

Med group officer earns highest dentistry honor

By Tech. St. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Being recognized for a job well done is something most people appreciate, and being honored with the most prestigious award in your career field is even better.

Col. Douglas Ammon, 16th Medical Group deputy commander, received just that honor when he was recognized as a Master with the Academy of General Dentistry at a ceremony in Nashville, Tenn., July 19.

The award of Master is a professional designation with the Academy of General Dentistry that reflects a general dentist's ongoing commitment to lifelong learning and quality patient care. Achieving the award is the most prestigious honor in the academy and one of the most respected designations in the dental profession.

"Achieving this distinction is personally satisfying as recognition for many years of hard work," Colonel Ammon said. "But it's really a reflection of the opportunities afforded me and hopefully other Air Force members."

Earning the award puts Colonel Ammon in a category that very few have reached. The Academy of General Dentistry has approximately 37,000 members from the United States and Canada. Only 1,800 dentists have achieved the distinction of Master in the 51-year history of the academy, only 125 dentists from around the world have received the award this year, and Colonel Ammon is one of only five Air Force dentists to receive the award this year.

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SOW commander holds CC call

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The 16th Special Operations Wing commander addressed an overflowing Freedom Hangar of base members during the wing commander's call July 25.

Col. Frank Kisner not only spoke to attendees about some important issues, but he also used the forum to recognize some of Air Force Special Operations Command's top award winners.

Three members from the wing were honored for their selection as AFSOC's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year:

James Volkenand, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron – AFSOC Civilian of the Year

Master Sgt. John Brinkley, 4th Special Operations Squadron – AFSOC First Sergeant of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Erika Mathis, 16th Medical Operations Squadron – AFSOC NCO of the Year

After the commander recognized the award winners, he thanked them for their hard work and dedication and then directed his attention to the crowd.

The commander covered topics ranging from reconstitution to recycling.

Once the floor was open for questions, the commander was asked about the money that was awarded to the base for winning the Installation Excellence Award.

The money is going to be used to enhance the quality of life around the base. There's still some money available, but people have to let it be known what it is they want, and that it has to be something that's beneficial to the base community, Colonel Kisner explained.

He later went on to reiterate the need of every member to incorporate safety into all that they do both on and off duty.

The commander ended by saying how much he appreciates everything people do on a daily basis.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson
Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, speaks at a wing commander's call at the Freedom Hangar, July 25.

He thanked everyone for all they do, not as the commander, not as a military member, but as a citizen of the United States who appreciates the sacrifices they make each and every day.

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Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

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by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process.

However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

Pool policy

Comment: I'm writing to inquire about the possibility of allowing dependent children that don't have adult escorts access to the base pool. Currently, if my dependent sons, ages 9, 13 and 16, all want to swim at the base pool together, they would be unable to since the policy is that anyone under age 10 must have someone 18 years of age or older supervising them. It's not fair to the younger children when they don't have an adult with them, as is the case with me being a single parent. I realize the lifeguards aren't there to be babysitters but while I am at work during the week, they can never utilize the base

pool. This probably all boils down to being a safety issue but I sincerely believe that the age requirement for being an escort at the pool should be looked at again and possibly lowered. Thank you for your time and looking into this issue for me.

Reply: You're correct, safety is the overriding factor for the policy we have in place, which is based on Air Force Instruction 34-110, Outdoor Recreation Programs; paragraph 13.8.1. It states children under the age of 10 must be under the direct supervision of an individual who's at least 18 years of age. While we recognize the challenge you and your children face, the policy will remain in effect due to safety concerns for all members of our Air Force team.

Are you missing any body parts?

By Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne
2nd Bomb Wing Command Chief

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE,

La – The other day I had an interesting conversation about drastically changing the Enlisted Performance Report system. Someone suggested we totally do away with the numeric-based program, and even do away with writing all the flowery bullets to make sure the form is completely filled.

Instead, the form would simply be a drawing of a stick figure. There would be room to draw two legs, a torso, two arms and a head. If, at the end of your rating period, your rater felt you portrayed the "whole person" concept, they would draw a complete stick figure, and when you became eligible, you'd be able to compete for your next stripe.

If your picture wasn't complete, you simply wouldn't test. That would save you a lot of time studying, only to become frustrated when you weren't on the promotion list.

So exactly how would your rater decide what kind of person you are? Easy. As you know, the legs provide the basis for movement. One leg would represent your technical competence. If you had completed your necessary upgrade training, had been certified on all your core tasks and had mastered your trade, that leg would be drawn.

The other leg would represent your mastery of overall Air Force knowledge. Have you completed the appropriate levels of Professional Military Education? Have you attended any voluntary professional development seminars? If so, that leg would also be drawn.

