

Crafty NCO earns big bucks for IDEA submission

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

An NCO with the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron was awarded approximately \$10,000 for his submission to the Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program.

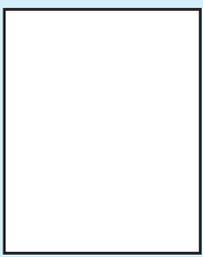
Staff Sgt. Michael Swahn, a mission systems craftsman, worked with the manufacturer and system's engineer for the squadron's Crew Station Unit to add Technical Order procedures to remove and replace CSU lenses without having to replace the whole faceplate assembly.

Before Sergeant Swahn's submission, the entire faceplate assembly for the AC-130U and the AC-130H model gunship interphone systems was replaced if a CSU lens arrived from the manufacturer broken. Now, the squadron can order the sub-assembly piece as needed.

"Upon arrival at Hurlburt Field, I noticed a common trend with the CSU lenses breaking due to extreme climate changes," Sergeant Swahn said. "...I felt inspired to submit a common sense change to allow us quick repair of these units at a dramatically low cost."

Two and a half years later, Air Force Technical Order 22 was approved, and the lens was added to the illustrated parts breakdown

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Former ambassador holds seminar

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A former U.S. ambassador arrived here Aug. 17 to teach a weeklong base education center course focusing on current issues in American foreign policy.

Dr. Edward Perkins, currently the director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Oklahoma, was once the U.S. ambassador to South Africa, Liberia, Australia and the United Nations.

Because of his vast array of political encounters, foreign exposure and military-trained discipline, the ambassador accepted an offer to educate students of the University of Oklahoma here in "The Making of American Foreign Policy."

"I wanted to help educate those students who couldn't travel to the (university) campus," Dr. Perkins said. "After all, education is a two-way street: professors may deliver a product, but they also learn a lot in return. It's important for professors to get off campus every once in a while to get a fresh perspective from students in another stateside location or somewhere else in the world."

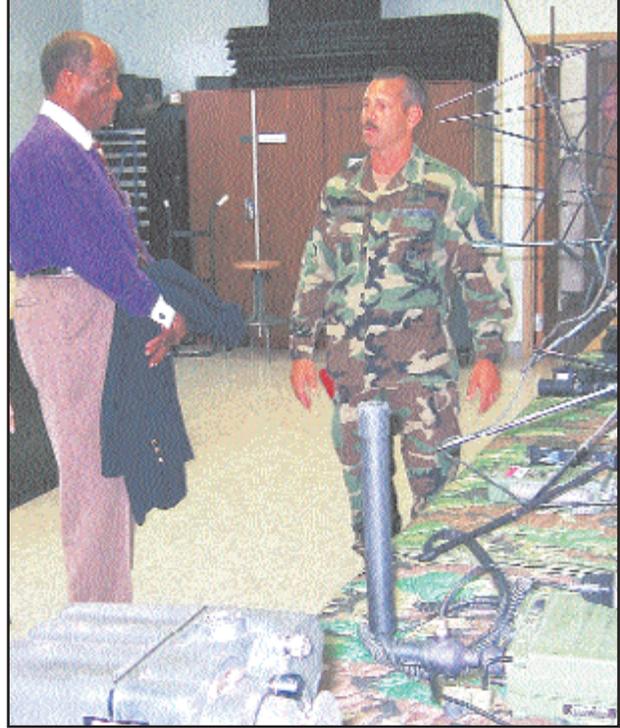
According to the syllabus, the course covered areas within foreign policy during the Cold War and the transition into the new foreign policy age. It also focused on new challenges and approaches, international law and the making of foreign policy at the dawn of the millennium.

Dr. Perkins' said he hoped his students will leave the course with "an appreciation of the professional nature of the making of American foreign policy," as well as, grasping the concepts within the process of foreign policy.

Second Lt. Mary Battock, 16th Operations Support Squadron, attended Dr. Perkins' course and said he exceeded any expectations she had had about the course.

"The class was extremely educational and interesting," Lieutenant Battock said. "The ambassador's stories are amazing...it was great to hear about...Mandela and the United Nations. After being a political science major in college, it was nice to get back into that mindset."

The ambassador also wanted to target military service members, who hoped to try the diplomatic road after their military commitment came to an end.



Courtesy photo

A member of the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron (right), explains equipment used by Tactics Operators to Dr. Edward Perkins, a former U.S. ambassador.

"I wanted to influence younger people in diplomacy," Dr. Perkins said, "especially those with a military background as an initial professional endeavor. From experience, I've seen that they make the best diplomats."

Although Dr. Perkins' initial objective for traveling here was teaching the evening course at the education center, his day-time hours were dedicated to squadron visits, commander's calls and luncheons with base leaders.

To wrap up his week at Hurlburt Field, the ambassador taught a seminar at the Joint Special Operations

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Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

School children must stay alert

By Staff Sgt. Wallace Greenwood
56th Fighter Wing Safety Office

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz.

— With summer vacation over and the new school year already started, students and parents need to keep safety concerns in mind.

For many of the more than 23 million students nationwide, the journey back and forth to school involves riding on a school bus.

According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school bus-related incidents killed 164 people and injured an estimated 18,000 people nationwide in 1999. In 2001, 26 students were killed and 9,000 injured in school bus accidents.

Although the numbers have decreased dramatically, there is one common thread that remains: The majority of deaths and injuries sustained by students didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.

