account very well. Fortunately, Airmen can get help with this important task

"This [checking account management class] isn't the most exciting class," said Linda Sapp, Family Readiness Technician with Cannon's Airman and Family Readiness Center, "but if you take the time, it can save you a lot of grief."

Financial readiness means mission readiness, and it is difficult to focus on a job when the mind is consumed with financial distress. To minimize that distress, Mrs. Sapp said that Airmen need to keep a register of transactions, even if they don't use checks and rely exclusively on a debit or checking card.

She said far too many people believe they don't need a check register because they go online to find their bank balance or simply call the bank.

"How many of you think the bank



GRAPHIC BY JANET TAYLOR-BIRKEY

never makes a mistake?" she asked the class.

When counseling Airmen about their finances, Mrs. Sapp said it appears many believe their purchase transactions will be denied if there is not enough money to cover them, but that is not always the case.

Banks often cover the charge, but also charge the customer large over-

draft protection fees. While overdraft protection may seem like a security net, it is not a way to increase financial security. These overdraft fees can add hundreds of dollars to purchases for relatively minor items. In fact, 46 percent of all overdraft fees are due to ATM and point-of sale debit transactions, according to the Center for Responsible Lending.

Mrs. Sapp offers these tips to help keep bank accounts in good shape:

- When making a transaction, it needs to be noted in a register.

- Don't use initials (BX, AAFES, etc.) when writing checks because someone could change the wording on your check.

- Superscript numerals in the numeric amount box, so that a small amount does not look like hundreds of dollars.

- Draw a line after the written amount on a check so no one can add anything to the amount.

- Set a floor for your bank account: an amount your account will not go beneath.

- Use actual figures in account register: do not round up or down. If figures are rounded they will never balance.

"You work 160 hours a month," said Mrs. Sapp. "Take a few minutes to make sure your money is working for you. That is the way to financial security."

Airmen who need help balancing their bank accounts can call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 784-4228.

Senior leaders address deployments, total-force concept

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates

Air Force News Agency

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The Air Force has been deployed to the Middle East in one fashion or another for more than 16 years and, according to the service's top officer, Airmen should expect this trend to continue for at least the next 10.

"I believe we will be in the Middle East for a very long time yet," said Gen. T. Michael Moseley, the Air Force chief of staff.

This means Airmen will continue to deploy to the region and take part in the fight against terrorism. Because of this, the general said there are several issues that need to be addressed within the Air Force's air and space deployment cycles.

One of these is making sure everyone who is eligible to deploy does so.

"Right now on any given day there are 10,000 Airmen who are listed as nondeployable because of some medical reason," General Moseley said.

Of these 10,000 Airmen around 5,000 have medical issues that would keep them from deploying — issues such as pregnancy, broken bones or diseases. The other 5,000 may also have physical problems, but these are ailments that may not exclude them from deploying or that can be taken care of while deployed. High-quality medical care is available at most deployed locations.

For this reason, there are new regulations that will make it harder for individuals to be released from their deployment cycles.

The goal is to have every available Airman assigned to an air and space expeditionary force cycle. This will decrease the number of individuals who receive short- or no-notice deployments due to last-minute shortfalls.

"We are an expeditionary Air Force," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "With that said, every Airman needs to be physically, mentally and spiritually ready to deploy."

However, both General Moseley and Chief McKinley are quick to point out that this is not a widespread problem in the Air Force. There are over 600,000 people in the Air Force and the 5,000 or less who may be excluded from deployments for unexpected medical issues equates to a very low percentage. On the whole, Airmen are doing what's asked of them and more while deployed across the globe.

Another issue the general addressed was deployment lengths. While most AEF rotations are about 120 days, some have recently increased to 180 days.

"I don't want to do that," General Moseley said. "I'm looking at this hard to determine if 120-days is the way to go."

The reason is footprint. If an air frame stays in theater for more than 120 days, there is phase maintenance that needs to be performed on the aircraft. This

means more maintainers are needed to work on the aircraft and more people are needed to support these maintainers.

"There is no difference in the way we do business if we deploy for 90- or 120-days," General Moseley said. "But once we go above the 120 mark, then we will be increasing our unit size by upwards of 15 percent and spending a lot more money to do so."

Recent force shaping initiatives have also impacted the Air Force's deployment cycle. The Air Force is half as large as it was during the Cold War era, but 10 times as busy, General Moseley said.

"Every day 53 percent of our Airmen are committed to a combatant commander," he said. "That's more than the Army, the Navy and the Marines."

This shows the importance of the total-force concept, he added. The Air Force is a team, made up of active, Guard and Reserve Airmen who work together to accomplish the mission.

"You can't look at an Airman and tell if he or she is active, Guard or reserve," General Moseley said. "We all wear the same uniform, do the same jobs and help make this Air Force the best in the world."

Most of this is due to the quality people that make up this force.

"We are the smartest, most educated and technologically proficient service on the planet," the general said. "But what we accomplish, we accomplish together."



COMMENTARY

African-American History Month: 'Heroes for all Americans'

By Lt. Col. George Farfour
595th Operations Support Squadron commander

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – February, as African-American History Month, is a time to reflect on the contributions of African-Americans to our country. Though no single article can adequately cover African-American history justly, few areas can rival the vast participation of African-Americans in war.

African-Americans came to the aid of their country every time it called. From the foundations of independence to the sands of Iraq, African-American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines demonstrated that they too have a fierce love of country and a stubborn fortitude to succeed in battle.