For the torso you'd be evaluated on how well you maintain standards. Do you look sharp in your uniform? Do you keep fit? Do you ensure your subordinates meet the standards as well?

To draw your left arm, your rater must be able to say you're actively supporting your unit and the base. Are you out there helping to improve your squadron? Do you occasionally pitch in off-duty time to

help with your booster club's efforts?

The right arm is simple. Are you taking part in any community activities? The possibilities here are endless: youth groups, helping the elderly, schools, support for community events.

Finally, the head must be drawn to signify your pursuit of a well-rounded education. Are you working toward a degree, or perhaps a professional certification? You need to understand the fact that today's enlisted corps is becoming more highly educated than at any other time in the history of the Air Force. If you're not pursuing your education, you're behind your peers, plain and simple.

Will we ever adopt this form of evaluation system? You never know. If we do, will you be a complete person or will you have some missing body parts? The choice is yours.

Why not take a few minutes to draw a picture of yourself? Or, ask your boss to. If you find you're missing some body parts, take action now. You'll be glad you did! (AFPN)

Centennial of flight

DAYTON, Ohio – A Wright B Flyer ground crewmember helps Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, strap into a replica of the Wright brothers first production airplane June 21. Pilot John Warlick, dressed in an Army Air Corps uniform, sits alongside ready for the ride. General Jumper was there to speak to the national convention of the Order of the Daedalians. His visit to Dayton Wright Brothers Airport is a part of the Centennial of Flight festivities. (AFPN)



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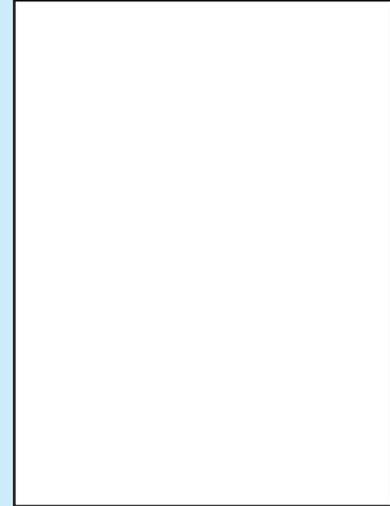
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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Charlotte Hardin - Commando Village

Spotlight on ...



Four STS airmen recognized as Air Force's top Combat Controllers

WASHINGTON – Four veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom earned top honors as the Air Force's 2002 Combat Controllers of the Year, according to officials.

Capt. Patrick Ward, from the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, is the Combat Control Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Captain Ward served as the airfield manager and chief air traffic controller for Afghanistan's primary airfield. Also, he spent 75 days as the forward mission commander, responsible for more than 50 special reconnaissance, direct action, combat search and rescue, landing and drop-zone surveys and continuous airfield operations.

Master Sgt. Michael Lamonica, 24th STS, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., is the Combat Control Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Lamonica earned the Bronze Star and three combat parachute jump stars for combat actions in Afghanistan. Sergeant Lamonica was the lead NCO for all special tactics operations, supporting a 140-man classified joint-task force. In addition, he served as the lead planner and operator on nine high-risk classified combat missions, deep inside enemy territory. His battlefield successes included managing command and control of 18 aircraft for a 180-man assault force that eliminated an al-Qaida mountain base.



Tech. Sgt. Jason Hill, 24th STS, is the Combat Control NCO of the Year.

During Operation Anaconda, OEF's largest operation, Sergeant Hill avoided minefields and al-Qaida patrols to man a surrounded observation post for seven days. From there, he controlled the aerial delivery of more than 100,000 pounds of munitions on enemy targets. During the battle, he was personally responsible for the deaths of 46 al-Qaida fighters along with the destruction of two enemy operations. Also destroyed were: three bunkers, four fighting positions, two mortar positions, one sniper position, an enemy consolidation point, a 12.7 mm heavy machine gun and two assault trucks.

Senior Airman Seth Marinaccio, 23rd STS, is the Combat Control Airman of the Year.

Airman Marinaccio was among the first to deploy to OEF. He worked through austere conditions and language barriers to prepare for more than 500 airlift sorties that brought more than 5,000 military members and a million tons of cargo to Afghanistan. On the battlefield, Airman Marinaccio served as lead team controller to the quick reaction force, responding to the Mazar-e Sharif prison uprising where his control of aircraft ensured the life-saving return of casualties. (AFP)

AIR FORCE NEWS

Workplace violence not 'shop talk'

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Workplace violence recently made national headlines at the Lockheed Martin plant in Meridian, Miss., where six people died and nine others were injured.

Air Force officials and Air Force Material Command personnel have a zero-tolerance policy on workplace violence, according to JoAnn Hutchison, workforce effectiveness branch chief. However, the perception of what constitutes workplace violence has been redefined since Sept. 11, 2001.

