

## New Hurlburt Field dorms taking shape

By 1st Lt. Gabe Johnson  
Public Affairs

Construction on new apartment-style dormitories on the east side of Hurlburt Field is beginning to make noticeable advancements as steel structures frame the future home for 144 airmen.

The first of their kind in the Air Force, the new dormitories are designed under an initiative to construct living quarters that will improve quality-of-life for junior enlisted members.

According to Ken Love, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of military construction, the project is 15 percent complete; six percent ahead of schedule.

By November 2004, airmen assigned to the 16th Medical Group and the 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron will be able to move into new housing that offers privacy, a greater level of comfort, and proximity to work.

"In this arrangement, four airmen will have their own bedrooms and bathrooms around a common shared area that will have a kitchenette, a small sitting area, and a washer and dryer right in the unit so they won't have to go down to a laundry room anymore," said Lt. Col. Jeff Pitchford, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

"Within the same total square footage and at the same cost per person to house them, we've redone the way we've thought about dormitories with privacy in mind. This gives them the privacy they

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Photo by Lt. Col. Gary Reynolds

**Fire Department HAZMAT Team members evacuate a mock victim from realistic conditions during a hazardous material exercise, Dec. 2. The exercise evaluation team gave the base high marks for its performance.**

## Base tackles HAZMAT exercise

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Base emergency responders and support agencies participated in a hazardous materials Major Accident Response Exercise Dec. 2 designed to evaluate their ability to properly respond to a hazardous materials spill.

The HAZMAT exercise was part of an overall Air Force Special Operations Command Inspector General's Unit Compliance Inspection, which ends today.

More than 15 emergency responders participated in the exercise, which featured a scenario involving a storage unit being struck by a tornado, subsequently injuring workers and damaging canisters containing simulated hazardous chemicals.

Hurlburt Field exercise evaluation team members, in coordination with

the 16th Special Operations Wing Inspector General, observed and evaluated every action taken by the hazmat team, medical responders, command post and the disaster control group.

"The base's response was very good," said Master Sgt. Dennis Craig, evaluation team superintendent. "The emergency responders were on it, in no time flat, saving lives, containing the scene and mitigating further damage all in accordance with standard procedures."

"This exercise was a clear indicator of team Hurlburt's dedication and professionalism," said Lt. Col. Gary Reynolds, 16th SOW Inspector General, "and I'm looking forward to many more successful exercises as the IG."

Not only did the emergency responders react to the training, but at one point during the exercise they were

called to a real-world emergency on the flightline, after which, they transitioned back into the training environment.

According to William Haney, assistant chief of fire prevention, the HAZMAT team responded to a reported "real world" fuel leak on the flightline, terminated the emergency, and resumed the exercise "as if they were just changing their shoes."

"It was seamless," Sergeant Craig said. "It shows me that they're training like they fight."

"As an installation we are constantly improving. We must continue to take these exercises seriously and view them as invaluable training and evaluation tools," said the sergeant.

While a formal report of the exercise will be compiled and forwarded to the wing at a later date, evaluators' initial overall feedback was positive.

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The last issue of the COMMANDO for 2003 is scheduled to print Dec. 19. Story submissions and classified ads must be turned in by close-of-business today. The first issue of the COMMANDO for the new year will print Jan. 9. For more information, call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs office at 884-7464

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**Weekend forecast**

**Today** – partly cloudy, High 60 Low 35

**Saturday** – scattered showers, High 65 Low 42

**Sunday** – scattered showers, High 62 Low 50

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# VIEWPOINTS

## 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.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the

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Col. O.G. Mannon



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## Pediatric distress

**Comment:** I'm calling in regard to the pediatric clinic on Hurlburt Field. It seems like every time I call they have no appointments. My daughter has been running a fever for five days and complaining of ear pain and they told me they couldn't see her today and to call back and make an appointment for tomorrow. As it turns out the clinic was able to work her into the schedule for that day.

However, I feel it's unacceptable that all of the appointments were already taken. It's not even 8 a.m. and they don't have any appointments available? They need to leave some type of appointments for sick visits.

**Response:** I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concern. The pediatric clinic is staffed with one pediatrician, responsible for the care of 1,500 children. Although the pediatric clinic generally provides excellent access to its enrolled population, it can be challenged by an increased demand when a cold or virus appears to be "going around." On such occasions, the available supply of appointments in a given day may be exhausted quickly. In order to address an urgent need during these times, parents may leave a message for

the pediatric nurse during normal duty hours. The pediatric nurse will call the parent back to discuss the problem and determine the best course of action. If a determination is made that the child should be seen that day, you'll be offered either a clinic visit or a referral to a network provider. As always, if an emergency exists, you should seek care at the nearest emergency room.

According to our records, you called at 7:46 a.m. on the morning in question and left a telephone consult regarding your child's fever. The pediatric nurse responded promptly, and your child was seen by the pediatrician within two hours of your call.

I understand it can be frustrating when an appointment is not always available at the time of your call. I can assure you that our sole pediatrician works very hard to provide as much care as possible, but the supply of appointments is not unlimited. The system is set up so that, should a scheduled appointment be unavailable when you call about a child with an acute need, you'll be directed to the best option in the most timely manner. I hope this answers your question regarding our pediatric clinic appointment process.

For central appointments, call 883-8600 or for the TRICARE Health Care Information Line, call (800) 333-5331, to speak to an advice nurse.

## Former patrolman brings emotional warning

By Capt. Tom Knowles  
Public Affairs

Reactions from more than 4,000 people ranged from laughter to almost crying during three safety briefings presented at the corrosion control facility Tuesday.

The event, which featured guest speaker Capt. Pete Collins, formerly of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, and sponsored by the wing safety office, was held to promote overall safety awareness and the dangers of speeding with special emphasis on preventing drunk driving and its tragic consequences.

