

## Airman uses training to help injured motorists

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

A Hurlburt Field firefighter recently provided medical assistance for two motorists involved in a car accident in Mary Esther.

Airman 1st Class Paul Dean, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department, was driving down Hollywood Boulevard when he noticed the accident scene.

Airman Dean said it was instinct that made him stop to help the victims that day.

"When we go through the fire academy," Airman Dean said, "the motto is 'Courage to act, and the ability to perform.'"

Upon arrival, Airman Dean, who has been certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and trained as a First Responder, assessed the situation as non-critical.

"I could tell by the little amount of damage done that nobody was seriously injured," Airman Dean said.

However, because the women were complaining of chest and back pains, which could possibly be spinal or chest related injuries, Airman Dean took precautions to make sure they remained still.

"As soon as I got there, I opened the driver's door and performed immobilization on the lady in the driver seat," Airman Dean said, "while another staff sergeant, who had stopped on his way to work at the base medical clinic, assisted the other lady in the car."

Airman Dean and the staff sergeant were able to keep the women stabilized and calm until fire and rescue teams arrived approximately five minutes later.

By assisting the fire and rescue teams in the extrication and packaging of the victims, Airman Dean demonstrated professionalism and selflessness, said Fire Chief Ronald McArtor, City of Mary Esther Fire Department.

"I never thought anything about it," Airman Dean said. "I was just doing my job. I never thought about getting recognition for stopping to help."

## AFAF campaign a success

Hurlburt Field raised more than \$90,000 for this year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. The largest portion of the donations – more than \$41,000 – went to the Air Force Aid Society. Last year the AFAS contributed an eight-to-one return on total assistance to the base community.



An aircraft cockpit as seen through a Special Operator's night vision device. Optometrists trained here April 14-18 to make the vision clearer for aircrew members who use NV devices. Courtesy photo

## Eye docs see Spec Ops

Optometrists' course sheds some light on night vision missions

By Tech Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
Public Affairs

The 16th Medical Group held its annual Air Force Special Operations Command Night Eye Night Vision course here April 14 – 18.

The intense short-course program, led by Capt. (Dr.) Benjamin Franklin, 16th Medical Operations Squadron, is designed to introduce and enhance U.S. Air Force Optometry officers' knowledge in the night vision environment, by involving the requirements of both aviation and ground forces personnel.

Three optometrists: Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kenneth Vanderzeyde, 123rd Medical Squadron,

Kentucky Air National Guard, Louisville, Ky.; Capt. (Dr.) Carl Cembrano and Capt. (Dr.) Neil Horner, both with the 59th Medical Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, participated in the five-day course with the purpose of witnessing the night vision mission first hand.

"The course was remarkable because it helped me as an optometrist understand what my patients go through when using night vision goggles," Doctor Vanderzeyde said.

The doctor also said he was thoroughly impressed with how much aircrews rely on NVGs. "It was good for me because it helped me understand how the aircrew can get the full benefit of using NVGs."

Learning the night vision

mission and using the goggles provided the optometrists an opportunity to receive classroom instruction as well as hands on experience.

"I enjoyed seeing the aircrews in action," Doctor Cembrano said. "Only a small percentage of optometrists actually experience the aircrew mission. This course helped me understand the visual needs of an aircrew member."

Crews from the 4th, 16th, 19th and 20th Special Operations Squadrons were more than willing to take the eye docs on flying missions, with fixed wing and rotary aircraft, so they could see what it's like for the aircrews to wear and

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# VIEWPOINTS

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Col. Frank Kisner,  
16th SOW commander

# The dangers of DUI

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Kent  
16th Security Forces Squadron

In 2002, according to the Florida Police Chief's Association, impaired driving is the most frequently committed violent crime in America. Every 33 minutes, someone in this country dies in an alcohol-related crash. In the time it takes you to read this information, someone else will die needlessly.

At Hurlburt Field there was an increase of DUI cases from 2001 to 2002. In 2001, there were 33 members involved in DUI incidents on and off the installation, and in 2002, there were 43 members involved. Already this year we've had nine DUI's reported.

For the military, a DUI on or off base

also results in an automatic one-year revocation of base driving privileges, and DUI refusal results in a two-year automatic revocation – not to mention the negative impact on one's career.

For an off-base DUI, in addition to the driver's license revocation from 180 days to one year, one must attend a DUI school and a substance abuse program. The Air Force also requires completion of the Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention Program before being reinstated on base.

There are many programs at the squadron and base level that provide intoxicated persons with a ride home, such as Hurlburt Field's Airman Against Drunk Driving, which is a free service to anyone who calls. All squadrons should have a point of contact for a ride home,

such as a buddy, a co-worker or even a supervisor.

Due to the tireless efforts of many organizations and citizens around the country, alcohol-related traffic deaths have decreased significantly. In the last decade, alcohol-related fatalities dropped from 23,630 in 1988 to 15,786 in 1999, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

This 33 percent drop in alcohol-related deaths is generally attributed to stronger laws, tougher enforcement and effective public education. Today, Americans better understand the impaired driving problem, fewer are driving after drinking, and more are get-

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# Hoaxes, half-truths and lies

By Senior Master Sgt. J.T. Turner  
16th Special Operations Wing  
Information Operations

"An old lady begging for a ride at a shopping mall, turns out to be a crazed killer in disguise."