The term "workforce violence" she said brings to mind physical attack or assault, Ms. Hutchison said, but conversation that was once considered "shop talk" may no longer be appropriate.

Supervisors have the responsibility to set the standard by not engaging in or condoning the use of threatening language or acts which may have been considered acceptable "shop talk" in the past, Hutchison said.

Lt. Col. William Wall, the chief of AFMC's quality-of-life division,

encouraged people to take that one step further. He said supervisors and co-workers ought to be able to sense when people are reaching their limit and could become violent.

"Supervisors should have the kind of relationship with their subordinates that they can tell when people are getting upset or things are bothering them," Colonel Wall said. "It's a little too far down the road when people start verbalizing threats or come in to work with a gun or otherwise wanting to hurt someone."

Workplace violence is now defined as any specific acts, words, comments or conditions that would lead a person to reasonably believe a violent act will occur, Ms. Hutchison said.

Incidents involving threatened or actual violence continue to be taken seriously, according to Ms. Hutchison.

Actions or threats of violence will not be tolerated and will be dealt with appropriately, she said. Disciplinary actions taken for vio-

lence-related incidents could include removal from employment.

She said the level of discipline warranted depends on a number of factors that include, but aren't limited to the work history of the employees involved, the victim's perception of the incident and the severity of the employee's action.

"All of us must take threats of violence seriously," Ms. Hutchison said. "It's not appropriate to joke about guns or bombs or vocalize intent to harm another, even in jest. If you engage in this type of behavior, you should expect to be questioned by your supervisor or security forces personnel and potentially disciplined."

In AFMC, officials are focusing on prevention, according to Colonel Wall.

"Everyone in AFMC has the annual requirement to attend suicide prevention training as well as workplace violence training to allow us to do all we can to nip this in the bud," he said. "We don't have a big problem with this in AFMC, but one case is too many." (AFPN)

Air Force releases 2004 realignments

WASHINGTON – The Air Force will lose 2,260 military and 2,839 civilian manpower positions, and 1,055 reserve drill authorizations next year, according to the 2004 force-structure announcement released July 23.

Many bases, both active duty and reserve component, are affected by the realignment. In many cases, units will gain aircraft and missions, while others will pare down.

Besides manpower reductions, the realignment formally announces the retirement of the C-9A Nightingale and

KC-135E Stratotanker aircraft.

According to Air Force officials, the 20 C-9s are being retired because of reduced-patient movement, range limitations and increasing maintenance and upgrade costs. The aeromedical-evacuation mission will become a requirements-based system using all passenger-capable aircraft.

The service will retire 44 of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command's 43-year-old KC-135Es next year, replacing them with 24 KC-135Rs from the active-duty fleet. By the end of fiscal 2006, the Air Force will have retired 68 of the KC-135Es.

For the complete list of realignments, visit www.af.mil/forcestructure04/force_structure2004.html. (AFPN)

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News Briefs

Unmanned aircraft

As the number and capabilities of UAVs and remotely piloted aircraft increase, a host of opportunities will open for a growing number of airmen to be involved in these operations.

Although these platforms are unmanned, people are still controlling them. Operators must attain the level of competence commensurate with the life-and-death decisions pilots make in manned platforms. They must have:

- Excellent situational awareness
- Advanced communication abilities
- Mission management skills
- Knowledge of electronic warfare
- A calm sense of purpose in the air

With these attributes in mind, the AF will reengineer navigator training to produce Combat System Operators, airmen equally proficient in employing both manned aircraft and UAVs. Graduates of this new training will fill:

- Traditional navigator aircraft assignments
- Battle management roles
- Positions as operators of UAVs and RPAs
- Because basic skill set for all graduates will be the same, they will cross-flow and retrain among various manned and unmanned weapons systems throughout their flying careers. All will:

- Complete the same core training
- Wear the same wings
- Share a common designation

Advertising campaign

DoD recently announced a new advertising campaign aimed at strengthening the personal bond between Americans and their military.

Print ads in national magazines throughout the summer feature veterans who believe the military helped them develop qualities such as commitment, perseverance and a sense of self and community, and how these characteristics benefit them in their civilian professional lives.

Summer is also a time when big box-office motion pictures are released to capitalize on the youth market and family attendance.

Look who's talking: What's your favorite youth center activity?

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The academy itself is a professional organization of general dentists who strive to improve the quality of comprehensive dental services, health promotion and wellness.

"As a health care professional, the Air Force is very supportive and encourages one to continually strive for professional development through ongoing training and continuing education," the colonel said. "I enjoy my profession and I'm grateful that my Air Force career has allowed me to develop and enhance my skills and knowledge."