His message began on a humorous note, but later turned somber as Captain Collins

recounted in graphic detail gruesome firsthand accounts of the tragedy and death caused by drinking and driving accidents. He later went on to illustrate the importance of responsible drinking and driving and the importance of never mixing the two.

Base personnel are reminded that doing so is not only against the law, it's a crime with thousands of victims. Nearly 17,000 Americans are killed and more than 700,000 are injured each year in alcohol-related traffic crashes.

Drunk driving costs Americans more than \$50 billion each year in economic losses.

Be responsible. If you've had a drink, call AADD at 884-8844 for a free, confidential ride home.

Anyone who was unable to attend the safety briefing can check out a videotaped version of the program from the wing safety office. For more information call 884-7615.



Courtesy photo

This wrecked car on Independence Road is a graphic reminder to Hurlburt Field airmen of what can happen when you drink and drive.

## Hurlburt Field DUI Tracker

Nov. 20 – Dec. 12: 1 DUI	Total DUIs for 2002: 48
16th Component Maintenance Squadron	Airmen Against Drunk Driving Don't Drink and Drive.
Days since last DUI: 22	Call 884-8844
Total DUIs this year to date: 51	Potential saves this year: 109

# NEWS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Davis

## Hittin' switches

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, his wife, and an airman from the 16th Services Squadron, throw the switch to light the Hurlburt Field holiday tree at the Airpark Dec. 4. Nearly 500 people turned out for the event, where this year's greeting card contest winners were announced. The first place winner was the 39th Information Operations Squadron; second was the Air Force Combat Weather Center; third place was the 16th Mission Support Squadron. After the ceremony, Santa Claus showed up on a fire truck and escorted children to the youth center where they told him what they wanted for the holidays.

## Spotlight on ...

### Jared Webb

**Rank/Duty Title:** Senior airman/structural apprentice  
**Organization:** 823rd RED HORSE Squadron

**Hometown:** Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

**Hobbies:** Outdoor sports, basketball, four-wheeling, sight-seeing and video games

**Contribution to the mission:**

Airman Webb carried the torch for the legendary 823rd RED HORSE Squadron over the past year, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He led a four-person team to prepare more than 36 combat-essential resources for the support of airborne RED HORSE operations.

While deployed to a different location, he helped expeditiously build two twelve-thousand square-foot Sprung Shelters to protect and secure more than three million dollars worth of resources. A member of the Airborne RED HORSE team, Airman Webb was selected for Senior Airman Below the Zone in June.

*(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.)*

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want within a module where they can interact with three other people and have a much smaller, intimate home."

Each room will have 129 square feet of space, which doesn't include the walk-in closet or private bath.

"Right now I share a restroom with one of my suitemates, the rooms are small, and we don't have a stove so we can't cook," said Airman Monique Banaay, 16th Medical Group administrative specialist. "Also, I live on the west side of the base, I work on the east side and I don't have a vehicle, so it would be better to live over here."

"Our airmen told us that's what they wanted," said Colonel



Graphic by Jim Arp

Pitchford. "They're our greatest resource so we've listened to them and, as a result, we're taking a whole different approach to how we're designing dormitories."

"It's going to be nice," said Airman Banaay. "It will be like a

little apartment."

To meet the growing demand for on-base housing, a second dormitory construction project with apartment-style features will begin in fiscal year 2006, also on the east side of the base.

**This artist rendition graphic is what the new dormitory will look like when construction is complete in 2004.**

## Marine training scheduled

### U.S. Highway 98 traffic delays expected

Motorists traveling U.S. Highway 98 today and Wednesday between the hours of 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. should be prepared for long delays at the Wynnhaven beach area, located about five miles east of Hurlburt Field. Local law enforcement officials will close the highway at this location on three separate occasions for 30-minute intervals on both days to allow U.S. Marines, vehicles and equipment to move from the Gulf of Mexico into the Eglin reservation and back again during the USS Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group and 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit exercise.



Courtesy photo

**A Marine landing craft speeds toward shore.**

# Tests reveal bacteria in Hurlburt water system

Courtesy of the  
16th Medical Group

Hurlburt Field's water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, people have a right to know what happened and what was done to correct the situation.

Though the water is routinely monitored for drinking water contaminants, when routine samples were taken to test for the presence of coliform bacteria last month, contractors from Analytical Services discovered one water-sampling site tested positive for total coliforms Nov. 14.

On Nov. 17, per state and Air Force requirements, three follow-up samples were collected for this site, one upstream, and one downstream; one of the three follow-up samples tested positive for total coliforms. In addition to the follow-up sampling, one rou-

tine sample taken at this time also tested positive for total coliforms.

Further sampling was conducted on Nov. 19 at eight sites after the two follow-up samples tested positive; these eight additional samples all confirmed negative for total coliforms.

The Safe Drinking Water Act states that no more than one sample per month may exceed the drinking water standard.

### What does this mean?

If this had been an emergency, base personnel would've been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria, which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in

more samples than allowed, and this was a warning of potential problems.

The presence of total coliform bacteria can be caused by improper sample collection procedures and not necessarily the presence of it in the water system. Adequate chlorine residual in the distribution system will usually eradicate total coliform bacteria in the sampling process. We increased the chlorine residual and re-sampled the affected area to determine the water's safety for consumption.

Sampling collection procedures have been changed and work is being done to improve the quality and number of water sampling sites available to minimize the potential for positive

contamination. Again, this is not an emergency, and no illnesses have been reported as a result of the positive samples.

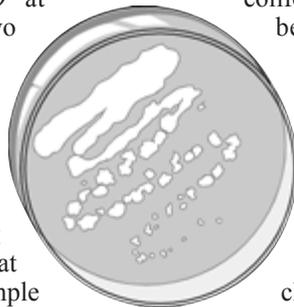
### What should you do?