"Warning, if a guy by the name of SlaveMaster contacts you don't answer. He's killed 56 women that he's talked to on the Internet."

No. Not really. But we continue to receive these types of e-mail warnings daily, both at work and home. With all that's currently happening, we (the Hurlburt Field community) can ill afford to be circulating rumors, hoaxes, half-truths or outright lies.

If you're receiving e-mails – especially urgent ones – dealing with the aforementioned, chances are you're unwittingly participating in the counter-productive spread of criminal intelligence spam.

Here's how: Some folks forward everything they receive, most out of a well-intentioned desire to be part of an informal news service, to their friends

and family. Many of these same people have neither the time nor staff, to verify everything they're forwarding as valid. As a result, many of these rumors, hoaxes and half-truths, which are commonly known as urban legends, gain continued life.

Here are some examples of current urban legends: photographs apparently showing the destruction of the Space Shuttle Columbia; a plea for help to find Penny Brown, a nine year-old girl, who's missing; a warning about seven women dying from sniffing perfume samples; and the age-old favorite claim that Bill Gates will share his fortune with everyone who forwards a specific e-mail on his behalf.

Computers are the primary method to transmit urban legends and other pieces of misinformation. Sending out warnings of ill intention can be as bad as the ill intention itself. Bottom line – e-mail can make for a terrible case of circular reporting and false confirmation.

There are some excellent resources on the Internet to confirm or refute the legitimacy of urban legends, such as

[www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) and [www.urbanlegends.com](http://www.urbanlegends.com).

Here is some excellent information on how to break the circular reporting cycle:

○ Stop forwarding e-mail warnings. If you're concerned about your fellow e-mailers, stop feeding them the warnings and teach them to check it out for themselves.

○ If you feel you must send out the warning, consider starting your own local urban legends product. You may save your co-workers, family and friends time, by stopping the flow of constant warnings and spam messages they have to open and read.

○ Never take an e-mail alert as confirmation. Check the original source. If you don't have time or resources to confirm nor deny, contact an office or agency that does. Don't believe it just because a friend, co-worker or family member sent it to you. Go to a reliable source for confirmation before forwarding. Think before you transmit.

For more information, call 16th Special Operations Wing Information Operations at 884-3442.



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# NEWS



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

## Dirty Dough

Airman 1st Class Kristine Kandybski, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, washes a car in front of J.R. Rockers April 18 as part of an Airman's Council car wash. Approximately 15 volunteers from the council participated to raise money for several of the committee's non-profit organizations. Some of the organizations that will receive the money include: the Bob Hope Village, Habitat for Humanity and Airman Against Drunk Driving. Money will also go toward the cost of t-shirts for Super Day next month.

## Spotlight on ...

### Tiffany Florentine

**Rank/Duty Title:** Airman 1st class/security forces specialist  
**Organization:** 16th Security Forces Squadron

**Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Hobbies:** Sports and fitness

**Contribution to the mission:**

Airman Florentine is fully trained to provide entry control to Hurlburt Field, ensuring security for five restricted areas, 60 controlled areas, other sensitive and high risk facilities and more than 12,500 people who live and work here.

She performs law enforcement duties as a mobile and foot patrol, conducting crime detection and police services coverage of her assigned areas of the installation.

She's also fully qualified to perform duties as an internal/external security response team leader, providing immediate response to possible and actual threats directed against the 16th Special Operations Wing's aircraft, valued at more than \$3 billion.

She was also recently named the Chief's Group Sharp Award winner.

*(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)*

# Families send greetings over airwaves

By Capt. Tom Knowles  
 Public Affairs

Keeping in touch with deployed personnel has never been easier thanks to advances in technology, like the internet and e-mail.

However, as members of the Hurlburt Field community found out Tuesday, not all means of communicating are on the cutting edge.

Thanks to a grass roots effort, people who wish to stay in touch with deployed personnel were briefly provided an older, but just as infamous means of communication...radio.

In an effort to show their support for the men and women in uniform, local officials with TK101 FM radio partnered with the Armed Forces Radio Network to record voice greetings from Hurlburt Field members with friends and loved ones stationed or deployed abroad.

"We've heard from many families who aren't sure where their family members are due to security reasons," said TK 101 program director Joel Sampson. "We hope this is one way to get word to them that their family and the entire Gulf Coast is thinking of them and praying for a safe and speedy return."

More than 30 people recorded greetings during the three-hour opportunity held at the J.R. Rockers VIP room. Among the participants was Airman 1st Class Aaron Huffaker, 16th Contracting Squadron.

"I thought it was a great idea, said



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

**Brian Rider (left), a family member here, records a radio message with "Deano," a DJ with TK101 FM radio, at J.R. Rockers Tuesday.**

Airman Huffaker. "It's really cool that family members will be able to communicate with their deployed members, especially if they're unable to reach them by phone or e-mail."

The greetings were incorporated into a two-hour program and broadcast live in 56 countries Thursday, courtesy of the Armed Forces Radio Network, WYCL-FM Cool 107 and WTKX-FM TK101.

Messages were also recorded at Naval Air Station Pensacola and the Santa Rosa Mall in Fort Walton Beach. Among the

programming line-up was a sampling of American Rock music and wishes of support from several rock-n-roll artists and local celebrities.

"This effort will hopefully boost the morale of all military personnel who are currently deployed," said Mr. Sampson. "We think it's important to thank them for their commitment to serve and provide a means for those family members and loved ones to do the same. It's our way of giving thanks for their dedication and sacrifice."

