

High-flying horsemen

823rd RED HORSE Squadron goes airborne

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

While Special Operators routinely conduct jump training over Camp Rudder Army Ranger camp on Eglin Range, it was a more unusual sight when members of the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron soared out of an MC-130 July 2.

The concept of airborne civil engineers was introduced in 2001 by the Air Force Chief of Staff down through Air Combat Command, which determined it's RED HORSE units as the best to create the air-droppable teams.

"There have been cases in recent conflicts when we haven't been able to land aircraft to bring in traditional heavy equipment to establish the airfield," said Capt. Brad Johnson, 823rd RHS, and officer in-charge of the project. "Our team drops into an airfield that's been taken by Special Forces or the Army, but isn't landable. We then assess the airfield and establish the base so we can bring people and equipment in."

A 35-man airborne engineer team is made up of a mix of RED HORSE specialists,

including explosive ordnance disposal, fire/crash/rescue, readiness, and engineers who can conduct limited runway repair.

"It's all the specialties needed to evaluate an area and get it ready to bring in planes with heavier equipment to make permanent repairs and get the base started," said Captain Johnson.

Team members are all volunteers from RED HORSE ranks who are training as emergency medical technicians, learning demolition and weapons, and getting jump-qualified. Survival training is a possibility down the road as well, said Tech. Sgt. Brian Heck, an 823rd RHS structural craftsman who doubles as the team's personnel parachute program manager.

"We're still in the small stages, still learning everything," said Sergeant Heck. "Our biggest supporter right now is AFSOC."

As an ACC unit, RED HORSE is getting help with initial training and jumps from Air Force Special Operations Command.

"AFSOC's really helping us out," the sergeant said, "and the Special Operations units

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A sergeant with the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, descends via parachute after leaping from an MC-130 Combat Talon, July 2.

Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

20th SOS pilot receives exceptional recognition

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

A pilot with the 20th Special Operations Squadron earned the U.S. Air Force Daedalian Exceptional Pilot Award for 2002.

Maj. David Tabor, an MH-53 PAVE LOW helicopter pilot, was recently

given the prestigious honor for his acts of heroism and airmanship during combat operations in 2002.

The award is presented annually to one U.S. Air Force pilot selected by the Air Force Chief of Staff, for exceptional deeds performed to assure mission success, acts of valor as an aviator, or an extraordinary display of courage or

leadership in the air in support of air operations.

The major, who's an Atlanta, Ga. native, gives most of the credit for this award to his fellow crewmembers.

"This award is not a reflection of me," he said, "but of all the people who flew with me on those missions."

The crew of six, which includes: 1st

Lt. Scott Donahue, co-pilot; Tech. Sgt. Mike Ohara, flight engineer; Staff Sgt. Chris Cahalan, flight engineer; now retired Senior Master Sgt. Randy Nelson, gunner; and Staff Sgt. John Stott, gunner, flew several combat missions during their deployment to

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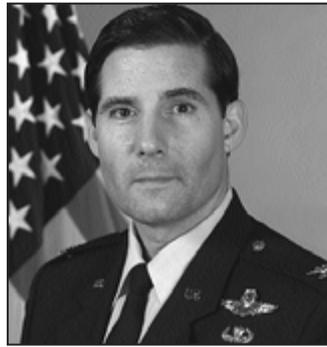
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Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander



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Patriotism has different definitions

By Capt. Tim Heintzelman
86th Security Forces Squadron

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – I hear the word “American” and the first things that come to mind for me are the “Stars and Bars,” the Bald Eagle and the Statue of Liberty. These are all signs of our great nation, and most of us can relate to these images. But what does it mean to be an American?

Three times a year – Memorial Day, Veteran’s Day and Fourth of July – we reflect on the sacrifices of the men and women who have gone before us. On these days, Americans come together to honor those who have done so much for our nation and who have united Americans through hardships.

Sept. 11, 2001, should also have close to the same significance. With the unbearable grief it brought, a sense of unity began to emerge too.

People were proud to be American even though they were going through one of our nation’s roughest times. But does it take an event as devastating as that to get people to see what is around them and to produce Americans that are proud of their country? I began to think that was the case until I really looked around.