You don't need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline by calling (800) 426-4791.

For more information, call Capt. Christopher Bishop and 1st Lt. Anthony Ty, bioenvironmental engineering, at 881-1822.



# AF announces wear guidance for new nametag

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – The Air Force has established both the mandatory wear date and proper wear for the new metallic nametag on service dress uniforms.

According to personnel officials, effective Jan. 1, the nametag must be worn on the wearer's right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the ribbons.

It should be centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel.

If a duty badge is worn on the wearer's

right side of the service dress jacket, men will center the badge a half-inch below the new nametag; women will center the badge a half-inch above the new nametag.

An exception is when a command insignia is worn by either men or women, then the command insignia is worn either a half-inch above or below the nametag and the duty badge is worn either a half-inch above or below the command insignia, depending on whether the individual is a current or former commander.

When the maternity jumper is worn as

the maternity service dress, the nametag should be centered on the right side and placed even to, or 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than, the first exposed button.

The nametag will also be worn on all pullover sweaters on the wearer's right side with the bottom of the nametag level centered between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. The tag won't be worn on the cardigan sweater.

For more information, Air Force members should contact the military personnel flight or commanders support staff. (AFPC)

# Money to come for families of deceased airmen

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** – Congress weighed in recently to make the two certainties in life, death and taxes, a little bit less painful – and the money is now ready to be given to families of deceased airmen.

Families of almost 500 Air Force members who died on active duty since Sept. 10, 2001, are receiving an additional \$6,000 beyond the death benefits they originally received. They will also be reimbursed for taxes already paid.

And according to the new law, families of all service members who die on active duty will now receive \$12,000 regardless of the circumstance of the death, tax-free. Commonly called the "death gratuity," it had been set at \$6,000 since 1991. Half of that amount was previously taxable.

The money is paid to families to help pay for expenses associated with the death, officials said.

The Air Force is working with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to ensure the 490 families of airmen who died

since the effective date get the additional money as quickly as possible, said Scott Hand from the Air Force casualty operations office here. They will be given instructions on how to file for reimbursement of taxes already paid, he said.

The Military Family Tax Relief Act was recently signed by the president.

"This is a welcome benefit Congress has given us," Mr. Hand said. "Families of people who die on active duty now know they will see a full \$12,000 to help with expenses and they don't have to worry about being taxed for it."

Families of some airmen who died within 120 days of retiring also qualify for the payments, Mr. Hand said.

Families are first notified of an airman's death through the information each airman records on the Virtual Record of Emergency Data which can be updated online from work or home via the Virtual Military Personnel Flight at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/>.

## News Briefs

### Suicide can be prevented

Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death for all Americans, the third leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24 and the second leading cause of death for military service members.

Major signs of depression include: impaired sleep and appetite, low energy, the inability to concentrate, social withdrawal and an increased use of alcohol.

Airmen who become aware of someone who is considering suicide have an obligation to help:

○Don't leave the person alone

○Try to contact the person's supervisor, commander or first sergeant and tell him/her about the problem

○Take the person to a medical or support facility

### New training area for military

History was made at Eglin Air Force Base recently when military, state and national officials signed the Northwest Florida Greenway agreement, which establishes the first 7,597 acres of an eventual 750,000-acre corridor stretching from Eglin's eastern border to the Apalachicola National Forest.

The Greenway corridor is strategically important to five Air Force and Navy installations – representing one of the largest open-air military training areas in the country.

The corridor has also been designated an environmental hot spot because of the high number of rare species living in the area. The Northwest Florida Greenway is intended to:

○Preserve environmentally sensitive areas

○Sustain existing military lands and airspace

○Maintain the economic viability of forest lands and provide recreation

# County invited to public hearing

Okaloosa County, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation and the U.S. Air Force (Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base) invites base members and local residents to attend a Public Hearing concerning the feasibility of constructing an interchange at the main gate to Hurlburt Field (Cody Avenue) on U.S. Highway 98.

The Hearing will be held Dec. 18, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Florosa Elementary School, 1700 Highway 98, Mary Esther, FL 32569 (2.5 miles west of Hurlburt's main gate).

The purpose of this hearing is to acquaint property owners and motorists with the proposed project. It's expected that this study will lead to subsequent design and construction phases.

The hearing is being conducted pursuant to 23 CFR 771 and the provisions of Rule Chapter 14-97, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 335.18, Florida Statutes.

This hearing is being held in accordance with the Section 339.155, Florida Statutes and is also consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This Hearing is also in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment is available for public inspection through Dec. 18 at the Mary Esther Library, 100 West Hollywood Blvd.: Monday, noon – 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Potential encroachment on wetlands and floodplains will be given special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 and 11988.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in this hearing.

For more information about the hearing or the project, call Bob Kellner, P.E., at 432-6800 or Danielle Slaterpryce, Okaloosa County, at 689-5772. People with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the hearing, under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Mr. Kellner.

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## Centennial of Flight

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**Dec. 1, 1959** – The first airmen assumed the top enlisted rank, chief master sergeant.

**Dec. 2, 1993** – Col. Richard Covey, pilot and mission commander, piloted the fifth flight of the shuttle Endeavor, which set a record for the greatest number of spacewalks, five. On the same flight Lt. Col. Tom Akers became the United States record holder for spacewalks with 29 hours and 40 minutes.

**Dec. 6, 1995** – The first



airmen arrived in Tuzla, Bosnia, to prepare the airfield for some of the 20,000 U.S. and 40,000 NATO troops enforcing the peace accord reached at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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Effective immediately, Guard and Reserve members, gray area retired and their family members are authorized unlimited use of the commissary.