The Memphis, Tenn., native, who's married and father of twin 8-year-old daughters, said his family has been extremely supportive during the many time-consuming endeavors that accompanied the process that was required to receive the honor.

The process the colonel speaks about is the 800 hours of continuing education, a two-year advanced residency program in general dentistry and a comprehensive examination.

The hours of continuing education were achieved through several military and civilian courses, either through lecture, hands-on participation and self-paced study courses, involving topics such as esthetic dentistry, management of traumatic injuries, dental materials and surgical techniques, the colonel explained.

Colonel Ammon, who's been in the Air Force 20 years, graduated from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1979 with a degree in Economics and then the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in 1983.

He immediately joined the Air Force after completing his education with initial intentions of doing three years, he explained.

"As it turned out, I really enjoy the professional opportunities afforded me," the colonel said. "It gives me the opportunity to serve my country, to travel and several other factors. The Air Force has given me a tremendous opportunity for growth as a dental professional, a military officer, and as a person, that I quite likely wouldn't have had if I pursued a civilian career."

Ensure you have prior authorizations

*Courtesy of the
16th Medical Group*

Some outpatient procedures and all non-emergency admissions to hospitals and skilled nursing facilities must receive an authorization from the health care finder before they are performed.

While many TRICARE providers will take care of obtaining these authorizations, it's a good idea for TRICARE beneficiaries to verify that an authorization has been made and obtain an authorization number.

To verify a prior authorization, beneficiaries can contact their health care provider or call their local TRICARE Service Center number and select the menu option, "to check the status of an existing referral or authorization." A "no hold, no wait" automated service is now available to provide the authorization number and other information necessary for care. The automated authorization number for the TRICARE Service

Center in Fort Walton Beach is: 244-0117 Ext. 1.

Procedures that require prior authorization include the following:

- Abortion
 - Aspiration curettage of uterus for termination of pregnancy
 - Cardiac catheterization
 - Endoscopy
 - Hysterotomy to terminate pregnancy
 - MRI, MRA
 - PET scans
 - Total abdominal hysterectomy
- Some procedures require written prior authorization, such as:
- Adjunctive dental procedures
 - Gastric bypass stapling
 - Nose repair surgery
 - Oral maxillofacial surgery
 - Reduction of the breast
 - Scar revisions
 - Speech therapy
 - Surgery for sleep apnea
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Air Force Enlisted Village mourns Hope's passing

SHALIMAR, Fla. – Residents and staff of the Air Force Enlisted Village were saddened to hear of Bob Hope's passing July 27.

The association between Mr. Hope and the Village, formerly known as the Air Force Enlisted Widow's Home, began in the late 1970s. Retired Col. Bob Gates, a former Special Operations Wing commander and pilot on many of Mr. Hope's USO tours, introduced the comedian and the organization. The Village's primary goal is to offer housing and financial assistance to widows/surviving spouses of retired Air Force enlisted members.

By the mid-1970's, Teresa Village, an apartment complex in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., purchased as the initial home for widows, was full and a waiting list established. Plans soon began for a custom retirement complex.

The Village purchased 79 acres of Air Force land in Shalimar, Fla., and documents were signed in October 1979, naming the expansion Bob Hope Village, to honor Mr. Hope for his years of humanitarian service to the military, entertaining servicemen and women all over the globe.

Mr. Hope hosted 10 benefit shows in the local area between February 1977 and October 1995. He brought such entertainers as Wayne Newton, Crystal Gayle, Tony Bennett and Willie Nelson to help raise several thousand dollars for the new complex. The shows brought not only funding, but also awareness and corporate sponsorship.

The legendary comedian was named to the Village's Honorary Board in 1978. His wife, Dolores, a singer, and daughter Linda, Vice President of Bob Hope Enterprises, have also served on the Honorary Board for several years.

Bob Hope Village opened its first 64 apartments in 1985. The Dolores Hope All Faiths Chapel opened in 1991. Today there are four village complexes within Bob Hope Village, each with 64 garden style apartments, which meet at a central community center.

Earlier this year, Mr. Hope and his wife, Dolores, donated \$1 million to build a facility to honor Colonel Gates. Along with several military and civilian dignitaries, the Hope's son, Kelly, attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Bob Gates Welcome Center in

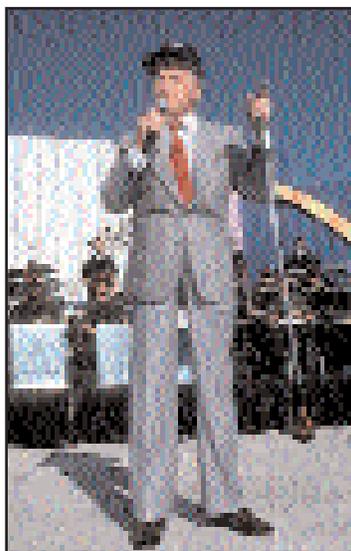


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Haggerty

Bob Hope entertains the troops with a 10-minute monologue in 1990 after a ceremony to rename the Thunderbird Theater at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, as the Bob Hope Performing Arts Center.

