



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Staff Sgt. Derrick Lee, 16th Security Forces Squadron, performs entry control at the main gate. Installation entry control will be one of the Army National Guard members' duties.

Army Guard assists with base security

by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

In a matter of days, the Florida National Guard is expected to augment the 16th Security Forces Squadron here.

Approximately 600 Florida National Guard soldiers were mobilized Saturday, to reinforce security at Air Force bases throughout Florida.

The Army and the Air Force, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, have signed a memorandum of agreement for the Army to mobilize Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers to provide security at designated Air Force installations.

The soldiers are being activated to augment the state's six Air Force bases, and the 125th Fighter Wing National Guard Base, Jacksonville Fla., said Jon Myatt, Florida National Guard Public Affairs Office.

Members from the 3rd Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery, Sarasota, Fla., and the 146th Signal Battalion, Jacksonville, Fla., have been alerted to report to their armories for processing onto active duty.

The soldiers are scheduled to go to Fort Stewart, Ga., for security law enforcement training for two

weeks, Mr. Myatt said, and then return to Florida Air Force Bases to assist with the security mission.

"Over the past 17 months, (Air Force) Guard and Reserve security forces have shouldered the burden of additional security forces requirements at Hurlburt Field and deployed locations," said Maj. Mike Reiner, 16th SFS commander. "They did an incredible job and will be missed. Now as the (Air Force) Guard and Reserve demobilize, they pass the baton to the Army National Guard. We look forward to integrating these soldiers into our security team."

The mobilized soldiers will be on federal active duty status up to one year. They'll be under the supervision of the respective Air Force base to which they are assigned, according to the Florida National Guard Public Affairs Office.

The Florida National Guard has approximately 9,000 Army members and more than 3,000 Air Force members throughout the state, Mr. Myatt said, and about 2,600 National Guard members have been mobilized so far.

According to the National Guard's public affairs office, the mission is an example of two services working together in a spirit of cooperation to ensure fairness and a balanced distribution of troops to accomplish assigned missions of our armed forces.

Former wing commander pins on star, heads to new assignment

by Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller
AFSOC Public Affairs

The former 16th Special Operations Wing commander is headed to a new assignment, with a new rank.

Brig. Gen. Lyle Koenig held a pin-on ceremony, Jan. 23, in the Air Force Special Operations Command headquarters building.

The general's wife and son pinned on his first star in a brief ceremony presided over by Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, the Air

Force Special Operations Command commander.

"I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the many people who have supported me along the way," General Koenig told the crowd gathered at the pin-on ceremony.

General Koenig has been serving as General Hester's special assistant since turning over command of the 16th SOW to Col. Frank Kisner in June 2002.

General Koenig and his family are leaving here for a new assignment as the deputy commander of Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.



Photo by 1st Lt. David Ware

Brig. Gen. Lyle Koenig, former 16th Special Operations Wing commander, gets his first star pinned on by his wife and son during a brief ceremony Jan. 23.

News

Installation Excellence

As of today there are 12 days left before the Installation Excellence Selection Board members arrive at Hurlburt Field. Base members are reminded to keep their facilities neat and clean. To further assist with base preparations, the family support center will sponsor a base wide clean-up day Feb. 8, followed by a picnic at the new Community Park Pavilion. To volunteer, call Shannon Skoula-Clark at 884-1533.

Sports



Defenders Cup

Commandos kick it in interservice match

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News

Prescribed burn

A prescribed fire burn is scheduled on Hurlburt Field in the near future. The burn will be approximately 500 acres just west of base housing and extending to range road 253. The burn will be conducted by Eglin Natural Resources Division, Hurlburt Field Fire Department and the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight. Exact date for the burn will be determined later due to weather conditions.

VIEWPOINTS

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

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Courtesy photo

Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander (left), pins on master sergeant stripes for an NCO during a promotion ceremony at a forward deployed location.

Following directions

Comment: The moving of the credit union next to the base exchange and commissary was a great idea, but there have been a few times that I've almost

been hit by cars exiting the credit union parking lot and making a left turn, when traffic should be following the one-way arrow towards the exchange. Can something be done to alleviate this?

Reply: Thank you for bringing this to

our attention. To alleviate this potential hazard, we've installed a one way sign at the exit from the Eglin Federal Credit Union to emphasize that motorists must turn right at the intersection and follow the flow of parking lot traffic.

Spirit 03...

Flight crew's heroic actions remembered

by Master Sgt. Kevin Curtis
18th Flight Test Squadron



On Jan. 31, 1991, the crew of Spirit 03, an AC-130 Spectre Gunship, was engaged in battle supporting Operation Desert Storm. After providing fire-power to ground forces, the aircraft was brought down by a surface-to-air missile over the Persian Gulf.