Remember these safety tips:

○ Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

○ When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

○ Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens

before stepping onto the roadway.

○ Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

○ If you drop something near the bus, tell the driver before picking it up.

○ Make sure the bus driver knows where passengers are at all times.

○ When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Never put your head, arms or hands out the window.

○ Keep aisles clear – books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.

○ Before reaching a stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.

○ At a stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the handrail.

○ If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you are able to turn around and see the driver. Make sure the driver sees you. Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross. When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

○ Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe to begin walking.

○ Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, you should not rely on them to do so.

Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 5 to 14.

If your children walk instead of ride a bus, follow these tips:

○ Plan the route for them to follow.

○ Review with them the correct way to cross the street.

○ Teach them to always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing. They should know to continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.

○ If their vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles. Then they should stop, and look left, right and left again.

○ Try to limit the number of streets your children have to cross and keep the route as simple as possible.

○ Practice the route with your children.

○ Instruct them to keep away from vacant lots, fields and any other locations that have few people around.

○ Children should not walk alone, especially if they are young. Child predators look for children who are alone. It is much more difficult to deal with a group of children, so they normally do not.

Not only should parents remind children about the inherent risks associated with going to school or coming home safely, they should make a conscious effort to be aware of the small children trying to make it to their destination.

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NEWS

738th EIS gets Hurlburt Field plugged

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

The 738th Engineering and Installation Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., arrived here July 28 and will remain until Sept. 30 to upgrade several facilities here with new and improved communication capabilities.

The 738th EIS is the only active-duty unit in the Air Force that performs specialized engineering functions, such as those needed by Hurlburt Field. For that reason, and the fact that the 738th has agreed to perform for all Command, Control, Computer and Communications installations, the team arrived ready to assist, said 2nd Lt. Nickolas Franklin, 738th project engineer.

The EIS team, which is composed of one team chief, five cable installers and one on-site engineer, will be completing four projects while here. They'll be upgrading facilities with the capabilities to support voice, data and/or video communication," Lieutenant Franklin said.

"Basically, the facilities need to be equipped with (these) capabilities for day-to-day operations and to fulfill mission requirements," said Lieutenant Franklin.

The lieutenant said that the communication capability is broken down into two or three main elements: the communications link, the copper wire or the fiber-optic cable.

"The communication capabilities are

carried out over a backbone or a communications link that enables one entity to receive and another to send the voice, data and/or video communications," Lieutenant Franklin said. "The communications link is run over a medium, such as the copper wire, which transmits voice, but can also be used for data applications, or the fiber-optic cable, which prominently transmits data."

In other words, by upgrading the current wiring system, base facilities will have a wider array of communication capabilities. One major facility improved was the 25th Intelligence Operations Squadron Cat5 cable, which received various network upgrades.

Up to this point, the Combat Weather, Corrosion Control and Weapons Instructor Course have had their new copper and fiber-optic cables installed, terminated and tested.

The Consolidated Communications, the Readiness Supply Pack and the CV-22 Training Device Support facilities will also receive voice and data upgrades later in the year. These are just a few of the many facilities that will need those upgrades.

Although the team is leaving at the end of September, there are other projects scheduled for 2004, which include copper and fiber-optic cabling added to the base dining and fitness facilities.

"In comparison the contracting and the Guard units," Lieutenant Franklin said, "the 738th is the Department of



Photo by 2nd Lt. Nickolas Franklin

Staff Sgt. Andrew Shutes, 738th Engineering and Installation Squadron, installs cable racks in a handhole on East Road, here.

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Spotlight on ...

Charlie Flores

Rank/Duty Title: Staff Sergeant/Unit personnel chief
Organization: 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Conneaut, Ohio

Hobbies: Sports cars, fishing and reading

Contribution to the mission:

Sergeant Flores is the first one at work in the morning and the last one to leave at night. His drive and determination have made his unit more organized and better able to focus on customer service – what his mission's all about – taking care of people.

Over the past months, he has volunteered an enormous amount of his personal time to complete a box of "lost" Operation Enduring Freedom decorations from the first wave of deployments.

Sergeant Flores worked diligently to ensure each person would receive proper recognition, including one Bronze Star recipient. His abilities have made him the go-to-guy, and a role model for all.

(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.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Davis

Clean getaway

Gen. Charles Holland, commander, Special Operations Command, gets a traditional hosing-down from his family after completing his "finis flight," or final flight as a military pilot, Aug. 21. General Holland elected to have his finis flight aboard a MC-130P Combat Talon II from the 9th Special Operations Squadron, based at Eglin Air Force Base. The general steps down from command Tuesday.

AIR FORCE NEWS

New service-commitment policy coming

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Schoen
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Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.

— Starting Oct. 1, Air Force Reserve Command will implement a comprehensive, service-commitment directive for certain kinds of training, education and promotions.

“The Reserve Service Commitment policy accomplishes two goals,” said Lt. Gen. James Sherrard III, AFRC commander. “First, the RSC ensures a fair and equitable return to the Air Force Reserve and the American taxpayers.”

“Second, it communicates to our members the period of obligated service they must complete before becoming eligible to separate, transfer or retire from the Selected Reserve,” General Sherrard continued.

The policy affects Reservists in the Selected Reserve, the Individual Ready Reserve’s Health Professions Scholarship Program and the IRR’s Financial Assistance Program.

The RSC includes unit program

Reservists, individual mobilization augmentees and members of the active Guard and Reserve.