Reserve/guard commanders are responsible for determining commissary eligibility. Possession of an identification card confirms such eligibility.

The DD Form 2529 Commissary Privilege Card, typically used by Guard and Reserve members or their family members, is no longer required.

The Uniformed Service Identification Card, or distinct identification cards of varying types as described below, is used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges. Such cards are issued by the Uniformed Services.

Examples are: Common Access Card, white in color issued to Reserve/Guard service members; DD Form 2, United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, gray or pink in color, issued to Reserve/Guard service members and retired service members; DD 1173-1 DoD Guard and Reserve Family Member Identification Card, light brown and issued to family members

For more information, call the Hurlburt Field Commissary at 881-2138.

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# Road trip tips: A safe drive home

By Mike Junghann  
16th SVS Safety Manager

It's that time of the year, when we start making plans of going home for the holidays. So, the old adage, "Better safe than sorry," becomes especially true.

The first thing to do is a little operational risk management. Will my 1953 Rambler make it to North Dakota? In many cases, family members will travel on their own because of deployed spouses. Therefore, it becomes critical that the family car will be able to make the trip. There's nothing worse than a breakdown on the highway with children and the family dog along. A little preparedness goes a long way.

If you don't have a membership to an auto club – it might be a good idea to look into it. It's not expensive, it's good insurance and offers peace of mind.

People can also visit the auto skills center for a once over of their car. This service is free for family members of deployed spouses and a small nominal fee for others.

Of course, even an inspection by a dealership is no guarantee that there won't be a breakdown. However, mitigating risk (more ORM), is always a good thing.

Let's take a look at the basics: First, check under the hood. Are all the fluids up to their proper level? Is there plenty of fresh antifreeze in the radiator (green – not brown). How about the oil, is it fresh and up to the maximum mark?

Next, check belts to make sure they're not cracked, old or worn. There's nothing worse than a belt disintegrating in the middle of Kansas with a thousand miles of nothing in both directions.

How about the windshield washer bottle? Is it full of windshield washer fluid? Plain water will freeze. If you're heading to a snowy region, you'll need some.

If you're not up to these tasks, a quick visit to any auto shop will belay all those fears. But do look under the car for oil spots when you get home, and if the car has been parked for a while... in case they forgot to tighten the filter or drain plug.

Ok, the engine compartment is checked. Next, do a walk-about. Make sure all the lights work and get some help to check the brake lights, as well as the high beams.

How about the tires? Rule of thumb: take a penny, stick it in a thread, if all of Abraham Lincoln's head shows, you need new tires. Don't forget to check the spare tire as well. Blowouts at 70 miles per hour are a major problem. If you experience a blow out, coast to a stop in the emergency lane. Think twice about changing your tire on the side of a highway – many lives have been lost doing just that. Try to make it to an exit instead.

Now, check the brakes. Do they pull to one side or the other? Not a good thing in wet or icy conditions. Check the paper for "specials" on brake jobs. If your brakes make a squeaky sound, it may indicate that it's time for new brakes. Some brake pads are designed to squeak, when replacement is warranted.

Start your trip with a good night's rest. Many accidents happen because drivers get drowsy and fall asleep at the wheel. Take breaks every hour and avoid driving more than eight hours a day and start looking for lodging before the sun goes down. If you are in a snowy area, at every break, clean your windshield and headlights.

Lastly, crime never takes a break. Dress down and leave valuables in your bags to avoid attracting attention to yourself. Use credit or ATM cards to pay for your gas and other items. Avoid flashing cash and always choose well-lighted service stations and motels. Start looking for a gas station when your tank sits at one third – especially during the holiday season; scofflaws abound looking for unsuspecting travelers.

Your chances of arriving safely will improve greatly if you follow these simple steps.

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Airman Against Drunk Driving is now a 24 hours a day, seven days a week alternative to drinking and driving. The program, which offers a free, confidential ride home, has also changed its phone number to **884-8844**.

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## Customs and Courtesies

### Twenty-four hour flag display

It's the universal custom to display flags only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open.

However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is used. The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution, in or near every polling place on election days, and in or near every schoolhouse during school days.

### Halfstaff (In the United States)

The flag is displayed at half-

staff to indicate mourning when someone of national importance dies. The President specifies the period of time the flag flies at halfstaff. An installation also flies the flag at halfstaff in honor of the death of its commander. In the same fashion, the installation may honor the death of any assigned officer or airman on active duty or any civilian who died while employed by the Air Force. Each Memorial Day, the flag will fly at halfstaff until noon. It's then raised to fullstaff for the remainder of the day unless directed otherwise by presidential proclamation. When flown at halfstaff, the flag is first hoisted to the peak and then lowered to the halfstaff position. At the end of the day, the flag is once again raised to the peak before lowering it.

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## FEATURE

*Talent comes in all ages*

**By Vanessa Reyes-Adame**  
16th Services Squadron

Performers in the sixth annual Family and Teen Talent Contest, sang, danced and entertained more than two hundred people at the base theater Nov. 30.

Audience members were treated to gymnastics routines, patriotic, classical, country and rock music performances, and original works like a traditional Okinawa heritage drum dance.

"I thought it was great," said Staff Sgt. Carol Dorman, 16th Services Squadron. "It's the first show that I've been to of its kind and I just didn't realize we had all that talent here."

Eleven contestants took the stage in the competition and ten others also stepped up to the spotlight for videotaped auditions for the 2004 Tops in Blue tour.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Briggs, 16th Transportation Squadron auditioned for Tops in Blue with a country song he wrote.

"I just started singing less than a

year ago, but I really like entertaining people," he said. "I'd definitely be excited if I were chosen."

Although organizer Trisha Barrett, 16th SVS, described the show as a success, she said it took a lot of hard work and preparation.