Today, on this twelfth anniversary, we remember and memorialize the crew's ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duties. Their duty was not only to provide close air support, but also to secure

and defend freedom and the American way of life.

Although some may look at this tragic event with sadness, some even with anger, I suggest we look at this day to remember the crew and the important lessons they taught all of us.

First, Spirit 03's crew taught us the principle of giving their life in the service of their country. Article 1 of the Code of Conduct states, "I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life, I am prepared to give my life in their defense."

How prepared are you to give your life in defense of our country and our way of life? I'm not sure how prepared the crew of Spirit 03 was, but here's the lesson they give to us – be prepared.

Now's the time to set aside petty differences, hatred, and animosity to anyone. Now's the time to prepare for tomorrow because you may have to answer the call at anytime, as Spirit 03 did. If the crew knew that mission was going to be their last, what would they have done differently the day, week,

month or year before that fateful morning?

The crew of Spirit 03 blessed us with an understanding of the value of human life – not only for their sacrifice, but also for the lives they saved performing the mission.

The Gunship is known by its enemies as "death from above" because its munitions rain upon them, and the name reflects this point, however, to the people it saved from death's door, it's known as an angel.

Veterans from Vietnam through Afghanistan have expressed their gratitude – often in tears – for the Gunship and the crews that fly it. Many civilian casualties and collateral damages have also been limited because of the unique capabilities of the Gunship and its crews.

Finally, the crew of Spirit 03 leaves us an important lesson on professionalism and dedication. During those morning hours, in extremely high risk conditions, the crew of Spirit 03 remained on time and on target. Countless lives were saved by their commitment. God bless the crew of Spirit 03. You will always be remembered, and your sacrifice will never be forgotten.

The crew of Spirit 03

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NEWS



Photo by 1st Lt. David Ware

Suited up

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche (center), suits up for an orientation flight on an MH-53 Pave Low helicopter during his visit here Jan. 21 and 22. Then Col. Lyle Koenig (right), special assistant to Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, Air Force Special Operations Command commander, and Lt. Col. James Slife, 20th Special Operations Squadron operations officer, flew with the SECAF.

Spotlight on ...



Lynda Richardson

Duty Title: Resource Advisor

Organization: Command and Control Battlelab

Hometown: Lenoir, N.C.

Hobbies: Boating, going to the beach and clogging

Contribution to the mission:

Mrs. Richardson singlehandedly manages all the financial matters for the C2 Battlelab.

She supports 40 battlelab personnel and 10 business contracts, while flawlessly executing a \$4 million budget yearly.

Her attention to detail, knowledge of her field and ability to build long-lasting relationships with financial personnel, allows the C2 Battlelab to successfully research new technologies to better command and control abilities for the warfighter.

(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.)

COMMANDO readers sound off

Courtesy of 16th SOW Public Affairs

More than 650 Hurlburt Field members recently completed an online survey sharing with the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs office their thoughts about the COMMANDO newspaper.

The survey results are being analyzed by the public affairs staff and will be used to improve the base newspaper and better tailor its content to the needs and desires of its readers.

The number of survey participants, according to Tech. Sgt. William Seabrook, public affairs internal information chief, pleasantly surprised the staff.

"We were required to have 150 responses in order to make it a valid survey and we were hoping for maybe 200 participants," he said. "Instead we got more than 650 responses which shows that people really care about this paper and are interested in what is printed in it."

The results of the survey will give the COMMANDO staff goals to work towards in the coming year. People may not see a complete redo of the paper in one issue but they should see a series of tweaks being made over numerous issues.

"We're looking at all of the comments and deciding the things we can and can't change and then trying to implement any changes in such a way that it doesn't disturb the natural reading process of the paper," said Sergeant

Seabrook.

While comments are still being evaluated there are many items already being addressed.

One of the biggest comments so far in the feedback section references the commercial ads which run in the newspaper each week, said Sergeant Seabrook. Most people would like to see less ads or at least less obtrusive ads.

"People have to understand that The COMMANDO is a commercial enterprise newspaper which means we're published under a no-cost contract with a local publisher," the sergeant said. "We get published for free in turn for the publisher being allowed to place ads in the paper."

The Department of Defense standard for ad to copy ratio in military newspapers is 60 percent ads to 40 percent copy, according to Master Sgt. Darrell Brewer, public affairs NCO in charge. The percentage is averaged over each quarter.

"We track this ratio very closely and the publisher is always within this limit," he said. "While we can't change the number of ads being run we can and will work with the publisher to place the ads in a less obtrusive manner."