# AIR FORCE NEWS

## Cargo patrol

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM** — With aircraft landing day and night at Bashur Airfield in northern Iraq, members of the 86th Air Mobility Squadron must stay on the run to unload them quickly. In the two weeks the airmen have been at the base, they've unloaded more than 10 million pounds of cargo.



Courtesy photo

# AAFES 'Team Iraq' serving troops

**DALLAS** — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "Team Iraq" was on hand during the first days of Operation Iraqi Freedom in that country at logistic support areas in Adder and Tallil Air Bases.

In less than a day after arriving at Tallil Air Base, Iraq April 6, the AAFES team was able to begin serving the troops.

Craig Sewell, who's responsible for all operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom exchange services, and Dennis Hatcher, Kuwait area manager, loaded merchandise into an old Toyota Landcruiser with a 50-caliber machine gun mounted on top.

Then, they set out to find their first customers. Along the way, the "combat retailers" managed to stop at five locations around Adder and Tallil.

"We took along the most requested merchandise — cigarettes, snack items, chewing tobacco, baby wipes and Gatorade," said Mr. Hatcher.

Mr. Sewell said some of the items were so

popular that commanders got on their radios to notify vehicles on patrol they were available, and the AAFES team would be heading their way.

The merchandise items had all been carried into Iraq by the AAFES team in backpacks and footlockers via a C-130 Hercules flying at 300 feet off the ground — low-level flying under combat conditions — from Kuwait to Adder.

"Customers were in awe at the amount of merchandise we provided in such short notice," Mr. Sewell said. "It wasn't pretty, but pretty wasn't as important as providing the service. This is real combat shopping in Iraq."

That same day, other members of the team went in search of a permanent "hard site" facility location. They found it, in what Mr. Hatcher referred to as, a "bombed out, trashed out, deplorable looking base."

Nevertheless, April 9 at 6 p.m. — three days after arriving in country — the AAFES team turned an old, 10,000-square-foot gymnasium into an exchange ready for business. (AFP)



Courtesy photo

**The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the intratheater portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for equipment and supplies into hostile areas.**

## Look who's talking: If you had to plan your last meal, what would it be and why?

*"I would eat a big, fat prime rib from Black Angus Steakhouse, with strawberry cheesecake for dessert."*

*"I would cook something that would take a long time to eat, so I could live longer."*

*"I would have my last meal with my family and only the best of mom's home-cooking."*

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## Hurlburt Field honors National Day of Prayer

**By Chaplain (Maj.)  
Scott Adams**  
*16th SOW Chaplain*

Hurlburt Field hosts the 16th Special Operations Wing Commander's Prayer Breakfast in honor of National Prayer Day at the Soundside at 7 a.m. Thursday.

The guest speaker for the breakfast is Chaplain (Col.) Brian Van Sickle, U.S. Special Operations Command Chaplain, who ensures comprehensive spiritual care for all Special Operations Forces.

Special days of prayer have a long-standing history in the American tradition. Setting aside a day of prayer predates the

founding of our country, as the Continental Congress called for a day of prayer for guidance in 1775. Abraham Lincoln called for a day of "humility, fasting and prayer" during the Civil War.

In 1952, Congress established a National Day of Prayer as an annual event. In 1988, the first Thursday in May was designated as the National Day of Prayer.

Americans have always responded to times of crisis with prayer. The current crisis facing our military members today is a reminder that prayer is needed.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast are available through unit first sergeants and the base chapel for \$2. For more information, call the chapel at 884-7795.

## Widow designs coin

**By Doris Johnson**  
*Eglin Air Force Base  
Public Affairs*

When Debra Avery lost her husband, Pilot Maj. Bryan Avery, in a motorcycling accident in New Zealand, she realized the importance of time and support for grieving.

"My Air Force family has given me so much support in returning my husband to the United States, taking care of everything I have needed and just being with me. It has meant so much," Ms. Avery said.

Now, more than three years after Major Avery's untimely passing, Ms. Avery's ready to express her appreciation. She designed a collector's coin for military widows and widowers – the first of its kind.

"I want to say thank you to the Air Force for all of the support they've given me. With this coin, I want Air Force widows and widowers to know they aren't alone," Ms. Avery said.

In grieving for her husband, Ms. Avery said after a while, she felt as if she had lost her identity in the Air Force. She enjoyed life as an Air Force wife, but even with all of the support she had received, at times, she still felt alone in her struggle.

"People need to know there are others who're experiencing the same struggle," Ms. Avery said. "That's why the front of the coin features the words 'United



**The Widow Coin designed by  
Debra Avery.**

retired widows and widowers."

The front of the coin also features three F-22s in missing man formation, with the American flag flying in the background and the inscription, 'In memory of our loved ones who served their country.'

The back of the coin features two hands opened up to an eagle that is bearing stars and stripes. A verse from the Bible is inscribed on the back of the coin: "For those who mourn shall be comforted" from Matthew 5:4.

Ms. Avery recently donated coins to the Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base chapels. Coins may also be purchased through the Army Air Force Exchange Service.

"I hope that when people receive these coins, they'll be comforted," she said. "It's not about religion; it's about finding peace for the pain of grief."