African-Americans stand proud in our fighting history and deserve their rightful place in the study of that history.

From Crispus Attucks, who was killed by British soldiers during the Boston Massacre in 1770, to the freed and escaped slaves of the Civil War, through the Buffalo soldiers of Wild West fame to the Tuskegee Airman and right up to today, there has been no shortage of African-American patriots. Here are just a few.

The 369th Infantry Regiment, a "colored" New York National Guard unit known as the "Black Rattlers" fought in World War I under the French 4th Army and achieved amazing battlefield successes. Despite the obvious racial prejudices of the time, they earned an impressive number of awards for valor receiving more than 171 decorations. The entire regiment received France's prestigious Croix de Guerre. While they still had to ride on the back of the bus, their heroics were so well-known that they led the New

York City World War I victory parade.

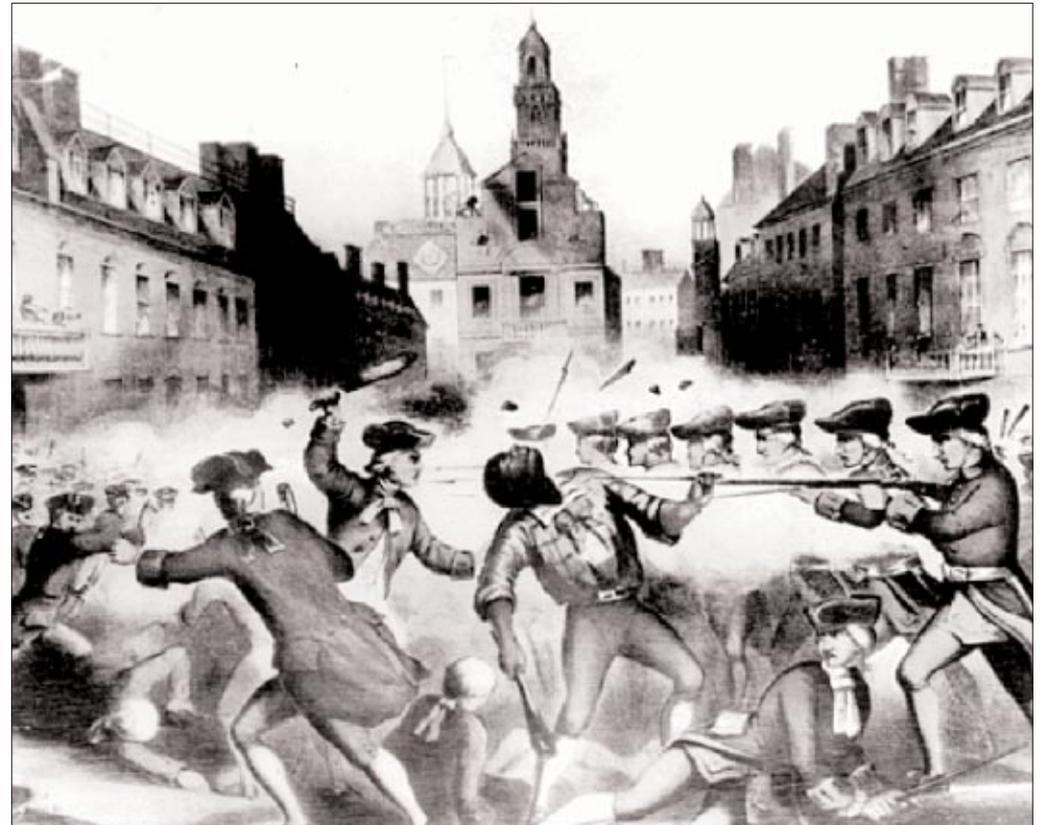
World War II brought forth another wave of distinguished African-American patriots. On the USS West Virginia, Doris Miller, a cook third class, was up early the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. As he served breakfast, explosions rocked the mighty ship and he went to the upper deck. Seeing flames, chaos and death, Petty Officer Miller first aided his wounded commanding officer, taking him to safety. Then he took up a station at one of the many unmanned machine guns and began firing.

Although he was trained only as a cook with no instruction in the use of the automatic weapon, Petty Officer Miller reportedly downed two Japanese aircraft before the attacks stopped. He never left his post during the hours of the attack, a post he assumed out of necessity. The commander of the Pacific Fleet, Navy Adm. Chester Nimitz, personally presented Petty Officer Miller with the Navy Cross, an award for valor second only to the Medal of Honor.

Vietnam saw Army Pfc. Milton Olive III receive the Medal of Honor for an act of bravery few people in any war have equaled. Private Olive's unit was under heavy enemy attack from the Viet Cong. As the enemy fled the counterattacks of Private Olive's 3rd Platoon, a few VC turned back and threw grenades.

One grenade landed in the midst of Private Olive, three buddies and the platoon leader. Olive grabbed the grenade and covered it with his body, absorbing the blast and saving his fellow soldiers while ensuring success of the counterassault.

At the White House ceremony to present the Medal of Honor posthumously to Private Olive's parents, President Johnson summed up the reason



HISTORICAL LITHOGRAPH BY JOHN BUFORD

This 1856 lithograph depicts what is believed to be Crispus Attucks who was the first of five men killed in the Boston Massacre in 1770. Attucks is believed by some to have been a runaway slave who became a sailor on a whaling ship.

we should remember the example of Private Olive and others like him: "In dying, he taught those of us who remain how we ought to live."