Other comments called for more coverage of overall Air Force involvement in world events. People would also like to see more stories focusing on retiree topics.

"We understand we have a huge retiree population here and their needs are very important to us," said Sergeant Seabrook. "We're actively working to

have more stories concerning the retired community."

Another popular request was to publish more information about crime and punishment on base. Public affairs is currently working with the legal office to try and increase articles of this nature, Sergeant Seabrook said.

"We also had numerous positive comments on the accuracy of our information and our coverage of personal awards, base services, promotions and institutional awards," said Sergeant Seabrook. "We were heartened by these comments and will endeavor to continue to uphold the highest traditions of service."

In addition to the survey, the public affairs office is also considering several design changes to help enhance the newspaper.

People are encouraged to continue making comments and suggestions either by phone at 884-7464 or by e-mail at commando@hurlburt.af.mil.

"People need to remember that the COMMANDO is their newspaper," said Capt. Tom Knowles, public affairs chief. "We welcome everyone's feedback to include keeping us in the loop regarding significant events, awards, accomplishments, etc., that may be going on in your units. We're here to tell the Air Force story, so we encourage everyone to provide us with your respective "scoop" so we can better serve the Hurlburt Field community by providing accurate and timely information that's meaningful and enjoyable to read."

AIR FORCE NEWS

Commando Solo allows Baghdad broadcast

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The citizens of Iraq received a taste of democracy in action as a Jan. 22 news briefing by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers was broadcast via Commando Solo aircraft to Baghdad.

Secretary Rumsfeld, speaking at the Foreign Press Center here, said the department is doing this “because the truth matters.”

He said the Iraqi people should know and hear the truth.

U.S. Central Command used Commando Solo II aircraft to broadcast into Afghanistan at the start of operations in that nation. Commando Solo aircraft are modified C-130s capable of broadcasting radio and television on a real-time basis. The aircraft are part of the

Pennsylvania Air National Guard’s 193rd Special Operations Wing based at Harrisburg International Airport.

Department of Defense officials will say only that the crews are operating “somewhere in the (Persian) Gulf.”

Secretary Rumsfeld said broadcasting the news briefings shows democracy and freedom at work. Public officials in democracies are held accountable and must explain their actions to the people, he said.

“Every week, General Myers and I stand in the Pentagon in front of independent journalists – professionals – and try to answer their questions,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. “Some of the questions are tough, many are insightful, and all add to the information available to the American people and the people of the world.”

Secretary Rumsfeld said that once the reporters leave the studio they do not fear for their lives.

“They know that they and their families will not be threatened and that no one will be beaten or punished,” he said.

Truth matters in a democracy, he said, it is the foundation of justice.

He contrasted that with Saddam Hussein’s regime, which, he said, is built on “terror, intimidation and lies.”

In 1991, Hussein agreed to give up his weapons of mass destruction.

“For more than a decade, his regime has refused to live up to his promises,” Secretary Rumsfeld

said. “Instead, it has fed the world a steady diet of untruths and deceptions.” (AFPN)



Courtesy photo

A Commando Solo aircraft flies over the Statue of Liberty. The aircraft is similar to the one used during Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers’ broadcast to Baghdad.

Air Force reducing officer training school students

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Tremendous growth in Air Force ROTC has reduced the number of officers the Air Force needs to commission through Officer Training School, the commander of Air Education and Training Command announced recently.

Gen. Don Cook said the number of officers commissioned through ROTC has grown by about 300 annually, and ROTC continues to be a steady source for officer accessions entering active duty.

As a result, the general said reducing the number of students at OTS will help return the school to the flexible commissioning program it was designed to be.

During the past few years, OTS has been performing at peak capacity, which meant the school could not provide any flexibility for officer accession end strength, General Cook said. In fiscal 2002, 1,946 second lieutenants received their commissions from the basic officer course at OTS. The program course load was projected at 1,780.

Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., conduct the ROTC and OTS programs for the Air Force. Officials there said the

growth in ROTC during the past three years uniquely positions ROTC to become the primary producer of technically oriented officers for the Air Force. ROTC is already the largest producer of officers for the Air Force – more than 2,500 officers received their commissions through ROTC in fiscal 2002.

“We need flexibility restored to the OTS program to ensure the Air Force has short-term capability to respond to future needs,” said Brig. Gen. Paul Hankins, AFOATS commander. “Thirty percent growth over the last three years in the number of young men and women pursuing Air Force careers through ROTC allows us to decrease the output from OTS and restore flexibility to officer production.”

Air Force Recruiting Service officials said the more than 200 applicants who have already met an Air Force selection board to attend OTS will not lose their slots, but may have class dates delayed up to 12 months. Officials, however, expect most candidates will be offered class dates by August or September 2003.