Air Force Reservists in the rank of colonel and below incur a service obligation if they attend formal training or education for 20 weeks or longer, receive a promotion in the top three enlisted grades, or enlist in the service for the first time.

“In the past, a member under certain circumstances could attend initial training, complete a formal school, return to their Air Force Reserve assignment and request reassignment to inactive status without completely fulfilling their commitment,” said Lt. Col. Paul Kirby, chief of the personnel programs and training division in the office of the Air Force Reserve in Washington.

“Everyone wins when a member acquires new skills through training and education, but the Air Force Reserve loses if members leave prematurely,” Colonel Kirby said.

“Take pilot training for example: Most people don’t realize the significant investment of time and money involved

for a pilot to reach full operational competence. It takes approximately two to three years of training time and costs up to \$6 million,” the colonel continued.

“That’s a significant investment. If we allow that person to simply leave without incurring a service commitment, the country loses its investment of both financial resources and time,” Colonel Kirby continued.

The Air Force Reserve has had policies that attempted to address service commitments and training in certain career fields, such as pilots and health-care professionals, but these policies often lacked the “teeth” needed to enforce them, Colonel Kirby said.

“This policy standardizes, streamlines and provides the means to enforce the various commitment policies, by providing a single-source document that clearly communicates the required commitments to the members,” the colonel continued.

“We worked hard to create a system that treats people fairly, and I believe our Reservists are people of honesty and integrity who’ll live up to their commitments,” Colonel Kirby said. (AFPN)

Online survey gives commissary answers

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — A commissary industry committee is spearheading a first-ever online survey aimed at finding out more about the commissary shopping habits and perception of savings of active-duty military service members.

The survey is being funded, conducted and compiled by the Consumer Awareness Team, a commissary industry committee that researches and funds projects to help military service members understand the value of their commissary benefit.

At stake for anyone taking the survey: two minutes of their time and a chance to win one of 250 commissary gift certificates valued at \$50 each. The certificates are also funded by industry.

Since the survey is being conducted and funded by private industry, it’s not available at commissaries, but can be taken online at <http://catsurvey.shortsurveys.com>. The online survey will be available through September.

Any authorized commissary shopper is welcome to take the survey, but the Consumer Awareness Team does have a specific audience it’s trying to reach.

“We want to gather more information on the shopping habits of active service members, particularly E1-E6 and junior officers,” said Steve Lamkin, CAT chairman. “The results will help us make decisions about what outreach projects we undertake. In addition, our projects are funded by the manufacturers who sell products to commissary customers, so those manufacturers obviously have an interest in any projects that

will increase business.”

The survey has just six questions on demographic information such as duty and family status, frequency of shopping, perception of commissary savings and percent of household grocery money spent at the commissary.

According to Deborah Kalas, chairman of the CAT survey subcommittee, “Even though shoppers can save 30-percent or more over retail at the commissary, it’s sometimes difficult to get the word out to new military members that the commissary can really help them.”

“Hopefully this survey will help us understand their perceptions about the commissary and what we can do as industry partners to communicate the value of the benefit to all authorized shoppers,” Ms. Kalas continued.

Although the survey is not “official,” the results will also be shared with DeCA as a tool for outreach and marketing.

“We aren’t able to collect that kind of demographic information on our customers,” said Kaye Kennedy, chief of DeCA corporate communications, “and although we do an official Commissary Customer Satisfaction Survey twice a year, it only surveys shoppers who are already in the stores.”

“It’s great that our industry partners are doing projects that can provide valuable feedback and help us focus our outreach and marketing efforts to the right audiences,” Ms. Kennedy continued. (DeCA)



AF reaches recruiting goal

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force reached its enlisted-contract goal Friday with the signing of its 37,000th enlistment contract.

More than 32,000 people entered basic military training since Sept. 30. The Air Force now has enough contracts to meet its goal for the fiscal year and has for the past four years, according to officials.

“I salute our recruiters who’re working hard to recruit the country’s best and brightest,” said Brig. Gen. Edward Rice Jr., Air Force Recruiting Service commander. “We’re committed to recruiting a diverse, high-quality volunteer force that’s representative of the country it serves.”

The Air Force isn’t only doing well enlisting airmen; the service is also doing well commissioning officers into critical career fields, according to officials.

“The Air Force is having a banner-year recruiting engineers, scientists and weather officers,” said Col. Gary Kirk, recruiting service’s operations division chief. “The last year that compares with this year’s success was 1991, and we’re already postured for another strong year next year.”

Although the Air Force is having a great recruiting year, it’s still hiring, Colonel Kirk said. It needs hundreds of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and aircraft mechanics as well as those qualified for Special Operations, such as Pararescue and Combat Control.

According to Colonel Kirk, the Air Force also maintained its standard of 99 percent of recruits being high school graduates. Enlisted airmen earn 12 to 72 accredited hours through their Air Force training, putting them on track to earn an associate’s degree in one of more than 60 fields of study from the Community College of the Air Force. (AFPN)



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University here, entitled "Current Issues in American Foreign Policy: Iraq, Iran and Liberia."

During his seminar and evening course, Dr. Perkins' main objectives were to pass on lessons he learned from his years in American foreign policy to future politicians and diplomats.

"First, as a diplomat, it's important to learn from the colleagues before you and how they managed foreign policy," Dr. Perkins said. "Second, by gathering information and sifting through materials, future ambassadors can counsel diplomats and give them another edge. Finally, what was once a curricular force, is now our national strategy."