Another Vietnam war hero, Col. Fred Cherry, endured torture, solitary confinement and repeated beatings as a prisoner of war for more than seven years. He was brutally tortured when he refused to sign statements that the United States was a racist country or make broadcasts encouraging African-American Soldiers not to fight. Even after suffering the most brutal torture, he never gave in to his captors, telling them, "You'll have to kill me before I denounce my country."

All of these men practiced and validated ideals that are uniquely American. As Americans, we should look at these examples and so many more – not just in February, but all year – to remind us that all Americans contribute to the preservation of what makes America great.

Hopefully, through role models like these African-Americans, we can all live Colonel Cherry's words, "Race has nothing to do with it – I'll succeed because I'm good," both in our own goals and how we look at others. Their ability to do just that is what makes them not just heroes to African-Americans, but heroes to all Americans.

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NEWS

This week's Viper Volunteers are



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT MACKAY

Wild Wild West Night

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander (right), presents the Officers Spouses' Club Wild Wild West Night volunteers with the Viper Volunteer award. (Left to right) Lisa Wood, Eva Rengerling, Tracy Jones, Heidi Killion, Julie Roberts, Jane West and Mary McDaniels contributed their time to raising 20 percent more than the previous year for the OSC's Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are given to eligible military spouses to pursue higher education.

The Viper Volunteer highlights the spirit of volunteerism and contributions to the Cannon community. To nominate a someone, call 784-4228.



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

The Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) is not worn:
— in restaurants where most other diners wear business attire;
— at establishments that operate primarily to serve alcohol;
— while attending off-duty education conducted off a military installation.
BDU wear is optional:
— for short convenience stops (including shopping malls);
— at local establishments where people wear comparable civilian attire.



Energy-Saving Tip of the Week

During the winter, keep draperies and shades on south-facing windows open during the day to allow sunlight to enter the home.

Keep drapes closed at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.



NEWS FEATURES

Thrift Savings Plan accounts compromised

Courtesy of www.tsp.gov

According to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Web site at www.tsp.gov, all servicemembers and Department of the Air Force civilians should be aware of a method used to steal funds from their TSP accounts and to encourage personnel to safeguard online personally identifiable information (PII).

In December 2006, the personal computers of several TSP participants were infected with keylogging software, allowing criminals to record all key strokes made by the participant without the participant's knowledge, to include the participant's TSP personal identification number (PIN) and other account information. Approximately two dozen participants had relatively small amounts withdrawn from their accounts and electronically forwarded to fraudulent accounts. Total amount of loss involved is approximately \$35,000, and all affected participants have been notified.

The TSP system has not been breached, according to the Web site's security news section. The compromises took place when keyloggers monitored each keystroke as participants entered their TSP information into their personal computer. The U.S. Secret Service has advised that such personal information is increasingly available

on keylogger lists for sale through criminal networks.

Keystroke logging (keylogging) is a diagnostic used in software development that captures the user's keystrokes. It can be useful to determine sources of error in computer systems and is sometimes used to measure employee productivity on certain clerical tasks. However, such systems are used by computer hackers, providing a means to obtain passwords or encryption keys, thus bypassing other security measures.

Participants using the TSP Web site www.tsp.gov, or any web site involving PII, should be vigilant and protect their computers. Although the TSP cannot be responsible for participants' negligence or poor security practices, the TSP will ensure their web page security is current and the risk of fraudulent activity reduced to the greatest extent possible. The TSP will be implementing additional security measures in the near future.

Recommended actions:

Individuals whose computers are not protected with updated security software (i.e. firewalls, anti-virus, and spyware detection) are most vulnerable to compromises by keylogging software. The Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations offers free protection software for Department of Defense personnel to use on home computers. Users can access the following link from a .mil

computer system and authenticate with a computer access card (CAC) and PIN: www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/home_use.htm. Alternatively, users can request a copy of home antivirus and firewall software from their Client Support Administrator.

All participants are urged to ensure the adequacy of security on their computers by installing keylogger protection and promptly closing their browser after each visit to their TSP account on the web site. These steps will reduce your exposure, and these practices should be followed for all on-line access to any financial account.

The TSP Web site advises Airmen to securely close an Internet site you have logged into, first log off the site (usually a button on the page will allow this), then close your browser by clicking the X at the top of your internet screen. Closing a browser (or hitting the 'back' button/arrow) does not guarantee that your secure session has been terminated, and logging off a web site alone does not clear your browser's memory.

Users are encouraged to use only their private computers for personal financial use. Public-use computers, such as those found in Internet cafes, are not a secure means of conducting personal business, since there is no way for the user to determine that the machine is secure and free of malicious logic (spyware, keyloggers, etc.)

New technology takes the pain out of major dentistry

By Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokeres
23rd Wing Public Affairs

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Dental work for deploying Moody Airmen that once took six weeks can now be accomplished at the dental clinic in a number of hours, thanks to a new computer-based system now in use.

The \$64,000 system frees laboratory technicians from the time-consuming process of molding plaster, shaping wax, forging metal and then overlaying porcelain, said Tech. Sgt. Jason Shirey, 23rd Aerospace-Dental Squadron laboratory technician.

"Prior to the usage of the new system, if you made any mistakes in certain parts of the process, you needed to start over from scratch," Sergeant Shirey said.