Air Force recruiters are still accepting applications for OTS from qualified candidates to fill flying-related

positions such as pilot, navigator, weapons system officer and air battle manager, regardless of degree area, said Col. Dwayne Hafer, director of officer accessions for Air Force Recruiting Service.

“For our enlisted Air Force members who have been working toward completing degree requirements with the goal of an Air Force commission, we encourage them to continue,” Colonel Hafer said. “While OTS may present fewer opportunities to obtain a commission in the short term, other commissioning avenues (for enlisted members) still exist.”

Details of the different commissioning programs for Air Force enlisted members can be found at www.afots.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/Default.htm.

The Air Force Academy, independent from AETC, is also open to application by Air Force enlisted members.

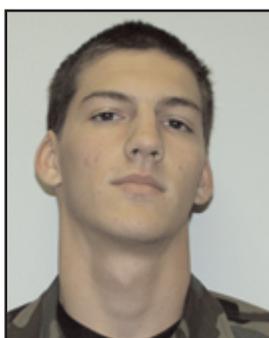
“The good news is that the officer production business is still booming, and we need good people to enter the Air Force through all three commissioning sources and will continue to need them in the future,” General Hankins said. (AFPN)

Look who’s talking: What cartoon character best describes your personality?



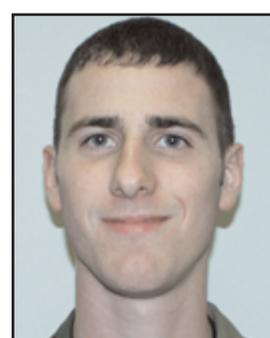
“I would have to say the Road Runner, because he’s a high speed individual and never lets anyone get the best of him. He’s wise and cunning and doesn’t get tripped up by obstacles.”

**Airman 1st Class
Brandon Womack**
16th Security Forces
Squadron



“It would be Max on Goof Troops, he’s very athletic and energetic. He’s also into sports.”

**Airman 1st Class
Anthony Rodriguez**
16th Component
Maintenance Squadron



“Johnny Bravo...need I say more baby.”

**Airman
James Edmonds**
4th Aircraft
Maintenance Unit

JSOU holds orientation course for SOF warriors

by Col. Mike DeHart
AFSOC Director of
Communications and
Information

U.S. Special Operations Command's Joint Special Operations University held its first Joint Special Operations Forces Communications Orientation Course Dec. 17-19, here.

The course's goal is to educate SOF communicators on the challenges of working, and being successful, in a deployed joint SOF communications environment. This is critical within USSOCOM, because the vast majority of new communicators assigned to SOF units, while technically proficient, are often unfamiliar with SOF's unique communications mission profiles.

The target audience is SOF communications officers and noncommissioned officers — those individuals in leadership and supervisory positions who must be able to plan and execute complex, joint communications operations. The course promotes an understanding of each service's SOF communications doctrine, procedures and systems, so when they deploy they'll share a common knowledge rooted in joint SOF doctrine, be better prepared to work with their component counterparts and be ready to handle the challenges they'll confront.

The keynote speaker was Brig. Gen. Michael Peterson, currently the commander of the 81st Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. General

Peterson served as the director of communications at Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The communications course offered presentations by USSOCOM, Air Force Special Operations Command, U. S. Army Special Operations Command, U.S. Naval Special Warfare Command and Joint Communications Support Element describing their respective SOF communications organizations, systems and capabilities, as well as case studies on how communications were employed during OEF. The course also included a visit to the 16th Communications Squadron for an orientation on AFSOC and USSOCOM tactical communications systems.

The concept for the course was developed by AFSOC's director of communications and information and sponsored by USSOCOM Intelligence and Information Operations Center Army Brig. Gen. James Parker. Capt. Ray Bullard, AFSOC, and Maj. Ross Main, JSOU, were the course directors. This first class was a "proof-of-concept" initiative, with 55 students from across USSOCOM's components and from other service communications units that regularly deploy and work with SOF.

The course supports USSOCOM's efforts to educate and develop SOF-savvy professional communicators. The next iteration of the course is set for springtime. The university also is making plans to take the course to other SOF locations.

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See Joe drink – see Joe call AADD

by Airman 1st Class Heidi Sawyer
Public Affairs

“If I could just take one more person off the street who could possibly endanger himself or someone else, then I did a good job,” said Airman 1st Class Matthew Lazar, 16th Operations Support Squadron.

Airman Lazar has been a volunteer for the Airman Against Drunk Driving program here since October 2002. His commitment to keeping intoxicated people off the highways is not based on merit. “I don’t do it for the recognition,” he said. “I just do it to do it.”