"The most challenging thing was getting the technical equipment set for the show," Ms. Barrett said. "It was awesome...all the contestants and family members were pleased."

Diane Beckius, who performed a classical piano piece by Beethoven, took home the Best-In-Show award.

Rock group SPLIF, made up of brothers Luke and Mike Mullikin and Chris Smalley, were presented with the Judges Choice award.

At least six first place winners from various categories will now advance to the Air Force level talent competition in which they will vie for U.S. Savings Bonds ranging from \$100 to \$500.

The next Family and Teen Talent Contest is set for next fall.

If you'd like more information, call Chuck Lowery at 884-6948.



Photos by Vanessa Reyes-Adame

**Andrew Briggs, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, performs a country/western song he wrote entitled, "When I'm Gone."**



**Chris Smalley (above left), Mike Mullikin (center) and Luke Mullikin perform an original song to win the Judge's Choice Award. A seven year old, performs a piano solo. He was the first place winner in the children's category ages six to eight solo act.**



**Daughter and son of Master Sgt. Richard Burroughs, 16th Services Squadron – perform a traditional Okinawan drum dance honoring their heritage.**



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Davis

## **Congressional conglomeration**

Congressional members from the House of Armed Services Committee, terrorism, unconventional threats and capabilities subcommittee listen to a 20th Special Operations Squadron service member describe the capabilities of the .50-caliber machine gun on an MH-53 helicopter. The subcommittee members visited Hurlburt Field Dec. 2 as part of a three-state tour to get more information about the role of U.S. Special Forces in the war against terrorism. During their visit to Hurlburt Field, they had breakfast with senior NCOs from their home state, viewed an MH-53 static display and flew on an AC-130 Gunship with the 16th Special Operations Squadron.

## **Jumper stresses force development**

**By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Tredway**  
*39th Wing Public Affairs*

**INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey** – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper met recently with airmen here who support operations Northern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

The stop was one of many General Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray are making to observe overseas operations and visit troops during the holiday season.

“You could argue Incirlik may be the most important base we use, and it will continue to be so,” General Jumper said. “If you put Incirlik Air Base in the middle of a map and look at the neighbors, you can tell instantly what the importance of this place is. It’s surrounded by strategically significant countries that play a big part in the day-to-day politics of the entire world and, in the future, they’re just going to get more and more important.”

Incirlik’s location also places it in the middle of the war on terrorism.

“We’re flying over Iraq with Northern Watch day in and day out,” General Jumper said. “We’ve seen (Saddam Hussein) over the years pursue weapons of mass destruction. You don’t have to look much further than that to talk about the importance of Turkey in the war on terrorism.”

Incirlik airmen could not carry out their vital missions without the total force concept, General Jumper said.

“We have Guard units from Iowa and Pennsylvania mixed in with our active-duty forces all getting the same job done,” General Jumper said. “It’s an amazing thing to see. We couldn’t do our job today without the Guard and Reserve and

the sacrifices that they make as they leave their homes and regular jobs. Many are activated and have to leave higher paying jobs for long periods.”

That’s why one of the general’s primary focuses is the continuing evolution of the air and space expeditionary force. World events are putting more demand on the Air Force, he said. The more demand that is put on our forces, the more people have to get into a “rhythm of deployment, so that there’s some notion of predictability in the lives of our people.”

General Jumper is also focusing on getting the people needed to perform competently in today’s expeditionary world through total force development.

“We want to make sure that those who have ambitions to be commanders or program directors have the background and knowledge to do that,” he said.

Total force development would also give those that would like to remain in their chosen specialty in a hands-on capacity, such as scientists and engineers, the opportunity to advance to the highest level of achievement that they can as a specialist.

“If we think you need a master’s degree to do that, then we give you the opportunity to do that and we don’t require people to spend all weekend or three nights a week like I did in night school to go get a master’s degree just to be competitive for promotion,” he continued. “We want a master’s degree, an advanced academic degree, to have meaning. We want it to blend with professional military education and we want our PME to be relevant and useful to the Air Force we live in today.” (AFPN)

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## Reducing waste during holidays

○Grass clippings and shredded (or unshredded) leaves make excellent mulch. Pile shredded leaves deep around your shrubbery as well as in and around any plants you want to overwinter in pots.

○When hosting a party, set the table with cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses, and silverware. Consider renting more formal tableware that may not be used often. Also, save and reuse party hats, decorations, and favors.

○After holiday festivities, put leftovers in recyclable containers and share them with family, friends or others. Donate whole, untouched leftovers from parties to a local food bank or homeless shelter.

○Where possible, compost leftover food scraps, leaves and grass clippings.

○Show guests where to put recyclables, such as, aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage containers.

○After parties, fill the dishwasher to capacity before running it, to reduce the number of cycles and save energy.

○When stocking up on cold weather gear, buy recycled-content items, such as, fleece clothing and blankets made from recycled soda bottles.

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# Hurlburt Happenings

## Military

### Promotion fact sheet

The 2004 fact sheet for individuals competing for promotion to staff sergeant through master sergeant is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom). Any senior airman through technical sergeant who is eligible for promotion testing in 2004 should review this handout, as it provides detailed information concerning each testing cycle. Commanders and supervisors should also review the fact sheet, as it answers many frequently asked questions and explains the Weighted Airman Promotion System.

### Undergraduate flight training

The next undergraduate flying training board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center March 2. This selection board will review applications for pilot and navigator only. Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1974, and a total federal commissioned service date after April 1, 1999, are eligible to apply. Applicants must send the completed application, postmarked by Jan. 16, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street, West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733.

Applicants should advise commanders/supervisors providing the AF Form 215 of the application deadline. All applicants competing for pilot training must also complete the Basic Attributes Test. For more information on application procedures, contact the 16th Mission Support Squadron, Military Personnel Flight, at 884-5251.