With the new technology, a silicone mold of the prepared area and the teeth around it is made and scanned into a computer-aided manufacturing system.

The dental assembly is created digitally from a database and adjusted virtually in minutes.

With a single press of a mouse button, the milling machine grinds a \$20 block of machine-millable ceramic into an inlay, overlay, crown or veneer

in about 20 minutes, said Sergeant Shirey.

"All that's required after it comes off the machine is a 15-minute glazing of shaded porcelain and the tooth repair is ready to be permanently cemented into place," he said.

The new system gives the dental clinic more options on how to handle each individual situation, said Staff Sgt. Victoriano Aurea, 23rd Aerospace-Dental Squadron laboratory technician.

"If you need something for a single tooth, we can do that all in-house," he said. "If you need a bridge or a larger assembly, our laboratory can still make it the traditional way, or we can design it digitally and send the file to the area dental lab at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. The ADL is equipped with a special high-temperature oven that cures and strengthens the composite materials you need to use for those pieces."

The system is also a force multiplier for the laboratory staff.

"It's like having two technicians in the laboratory," said Sergeant Shirey. "I can hit the 'grind' button and design another crown while the first is being made by the computer."

For the time being, the process is not intended for every customer, but



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. PARKER GYOKERES

Using new dental technology, a camera scans a casting or mold and sends an extremely high resolution three-dimensional image to the modeling computer. The item needed is then created in a virtual environment and either transmitted to the Area Dental Lab, or created in-house on a precision milling machine. The \$64,000 computerized milling system shortens the processing time to create crowns and bridges from six weeks to a couple of hours.

the high number of short-notice deployments from here made the system a good match for Moody, said Sergeant Shirley.

"If you don't need to leave on short notice, your dentist may prefer to stick

to more traditional methods," he said. "But now, if you need to get on that plane and deploy with your team today, we can fit you a permanent crown about six hours after your dentist orders one."



Hearts Apart

Left behind doesn't mean left alone



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Find out more about *Hearts Apart* by calling the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 784-4228.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the Week

This male Australian shepherd mix puppy is available for adoption. He is tan and white with a medium-smooth coat. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 784-4228.

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chapel. The class is video-based instruction from Dr. Kevin Leman, titled "Making Children Mind without Losing Yours." For more information, call 784-2507 or 784-2381.

Officers Spouses' Club

The OSC will hold Crystal Bingo at 11 a.m. Thursday at The Landing. All spouses of officers are invited to attend with their invited guests.

For more information, call Julie Roberts at 784-3818.

27th OSS Fundraiser

Grab a plate of ribs or catfish for \$8 at noon Thursday at Bldg. 155. The 27th Operations Support Squadron is running the fundraiser with a menu of: ribs or catfish, choice of two sides, roll or cornbread, and a slice of pound cake.

Marriage Enrichment Workshop

A marriage workshop, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 23 at La Quinta Inn in Clovis, will address communication issues, conflict resolution and marriage danger signs. It is an official place of duty, and meals, childcare and materials are free.

For more information or to register, call 784-2507 by Feb. 21.

Hearts Apart Bowling

Families with a deployed or remote sponsor are invited to bowl from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 23 at Cannon Lanes. Bowling and shoe rentals are paid for by the Friends of Family Support.

Sign up by Feb. 22 by calling 784-4228.

Reintegration briefings

Servicemembers must attend reintegration briefings when they return from a 30-day or longer overseas deployment.

Agencies such as Life Skills, Family Advocacy, the chapel and legal give members an overview of the reintegration process and outline helping services available.

Briefings are at 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Bldg. 600, room 2059.



SERVICES

Balad Air Base receives new recreation center

By Senior Airman Josh Moshier
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

In one corner, Soldiers and Airmen move to the rhythm of salsa music. In another, several sit on plush leather couches watching the Carolina Panthers battle the New Orleans Saints on the big-screen TV. More play with new video game consoles.

The new recreation center at Balad Air Base, Iraq, is officially open for business.

On a recent Sunday night, Brig. Gen. Robin Rand, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, helped cut the ribbon on the new facility, ushering in the wing's newest effort to promote the morale of its Airmen.

"This is another stage in our growth to make Balad better," the general said. "I've been in a lot of Gucci recreation centers in my career, but I've never seen one nicer than this."

The new center is approximately three times larger than the one it replaces, allowing more Airmen, Sol-

Lt. Col. Derrick Aiken

"Our hope is that this facility helps us on our mission to maintain our No. 1 weapons system."

— 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron commander

diers and Marines to use the center at one time, according to Lt. Col. Derrick Aiken, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron commander.

"No one else in Iraq seems to have a facility like this one," Colonel Aiken said. "This is bigger than the one we have at my home base [Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England]."

The center, which is open 24 hours a day and seven days a week, is free to use for servicemembers and civilians of all ranks and from all branches of service.

There is a charge for some concessions, but the majority of the pro-

ceeds are fed directly back into the recreation center.

In addition to the extra space the new center provides, the theater within the facility is larger and offers theater seating and a surround-sound audio system.

"We plan to show first-run movies shortly after they're shown at the Sustainer Theater on base," Colonel Aiken said. "People can also bring in their own movies and watch them."

The new building left a good first impression on those in attendance.

"This is great," said 1st Lt. Kate Stowe, 332nd AEW protocol. "There's so much more room for everyone to enjoy themselves." And that is the ultimate purpose of the new facility.