Airman 1st Class Nicholas Elliott, president of the AADD program said Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea, 16th SOW command chief, began the AADD program to provide free transportation to airmen who could not afford a taxi back home after drinking.

“There is a free option, which means (airmen) have no reason to drive drunk,” Airman Lazar said.

This program is part of an effort to cut down on the number of alcohol-related automobile accidents involving military personnel.

According to the September 2002 issue of the Air Force Journal of Occupational, Recreational and Driving Safety Road & Rec magazine, alcohol was involved in 22 (40 percent) of the off-duty fatal traffic accidents for servicemembers in 2002; 70 percent of those fatalities involved airmen between 18 and 25 years old.

“Drunk driving does affect everybody. I have lost friends in high school (who were driving drunk),” Airman Lazar said.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 111 states, “Any person who operates any vehicle while drunk, or in a reckless or wanton manner, or while impaired by a substance shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.”

Furthermore, if death results, the person could be charged with involuntary manslaughter that could result in 10 years confinement in addition to the other measures, according to the Air Education and Training Command News Service.

For this reason, Airman Lazar said he would continue his commitment to the program for as long as he’s stationed at Hurlburt Field and hopes to join another

Airmen Against Drunk Driving



(AADD)

AADD program at his next duty station.

The AADD program is purely voluntary, said Airman Elliott. There is a schedule drawn up each week and volunteers pick the days they’re able to help, he continued.

“There are currently 50 volunteers that are signed up

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for the program and help every now and then,” Airman Elliott said. However, there are 15 “core volunteers” who attend every meeting and are always looking to fill the needed slots, he explained.

In order to bring in more volunteers for the program, the command chief is awarding a Letter of Appreciation for the first-time volunteers and a certificate for those who give at least 200 hours of service, Airman Elliott said.

“(AADD) is a chance to get involved. It’s not just airmen, but also NCOs, senior NCOs and officers. We are all airmen,” Airman Lazar said.

While most volunteers commit to at least one weekend a month, they can choose to volunteer whenever it’s convenient for them.

“We are not looking to interfere with weekend plans. (Volunteers) can still go out and have fun,” Airman Elliott said.

Volunteers are given a pager to take with them on their scheduled weekend. When someone calls for a ride, the volunteer notifies one of the program officers. Then the drivers go pick up the intoxicated party and takes them home. The person must have a valid identi-

fication card, (military, retiree or family member).

“It just means I can’t drink the nights I am on duty,” Airman Lazar said. “Most of the time, the calls come in between 3 and 4 a.m. anyway,” he continued.

At any given time, there are at least two drivers on-duty – one male and one female. There is also a phone standby to receive the calls and contact the drivers.

Intoxicated parties will not be reprimanded for using the AADD services, Airman Elliott said. Callers can use phony names when calling to keep their identity disclosed.

Airman Elliot said, the only information needed from callers is the location for pick-up and a description of what they look like, to include what they are wearing.

The drivers’ only concern is picking up the intoxicated party and returning them home safely.

Although the program is concerned for the safety of the intoxicated parties, we’re also committed to watching out for our volunteers’ safety, Airman Elliott said.

“If (the drivers) feel unsafe about the pick-up, they don’t have to go,” Airman Elliott explained. “If they find themselves in a dangerous situation, they’re encouraged to get out of the car and call the police,” he continued.

Furthermore, every volunteer is given an “All Questions Answered” manual to take with them when they’re on call. Inside each manual are a list of emer-

gency contact numbers, directions to local bars and restaurants within a 50-mile radius, and an explanation of how the program works.

Airman Elliott continued to say that so far there has not been any safety issues for the volunteers.

Although drivers are permitted to drive as far as Pensacola for a pick-up, the program tries to keep services in a 50-mile radius from Gulf Breeze to Sandestin and Eglin Air Force Base, Airman Elliott said.

“Although getting up at 4 a.m. to drive to Destin is not always an enjoyable experience, it’s nice to know that I am helping someone out,” Airman Lazar said. “Plus, most of the time, the people are appreciative of our services,” he continued.

“There’s no reason to drive intoxicated (when there is a free ride available),” said Airman Lazar. “Anyone who does, deserves the maximum punishment.”

Call AADD, at 598-1302 for a free, no questions asked ride.

AADD offers free rides starting Friday at 7 p.m. and continuing until Monday at 6 a.m. For more information regarding AADD services, look for various flyers at each squadron on base or at the local bars and restaurants in the Hurlburt Field area.

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer, attend an AADD meeting, which is held every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at either Velocity Subs or the teen center.