### Asian-Pacific course

The Joint Special Operations University invites all Special Operations personnel to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course Feb. 2-6. The course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to the Asia-Pacific region, personnel who work with individuals from this region and personnel with a professional or analytical interest in the Asia-Pacific region.

The course provides non-technical education on the cultural, historical, political, economical, social, religious and security dynamics of the region. For more information, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858. Also, visit [www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenants/jso/](http://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenants/jso/).

### Conn ANG

The 103rd Connecticut Air National Guard has Palace Chase, Palace Front and Early Out openings for those considering applying for one of these programs and have a desire to pursue a full or part-time education, while still fulfilling obligations with the military. The Connecticut Air National Guard has 100 percent tuition assistance for any state college or university in Connecticut.

There are openings in the following enlisted Air Force Specialty Codes: 1C5X1, 2A6X2, 2E0X1, 2E1X3, 2T3X4 and 2T3X5. There are also vacancies for officers in AFSCs 14NXX and 13BXX. For more information, call Master Sgt. Harold Rogers at DSN 795-2905 or (800) 582-5509.

### 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, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1,

2T0X1, 3C1X1, 3C3X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4D0X1, 4N0X1, 4P0X1, 4T0X1 and 6C0X1. There are also full-time active-duty positions available in 1T1X1, 2A5X1 and 2A7X3. For more information, call Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson at DSN 344-2456, e-mail [wesley.ryerson@nyscot.af.mil](mailto:wesley.ryerson@nyscot.af.mil) or call 1-800-524-5070.

### Maine ANG

The Maine Air National Guard has vacancies in a number of Air Force Specialty Codes. Applications for Palace Chase and Palace Front are now being accepted. Cross training is available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Patrick Crowley at DSN 476-4211 or e-mail [patrick.crowley@me.ngb.army.mil](mailto:patrick.crowley@me.ngb.army.mil).

### 302nd MXG opportunities

The 302nd Airlift Wing Maintenance Group at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., is looking for top quality, highly motivated traditional Reserve technicians for the following Air Force Specialty Codes: 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1B, 2A6X2, 2A6X3 and 2A6X4. Full-time Air Reserve Technician positions are also available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brent Traicoff at DSN 834-8095, e-mail [brent.traicoff@302.peterson.af.mil](mailto:brent.traicoff@302.peterson.af.mil) or call 1-800-446-9624 \*8 ext. 8095.

### Jobs available

The Air Force is looking for sharp senior airmen and staff sergeants to cross train into the Manpower and Organization career field, 3U0X1. If you're available to cross train and are interested in a challenging, high visibility and rewarding career in an area of human resource management, e-mail [ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil).

## Community

### Comptroller closures

The 16th Comptroller Squadron will close Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 31 at noon for official functions. For emergencies, call 803-3324.

### One-way traffic on Cruz Ave

Beginning Monday, a contract is scheduled to begin the replacement of the water main and repair to Cruz Avenue. The construction will continue for approximately seven months. In the mean time, traffic on Cruz Avenue will be restricted to one lane, northbound traffic only (toward Red Horse Road). Access to parking lots on the west side of Cruz will be available but limited at times. Street parking at Building 90759, the Photo Lab, will be unavailable.

The contractor will have traffic direction signs and barricades placed from the intersection of Cody, Cruz and Bedel to the intersection of Cruz and Red Horse Road. All base personnel need to demonstrate cooperation and patience during the construction period. For more information, call Gary Ross at 884-7524.

### Equipment liaison office hours

Effective immediately, the Equipment Liaison Office hours are as follows:

Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 10 a.m. the office receives walk-ins and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is reserved for appointments only. There'll be no walk-ins or appointments Fridays. For more information, call Staff Sgt. James Laudermilk at 884-5731.

### 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.

*Qurian:* Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies

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

### Hurlburt Field 884-7648

**Friday** – (R) “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre,” starring Jessica Biel and Jonathan Tucker – Five 20-somethings find themselves stranded in a small Texas town, where they encounter a chainsaw-wielding maniac known as Leatherface. With no one to help them, the outsiders must find a way to escape before meeting a grisly death.

**Saturday** – (R) “Kill Bill,” starring Uma Thurman and David Carradine – An assassin named the Bride is shot by her boss at her wedding; the wedding guests are also shot. The assassin survives, though, waking up exceedingly angry after a four-year coma. She decides to hunt down and kill every single one of the assassins who were responsible, saving Bill for last.

**Sunday** – (R) “In the Cut,” starring Meg Ryan and Mark Ruffalo – Franny, a New York City professor, dives into a passionate, possibly dangerous affair with a police officer, who is investigating the murder of a young woman in her neighborhood.

### Eglin 882-1066

**Friday** – (PG-13) “Scary Movie 3,” starring Anna Faris and Charlie Sheen – Cindy has graduated from college and now works as a local television reporter. While investigating mysterious crop circles at the farm of Tom Logan, she learns that she is “The One” and helps the president prevent an alien invasion.

**Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.** – (G) “Brother Bear,” starring Joaquin Phoenix and Jeremy Suarez – The older brother of young Native American Kenai is killed by a bear. During the young man's attempt to avenge his death by killing the bear, the Great Spirits transform the young man into the thing he detests most – a bear.

**Sunday** – (R) “Mystic River,” starring Sean Penn and Kevin Bacon – Jimmy, Dave and Sean find themselves thrust back together by the murder of Jimmy's 19-year-old daughter. As the investigation tightens around these three friends, an ominous story unfolds that revolves around friendship, family and innocence lost too soon.

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

## Chiefs' scholarships

Applications for the Hurlburt Field Chiefs Group Scholarship Program are available at the family support center here and through guidance counselors at area schools. Scholarships are awarded to any senior enlisted, active-duty, retired or deceased person. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2004.