"Our hope is that this facility helps us on our mission to maintain our No. 1 weapons system," Colonel Aiken said. "That's our Airmen, Soldiers and Marines who are here to help the country of Iraq transition toward democracy."

AIR FORCE SERVICES 784-2280
BOWLING CANNON LANES

February 14
Valentine's Day

1-5 pm.
Wear red & bowl 3 games for \$3*

School Daze Special • 1:30-4:30pm.
\$5 per child, includes 4 games of bowling, free shoe rental and a fountain drink.
Wild Wednesday Nights • 6-9 pm.
Bowl as many games as you can for \$5 per person.

Wild Wednesdays!!!

COURTESY GRAPHIC



What's happening?



Today

Balloon Time Store – Valentine orders available
Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Japanese – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Flicks for the Chicks – 5 p.m. at the Portales Community Center
DJ – 7 p.m. at the End Zone

Saturday

Yard Sale – 8 a.m. at the Clovis Community Center
2 Best of 3 Tournament – 9 a.m. at the Whispering Winds Golf Course
Valentine 5K Run – 9 a.m. at the Fitness Center
Dollar Daze – 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

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

Monday

Sweetheart Doubles – Monday through Thursday any time lanes are open at Cannon Lanes
3 Games and Burger Basket – Monday through Friday during lunch at Cannon Lanes
Homestyle Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Arabic – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Valentine Dance – 6 p.m. at the Clovis Community Center
Chess Tournament – 5 p.m. at the Portales Community Center

Tuesday

Chef's Choice – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Spanish – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
XBox Challenges – 5 p.m. at the Portales Community Center

Wednesday

Valentine Buffet – 10:30 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills Chinese – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
School Daze Special – 1:30 p.m. at Cannon Lanes
Teen Valentine Day Celebration – 5 p.m. at the Portales Community Center
Wild Wednesdays – 9 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

Thursday

Story Time – 10:30 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Roast Beef – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Conversational Language Skills French – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library
Country Fried Steak – 5 p.m. at The Landing
Chess Club Casual Play – 5 p.m. at the Central Community Center
Family Game Night – 6 p.m. at the Clovis Community Center



FEATURE

'I just wanted to get married'

Former POW newest Hall of Heroes member

By Greg Allen
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It was 1940 and all Hubert Griffith wanted to do was get married. However, to receive permission from his then-girlfriend's father, he had to agree to complete his time in the military.

What he thought would be a year of service turned into a military stint that included 42 months as a Prisoner of War with the famed "Lost Battalion" – a unit whose very existence and the condition of its men were unknown to America throughout World War II.

The Airman Leadership School's Class 2007-C inducted the former Pfc. Griffith into the ALS Hall of Heroes Feb. 2 in recognition of dedication to his nation and his perseverance as a prisoner.

Mr. Griffith joined the Texas National Guard on Oct. 8, 1940. After completing initial training as an artilleryman, he returned home and married his wife, "Jo" on Oct. 15 1941. They expected to be stationed stateside.

"We had been mobilized and figured we would be stationed at Fort Sill [Okla.]," recalled Mr. Hubert. But he found himself transferred to 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery Regiment, 31st Infantry Division that soon headed by train to Angel Island near San Francisco, a Pacific embarkation point. The unit was ordered to Australia.

The unit sailed on Nov. 21, 1941 and arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii seven days later. The unit first headed to

Australia and on Jan. 1, 1942 the battalion was on Java. The battalion was the only American combat unit to reach the Netherland East Indies before the Dutch fell to the Japanese.

When the Japanese invaded Java, the 131st used its artillery and salvaged machine guns from destroyed B-16s. The Dutch unconditionally surrendered the island to the Japanese after threats against made against the women and civilians on the island.

Pfc. Griffith and his battalion of 534 Soldiers had become prisoners of war.

The men were shipped to Burma and Thailand where they chopped down jungle trees and hand-built roadbeds and bridges. Their efforts, done while enduring dysentery, malaria and starvation, became the basis for the 1957 movie, "Bridge on the River Kwai," starring William Holden and Alex Guinness. A total of 133 men from the unit died on that project, part of the 20,000 who died building what was called "The Burma-Siam death railway."

Mr. Griffith recalls that prisoners were regularly beaten and physically and emotionally humiliated, but said that he was slapped only once.

"They would knock you down and force you to get back up," he explained. In his case a guard had just finished beating another prisoner and saw Pfc. Griffith staring at him. The guard approached and slapped him across the face.



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Hubert Griffith speaks with Tech. Sgt. Charles Jenkins and Master Sgt. Kimberly Justice shortly before his induction into the Airman Leadership School Hall of Heroes Feb. 2. Sgt. Jenkins is an ALS flight instructor and Sgt. Justice is the ALS flight chief.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

Hubert Griffith, the newest member of the Airman Leadership School's Hall of Heroes, spent 42 months as a prisoner of war in the Pacific during World War II.

"Griff, they busted your eardrum," a buddy later told him pointing to the blood running down his ear.

"That's his blood, not mine," was Pfc. Griffith's reply, who said the guard's hand probably got bloodied from beating another prisoner.

As with virtually all the other prisoners, Mr. Griffith suffered from malaria, malnutrition and beriberi, a disease caused by a 42-month diet of only rice.