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vRED goes live

The virtual record of emergency data is up and running on the virtual military personnel flight website. vRED replaces the form flow version of the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data. Completion of vRED is mandatory for all active duty, National Guard and Reserve members. Groups should complete vRED during the following dates: 16th Operations Group and 16th Mission Support Group, before Sunday; 16th Maintenance Group, Sunday through Feb. 9; 16th Medical Group and all tenant units, Feb. 10-16. All remaining Hurlburt Field members must complete vRED by March 2. To access the vMPF and vRED, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click on the vMPF link.

MPF limitations

The 16th Mission Support Squadron, Military Personnel Flight, will have limited services Monday through Thursday, due to MilPDS being down for upgrades. Customers should call the MPF agency they wish to see before visiting on these days. The MPF will be closed Feb. 7 due to a 16th Special Operations Wing training day.

Hurlburt Top 3 meeting

All senior NCOs and master sergeant selects assigned to Hurlburt Field are invited to join the next Hurlburt Top 3 meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday at the enlistment hooch. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Brinkley at 884-8422 or Master Sgt. David Ceurvels at 4-8443.

Community

2002 annual awards banquet

In honor of military traditions, Hurlburt Field provides special recognition to individuals whose superior duty performance, dedication and efforts have led them to become top-notch professional military leaders. Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. in the Freedom Hanger, more than 130 people who have shown they are iSimply the Best will be honored at the 2002 annual awards banquet.

The 16th Services Squadron's Soundside staff is catering the event. People are invited to attend and show their support for Hurlburt Field's outstanding performers by contacting unit first sergeants for reservations. Price for the meal is \$23, and sign-up sheets are due by noon Feb. 7. Dress for military members is mess dress or semi-formal uniform, civilians should wear coat and tie attire. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mickey Wright at 884-4158.

African-American heritage trip

The Eglin Air Force base African-American Heritage Committee is sponsoring a trip to historical sites in Selma and Birmingham, Ala., which depicts significant events that occurred during the Civil Rights Movement. The trip date is Feb. 15-16 and the cost is \$38 per person, by groups of four. For more information, call the

Eglin AFB Ticket and Tours travel office at 882-5930. Seating is limited.

Employment Orientation

People who need information about the local job market can come to Employment Orientation at the family support center to get help. The class includes job listings, books, videos, computer rooms, rÈsumÈ assistance and more. For more information, call the FSC at 884-5441.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. The 16th Special Operations Wing Military Equal Opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organization, preparation and support for the observance period. Currently, there are no officers or appointed positions held, and the positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer need to be filled. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-8746.

PREP seminar

Family Advocacy is presenting a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program seminar Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. PREP is a couples communication program that is open to anyone who would like to improve their communications skills with their partner. For more information and reservations, call 884-4936.

Surviving debt

Back by popular demand is the iSurviving Debt seminar by Tom Snyder, Hurlburt Field financial advisor, at the Airman Leadership School auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 13. Topics covered in the seminar will be dealing with debt collectors, credit ratings explained, which debts to pay first, when to refinance, bankruptcy, bill consolidation, claiming the correct tax exemptions and other applicable topics. Reservations are required, and can be obtained by calling 884-5441. For more information, call Mr. Snyder at 884-6100.

Overpass closure

The pedestrian overpass across U.S. Highway 98 and associated ramps will close for repairs and painting Feb. 10. Estimated time for the completion of this project is dependent on the Florida Department of Transportation and weather conditions. During this time, children who live in soundside housing and use the overpass to get to the school bus will be blocked. Parents must find alternate means for their children to get across the highway. Barricades will be installed to remind people of the closure. For more information, call Gary Ross at 884-7524.

Medical delay message

The 96th and 16th Medical Groups are actively engaged in fighting the global war on terrorism and will support future contingencies. As a result, some people have experienced delays in getting seen by doctors. The groups' priority is to take care of their beneficiaries, and they will continue to do so. However, present deployments have caused some changes to their services. The medical staff is working to overcome any shortfalls, and would like to thank people in advance for their patience.

Extra child care

Deploying servicemembers and their families are now entitled to 16 hours per child of extended duty childcare upon the deployed member's return. For details, people can visit www.af.mil/news/Sep2002/90902265.shtml. For more information, call Erica Charity at 884-2168.

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

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.

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Friday ñ (PG-13) "Solaris," starring George Clooney and Steven Soderbergh ñ A psychologist arrives at a space station only to find that his liaison there is dead. The man, head of an expedition to an ocean world below known as Solaris, died mysteriously, and with his death come other mysterious events, such as the appearance of crew and friends who have long since passed away.