The Air Force widows and widower's coin is available at the Air Force Armament Museum on Eglin AFB, through the Army Air Force Exchange Service by visiting [www.mscebsco.com](http://www.mscebsco.com), or by calling Misty Dotson at 1-800-255-3722.

## Facts about Anthrax

Anthrax is an acute infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. Anthrax most commonly occurs in hoofed mammals, but can also infect humans.

Symptoms of the disease vary depending on how it was contracted, but usually occur within seven days after exposure. The serious forms of human anthrax are inhalation anthrax, cutaneous anthrax and intestinal anthrax.

Initial symptoms of inhalation anthrax infection may resemble a common cold. After several days, the symptoms may progress to severe breathing problems and shock. Inhalation anthrax is often fatal.

Early antibiotic treatment for anthrax is essential because any sort of delay in treatment lessens chances for survival. Anthrax is usually susceptible to penicillin, doxycycline, and fluoroquinolones.

All military personnel who're going to deploy are required to have the anthrax vaccination before departing.

The vaccinations are given in six doses over a period of 18 months: 0-2-4 weeks, 6-12-18 months, plus annual boosters.

Although, those with the following conditions shouldn't receive the vaccination:

- Those who had a serious reaction to the first dose
- Pregnant women
- HIV and immunosuppressed individuals
- Those recovering from cutaneous skin anthrax

Vaccinations are given at the Hurlburt Field Medical Clinic Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on anthrax, visit [www.anthrax.mil](http://www.anthrax.mil).

## Thank you to the military spouse

By Larry Counts  
96th Services Squadron

The 2003 Magnolia Conference will be held May 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Eglin Enlisted King of Clubs for a time of fun and relaxation.

The conference is open to all spouses of active-duty and retired military as well as spouses of Department of Defense civilians.

"The conference is a forum that has been designed to educate, enrich, empower and uplift the members of our military and government civilian community," said Ann Monahan, member of the Eglin Officers' Spouses Club steering committee.

Attendees can create their own schedule from a list of 27 workshops in three separate one-hour sessions taught by area professionals.

Participants can build their day around activities such as: "Grape Expectations: wine etiquette and tasting;" "Girls in the Hood: auto repair & advice;" "Do-able Décor: home decoration tips;" "Strangers

in the Night: self defense techniques;" and "Investing for Women: investing strategies."

"I'm happy to play a part in the military community," said John Morris, from Chans Wine World. "This is a great opportunity for spouses to find interesting diversions to enhance their lives. I'm glad I have this opportunity to help out."

Mr. Morris is back for the second year to teach his class Grape Expectations.

This year's conference has the blessing of the military community and is considered an official function under the auspices of the family support center.

The registration deadline is May 18 and is on a "first come, first served" basis. There are a limited number of early registration opportunities and supplemented childcare slots available to members of the Eglin Air Force Base "Hearts Apart" program.

Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at the following Eglin Air Force Base locations: the enlisted club, the

officers club, the Health and Wellness Center, the base library, the commissary, the Base Exchange, the base chapel and the family support center.

"We began planning this conference back in January to be held in May, which is the 'Month of the Military Spouse'," Ms. Monahan said.

"It's a great opportunity for our spouses to relax and enjoy themselves, while receiving a complimentary lunch and an opportunity to win some door prizes," she continued.

Desley Parker, who's teaching "Put me in Coach," which is about success and well-being, was very precise in stating her reason for taking part in the Magnolia Conference.

"I can't think of a better use of my time, than to honor the families of those men and women who are risking their lives to ensure we enjoy all of the freedoms this country has to offer."

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the conference can call 609-0699.

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# 'Commissary Awareness Month' in May



**FORT LEE, Va.** – May is the second annual Commissary Awareness Month, but many of America's armed service members are deployed overseas. That's like having a party that no one can attend.

"Deployed service members may not need to worry about trips to the commissary, but educating military families and new arrivals about commissary shopping's more important now than ever," said Kaye Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for the Defense Commissary Agency.

"Guard and Reserve personnel are being activated in increasing numbers, sometimes losing a higher paying civilian paycheck," she said. "The changes can be traumatic, both emotionally and financially."

Normally, Guard and Reserve personnel can shop in the commissary a maximum of 24 days per year. During active duty, they receive full military benefits, which includes unlimited commissary privileges.

"The opportunity to save 30 percent or more in grocery shopping can help families living near a commissary," said Ms. Kennedy. "But first we need to get the savings message to them."

In fact, savings for a family of four, shopping regularly in a commissary, can amount to over \$2,400 per year.

"Commissaries worldwide take the opportunity to give special focus to outreach efforts during Commissary Awareness Month," Ms. Kennedy said. "We not only make a special effort to reach Guardsmen and Reservists, but also new active-duty, spouses and families."

"Many stores also hold commissary tours for single service members to let them know the commissary isn't just for those who are married," she said. "Single service members often don't realize they can obtain substantial savings in frozen and convenience foods, snacks, beverages, and health and beauty products."

To extend their outreach efforts during Commissary Awareness Month, several companies have teamed up for a Salute to the Military Family promotion along

with the National Military Family Association, which is a volunteer organization devoted to defending military families and their benefits.

The special promotion will provide additional savings to commissary customers on name brand products. Additionally, participating manufacturers will donate operating funds to NMFA.

In conjunction with the promotion, most commissaries will have limited-edition boxes of "Frosted Flakes," featuring NMFA's 2002 Very Important Patriots. The VIP Program recognizes exceptional military community volunteers.