The battalion was nicknamed the Texas Lost Battalion by the news media because



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

A shadow box was presented to former Pfc. Hubert Griffith by the Airman Leadership School Class 2007-C on Feb. 2 during his induction into the ALS Hall of Heroes.

no one, including the War Department knew their status after Java fell.

The battalion was rescued at the end of World War II and returned to a parade in Texas on Oct. 23, 1945. Among Mr. Griffith's awards are the POW medal for the 42 months he endured, or, as he said "1,286 days." He also received the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After his service Mr. Grif-

fith retired as a pharmacist and is now the chaplain for the Texas POW organization.

And his marriage? He and his wife "Jo" celebrated their 66th anniversary in October. They have three children, daughters Rita Westfall from Clovis, N.M. and Barbara Griffith from Plainview, Texas and son, David from Fort Worth, Texas. They also have seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Unit Spotlights



Cannon Communications and Information Award Winners

**Communications and Information
Outstanding Company Grade Officer**
1st Lt. Moroni Booth,
27th Maintenance Group

**Communications-Computer Systems
Outstanding Airman**
Airman 1st Class Brandon Cross,
27th CS

**Communications-Computer Systems
Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer**
Master Sgt. Andrea Simms,
27th CS

**Communications-Electronics Systems
Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer**
Staff Sgt. Mark Cobb,
27th CS

**Communications-Computer Systems
Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer**
Tech. Sgt. Jose Rodriguez Jr.,
27th CS

**Air Force Multimedia
Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer**
Staff Sgt. April Wickes,
27th CS

Also nominated for ACC Communications and Information Awards

27th Communications Squadron
Maj. Gen. Paul Stoney Award

27th Fighter Wing Information Assurance
Outstanding Information Assurance Element

LaDona Beevers, 27th CS
Outstanding Civilian Specialist

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL

Chapel services

CATHOLIC

Religious Education	9:15 a.m.
Sunday (grades K-6)	
Sunday Mass	10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Reconciliation	9:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass (M,W,F)	Noon
Edge/LifeTeen youth ministry	6 p.m.
Sunday (grades 7-12)	

PROTESTANT

Contemporary	9 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Gospel	Noon

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

At the Movies

The Cannon Theater is located on Torch and Ingram. Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

Charlotte's Web

Today at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

Description: Fern is one of only two living beings who sees that Wilbur is a special animal as she raises him, the runt of the litter, into a terrific and radiant pig. As Wilbur moves into a new barn, he begins a second profound friendship with the most unlikely of creatures — a spider named Charlotte — and their bond inspires the animals around them to come together as a family. When the word gets out that Wilbur's days are numbered, it seems that only a miracle will save his life.

G – ideal for general audiences

Running Time – 96 min.

Night at the Museum

Saturday at 6 p.m.

Description: Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur: Mayans, Roman Gladiators and cowboys emerge from their diorama to wage epic battles. Amidst the chaos, the only person Larry can turn to for advice is a wax figure of President Teddy Roosevelt, who helps our hero harness the bedlam, stop a nefarious plot and save the museum.

PG – mild action, language and rude humor

Running Time – 109 min.

Code Name: The Cleaner

Sunday at 6 p.m.

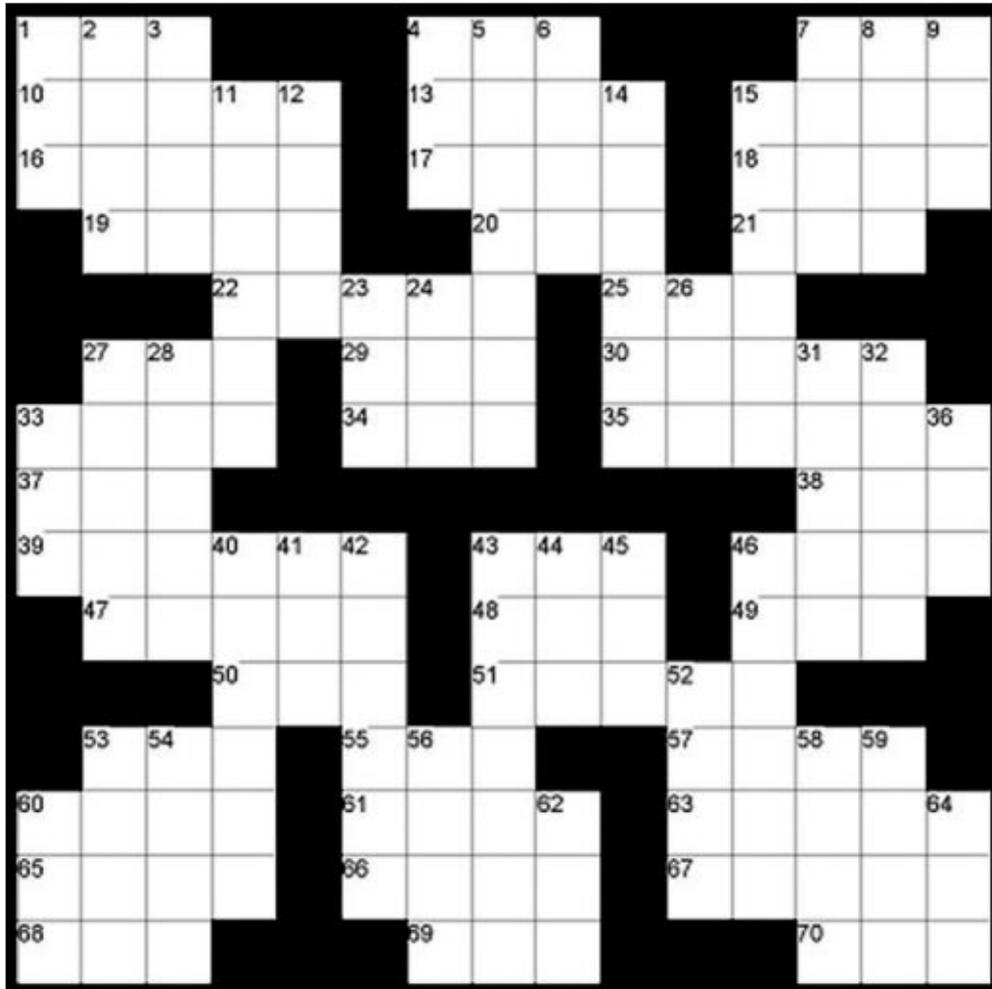
Description: An amnesiac janitor, who is duped into thinking he is an undercover agent, is subconsciously carrying a secret that can link FBI agents with an arms scandal.