January. Construction next to the Chapel in Bob Hope Village is scheduled for completion this fall.

Recently, Air Force Enlisted Village residents celebrated Mr. Hope's 100th birthday, Mrs. Hope's birthday and the anniversary of Bob Hope Village with their annual luau May 24.

Going above and beyond traditional recycling

*Courtesy of the
16th Civil Engineer Squadron*

Hurlburt Field personnel do a great job of recycling. But now base members are being asking to go above and beyond.

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Management Flight is asking the base community to answer the call and donate used phones, pagers and personal digital assistants (PDAs – such as Palm Pilots) to charity.

“We want to collect cell phones, pagers and PDAs that are no longer in use,” said Robin Armhold, 16th CES, qualified recycling program manager. “Two hundred and fifty million used mobile phones are lying around in this country. If organizations and individuals can pull their old phones out of drawers and turn them over to us, we can convert them into something useful. It's a simple, effective way to turn someone's trash into treasure for a cause.”

Hurlburt Field partners with CollectiveGood, a company that generates funds for charities

through cell phone recycling. Mobile phones, pagers, and PDAs contain hazardous materials such as mercury, cadmium, and nickel that could contaminate ground water if discarded in landfills.

Donated phones are kept out of landfills, and are either refurbished or scrapped for parts. Any portable mobile phone, pager or PDA is accepted, excluding bag phones or vehicle-installed models. All donors should deactivate the donated phones before turning them in.

“We're very excited about this new opportunity,” Ms. Armhold said. “Not only will it benefit Hurlburt Field but donated phones are reused by numerous charities and the process protects the environment as well.”

People may donate used mobile/cellular phones, pagers and PDAs in the blue collection containers at the following locations: the Hurlburt Field Base Exchange and the BX mini-mall at the Nextel dealer.

For more information about this program or any other environmental program at Hurlburt Field, call 16th CES/CEV at 884-4651.

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Tops in Blue celebrates 50 years of entertainment

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

With their 2003 World Tour just getting started, Tops in Blue celebrated 50 years of top quality entertainment with members of Hurlburt Field in the Freedom Hangar, July 23.



The performers and a handful of technical staff members do all the work to make each show a success.

The team is responsible for setting up more than 36,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio and special effects equipment for each performance along with making arrangements for ground transportation, airlift, lodging, dining and wardrobe.

"I really enjoy every aspect of the show," said Senior Airman Takeesha Washington-Nash, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan and Tops in Blue vocalist. "It's just as hard and fun as they said it would be, and we just started in May so we've still got a long way to go."

The staff begins their tour with an intense 45-day training period at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. During this time the performers not only master the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of the performance, but also the responsibilities of being their own technical staff.

This year the performers not only celebrated 50 years of entertaining the world, but also paid tribute to the Centennial of Flight by honoring a 100 years of aviation.

The show, which is normally a 90-minute medley of song and dance, was extended to a two-hour performance with the theme "Soaring with Eagles."

"My favorite part of the show is when we do the Swing and Jazz set," Airman Washington-Nash said, "because that's when we get to do the most singing and dancing."

The performers took the audience on a stroll down memory lane with popular songs

from the 1970s to the present.

The crowd cheered and applauded during almost every set change in appreciation of the glittery performances.

"This celebration of 50 years of entertainment history and 100 years of powered flight was an extraordinary event," Ms. Barrett said. "This talented cast of performers really put their heart into what they're doing and it showed."



Photos by Vanessa Adame



Tops in Blue cast members perform the song "YMCA" (top) at the show in the Freedom Hangar, July 23. (Above) The Tops in Blue male vocalists perform a song by the Temptations. (Left) Cast members demonstrate their choreography during the two-hour performance. (Far left) Part of the show was dedicated to honoring songs from movies and television. Several performers dressed as different characters such as Shrek from the animated movie.

Tops in Blue, the Air Force's entertainment showcase, performed before a crowd of approximately 1,400 people with standing room only.

"The two hour show was spectacular," said Trisha Barrett, 16th Services Squadron event coordinator. "It was high energy and very patriotic. It left me with the feeling I'm proud to be an American."