"Commissaries are an essential benefit and a focal point of the military community," Ms. Kennedy said. "We encourage organizations that support military families, singles, Guardsmen, Reservists and retirees to contact local store directors to arrange a group tour, or to obtain more information that can be passed along to those who may not realize the value of their commissary benefit."

"That's what Commissary Awareness Month is all about." **(DeCA)**

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work with NVGs, Doctor Franklin explained.

"Interacting with aircrews was the best part of the course because I was able to gain a better understanding of how we, as optometrists, can make their lives better," Doctor Horner said.

One of the main objectives of the course is to provide unique readiness in training to U.S. Air Force optometrists, Doctor Franklin explained. In addition, an eye doc with this training will be able to demonstrate proficiency with NVGs and know what aviators and Special Operators can see in a night environment.

"The course is designed to show optometrists the visual demands associated with night environments and any problems they might have when using night vision devices," Doctor Franklin said. "Not only do night missions themselves play a part in the visual demands placed on crews, but also the different crew positions (pilot, navigator, gunner or electronic warfare officer)."

By going through the course, the docs will benefit by enhancing their understanding and capability to evaluate, prescribing optical devices and providing expert consultation to aircrews, according to Doctor Franklin. "The training they received can be put to use at their future assignments."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

**Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kenneth Vanderzeyde peers through an NV-20/20, a device used to test night vision goggles.**

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ting caught when they do.

While alcohol-related fatalities are declining, alcohol involvement's still the single greatest factor in motor vehicle deaths and injuries. Only about five percent of all crashes involve alcohol, but 38 percent of fatal crashes do.

Just one alcohol-related fatality is estimated to cost society \$950,000 and each alcohol-related injury averages \$20,000. Eventually, we all bear the costs of these deadly actions, through taxpayer supported services and programs, higher insurance costs and even higher prices on goods and services.

In the proposed 2003 Florida Driving Under the Influence Legislation, laws are going to get tougher. The proposed changes include: an ignition interlock device to be placed on the offender's car for two years for a second DUI conviction; vehicle forfeiture for the third or subsequent conviction; refusing the breath test will be a first degree misdemeanor; and a third DUI will be considered a felony.

The changes will apply to both DUI and Boating Under the Influence. So it's going to be harder to drink and drive and get away with it! The costs

associated with a DUI are anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000. A typical cab ride is \$15 to \$25.

Here are some DUI facts, from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement:

○About three out every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

○In 2001, 35 percent of all traffic fatalities occurred in crashes, in which at least one driver had a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.

○More than half (54 percent) of all fatal crashes that occurred on weekends in 2001 were alcohol-related, compared to 32 percent during the week.

○Chronic drunk drivers represent only one percent of all weekend drivers. However, they're involved in nearly 50 percent of all fatal crashes occurring on weekends.

○About one-third of all drivers arrested or convicted of driving while intoxicated or DUI are repeat offenders.

○An alarming 68 percent of children killed in alcohol-related crashes were riding in a car with a drinking driver.

○Nearly 97 percent of Americans view drunk driving by others as a major threat to themselves and their families.

So, next time you're out with your friends or coworkers, do us all a favor and leave your car keys at home.

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## SPORTS

## AFSOC volleyball axes Med Group

By Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor  
Public Affairs

The Air Force Special Operations Command intramural volleyball team took out the 16th Medical Group team two games to zero Tuesday at the main fitness center.

Intramural volleyball matches are won by winning two of three games, each game won by the first team to hit 25 points.