Saturday ñ (PG-13) "Eight Crazy Nights," starring Adam Sandler and Kevin Nealon ñ Davey is lurching down a wayward path. He's facing prison when Whitey proposes that Davey work with him at the community center as a referee for the local basketball league. But the true test is whether Davey can rise above his destructive habits.

Sunday ñ (PG-13) "The Hot Chick," starring Rob Schneider and Rachel McAdams ñ A "popular yet mean-spirited" teenage girl wakes up one day to find herself turned into a man. Along the way to finding out how she ended up like that, she discovers how shallow and cruel she's always been.

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Friday ñ (PG-13) "Drumline," starring Nick Cannon and Zoe Saldana ñ Devon, a street drummer from Harlem, enrolls in a Southern university, expecting to lead its marching band's drumline to victory. He initially flounders in his new world, before realizing it takes more than talent to reach the top.

Saturday ñ (PG-13) "Star Trek: Nemesis," starring Patrick Stewart and Jonathan Frakes ñ The Romulan Empire is thrown into disarray when Shinzon, an exiled slave on the sister planet of Remus, murders the entire senate of the Romulus homeworld. Now, the mad man wants to use the crew of the Enterprise in his scheme to incite a revolution.

Sunday ñ (R) "Empire," starring John Leguizamo and Denise Richards ñ Victor, a Puerto Rican drug-dealer, works the violent streets of the South Bronx. With an eye for money and a head for business, he dreams of one day achieving the wealth and success of a legitimate businessman.

Free Show at Eglin, Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 p.m. (PG-13) ñ "Shanghai Nights," starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson ñ This sequel to Shanghai Noon reunites 19th-century imperial guard Chon Wang and train robber Roy O'Bannon. When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father, Chon and Roy head to England seeking revenge. Chon's sister, Lin, has the same idea, and uncovers a conspiracy to murder England's royal family.

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

Hap Arnold scholarship

The Air Force Aid Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant program awards \$1,500 grants to: children of active duty; Air National Guard/Reservists on extended active duty; ANG performing full-time active duty; retired Reservists with 20 or more qualifying years of service; spouses (residing stateside) of active duty; Reservists on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased members. For more information, call the Air Force Aid Society at 884-2949 or visit the Web site at www.afas.org.

Recycling facility closed

Due to new construction, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility on Ready Avenue in Fort Walton Beach is closed to local residents until March 3. For more information, call Jim Reece at 651-7395.

ALS instructor candidates

The Hurlburt Field Airman Leadership School is looking for a dedicated, motivated, fired-up person to fill an instructor position. ALS instructors conduct instruction as outlined on Air Force directives including:

- Prepare for instruction through group review and

self-study. Prepare facility, classroom and auditorium for instruction.

- Maintain lesson plans, textbooks, test and measurement devices, student workbooks, handouts and lesson aids.

- Supervise, counsel, evaluate, and advise students. Administer examinations, maintain student records and document student actions.

- Assist with in- and out-processing and graduation tasks.

Qualifications: Applicants must be staff sergeants or selects, with an associates degree or higher, SPECAT guide item number six. For more information, call Master Sgt. Shelina Frey at 884-6255.

Free spouse makeovers

Hurlburt Field spouses are invited to the second-annual Hearts Apart Valentine's Spouses Spa Day Feb. 15 at the family support center from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During the event, spouses can enjoy the trade of local beauty consultants who will come to the FSC and provide a pedicure, lip and hand treatment, skin care regimen and a glamour makeover for free, all while spouses are served delicacies while relaxing and min-

gling with others. This event is limited to the first 50 spouses who sign-up. Reservations must be made by Feb. 11 by calling 884-5441. Pre-arranged childcare is strongly advised.

Classes

FSC classes

For more information on family support center classes or to sign up, call 884-5441.

Employment Orientation – Monday, 9 a.m.

Sponsorship training – Monday, 1 p.m.

Résumé Workshop – Monday, 1 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program – Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.

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

Transition Assistance Program – Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.

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Employment Orientation – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program – Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Be Your Own Boss – Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m.

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FEATURE

Story Hour enlightens, bonds families



by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

For an educating and entertaining experience, Hurlburt Field family members need look no further than the library's Story Hour.

Held Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the base theater, children of all ages and their families are welcome to attend, said Sabrina Honda, Story Hour's host. "Dads, grandpas, moms – anyone can come."

Story Hour, paid for in its entirety with revenue from sales of donated books from local book clubs, includes music, books, stories, activities, crafts and more, said Ms. Honda.

"Kids learn how to work in groups and listen to stories, and when they leave they usually have something to bring home," she said.

Story Hour is usually themed with "heritage months," such as Native American heritage month. February will include women's history month events. January's theme, however, is about stars and astronomy, so an evening Story Hour was held to allow a view of the night sky.