PG-13 – sexual content, crude humor and violence

Running Time – 84 min.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



ANSWERS ON PAGE 20

Find the base
AFMC

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing

Across

- 1. Given
- 4. Gun the motor
- 7. USAF health assessment
- 10. Talons
- 13. Expunge
- 15. Radar return
- 16. Yankees manager Joe
- 17. Org. for women's empowerment, labor representation
- 18. Move part
- 19. Drudgery
- 20. Part of USAF
- 21. Night bird
- 22. Name given to PS2, Xbox players
- 25. Also
- 27. Burn residue
- 29. Staff
- 30. Foot and leg joiner
- 33. Small biting fly
- 34. USN rank
- 35. Abdicate
- 37. Cash machine, in brief
- 38. PCS pay entitlement
- 39. Mob member
- 43. That man!
- 46. It's _ _; music goal
- 47. Egyptian city

- 48. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 49. Stimp's pal
- 50. Capture
- 51. Cloth for parachutes
- 53. Raiders of the Lost _ _ _
- 55. You can't tell a book by _ _ cover
- 57. _ _ dear; cherish
- 60. Lotion ingredient
- 61. Amiable
- 63. Homer's epic poem describing the siege of Troy
- 65. Close by
- 66. Clump about
- 67. Curiously
- 68. Homer's neighbor
- 69. Mil. org. with HHG
- 70. Observe

Down

- 1. Perform
- 2. Story line
- 3. Poi starter
- 4. Marina del _ _
- 5. AFMC base home to AFFTC, 95 ABW
- 6. Veni, Vidi, _ _; I came, I saw, I conquered
- 7. Tiller
- 8. AFMC base home to OOA-ALC, 75 ABW
- 9. Mock
- 11. _ _ _-Patterson; AFMC base home to AFMC HQ, ASC, 88 ABW
- 12. Actress Ward

- 14. Genghis Khan tribe member
- 15. AFMC base home to 311 HSW, USAFSAM
- 23. Mil. food in the field
- 24. Long time
- 26. Single
- 27. Playful
- 28. South Pacific island
- 31. Elastic
- 32. AFMC base home to AAC, 96 ABW
- 33. North American predaceous freshwater; needlefish
- 36. _ _ King Cole
- 40. AFMC base home to OCA-ALC, 72 ABW
- 41. Epoch
- 42. AFMC base home to WR-ALC, 78 ABW
- 43. Base home to 66 ABW
- 44. Freezing
- 45. Actor, director Gibson
- 46. AFMC base home to AEDC
- 52. State home to 11 DOWN
- 53. Away from the wind
- 54. Path
- 56. Bias
- 58. Covers
- 59. Glen
- 60. Author Coulter
- 62. Self-esteem or Self-image
- 64. Color



SPORTS AND HEALTH

Air Force kicks off NASCAR season at Daytona

By Maj. Sean McKenna

Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force begins its seventh year of sponsorship in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series when the No. 21 car begins the 2007 season Feb. 10 at the Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway, Fla.

The Air Force No. 21 car, owned by Wood Brothers Racing/JTG Organization, features a new paint scheme this season as well as a new driver, Jon Wood.

The Air Force is both a primary and associate sponsor of the No. 21 car. As primary sponsor, the car will feature the Air Force paint scheme in eight of 38 NASCAR races this season, beginning with the Budweiser Shootout. Other races include Las Vegas on March 11; Richmond, Va., on May 5; Concord, N.C., on May 27; Daytona on July 7; Pocono, Pa., on Aug. 5; Bristol, Tenn., on Aug. 25; and Dover, Del., on Sept. 23.

Jon Wood, a fixture on the NASCAR Busch Series, will drive the car in all but one of eight races the

Air Force is the primary sponsor. Veteran No. 21 driver Ken Schrader will race the Air Force car during the Budweiser Shootout, having won the event in both 1989 and 1990.

“Having a chance to represent the Air Force is an honor,” said Mr. Wood, 25. “It means getting a chance to represent the men and women who put their lives on the line around the world every day so we can enjoy the freedoms we do.”

Air Force Recruiting Service, which oversees the sponsorship and marketing of the Air Force No. 21 car, sees the association with the Wood Brother/JTG as a fantastic opportunity for race fans to learn more about the Air Force.