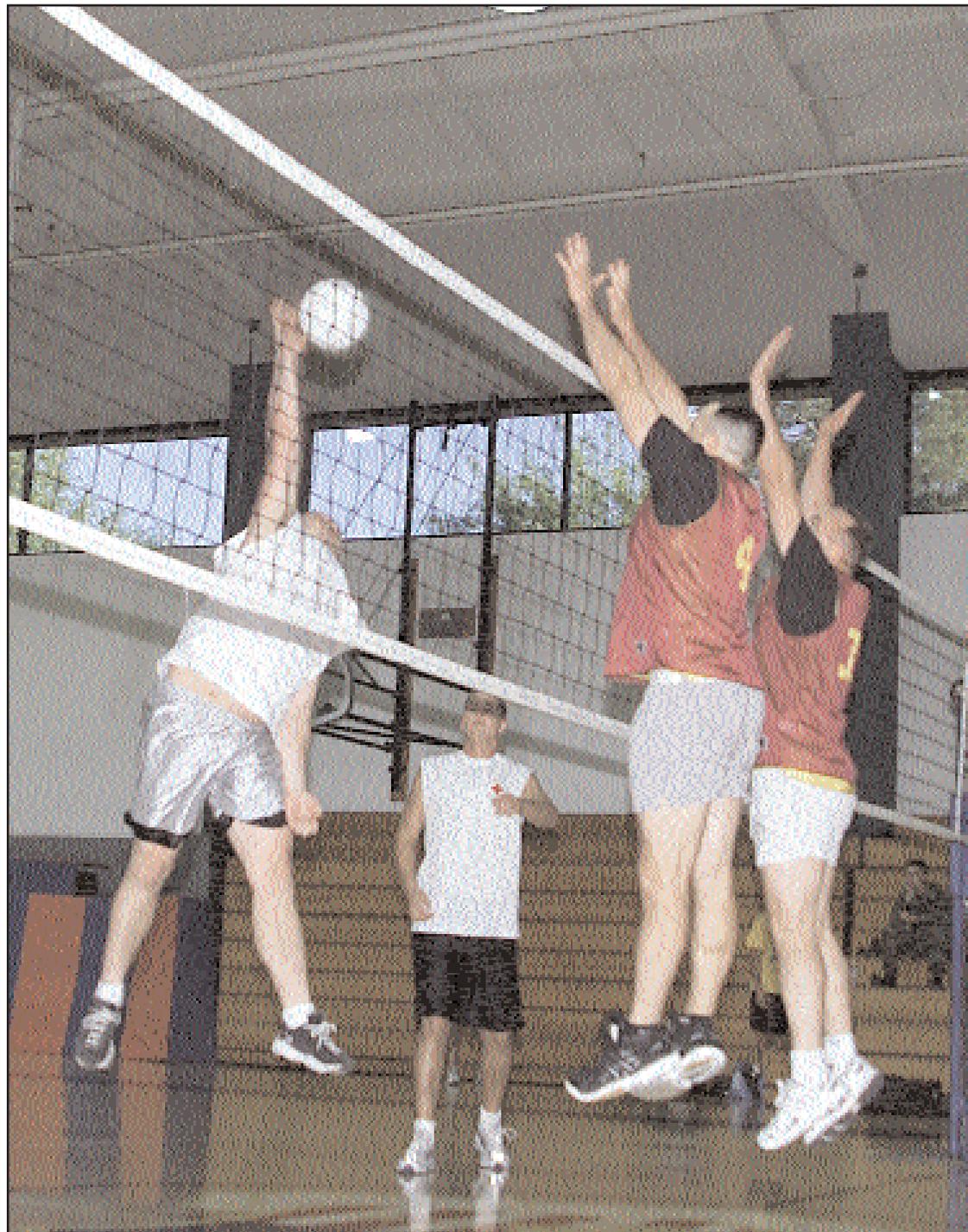
Game one progressed evenly between the teams, until AFSOC got the jump with a 16-8 lead. A momentary burst by the Med Group brought the score close, but it proved futile as AFSOC surged ahead for a 25-17 win.

The second game saw both teams running point-for-point. With the score tied at 16, AFSOC cranked up the steam to polish off the Med Group 25-18 and secure the match victory.

"We have a good team this year," said Chuck Parada, coach of the AFSOC team, last year's intramural champions. "There are a few teams out here that'll give us trouble, but we have good core players. We're in a pretty good position to win again."



Gregory Copeland, AFSOC (above), dives to save the ball. (right) 16th MDG intramural volleyball players volley the ball before spiking it to AFSOC.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Chuck Parada, Air Force Special Operations Command intramural volleyball coach (closest on right), and Gregory Copeland, AFSOC, leap to block a spike launched by a 16th Medical Group player at the main fitness center Tuesday.

## Sports briefs

### Top 3 golf tournament

The Hurlburt Field Top 3 hosts its annual golf tournament May 9 at Gator Lakes Golf Course. The four-man "best ball" tournament begins at 8:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Many prizes are up for grabs, including a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize. Cost is \$35 per person, and registration is limited to the first 30 paid teams. This tournament is open to all people affiliated with Hurlburt Field. For more information or to sign up,

call Master Sgt. Mike Sage at 884-6529 or Master Sgt. Eric Hanson at 884-6203.

### Football officials needed

Officials are needed for the 2003 fall football season. A meeting for training and scheduling by the Miracle Strip Officials Association will be held at Fort Walton Beach Realtors May 5 at 6 p.m. For more information, call Don Dineen at 803-7536, or e-mail [dcineen@cox.net](mailto:dcineen@cox.net).

## LIFESTYLE

## Military

## Hurlburt Top 3

All senior NCOs and master sergeant selects assigned to Hurlburt Field are invited to attend the Hurlburt Top 3 meeting Thursday, 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Hooch. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Ceurvels at 884-8443, or Master Sgt. Bill Anders at 881-5349.

## Superintendent position

The Hurlburt Field Family Support Center superintendent position will be available July 2003. The 3-year controlled tour, described in *AFI 36-3009, Attachment 3*, requires a service member with an E-7 grade or above, with a knowledge of financial and resource management as well as workgroup manager skills. Interested volunteers must submit: a military résumé, the last three Enlisted Performance Reports and a letter of recommendation from their current commander to Sue Breed by Wednesday. For more information, call 884-5441.

## YES program

The first meeting for the Youth Employment Skills program will be May 15, 5:30 p.m. at the teen center. The yearlong program, from June 1 to May 31, is offered to teenage high school students of active-duty military members, as an opportunity to: learn valuable work skills; bank dollar credits toward a post-secondary education; and have a positive impact in their base community.

The program allows students to bank \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. They can accumulate up to 250 hours throughout their four years of high school. In addition, the base will be credited with \$2 for every volunteer hour, which will be used in support of base youth program enhancements. For more information, call Carmen DeVries at 884-6355, or e-mail [Carmen.devries@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:Carmen.devries@hurlburt.af.mil).

## Community

## YMCA military Sundays

In respect to all military members serving during the war, the Fort Walton Family YMCA welcomes active-duty military and their families to enjoy the center's facilities free every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Services available include: an indoor pool, weight room, basketball courts, sauna and steam room.