Look who's new in pink and blue

Girls

Abigail Elizabeth was born July 1, daughter of Staff Sgt. William and Melissa White III, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron

Hope Isabella was born July 15, daughter of Senior Airman Jeremy and Paula Shepherd, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Boys

Elijah Cole was born March 20, son of Staff Sgt. James and Renee Butcher, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron

Charles Dabini was born June 17, son of Master Sgt. William and Hojung Kim Muldoon, Air Force Special Operations Command

Jabari Jeffrey was born June 30, son of Master Sgt. Jeffrey and Sheila Clayton, AFSOC

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Hurlburt Top 3

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Asia-Pacific orientation course

The Joint Special Operations University invites all Special Operations personnel to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course Aug. 11-15. Course registration begins Aug. 11 at 7:30 a.m. The course is designed for anyone preparing to live in or deploy to the Asia-Pacific region. It will provide non-technical education on the cultural, historical, political, economical, social, religious and security dynamics of the region. For more information on seating availability, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731. For more information about the course, call Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858, or visit www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou.

ACSC seminar

The Air Command and Staff College invites majors, major selects, active-duty, Guard, Reserve, civil air patrol and civilians GS-11 and above to apply for the AY03-04 ACSC non-resident seminar, which will begin Monday and continue until June 2004. Seminars meet for 10 1/2 months, 3 hours per week, and provide eligible students with an excellent forum to complete the intermediate-level Professional Military Education course. Application Form 117 is due to the base education office by today and are available online at www.acsc.au.af.mil. For more information, call the base education office at 884-6724.

SNCO induction ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Chiefs Group and the Hurlburt Field Top 3 Council co-sponsor the 2003 Senior Noncommissioned Officers Induction Ceremony Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Soundside Club.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Paula Jackson at 884-1233 or e-mail paula.jackson@hurlburt.af.mil, or call Tech. Sgt. Margie Lusher at 884-6910 or by e-mail margie.lusher@hurlburt.af.mil.

New college class

The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College is forming a class for majors and promotable captains, to meet one weekend per month beginning Oct. 18 here. Participants can earn military education level four in a classroom environment without a permanent change of station for resident studies. Interested active-duty and Reserve Component Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine O-4is (O-3P) personnel should call Maj. Wayne Hausser at 591-7163, or e-mail wayne.hausser@us.army.mil.

Community

Friday flicks

Gulf Coast Marketing and local radio stations invite military personnel, friends and family to enjoy free

movies every Friday at the Pensacola Pavilion until Aug. 29. Movies are selected based on popularity when initially released and suitable content for family viewing. Everyone is encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and food and beverages; local vendors will also be present for food and beverage purchases. For more information, call Doug McAllister at 916-9222.

Finance closing

The 16th Comptroller Squadron Finance office will close today at 2:30 p.m. for an official unit function. For emergencies, call 803-3324 or 881-7434.

Career info for civilians

The Air Force personnel Reengineering and Development Division has developed an on-line virtual career brief, available to all civilian employees through the Air Force Personnel Center at www.afpc.Randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp. A wealth of information about Air Force civilian careers is available through this Web site. For more information, call Human Resources at 884-5212.

APAH meeting

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Association holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 12 at the J.R. Rockers front patio. Topics to be discussed include upcoming base and community events and association membership. For more information, call Helen Cason at 884-3286, or e-mail Airman 1st Class Ted Sim at ted.sim@hurlburt.af.mil.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. For more information about the observance period, call Capt. Laura Ramos at 884-6731, or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

Toastmasters meeting

The next Hurlburt Field Toastmasters club meeting is scheduled Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Classroom J in the base education building. Toastmasters is open to all individuals looking to improve or develop their speaking, listening and leadership skills. The club provides a mutually supportive and positive learning environment that will in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth. For more information, call Marty Mears at 881-9130, or e-mail marty.mears@hurlburt.af.mil.

Football Frenzy party

J.R. Rockers is kicking off the football season with a Football Frenzy Preview Party Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to watch football games on big screen televisions, and enjoy food and beverage specials. Hurlburt Field Club members are also eligible to win great getaways, so be one of the first 25 people to sign up for new membership and receive a free T-shirt and a chance to win a Football Frenzy trip.

Boys and Girls Club volunteers

The Boys and Girls Club is looking for volunteers to help with its 17th Annual Triathlon Aug. 23 at the Elephant Walk Restaurant in San Destin. Volunteers will help with a variety of tasks, including setting up the course. For more information or to volunteer, call Renee Winn at 622-0602.

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-May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),
11:30 a.m. (traditional),
12:45 p.m. (Gospel)
Religious Education: August-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
Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
Qur'ian: 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 (PG-13) *Hollywood Homicide*, starring Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett. When an entire hip-hop group is murdered on stage, the L.A. Police Department homicide detectives Gavilan and Calden are called in to handle the case. As their investigation progresses, they begin to suspect that the rappers were killed for attempting to get out of their recording contract with label head Sartain.

Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. (PG) *iRugrats Go Wild*, animated film. When vacationing Rugrats and their parents get stranded on a deserted island, Tommy Pickles knows there's only one man who can help them: Nigel Thornberry. Except that a hit on the head has made Mr. Thornberry suddenly seem more like a 3-year-old than a man. Luckily, the babies have Eliza on their side. With her ability to communicate with animals, she can talk to Spike.

Sunday (R) *iWrong Turn*, starring Eliza Dushku and Desmond Harrington. A turn down an uncharted dirt road leads six young people into a night of pure terror where they're hunted by cannibalistic mountain men. They find that they've fallen victim not to local pranksters, but a gang of inbred backwoods killers with a taste for blood.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday (PG-13) "The Hulk," starring Eric Bana and Jennifer Connelly. In this adaptation of the long running Marvel comic "The Incredible Hulk," research scientist Dr. Bruce Banner's failed experiments cause him to mutate into a monstrously powerful and savage green-skinned behemoth whenever he loses control of his emotions.

Saturday (PG-13) "Alex and Emma," starring Luke Wilson and Kate Hudson. Kate, a stenographer is hired to help Alex complete his novel. Along with writer's block, Alex has only one month to pay \$100,000 to Cuban loan sharks. His novel is in his head, but he can't get it down on paper. If he doesn't hand his publisher a finished book fast, he's a dead man.

Sunday (PG) "Justin to Kelly," starring Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini. Spring break in Miami is the perfect time and place for three young women from Texas and a trio of college guys from Pennsylvania to find adventure and perhaps fall in love.

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

Community

Emergency leave request

Mr. Kenneth Woolridge, an Air Armament Center employee, requests donated leave due to a personal emergency. All employees who wish to donate annual leave should complete an OPM 630A, Request to Donate Annual Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program form, which is found at www.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF_FILL/opm630a.pdf, and submit it through their supervisor to the 16th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Flight, Building 90210, Room 135.

For more information, call Patricia White at 884-5212/5215.

JSOU hosts ambassador

Ambassador Edward Perkins, Director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Oklahoma and former U.S. Ambassador to South Africa, Liberia, Australia and the United Nations, will be presenting a seminar at the Joint Special Operations University Friday, Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. The topic will be current issues in American foreign policy: Iraq, Iran and Liberia. All interested people are invited to call the Hurlburt Field University of Oklahoma office at 581-3000 for more information.

Speed changes

The speed limit on Independence Road from the new east gate to Lielman Avenue, which is the road that leads to the Base Exchange and the Eglin Federal Credit Union, has been reduced from 35 miles per hour to 25 mph in both directions.

Vehicle operators should always be patient and courteous to pedestrians crossing Independence Road at the

Base Exchange and the 19th Special Operations Squadron area.

Pass and Registration hours

The Pass and Registration office has changed its hours as follows:

The old hours were Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the new hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New ERAU certificates

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has two new certificates available. The first one is the Supply Chain Management Certificate for supply/logistics professionals. With only four courses to take, students will be prepared to take the American Production and Inventory Control Society Certificate in the Production and Inventory Management exam and earn credit toward their degree program.

The other certificate is the Occupational Safety and Health Certificate. After completing the course, students will be able to protect their work force and the general public from injury and illness by passing on valuable information. For more information, call the ERAU office at 581-2106.

BCAA fashion show

The Black Cultural Awareness Association sponsors a fashion show Aug. 9 at Eglin Air Force Base's NCO club. Social hour begins at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. The cost is \$10 and includes hor d'oeuvres. For more information, call: Felicia Brake at 882-3148, ext. 603; Pam Hasberry at 882-4136; Ruby Dunson at 882-6518; and Staff Sgt. Charles Gray at 884-7523.

SIU info

Registration for Southern Illinois University's 2003 Fall semester is ongoing. Classes begin Aug. 23 and run

on alternating weekends – Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registered students can choose to enroll to receive their Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology that can be completed in 16 months. For more information, call Tracy Deming at 581-9840, e-mail ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net, or visit the base education office.

Classes

Education fair

The Fourth Annual Education Fair is Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Education Building. College representatives from on and off base will be on hand to answer your questions. There'll be door prizes, refreshments and an abundance of educational information. For more information, call Tracy Deming at 581-9840, or e-mail ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net.

Claims

Anyone with claims for or against Staff Sgt. Jesse Fontenot, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron, who died July 8, should contact 1st Lt. Darryl Lee, 16th CMS at 884-7618.

FSC classes

For more information, call 884-5441.

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

Mapping your career – Monday, 1 p.m.

Sponsorship Training – Monday, 1 p.m.; reservations required

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

Kids Hurricane Tips – Thursday, 4 p.m.