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Technical Order.

The submitted idea not only saved the Air Force \$9,300 per instance, but saved the shop between two and eight man-hours. By having the lenses on hand, workers can make repairs on the spot, instead of having to order unneeded extra parts.

"For example, if a plane is at isochronal maintenance with a broken lens, the repair can be made in a matter of minutes, rather than pulling the entire CSU and sending it back to the shop for repair," Sergeant Swahn said.

Since arriving here, Sergeant Swahn has submitted two ideas. The other submission was for an added part to the high frequency radio T.O. that wasn't listed in the illustrated parts breakdown.

"As I see a need for change, I'll definitely do my best to improve my work environment to the best of my abilities," Sergeant Swahn said.

"Sometimes it requires a lot of patience...but it's well worth it in the end."

Sergeant Swahn said he plans on investing his money in real estate and purchasing a portion of property.

The IDEA program encourages creative thinking and makes innovative ideas (especially those fostering continuous improvement, economics and productivity) available to benefit the Air Force, according to the IDEA program directive.

Anyone with a submission should call the IDEA office at 884-6805.

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Post office dedicated to fallen Commando

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Master Sgt. Karen Craft, Moody Air Force Base Honor Guard, presents Maj. Lyn McIntosh's son, Scott, with an American Flag during a ceremony in Valdosta, Ga.

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — A “Quiet Professional” and native was honored Aug. 20, when the Valdosta Northside Station Post Office was renamed in his honor.

Maj. Lyn Davis McIntosh was killed during Operation Eagle Claw — the rescue attempt of American Embassy hostages in Iran April 1980. Eight people, including the major, lost their lives at a

remote site known as Desert

One, when an RH-53 Navy helicopter collided with an EC-130.

Major McIntosh, assigned to the 8th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., was the co-pilot on board the EC-130.

All those killed in the operation were heroes, according to retired Col. Roland Guidry, Operation Eagle Claw EC-130 Squadron commander.

“He was a national hero, he was a quiet professional and he was my friend,” said the colonel, who retold the story of the life and accomplishments of Major McIntosh.

The Valdosta High School band played the National Anthem, while the Moody Honor Guard presented the colors and folded a flag to present to Major McIntosh’s family.

The colonel told the 150 people gathered for the ceremony that the Air Force Special Operations Command motto, “Quiet Professionals,” fits the major. He remembered him as a mild-mannered man, who kept other members in check.

But more than 21 years after Major McIntosh’s death, Congressman Sanford Bishop, presented a bill before the House of Representatives to honor the Valdosta native.

There was already a memorial dedicated to Major McIntosh — an F-86 at the corner of Woodrow Wilson St. and Ashley St. — but the major’s son, Scott, and local veterans wanted to rename the post office in his honor to further spotlight the

dedication of this extraordinary Valdostan. The bill was passed and preparations began for the renaming of the building.

“The reason why they chose the post office is because it’s a symbol of the community,” said Lizbeth Dobbins, U.S. Postal Service South Georgia District Manager.

“People associate the post office with the community. So, what better way to recognize a hero than to name an important piece of his community after him?” Ms. Dobbins said.

A plaque and picture will hang in the lobby of the building highlighting the accomplishments of Major McIntosh.

Congressman Bishop said that both memorials are merely small gestures from a community that lost a father, son, husband, friend and colleague.

It was the community that influenced all Major McIntosh’s decisions: the Valdosta public school systems influenced his education; Valdosta State University influenced his career; and Moody AFB influenced his decision to become a pilot.

As another tribute to the fallen hero, the Mayor of Valdosta Jimmy Rainwater proclaimed Aug. 20 as Maj. Lyn Davis McIntosh Memorial Day.

“He honored us much more than we could ever repay him,” said Mayor Rainwater.

“There’ll be a lot said about him today, but no one else can say he was from their city or that he was one of them — but we can,” the mayor said. **(AFSOC NEWS)**

Continued vigilance is the responsibility of everybody

Courtesy of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations

The terrorism attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, taught us that the enemies of the United States are

capable of striking high-value targets on American soil, and they're willing to stop at nothing to do so.

With more terror attacks promised by the enemies of the United States, vigilance is called

for like never before.

For that reason, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations continues to promote the "Eagle Eyes" program. At the heart of the program is the understanding that terrorist acts are not simply

spontaneous activities that "just happen." Rather, they require careful planning and are rehearsed in advance.

This point was stressed considerably when investigations into the Sept. 11 attacks revealed the perpetrators lived in our cities and communities, conducted surveillance, planned their attacks and rehearsed their operations in the midst of our everyday way of life.

Yet not enough people were able to recognize the planning activities and contact the right people to prevent the tragedy.

That's why "Eagle Eyes" was created – to better educate Air Force personnel and ordinary citizens on the planning activities associated with terrorist acts and to encourage them to notify authorities when they see something suspicious.

Since its inception in April 2002, "Eagle Eyes" has been received with great enthusiasm all over the Air Force and in communities adjacent to bases.

The program gets people involved in the protection of Air Force people and resources in their own communities.

The "Eagle Eyes" concept has become more important than ever. Base people, along with the surrounding communities should continue their vigilance and report suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities.

It's this high level of cooperation between the base and the community that has made the program not only a success, but now a DoD standard.

Specifically, "Eagle Eyes" encourages people to recognize the following activities as potentially suspicious and to report them to authorities:

○Surveillance. Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

○Elicitation. People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

○Tests of security. Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to



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assess strengths and weaknesses.