## HOSC luncheon

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club hosts its next luncheon Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Soundside Club. Entertainment includes a performance of Opus I by the Niceville High School Chorus, under the direction of Mike Dye. The menu will be holiday salad, beef Wellington, duchess potatoes and dinner rolls at a cost of \$12.75 for nonmembers and \$10.75 for members. The alternate menu will be Oriental chicken salad at a cost of \$10.75 for nonmembers and \$8.75 for members. Red velvet cake is for dessert.

This month's charity focus is the Veteran's Association Hospital. Suggested items to be collected for the homeless veterans include: packages of cheese/peanut butter and crackers, tuna lunch kits, blankets, socks, underwear and any non-perishable foods.

Childcare is provided at the Hurlburt Field Childcare Center from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$3 per hour per child or \$5 per hour for two or more children. Reservations for dinner and childcare must be made no later than noon Monday. To make reservations, call Betsy Treloar at 936-5306.

## Legal office hours

The new office hours for the Hurlburt Field Legal Office are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All other legal assistance times will remain unchanged.

## Bone marrow drive

The Hurlburt Field Airman's Council is looking for volunteers to head up a committee to support a bone marrow donor drive Feb. 13. Members are needed to assist with advertising and coordinating volunteers. Those interested in helping should call Airman 1st Class Nelson Gutierrez at 884-1975 or e-mail [nelson.gutierrez@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:nelson.gutierrez@hurlburt.af.mil).

## UO master's degrees

The University of Oklahoma at Hurlburt Field offers master's degrees in International Relations, Human Relations and Economics. Degrees can be completed in 12-18 months with flexible night and weekend courses. Students may now enroll for the Spring 2004 semester. For more information, call 581-3000.

## OWCC spring registration

Ocala-Walton Community College began in-person registration for the spring 2004 semester Dec. 8 at all six OWCC locations and continues through Wednesday. Students may register today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students may also register online. Sixteen and eight-week courses begin Jan. 8 and March 2. The complete schedule of classes is available at OWCC, area public libraries, chambers of commerce and online at [www.owcc.edu](http://www.owcc.edu). For more information, call 729-6922 in Okaloosa County and 892-8100 in Walton County.

## AADD's new schedule

Airman Against Drunk Driving is now a 24 hours a day, seven days a week alternative to drinking and driving. The program, which offers a free, confidential ride home, has also changed its phone number to 884-8844.

Due to the new schedule, the program is looking for additional volunteers for both weekend and weekday duties. For more information, e-mail one of the following representatives: [james.eddington@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:james.eddington@hurlburt.af.mil), [maurice.plummer@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:maurice.plummer@hurlburt.af.mil) or [ray.bailey@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:ray.bailey@hurlburt.af.mil).

## Crash claims

Anyone with claims for or against the crewmembers of the MH-53 PAVE LOW that crashed in Afghanistan Nov. 23 should contact the following:

○For Tech. Sgt. William Kerwood contact 1st. Lt. Hobart McIntosh at 884-7664

○For Tech. Sgt. Howard Walters contact Capt. Benjamin Boyd at 881-2793

○For Staff Sgt. Thomas Walkup Jr. contact Maj. Mike Nelson at 884-3112

## Angel Tree

The 2003 Angel Tree program runs through today at the Hurlburt Field Base Exchange. First sergeants can nominate anyone with children who they feel might need assistance during the holidays. The person must then fill out an application/information form, which needs to be turned in to 1st Lts. Amanda Cheatham or Christine Gentry today. For more information, call Lieutenant Cheatham at 884-2897 or Lieutenant Gentry at 881-3380.

## Tax advisors needed

Once again it's time to appoint unit tax advisors for the 2003 tax year. UTAs will be asked to work in the tax center for four hours per week from late January through April 16. It's important that the UTAs don't have extended TDYs or a PCS scheduled during this period. The IRS tax course is scheduled Jan. 5 - 9, from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Training this year will be combined with, and held at Eglin Air Force Base. Official transportation is being worked. There will be an additional four-hour computer training course held Jan. 19 - 23.

## UA master's degree

The University of Arkansas, located at Hurlburt Field, offers a Master of Science with a major in Operations Management. Registration for Term III is Monday through Jan. 6. With only 10 courses (30 semester hours) required, it's possible to complete the degree requirements in approximately one year. For more information, call 884-3844 or e-mail [uafgrad3@earthlink.net](mailto:uafgrad3@earthlink.net).

## SIU spring registration

Southern Illinois University is now enrolling new and previous students for the spring 2004 semester. Accelerated courses are offered on alternating weekends from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. SIU offers a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology; prior college isn't necessary. For more information, call Tracy Deming at 581-9840 or e-mail [ithurlburt@gulf.net](mailto:ithurlburt@gulf.net).

## ERAU spring registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring 2004 Term Registration is held now through Jan. 2 in Building 90220 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to noon Fridays. Add/Drop dates are Jan. 5-9; class dates are Jan. 5 through March 6. For more information, call 581-2106.

## ACP program implementation

All rated officers who have completed their active duty service commitment for their initial aeronautical rating and meet fiscal year 2004 eligibility criteria may accept an Fiscal Year 2004 Aviator Continuation Pay Program agreement under terms defined on the ACP

information Web site - <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acp/>. The window for applications is Oct. 1 until Sept. 30.

Aviators should discuss ACP issues with commanders and review the ACP information Web site before referring questions to the Air Force Personnel Center. For more information, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> or call 1-800-616-3775 or DSN 665-6000.

## Homebuyers/sellers seminar

The Hurlburt Field Family Support Center hosts the Homebuyers/Sellers Seminar Tuesday from 8 to 11 a.m. Topics of discussion include: how to buy and sell a home, finding a home and pre-qualifying/financing. For more information and to make reservations for the seminar, call 884-5441.