Hurricane Awareness – Friday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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SPORTS

Base volleyball players stomp Eglin, others

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field volleyball players wiped out the competition 12 games to zero when they took on five teams in a tournament at the Eglin Air Force Base gym July 25-26.

Because Hurlburt Field has no varsity volleyball team yet, the win was headed up by several Air Force-level and above volleyball players from around base, said Ken "Mutt" Mercier, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"There's no varsity volleyball program at Hurlburt Field, so it was just a bunch of us cats who all play on the Air Force team and happen to be stationed in the same location," said Mercier. "The interest and skill is here, and this base really need a varsity program."

There are also several Air Force-level volleyball players on Eglin AFB, he said, making for heated competition. The competition also included teams from three other area bases; six male teams and four female teams.

"It was all about networking and getting to know the other players out there," said Mercier. "It was a lot of fun, and of course it was to find out who has the best team."

With zero losses, the Hurlburt Field team proved its point, he said.

"We beat everyone pretty handily, and handed Eglin's A-team a thorough beating - 25-18 and 25-11," said Mercier, who's played on the Air Force team three times, in the CISM games in Italy, and at the AIRNORTH Tournament in Europe the last four years. "Then we beat Moody (Air Force Base, Ga.) and Robins (Air Force Base, Ga.) in the playoffs, en-route to the finals."

The victory against Eglin was for

"bragging rights," Mercier said.

"They (Eglin) like to think they have the best team, and we like to think we do. In head-to-head competition in an official tournament we proved to be the superior team," he joked. "We're all friends though, so it's all good."

Volleyball tournaments are something that was done in the past, but hasn't been done recently due to funding, said Mercier.

"The goal is to get a varsity program going where we can rotate playing around to other bases and have several tournaments a year, with a different base hosting each time," he said.

The other players of the tournament have equally impressive volleyball reputations.

"Our team has excellent balance: our two outside players are small, but put the ball away with great regularity, our ball control (passing and defense) is great, our middles are among the two best in the Air Force, and our right-side player, Ashley Spurlin (16th Special Operations Squadron), has mad game," Mercier said. "All of the players going to (try out for the Air Force team) from Hurlburt Field have a good chance to make the team and start."

A varsity volleyball program has a good chance to come together, thanks to Sammy Nimpchaimanatham, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, said Mercier.

"He's always been the volleyball leader in this area," he said. "He's a great coach and he's done a great job mentoring young players and helping them become the great players they are today. The team here will continue to get better and better if he continues to be involved with the program."

Air Force volleyball camp begins next week and ends Aug. 25; the Armed Forces Tournament starts Aug. 26.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Sarah Busch

Hurlburt Field tournament players

Ken Mercier, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Kyle Klinger, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Scott Allen, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Ashley Spurlin, 16th Special Operations Squadron
Sammy Nimpchaimanatham, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron

Two Eglin Air Force Base volleyball players (left) try to block a spike by Hurlburt Field. (below) Sammy Nimpchaimanatham, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron (jumping, with orange shirt), and Scott Allen, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron (jumping), block an attack by Eglin.



Sports shorts

Rugby players wanted

The Okaloosa Islanders Rugby Football Club is looking for new players. People of all ages and experience levels are invited to come join a training session, watch a game or jump right into play. Training sessions are every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5 to 7 p.m. at the soccer field behind J.R. Rockers. For more information, call John Colletta at 882-6128, or e-mail john.colletta@eglin.af.mil.

Charity golf tournament

A charity golf tournament to benefit Laci Collinsworth, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Gary and Melissa Collinsworth, of Duke Field, is scheduled Aug. 9 at the Shoal River Golf and County Club in

Crestview, Fla. Entry fee is \$50 per person, and includes green fees, a golf cart, food and door prizes. Several prizes will be awarded, to include a 30-month lease of a 2003 BMW 530i for a hole-in-one. For more information or to sign up, call Roger or Melody Woods at (256) 599-5451, or Charles or Nikki Presley at (850) 626-4672/883-6286.

Okaloosa men's baseball

The Okaloosa Men's Baseball League kicks off its 5th season with registration at the Twin Oaks baseball field in Niceville, Aug. 10, at 3:30 p.m. (Twin Oaks field is on Highway 85 North, just past College Boulevard.) Registration is for both the 18-and-over and 30-and-over divisions. League fee is

\$90 per player. Final day of registration is Aug. 17. Game season begins Sept 6. For more information, call 867-PLAY, or visit www.ombl.org.

Varsity basketball

Men and women basketball players are needed for the Hurlburt Field varsity basketball teams. Men must be military members to be eligible; women may also be family members to join.

Players must submit their name, rank and duty phone number to the main fitness center for consideration. Volunteer varsity basketball coaches are also needed, and must submit an application to the fitness center for review. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.