○Acquiring supplies. Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

○Suspicious persons out of place. People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

○Dry run. Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

○Deploying assets. People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

The U.S. Air Force belongs to the citizens of this great nation, and their continued vigilance helps protect Air Force people and resources from terrorist attacks.

Air Force people are dispersed around the nation and around the world, both on base and off. So are their families. And so are merchants and citizens who form a community of interest near Air Force bases and interests.

"Eagle Eyes" puts them all on the antiterrorism team by teaching them what to look for. Doing so makes the world a smaller, more difficult place for terrorists to carry out their missions.

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JAC2C closes doors to stand up Falconer Formal Training Unit

By Tom Brannon
Command and Control Warrior School

The last Joint Air Command and Control Course at the Command and Control Warrior School graduated July 24 and began a new era.

The C2WS is now the home of the newly created Formal Training Unit for the Falconer Air and Space Operations Center.

Its mission is to conduct initial qualification training for the AOC Falconer Weapon System.

"It was both sad and exciting to see the last JAC2C class graduate," said Jim Beauchamp, a C2WS instructor. "JAC2C has played a huge role in shaping the employment of airpower by the U.S. and its allies over the past five years. It's exciting to be a part of the FTU and to be able to provide the Falconer weapon system with trained personnel who can achieve optimum effect in employing airpower."

JAC2C originated in 1998 as a result of a critical Air Force requirement for command and control training at the operational (theater) level of war. This need became apparent when the U.S. and its allies were faced with multiple contingencies in Southwest Asia and the Balkans in the 1990s.

Since 1998, JAC2C graduates played a major role in tailoring airpower for U.S. and coalition military operations around the globe including Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In an after action report for Operation Iraqi Freedom, the U.S. Marines cited JAC2C as a key factor in their highly successful air operations. Key Marine Corps aviation planners deployed in theater were JAC2C graduates.

JAC2C was a three-week course that focused on the process by which airpower is employed and the applications that enable airpower to be planned, tasked, and controlled.

Since its inception in 1998, 47 Joint Air Command and Control Courses have been taught graduating approximately 4,230 students from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and the National Security Agency as well as allied and coalition partners.

JAC2C trained personnel are assigned to every regional and functional command as well as the newly created Department of Homeland Security. Canada, Australia, Korea, Singapore, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Spain, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, Norway, Venezuela and Italy have all had students trained in JAC2C.

The new AOC Formal Training Unit will provide initial qualification training by way of administrator, operator, and technician training programs in addition the 4-day familiarization course. The 6-week FTU Operator Training Program assimilates the old JAC2C as the foundation of fundamental training taught in the first 13 days.

Upon completion of fundamental training a student enters one of 10 follow-on specialty courses, which include offensive operations, defensive operations, ISR (intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance), communications, interface control, air mobility operations, airspace, personnel recovery, space operations, and strategy operations.

At the end of the six-week course, Air Force students will be awarded a Special Experience Identifier and are qualified for assignment to a Falconer Air and Space Operations Center. The C2 Warrior School FTU will host seven six-week Operator Courses with approximately 100 students per class in fiscal year 2004.

The C2WS is a unit within the Air Force Command and Control Training and Innovation Group. Approximately 45 military and 103 civilian personnel make up the FTU.

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Military Clothing Sales: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Closed**; Closed

AutoPride: 24 Hours; **24 Hours**; 24 Hours

Minimall Shoppette: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Minimall Food: 6 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Closed**; Closed

Base Exchange Food Concessions: 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Regular hours; Closed

Burger King: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.; **10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**; Closed

Minimall Concessions: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Closed**; Closed

Base Exchange Barber: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; **No hours
available**; 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All other Base Exchange concessions: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
No hours available; Closed

Gator Lakes Golf Course: 6:30 a.m. – dusk; **6:30 a.m. –
dusk**; 6:30 a.m. – dusk

Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center: 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.;
noon-midnight; noon – 10 p.m.

Spare Time Grill (Hurlburt Lanes): 6:30 a.m. – 11
p.m.; **noon-midnight**; noon – 10 p.m.

J.R. Rockers Sports Café: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.; **Closed**;
Closed

Soundside Club: Open for functions only; **Open for
functions only**; Closed

Officers Hooch: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Enlisted Hooch: 3 p.m. – Close; **Closed**; Closed

Velocity Subs: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Child Development Center: 6:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.;
Closed; Closed

Community Center: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Teen Center: 4 – 11 p.m.; **4 – 11 p.m.**; Closed

Youth Center Open Recreation: 5:30 – 10 p.m.; **1 – 8
p.m.**; Closed

School Age Program: 6:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; **Closed**;
Closed

ITT Ticket Sales: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Closed**; Closed

ITT Leisure Travel Sales: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Closed**;
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Frame Skills: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; **Closed**; Closed

Wood Skills: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; **Closed**; Closed

Plaque & Trophy Shop: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; **Closed**;
Closed

Auto Skills: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**; Closed

Multi-Crafts Center: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Outdoor Recreation Center: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; **9 a.m. – 5
p.m.**; Closed

Pool: 1 – 9 p.m.; **10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**; Closed

Marina: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**; 8 a.m. – 5
p.m.

Dive Club: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Paintball Fields: Reservations only; **8 – 11 a.m./ 2 – 6
p.m.**; Closed

Main Fitness Center: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; **8 a.m. – 6 p.m.**; 8
a.m. – 6 p.m.