“The Air Force recruits the best young men and women possible to fill our highly skilled and technical jobs, and NASCAR is a great venue to get people interested in what the Air Force has to offer,” said Master Sgt. Rupert Brown, who heads up the NASCAR event marketing team at AFRS. “The Air Force is excited to begin a new racing season at Daytona.”



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT REED

Jon Wood, the driver of No. 21, the Air Force car in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, shows off the car's new paint scheme Jan. 25. The Air Force begins its seventh year of sponsorship in the NASCAR races when No. 21 begins the 2007 season Feb. 10 at the Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway, Fla.

MacDill riders star in DoD motorcycle safety DVD

By Nick Stubbs

6th Air Mobility Wing

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — It was lights, cameras and action on the set at MacDill AFB the end of January and early February as trained motorcycle riders revved their high-powered bikes and dashed through a makeshift road course on the flightline.



COURTESY PHOTO

Airmen ride their motorcycles while a video crew shoots footage for a new motorcycle safety DVD at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. The video will be a part of a safety DVD used by the military and is set to release in the spring.

Their movie is destined for DVD release in the spring, although you will not find it at your local video store because the film is a safety and skills training tool for the Air Force and Department of Defense.

Richard Garsnett, a safety and occupational health specialist at Scott AFB, Ill., is heading up the effort, headlined by pro rider Dennis Kuhn and several volunteer riders from MacDill AFB.

“We selected [MacDill AFB] for its diversity and the various services represented here,” Mr. Garsnett said. “We got what we wanted in a very diversified group of sport bike riders.”

The script was simple. Send the volunteer riders through a training course designed to challenge riding and safety skills, but foul weather threatened to let down the crew looking for sunny Florida skies for a backdrop. But by Feb. 1, the clouds parted and it was a wrap.

“We got some beautiful sunshine and just what we wanted for the video,” Mr. Garsnett said.

The safety program DVD got its start last year when a Tiger Team was formed of members from several major commands to map out a sports bike program. MacDill AFB Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne, named rider coach of the year in 2006, is a member. There were several goals of the program, but reducing the number of accidents and saving lives are

the primary objective.

A training policy, methodology and curriculum were created and an instructional video was scripted. The target audience is Airmen aged 27 and under, as they make up the majority of sport bike enthusiasts.

“Mostly were talking about younger people,” Mr. Garsnett said. “They are into the scene and have the performance bikes we are talking about.”

It's that performance that often leads to disaster, he added, which is why the safety video and riding training is so important.

“It's easy to get into trouble on these machines,” he said.

The power and speed modern sport bikes can achieve must be respected, said Master Sgt. James Middleton, a safety specialist with the MacDill AFB Safety Office. He heads the motorcycle safety course held monthly on base that has trained many service-members in proper safety and accident avoidance techniques.

“It's a big area of safety concern in the Air Force,” he said. “Motorcycle accidents and fatalities are a reality.”

Mr. Garsnett said the \$300,000 video production is scheduled for completion at the end of February. The DVD will be used throughout the Air Force, and hopefully by other branches of the military.



SPORTS SHORTS

Texas Hold'em
February 9 @ THE LANDING
 SIGN-UPS START AT 6 pm. TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 7 pm.
 \$7 For meal only or \$15 Members • \$20 Non-Members Entry Fee includes Buffet

1st Place • \$300 Gift Card
2nd Place • \$200 **3rd Place** • \$100
4th Place • \$50 gift card

COURTESY GRAPHIC

Cannon Lanes 784-2280

Dollar Daze — Bowl for \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes Saturday. If there is a wait for lanes, players will be limited to three games.

Valentine Day Special — Wear red and bowl three games for \$3 from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Sweetheart Doubles — A mixed doubles no-tap tournament will be held where couples may bowl anytime. Lanes are available Monday through Thursday for \$20. Players may enter as many times as they wish. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top scorers. Results will be posted Feb. 20.

Wednesday Specials — Students receive discounts from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Bowl four games and receive free shoes and a drink for \$5.

Everyone can bowl as many games as possible from 6 to 9 p.m. for \$5 per person.

Youth Center 784-2747

Youth activities for "Tweens (ages 9-12) and Teens (ages 13-18)

- Today — 3 on 3 Basketball
- Tuesday — Free-throw Contest
- Wednesday — Valentine's Day dances
- Thursday — Soccer

Whispering Winds

Golf Course 784-2800

2 Best of 3 Tournament — 9 a.m. shotgun start Saturday with a \$15 entry fee. Three-person teams are assigned by the tourney committee. The two best balls of the three players are selected for scoring. Lunch and closest to pin contests are included.

Senior Days — Senior golfers, 50 years and older, receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals on Monday and Friday.

Retiree Wednesdays — Golfers with retired military ID card receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals.

Sun Country Handicap Membership — Annual \$25 membership fees are now due. Renewal deadline is Feb. 28. If handicaps are not renewed by this date, they will be cancelled.

Fitness Center 784-2466

Valentine 5K and Sweetheart Couples 5K runs — Compete as a team at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Fitness Center. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: top three males, top three females and top two couples.

Outdoor Rec. 784-2773

Ski Santa Fe — Experience the 12,075 foot summit which is part of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. These mountains have 1,725 vertical feet of skiing and 67 runs winding through the country. This trip, leaving March 10, costs \$40 for transportation, ski equipment and snacks. Lift tickets will be purchased at a group rate if at least 20 people sign up by March 5.

End Zone 784-4283

DJ — A DJ plays from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at the End Zone.

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