Also, May 9 there will be a lock-in from 8 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. for family members ages 5-12. Snacks, crafts, swimming and games will be provided. Participants will need to bring: a sleeping bag, pillow, towel and swimsuit. For more information, call 863-9622.

## Ranger open house

The 6th Ranger Training Battalion invites the public to attend their free Open House May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp James Rudder on Lewis Turner Boulevard. Demonstrations throughout the day include: repelling, hand-to-hand fighting, ambush techniques and the reptile class. There will also be a weapons and

equipment display and a display from the dive team. Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the day. For more information, call Capt. Eddie Mills at 882-1164, ext. 105.

## Deployment 'Ditty' bags

The Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base Red Cross stations are collecting deployment iditty bags, which include a variety of disposable items a service member can use or enjoy on a long trip. The bags should include items that are individual serving sizes and individually wrapped for hygiene, recreational or food purposes. Members may also make monetary donations. For a list of items and more information, call the Hurlburt Field Red Cross at 884-6107, or the Eglin AFB Red Cross at 882-5848.

## AFA membership drive

The Hurlburt Field Chapter of the Air Force Association hosts its annual membership drive Thursday through the end of the month, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base mini-mall. Membership is open to all Air Force personnel, to include civilian employees. Membership benefits include: low-cost life insurance, a subscription to the Air Force Magazine, and the opportunity to work with other facets of the Air Force and local community. For more information, call Dick Schaller, chapter president, at 651-3443.

## April CARE events

April is historically recognized as the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commando Agencies Reaching Everyone, a subcommittee of the 16th Special Operations Wing Community Action Information Board, has organized several activities for the month to raise community awareness of child abuse and to provide special activities for military children and their families.

The following have been scheduled for next week:  
**Kids Smooth Move** ñ Tuesday, 4:30 p.m., family support center  
**íCeremony of Remembranceí** ñ Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Wayside Park in Navarre

For more information regarding either of these scheduled events, call Cathy Holmes, family advocacy outreach, at 884-4936.

## APAH Month

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, and the APAH Association along with the military equal opportunity office is seeking military and civilian volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting programs for the observance period. The committee meets Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the MEO classroom in Building 90210, Room 244. For more information about APAH Month, e-mail Chief Master Sgt. Ramon Rogado at [ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil), or call Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

## Finance updates

The new finance hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will take effect Thursday. Also, as of Oct. 1, 2002, the Hostile Fire Pay increased from \$150 to \$225 per month, and the Family Separation Allowance increased from \$100 to \$250 per month. All applicable Hurlburt Field members will receive back pay in their May 1 pay checks. For more information regarding office hours or to submit back pay inquiries, call 884-4110.

Hurlburt Field Chapel  
884-7795

## Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.  
*Confessions:* Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.  
*Youth:* 5 p.m. Sunday  
*Religious Education:* September ñ May

## Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),  
 11:30 a.m. (traditional),  
 12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

*Religious Education:* August ñ May  
 Youth and Singles groups available

## Jewish Services (882-2111)

*Sabbath services:* Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

*Havdallah services:* next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

**Muslim Services** (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

*Jumiah:* Friday, 12:45 p.m.

*Qurian:* Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

## Hurlburt Field 884-7648

**Friday** ñ (PG-13) *iDaredevil,* starring Ben Affleck and Michael Clarke Duncan ñ Matt Murdock is the son of a boxer, who gets killed by petty criminals for refusing to take a dive. Matt's father's death drives him to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight.

**Saturday** ñ (R) *iOld School,* starring Luke Wilson and Will Ferrell ñ Three guys in their early 30s ñ Mitch, Frank and Beanie ñ try to relive their old college glory days, by moving into a large house near their old campus. They inadvertently form an unofficial fraternity, ñ where students can enjoy all the riches of the partying lifestyle without the commitment that comes with having to abide by the university's fraternity rules.

**Sunday** ñ (R) *iThe Hunted,* starring Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio del Toro ñ Tommy Lee Jones, an FBI deep-woods tracker, captures an assassin, who makes a sport of killing deer hunters. When the killer escapes into the city, Jones must team up with another agent to hunt down the thrill killer before he starts to hunt them.

## Eglin 882-1066

**Friday** ñ (R) *iTears of the Sun,* starring Bruce Willis and Monica Bellucci ñ A team of Navy SEALs is sent into a jungle in the heart of Nigeria on a search-and-rescue mission for a doctor. Can the SEALs get to their rendezvous point before the several hundred African soldiers get to them first?

**Saturday** ñ (PG) *iAgent Cody Banks,* starring Frankie Muniz and Hilary Duff ñ Teenager, Cody Banks is recruited by the government to be a special agent, who they will call upon when they're faced with a mission that can only be done by someone who wouldn't normally be old enough for such a mission.

**Sunday** ñ (PG-13) *iWillard,* starring Crispin Glover and Laura Harring ñ Pestered by his co-workers, Willard exacts revenge when one of his pet rats is killed at work. Led by the unusually intelligent rat Ben, an army of rats descends on those who did Willard wrong.

*(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled playdates.)*

## Community

### Utility Relief program

Service members, who are Fort Walton Beach utility customers and deploying, can request to be put on deployment status. This allows military customers to terminate water, sewer and garbage services without losing their utility deposit. It also eliminates connection fees upon returning from overseas. For more information or to temporarily terminate services, call the City of Fort Walton Beach Customer Service Division at 833-9500.