Commando Fitness Center: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Oasis Café Dining Facility: Closed; **Closed**; Closed

Reef Dining Facility: Br. 6 – 8:30 a.m., L. 11 a.m. – 1
p.m., D. 4 – 6:30 p.m. Friday through Monday

Library: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; **9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**; Closed

FEATURE

HAZMAT MATTERS

Hurlburt Field airmen learn to handle hazardous material

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Protective suits, air tanks, a makeshift shower and a smoke machine set the stage for 16 airmen here to prove they have what it takes to deal with hazardous material spills.

For the first time in three years, a new group of airmen completed the 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations class Friday, bringing Hurlburt Field's spill response team to 36 trained personnel. The classes are usually held every two years.

"This is like a final exam – a field test," said Randy Trent, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, Emergency Spill Response Coordinator. "Now these guys are qualified to handle the containment and recovery of fuel and oil spills on base. They could even assist off-base agencies or other bases, if needed."

During the test exercise, a civilian hazardous material training company set up a scenario at Hurlburt Field's HAZMAT storage area. A smoke machine billowed fog into a storage room, and simulated hazardous materials were "spilled" from containers.

Airmen-in-testing, mostly from the 16th CES, donned HAZMAT suits and strapped on self-contained breathing apparatus', and went in to investigate.

After determining the threat from the leaking materials, "exposed" airmen were decontaminated in a mobile decon shower, and reinforcements were sent in to handle clean-up.

"Hurlburt Field usually does quite well, but these airmen are impressive," said Mike Gilroy, an instructor on handling hazardous material. "They recognized the chemicals, took proper action and gave a top-notch performance in analyzing the hazards."

The 16th CES Fire Department also played a hand in the exercise, helping with breathing tanks and providing medical support.

Airman 1st Class Josh Rudderforth, one of the "first-in" responders during the field test, said he better recognizes the importance of properly dealing with hazardous materials since taking the training.

"It's a very interesting class," said Airman Rudderforth. "(HAZMAT) is an important part of the Air Force mission. If something spills, it's up to us to keep it from getting out into the environment."



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

(above) Airmen exit a hazardous waste storage facility on Red Horse Road during a field exercise that concluded a Hazardous Waste Operations Class, Friday. (below) Airman 1st Class Josh Rudderforth, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, gets "decontaminated" after inspecting a simulated chemical spill.



LIFESTYLE

Military

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association is holding its monthly meeting Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. in J.R. Rockers' Daytona Room. Each member is encouraged to invite a friend. Topics to be discussed include: upcoming base and community events and other general discussions on membership and the chapter focus. The chapter is also undergoing a membership recall for all local and past members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995, or retired Chief Master Sgt. John Greer at 939-6659.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association, Chapter 567 holds its monthly membership meeting today at 3 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. For more information, call Bernadette Garces at 884-7633, or e-mail bernadette.garces@hurlburt.af.mil.

1A3X1 slots available

The 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is looking for Airborne Communications and Electronics Specialists (1A3X1). With a fleet of 22 specially configured aircraft, this selectively manned unit supports DV airlift for the United States' senior executives. These specialists fly all over the world in support of the White House, state and defense departments, the chairman's office and many other government executive agencies.

They also support crisis, contingency and continuity of government communications as well as the routine daily business for the nation's most senior leaders, which allows them to continue their roles and responsibilities. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Ed Moren at 858-4673, or e-mail 89og.ogk@andrews.af.mil.

NY Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A2X1, 1C0X2, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T1X1, 3C1X1, 3E0X1, 3E3X1, 3E9X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S1X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4D0X1, 4P0X1, 4R0X1 and 4T0X1. There are also full-time active-duty opportunities in 2A6X6 AND 2A7X3.

For more information, call 1-800-524-5070, or Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson at (518) 344-2456, or e-mail Wesley.ryerson@nyscot.ang.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-4s (O-3P) personnel should call Maj. Wayne Hausser at 543-7163, or e-mail wayne.hausser@us.army.mil.

EMS inventory

The 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight will be conducting its 100 percent, semi-annual inventory Tuesday until Sept. 12. In order to

expedite the inventory, only bonafide emergency ammo issues approved by the 16th Maintenance Group commander will be honored. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth Scott at 884-2007, or Staff Sgt. Micki Kistler at 884-2009.

Community

HOSC luncheon

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club hosts a luncheon Sept. 18 at the Soundside Club. Socials begin at 10:30 a.m., and the luncheon will immediately follow. The theme of the luncheon is antiques; guests will receive tips on how to buy quality antiques, have an antique appraised or have an opportunity to buy one from the local dealers present at the luncheon.

The luncheon menu includes: a selection of Bigelow teas, scones, canapés, mini quiche, assorted mini sandwiches, mini cheesecakes, petit fours and coffee, iced tea and water. The cost of the luncheon is \$11.70 with a \$2 discount for club members.

Childcare is available at the youth center from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$3 per hour for one child or \$5 per hour for two or more children. All fees may be charged to club cards. The reservation for childcare is Sept. 10, and luncheon reservations should be made by Sept. 12. For more information or to make reservations, call Becky McVay at 897-0928, or e-mail HOSCReservations@cox.net.