As part of the presentation, Ms. Honda borrowed a huge telescope from a local astronomy club, zeroing in on interstellar objects to give attending children an up-close-and-personal view.

"You can see the rings of Saturn," said Ms. Honda. "Last night I saw four moons around Jupiter."

Chauntal Andrews, a Hurlburt Field family member, has brought her two children to Story Hour numerous times.

"Sabrina's great, and Story Hour's wonderful," said Ms. Andrews. "Everyone should bring their children – it makes them want to read."

Ms. Honda believes instilling good reading values at a young age is great for all children.

"Reading stories is probably one of the easiest, most fun ways to help your kids do well in school," said Ms. Honda. "Reading to your kids from babies-up can help them become good students, and can help every aspect of their lives."

Zach (top), four-year-old son of Chauntal Andrews, peers at Betelgeuse, a star in the constellation Orion, through a telescope. Sabrina Honda (left), host of Story Hour, reads a fable of the creation of the Milky Way Galaxy to Tuesday night's guests.



SPORTS

Commandos take on Defender's Cup

by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

The Commando soccer team traveled to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 17 for the Defenders Cup, a tournament that brings together military soccer teams from all over the U.S.

The three-day tournament was host to 16 teams, divided into four pools, said Raul "the Godfather" Martinez, 10th Combat Weather Squadron, who plays "Sweeper," a defensive position.

"In our pool we started off playing against the Dakotas," said Martinez. The Dakota team, made up of players from both Grand Forks and Minot AFBs, beat

Hurlburt Field 2-0. "We played well, but gave up two goals due to our mistakes," he said.

The next game put the Commandos up against a "very good" Langley AFB team, but "we out-played them from start to finish," Martinez said, after a 1-0 win.

In game three Hurlburt Field clashed with the "dreaded" Medina Annex, a collaboration of Army and Marine Corps players. "(The Medina Annex) was definitely a very fit team," said Martinez. "We lost 1-0."

Because the Commando team came in third in its pool, it had to play in the consolation bracket, said Martinez.

"We knew we weren't playing for a trophy, but for a matter of pride we wanted to leave with a winning record," he said. "On day three, we had two games scheduled. The only thing on our mind was finishing strong."

The first game of the day was against Wright-Patterson AFB. The Commandos

came out on fire, and cruised past for a 2-0 win. The last game was a rematch against the Dakotas.

"Payback was definitely on our mind for that game," said Martinez. "We out-played them, and our hard work and aggressive play paid off; we won 1-0."

Throughout the tournament the team played great, said Martinez.

"We knew we should have done better in our first games," said Martinez. "We out-played all three teams – some of the best soccer I've seen us play – but we still need work on finishing on our goal-scoring opportunities. Shawn Robinson (goalie), selected as the team's most valuable player, was hanging tough in the net, and the defense, led by yours truly, played superbly. We were able to shut-out the opposition on all three of our wins."

The Commandos travel to Panama City, Fla., Sunday to take on Tyndall AFB at 2 p.m. at the Parker Sports Complex.



Photos by Adriana Holguin

Raul Martinez, 10th Combat Weather Squadron, (left) slams the ball during the Defender's Cup in San Antonio. (above, with ball) Thomas Holguin, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron, runs the ball downfield.

Sports briefs

Baseball league play

Okaloosa Men's Baseball League registration begins at 3:30 p.m. March 16 at the Twin Oaks baseball field in Niceville for both the 18- and 30-and-over divisions. The field is located on Highway 85 North, just north of College Boulevard. League fees are \$130 for under-30 and \$150 for over-30 players. Last day for registration is March 23. For more information, call 864-7529.

Spring sports

Spring intramural sports begin in March and April. People interested in joining a team for soccer, softball

and/or volleyball should contact their unit sports representative.

Softball players needed

Men and women are needed for the Hurlburt Field varsity softball teams. For more information, call the main fitness center at 884-6884.

Youth baseball registration

Registration for youth baseball runs through Feb. 18 at the youth center. Age groups are as follows: Tee ball, ages 5-6; machine pitch, ages 7-8; minors, ages 9-10;

majors, ages 11-12; juniors, ages 13-14; and seniors, ages 15-16. Baseball season begins March 29. Coaches are needed as well, and a coach clinic is scheduled at the center Feb. 19, at 4:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up, people should visit the center.

Fit Eagle Competition

The Fit Eagle Competition, a fitness battle between squadrons, will be held March 7 at the main fitness center. Units may enter two teams. A team captains' meeting is scheduled Wednesday at the center. For more information, call unit sports representatives.