### Southern Illinois University

Registration for Southern Illinois University's summer term will continue through May 2. The university offers a bachelor of science in industrial technology, which requires 16 courses or 48 credit hours. All university courses are offered on alternating weekends from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning May 3. For more information, call Tracy Deming at 581-9840, or e-mail [ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net](mailto:ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net). Those interested can also visit base education.

### Couple's class offered

The Hurlburt Field Base Chapel begins a new class,

"Defending the Military Marriage" Sunday at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the base chapel. The class will focus on improving communication, getting control of finances and other issues facing married couples. For more information, call Major Scott Adams at 884-4537.

### APAH breakfast

In observance of the National Asian-Pacific American Heritage, the APAH committee invites military members and their families to a prayer breakfast May 8 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the base chapel annex. The cost is \$1 per ticket. For more information, e-mail: [helen.cason@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:helen.cason@hurlburt.af.mil) or [ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil).

### Airline revisions

Several months ago, commercial air carriers began revising their policy concerning free checked luggage weights, associated fees and waivers for domestic flights; though, international rules remain unchanged.

Northwest Airlines is allowing two pieces of checked luggage to a maximum weight of 50 pounds and a maximum total linear dimension of 62 inches each. Those with luggage weighing 50 to 70 pounds will be charged \$25 per piece, and luggage weighing 70 to 100 pounds will be charged \$50. Military members are given a waiver, however, which allows for two free checked pieces of luggage up to 70 pounds each. Restrictions apply.

Delta Airlines has the same weight and linear allowances, but the fee for luggage weighing between 70 and 100 pounds costs \$80. Military waivers have also been instilled, but restrictions also apply. For more information regarding airline changes and military waivers, call Passenger Travel at 884-6619.

## Classes

### Moms, Pops and Tots

Moms, Pops and Tots is an informal format for parents and their young children to meet other parents and observe their children interacting with each other. Some structured activities are planned on a monthly basis as well as occasional outings away from the family support center. For more information, call 884-5441.

### FSC Classes:

**Employment Orientation** – Monday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 1 p.m.

**Sponsorship Training** – Monday, 1 p.m.

**Mapping Your Career** – Monday, 1 p.m.

**Moms, Pops and Tots** – Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.

**Veteran's Affairs/Social Security Brief** – Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., base theater. Reservations are required, so call 884-6281.

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## FEATURE



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Children at the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center (left), plant flowers during the 4th annual Garden Day held at the center recently. More than 160 of the center's children participated in the event by planting several types of flowers that they'll learn about as the flowers start to bloom. (Above) Volunteers from 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron assist the children with woodworking. The volunteers visit the CDC weekly to spend time with the children and show them different arts and crafts. (Below) One of the children at the center has some fun making bubbles during her outdoor playtime.

## CDC offers children more than place to play

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
Public Affairs

Most people would probably wonder how anyone could take care of more than 170 children, who's ages range from six-months to five-years-old, every day for hours at a time.

Well, the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center does it with a staff of 55 every Monday through Friday from 6:15 am to 5:30 p.m.

However, to this group of energetic and well-experienced staff, the task of developing these young minds is a privilege.

That mentality is something people can experience first hand as they walk through the front door of the CDC and witness the decorum of the entrance.

"We believe that learning begins as you walk through the door," said Donna Love, CDC director. "You'll notice that everything is at our children's eye level."

As the children stroll through the facility, they experience everything from their level including: mirrors, reading displays and safely designed coat hooks.

The hallways that lead to the numerous classrooms are lined with works of art by famous painters like Vincent Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso.

"Our job as teachers is to create the environment so the children can learn and achieve," said Lisa Laconte, the CDC training and curriculum specialist.

The staff creates that environment by following the Marazon System of teaching, Ms. Love explained.

"This system allows us to assess each child as an individual and we can plan accordingly," Ms. Love said.

Some of the things the children learn are: obedience, trustworthiness, altruism, respect, responsibility and thankfulness. Although the children may not understand what each of these words mean, the process of them learning how to become these things is what the staff wants to instill in them.

"Everything we do here is well planned and thought out," Ms. Laconte said. "Children learn best with things they enjoy using and playing with, so we try to incorporate that into their every day environment."

One thing the staff is extremely ad-

mate about, is ensuring people understand that the CDC is more than just a place for children to play. Throughout their day at the center they're learning things like, reading, color association, word association, math, and speech and language skills. The pre-kindergarten children (ages 3-5) are even offered Spanish lessons once a week, Ms. Love explained.

The CDC takes the learning process a step further by providing seminars for parents such as: Kindergarten Readiness, Children Nutrition and Speech and Language Development.

The center also provides a free subscription of Parent and Child to the parents every two months offering them insightful information on child development, Ms. Love said.

"We're continually striving to improve our programs and create a fun, warm learning environment for our children," Ms. Laconte said.

For those times when children aren't able to make it to the center due to illness, and parents can't get time away from the job, the center is promoting a new program that allows parents to take

the child to a licensed home on base for mildly ill children, Ms. Laconte explained.

The service is provided at no additional cost to families who are currently enrolled in the CDC, licensed home care or school age program. For more information on mildly ill home care, call 884-2968 or for more information about the CDC, call 884-3144.