ACA annual reunion

The Annual Air Commando Association/Special Operations Reunion is Oct. 10 through 12 in Fort Walton Beach. For more information, call 581-0099, fax 581-8988, e-mail hqaca@aircommando.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~aircommando1/>.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will close Friday for the wing down day and Sept. 1 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The Eglin Air Force Base emergency room is available during clinic closure hours for any emergency needs.

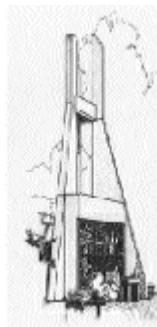
Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month, and the military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting the observance period. Currently, there aren't any officers or appointed positions held, and the positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer will need to be filled. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-8746.

CLEP test changes

Over the next nine months, all present paper based College Level Examination Program tests will be replaced with 14 new paper based tests in April 2004. The last English Composition with Essay test will be offered Oct. 7 at 8 a.m. Nov. 27 will be the last day for the following general CLEP tests: Natural Sciences, College Mathematics and English Composition. After Nov. 27, the following subject CLEP tests will no longer be offered: College-Level Spanish Language, History of the United States I and II and Principles of Accounting. For more information, call the education center at 884-6724.

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 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

Jum'ah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: 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) *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, starring Sean Connery and Peta Wilson ñ Based on the acclaimed comic books by Alan Moore, a legion of superheroes ñ the likes of which the world has never seen ñ must save the world, with little preparation and no time to lose. However, the members of the league enter their union with inherent suspicion toward one another.

Saturday ñ (PG) *Johnny English*, starring Rowan Atkinson and Natalie Imbruglia ñ Johnny English is a bumbling British agent sent to rescue the crown jewels and save the monarchy from the scheming Frenchman Pascal Sauvage. All of England's hopes are resting on Mr. English.

Sunday ñ (PG-13) *How to Deal*, starring Mandy Moore and Allison Janney ñ Halley is disillusioned with love after seeing the many dysfunctional relationships around her. All these have combined to convince her that love is a ridiculous impossibility. But when a tragic event in her life leads to a romantic encounter with a young man, she realizes the possibility of true love.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Sunday ñ (R) *Bad Boys II*, starring Martin Lawrence and Will Smith ñ Miami police detectives Marcus Burnett and Mike Lowrey are back. This time they're investigating the booming ecstasy business in south Florida. Their drug busts lead to an evil kingpin who has started a violent turf war throughout Miami. To further complicate matters, Mr. Lowrey begins to fall for Mr. Burnett's half sister, Syd. It's a relationship that threatens their friendship and puts Syd's life in danger.

Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. ñ (G) *Pokemon Heroes*, an animated film ñ In a mysterious city of water called Alto Mare, Ash and Pikachu meet two new Pokemons, Latias and Latios, who possess strong psychic abilities and the power to disguise themselves as humans. Latias and Latios protect a treasure called the Droplet of the Heart, which is the target for the pair of thieves, Zanna and Rion.

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

Attn: Commando Village

The housing office staff is in the process of cleaning the recreational vehicle compound and removing any items/vehicles that aren't claimed. Those who haven't re-certified their RV for 2003 need to stop by the housing office and do so because beginning Sept. 30, any items/vehicles not accounted for will be towed and/or discarded. For more information, call Dave Elrod at 884-7507 ext. 106.

Before/after school program

Two parent introduction tours of the youth center for the before and after school program are Wednesday at 9 and 11:30 a.m. for youth attending Holley-Navarre Primary and Intermediate schools (Kindergarten – 5th grade).

The tour will also include a discussion on the program's philosophy, objectives, times, busing, getting started and a question/answer opportunity. For more information or to reserve a seat, call the youth center at 884-6938/3766.

Resurfacing parking lot

As of Friday, the mini-mall parking lot will be blocked off in order for it to be resurfaced and marked with a user-friendly parking scheme over the Labor Day weekend. For more information, call Gary Ross at 884-7524.

HNMS advisory council

Holley Navarre Middle School is looking for parents interested in the joining the School Advisory Council for a minimum of two years. There'll be a vote for nominees at the Parent, Teacher, Student Association meeting Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, all Don Bowersox at 936-6040, or Greg Black at 936-6550.

CCAF progress reports

Community College of the Air Force students are

advised to check their progress reports on the Air Force Virtual Education Center Web site at <https://afvec.langleley.af.mil>. The deadline for the October 2003 graduating class is Friday. Those who think they are eligible or need help interpreting their report should call the education office at 884-6724, or e-mail 16mss.dpe@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. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the MEO classroom, Building 90210, Room 244. For more information about the observance period, call Capt. Laura Ramos at 884-6731, or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

Self Help plant program

The Self Help Center is now using a voucher system to purchase plants at a downtown nursery. Customers will pick from the catalog, which features a selection of plants that grow well in the area, and then fill out a voucher to be turned in to the center's personnel. Also, the nursery providers are available to assist with any questions and provide landscaping advice. More selections will be made to the catalog in the future. For more information, call the center at 884-7130.

Telephone directory access

The new Hurlburt Field base telephone directory can now be accessed from any networked computer by visiting the Hurlburt Field Intranet home page and clicking on the Hurlburt Telephone Directory link. If any units have changes or updates for the directory, contact the section telephone control officer with the information. The TCO must then forward it to Richard Jones at Richard.jones@hurlburt.af.mil, or Jheri Brown at jheri.brown@hurlburt.af.mil.

For more information, call Mr. Jones or Ms. Brown at 884-6375.

Speakers needed

The 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs office is seeking individuals interested in speaking to local organizations on various topics throughout the year. Interested individuals who are comfortable with public speaking should call Amy Oliver at 884-6199.