## Gift of Groceries

With the holidays fast approaching, one way friends, family and the public can show support for military families is to give commissary gift certificates as gifts, or donate them directly to military charities that assist families. As part of the Gift of Groceries program, people can purchase commissary gift certificates at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) or by calling 1-800-770-GIFT.

## Foster parents needed

Foster families are needed to care for more than 500 children in Florida's District One (Okaloosa, Walton, Escambia and Santa Rosa counties). The greatest need is in Okaloosa and Walton counties. For more information, call Lucie Wade, foster parent recruiter, at (800) 981-5437 or 833-3898.

## Holiday services

Base members are invited to attend special holiday services at the Lighthouse of Faith Community Church located outside the old east gate at 755 Lovejoy Road. Hours are Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday 6 and 7 p.m. For more information, call 244-2003.

# Classes

## FSC classes

For more information on the following family support center classes, call 884-5441.

**Employment Orientation** - Monday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 1 p.m.; reservations required

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

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

**Kids Smooth Move** - Tuesday, 4 p.m.

**Résumé Writing Workshop** - Tuesday, 5 p.m.; reservations required, call 884-6281

**Bundles for Babies** - Wednesday, 1 p.m.; reservations required

**Personal Family Readiness** - Thursday, 9 a.m.

**Single Parents Luncheon** - Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

**Heart's Apart Holiday Children's Party** - Friday, 6 p.m.; reservations required

## HAWC nutrition classes

For more information about health and wellness center classes, call 884-4292.

**Pre-Deployment** - Tuesday, 10 a.m.

**Lean on Me** - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

**Lean and Healthy Eating** - Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 p.m.

**Total Fitness Enhancement** - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

**Eating Heart Healthy** - Wednesday, 3 p.m.

**Diabetic Nutrition** - Thursday, 2 p.m.

## SPORTS

## 10-mile challenge

The 10-mile Challenge endurance race was held at the main fitness center Saturday. Forty people turned out for the annual event.

For information about base sports events, contact your unit sports representative.

### Race results

#### Overall winners

##### Male

Mike Lilly - 0:58:57

##### Female

Lorena Nicholls

##### Male (master)

Jolly Thornhill - 1:02:56

##### Female (master)

Betty Leverton - 1:37:32

##### 50+

1st Ellis Horrace - 1:17:46

2nd Bill Christy - 1:18:10

##### 40-49

##### Male

1st John Short - 1:03:56

2nd Gary Maddock - 1:08:02

3rd Bill Nugent - 1:13:19

##### Female

1st Donna Crews - 1:38:38

2nd Joyce Pastore - 1:54:11

##### 30-39

1st Tom Markland - 1:03:55

2nd Tom Knowles - 1:08:45

3rd Ed Toro - 1:16:07

##### 20-29

##### Male

1st Russell Stevens - 1:06:27

2nd Ruben Romo - 1:07:01

3rd Jeff Elliot - 1:10:08

##### Female

1st Jennifer Bush - 1:35:59

##### 16-19

1st Todd Jensen - 1:11:54

# Commandos defend home-turf

The Hurlburt Field men's and women's varsity basketball teams played against two different teams at the main fitness center Saturday and Sunday.

The men's team won Saturday's game versus the Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Tigers 84-69. Sunday's game was a tougher battle, and the Tigers came out on top 82-77. The

men's team currently holds a close second place in the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference, one win behind the Tigers.

Both games proved difficult for the women's team, which lost both matches to the undefeated Fort Benning, Ga., Bandits.

The next home games are Dec. 20-21 versus Moody Air Force Base, Ga.



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

(clockwise from above) Walter Fitzgerald, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, looks for a good pass. Jason Brown, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, slips around a player from Tyndall Air Force Base. A player with the Commando women's varsity team makes a jump-shot.

## ROTC 5K is runaway success

By Elizabeth Campanile  
AFROTC Det. 14

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment at the University of West Florida – the “Gamblers” – hosted its first 5K run Nov. 22.

Held at UWF's Martin Hall Intramural Field, the race featured five age categories and took runners through a demanding 3.1-mile off-road course, following one of the tree-lined trails that challenge the university's cross-country teams during training, said Cadet Naomi Evangelista, the race coordinator.

The overall winner was UWF student Alonso Lewis, in the men's category, crossing the finish line in 17 minutes.

Amanda Hensley, also a UWF student, finished first for the women with a time of 24:16.

“Our 5K is a fundraiser that Detachment 14 will make an annual tradition,” said Cadet Adrian Spencer, head of Special Projects for UWF AFROTC. “With our hard work we were able to recruit local sponsors to donate what we needed to put on this event. We wanted to be able to give something back to our local community and we hope everyone enjoyed this experience.”

Next year's 5K will fund the detachment's annual base visit program, which allows AFROTC cadets the opportunity to gain an up-close view of the operational Air Force.

## Sports shorts

### HAWC classes

**Monday, 9 a.m.** – Adaptive Physical Training

**Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.** – Fitness Improvement Program

**Tuesday, 10 a.m.** – Pre-deployment Brief

**Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.** – Total Fitness Enhancement

**Wednesday, 2 p.m.** – Muscle Fitness

**Thursday, 8:30 a.m.** – Squadron Fitness Improvement Program

**Thursday, 3 p.m.** – Diabetic Fitness

For more information or to sign

up for any of the above listed classes call 884-4292. All classes are offered free of charge at the Health and Wellness Center, Building 90232, Classroom A.

### Rugby players

The Okaloosa Islanders Rugby Football Club is looking for new players at all levels of playing experience. Training sessions are currently held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call J.C. at 882-6128.