Classes

FSC classes

- For more information, call 884-5441.
- Transition Assistance Program** – Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m.; reservations required, call 884-6281
- Moms, Pops and Tots** – Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- Employment Orientation** – Wednesday, 1 p.m.
- Kids Hurricane Tips** – Thursday, 4 p.m.; reservations required
- Hurricane Awareness** – Friday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; reservations required

Employment Orientation

Employment Orientation is an opportunity for participants to discover the job/career best suited for them, using a list of job openings in the local area, information on how to use books, videos, and computer/printer rooms to assist in their job search and resumé assistance.

Hurricane Awareness

Hurricane Awareness is a class designed to provide families with valuable information before a hurricane strikes the area.

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Racquetball fans, fanatics get new playing surfaces



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Gibbs Dickson (left), from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Tom Fuhrmann, from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., play racquetball at the main fitness center, Monday.

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field racquetball players have something new to smile about.

The floor on all four courts at the main fitness center and two at the Health and Wellness Center have been reconditioned and resurfaced, part of this year's annual conditioning, needed to keep the surfaces up to standards for proper play and safety, said Chris Myers, Hurlburt Field sports director.

At a cost of \$8,500, the courts now have "a better and safer playing surface for players," said Mr. Myers. "With these courts, the old rule was: 'no shoes that will streak the floor with black marks.' The new rule is: 'To help these floors last longer, please carry your

playing shoes into the gym.'"

This should help keep dirt, rocks and debris from scratching the new floors, said Mr. Myers.

Even the Air Force's best racquetball player was impressed by the new court surfaces.

"These are really good floors," said Tom Fuhrmann, on temporary-duty here from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Fuhrmann is currently ranked number one in Air Force racquetball. "These courts and floors are some of the best I've ever seen."

The main fitness center is hosting a racquetball tournament Sept. 13 and 14. Sign-ups continue through Sept. 10 for men's and women's divisions. Cost is \$10 to enter the double-elimination tournament. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.

Lady Commandos stomp all but one in giant tournament

By Senior Airman Eli Ickes
4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

The "home turf advantage" seemed to be more than present when the Hurlburt Field Lady Commandos took second place in fast-pitch softball at the annual Military World Tournament, Aug. 15 through 17, at Frank Brown Park in Panama City.

"Military World was the best tournament we've played in," said Keri Jordan, Air Force Special Operations Command, who plays second base for the Lady Commandos. "Each player put something into the tournament, and each person was a part of the key that we needed to place second in the tournament."

Jordan was injured in the first game of the tournament and had her ankle wrapped for the rest of the games. It was after winning the first game that the Lady Commandos really started to pull together and realize they had a chance to win the tournament.

Mellisa O'Leary, AFSOC, was unable to play in the tournament due to a recent injury. However, she didn't let that deter her from cheering so hard that she nearly

lost her voice.

"We wouldn't have been even close to a second place finish if we hadn't pulled together as a team," she whispered. "We really starting playing well at a critical time (in the tournament)."

Barbara Mendez, 16th Mission Support Squadron, another member on the injured list, was very excited to watch her team do so well in the tournament.

"The Military World Tournament is a big event. Seventeen teams entered the tournament this year. We played seven. Of those seven teams we placed second," said Mendez.

The winning team, from Fort Meyer Army Base, proved to be a thorn in the side of the Lady Commandos.

"Fort Meyer's was the only team to beat us," said Mendez. "It was close both times we played them (once for placement and again for the championship) but the second was by far the most difficult."

The Lady Commandos initially had to "place" in elimination games to get a shot at the title. After placing, the quickly rose through the ranks, defeating every

opponent they faced. Finally, after eleven hours of playing game after game, they made it to the final match.

At eight in the evening the Lady Commandos started playing the Ft. Meyer team. Both teams played ferociously with the knowledge that the winner would take the trophy home. The game went five innings without a score on the boards. That changed when Ft. Meyer scored a single run in the sixth.

The Lady Commandos fought their best to overcome their adversaries, but were unable to score, and the game ended 0-1.

"Our team played the best it's ever played together," said Jordan. "Everyone supported each other and when our chips were down, we pulled them back up. The most important thing that we did during that tournament was to play together emotionally and mentally. Everyone saw the difference it made."

The Lady Commandos returned home happy to have done as well as they did. Jordan said this of the results: "Each player put something into the tournament and each person was part of the key that we needed to place second in the tournament."

Sports shorts

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. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.

Rugby players wanted

The Okaloosa Islanders Rugby Football Club is looking for new players. People of all ages and experi-

ence levels are invited to come join a training session, watch a game or jump right in and play. Training sessions are every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5 to 7 p.m. at Commando Softball Field one, next to the main fitness center. For more information, call John Colletta at 882-6128, or e-mail john.colletta @eglin.af.mil.

Start Smart Soccer

The Hurlburt Field Youth Center is offering Start Smart Soccer, a national program designed to help children develop the basic motor skills needed in organized soccer. Basic soccer skills will be covered.

The program is open to children 3-5 years old whose parents can attend six 1-hour sessions with them. The program begins Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m., continuing every Tuesday for six weeks. Cost is \$15. Interested people can register now. For more information, call the youth center at 884-6938.

Basketball officials wanted

People interested in officiating youth and intramural basketball games at Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force base this coming season are encouraged to call Roy Spencer at 581-4587.