After Sept. 11, the nation rallied around the goal of combating terrorism. Then people began to take our presence in Afghanistan as routine, even as

Americans were dying in this foreign country.

Next, the build up outside Iraq began. Debates and anti-war demonstrations, many of them in our own nation, took place about whether or not we should go into Iraq.

After we attacked Iraq, again a sense of unity rose and most Americans were concerned for and proud of their service-members fighting the war.

Now that the war is over, many Americans again view our presence in Iraq as routine. Yet, you can pick up the paper almost everyday and read about one of our fellow Americans dying in this country far from the borders of our great nation.

There are still wounded Americans transiting in and out of our military hospitals who serve America with distinction, but because the “war” is over, you hear very little about them.

As I started writing this commentary, I began to wonder if we had lost sight of the true meaning of being an American. I also became disheartened to the fact that maybe for Americans, patriotism and love of country had deminished. But, it is the little things I see as I look around me in everyday life that remind me that it is still there. You just have to look for it.

It is your 6-year-old daughter reciting the Pledge of Allegiance that she learned in school.

It is the security forces members who



ensure everyone sleeps well at night because they keep the base safe.

It is the aircrew member who flies all night and unloads an aircraft in 100-plus degree heat.

It is the teacher who makes sure that our children are prepared for the future.

And, it’s the mechanic who works diligently to fix a vehicle or airplane so that the mission can get done.

I could go on and on.

Pride in America means so many different things to different people. It is all based on one’s perspective. Pride is an individual feeling and doesn’t have to come from a life-changing event.

Pride in being an American can be evident in even the smallest, most obscure places. I realized there are so many things that make me proud to be an American, but the question is – what are you proud of? (AFPN)

Centennial of flight

Centennial of flight – 152 days away

Gliders were used in World War II when in 1944 during the D-Day invasion they carried thousands of nurses, troops and equipment onto enemy fields, contributing to the defeat of Hitler’s army and ultimately to the allied victory.

“Gliders were good to surprise people,” said retired Maj. Dominic Devito. “You could sneak in quietly from miles

away.”
To train glider pilots to

safely pick up troops behind enemy lines, they tested different methods. One unique test subject was sheep. During the first test, a sheep was released from an aircraft and hung below it on a cable.

“After they towed the sheep around for a while, it was brought up, and a veterinarian would check its vitals to see how the sheep liked it,” Mr. Devito said.

The next trial was to pick up a harnessed sheep similar to the way tow

planes picked up the gliders – like a fishing rod hook and line. But during this test, the sheep got the pickup cable wrapped around its neck and died, so the harness was modified.

“The second sheep survived,” Mr. Devito said. “So the team figured it was safe to pick up a lieutenant, then a sergeant.”



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NEWS



Photo by Janice Wood

Heart's Apart

Deployed family members have balloons made by Troy Green during the annual Heart's Apart picnic July 12. The picnic sponsored by the family support center brings deployed family members together for a day of fun, food and games. The family support center will offer a Spa Day in September for deployed spouses. For more information about deployed member programs call 884-5441.

Spotlight on ...

Transplanted Russian gives 110 percent

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

"There's an aura about him that spews confidence," said Staff Sgt. John Blaeser, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, "and when you're around him, you can't help but let it rub off on you."

The exemplary troop to whom Sergeant Blaeser is referring to is Senior Airman Aleksandr Ilin, 16th LRS vehicle operations. However, this is no ordinary over-achieving airman, and the road he traveled to get to Hurlburt Field was not a smooth one.

Since he was eight years old, Airman Ilin, a Russian native, dreamed of being in the Olympics. After six years of training with his coach, who was in Russia's top special forces, Airman Ilin earned his second-degree black belt in the art of judo and was selected for Russia's pre-Olympic team.

However, Airman Ilin was drawn in by the wrong crowd of peers, and his mother – fearing for his future – moved the family to the United States to live with relatives; his dad joined them a year later.

Although Airman Ilin wasn't able to live out his Olympic dream, his competitive drive and thirst for success led him to new dreams and several leadership positions.

While living in Boston, Airman Ilin's brother joined the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol. After being convinced to do the same, Airman Ilin was also introduced to Combat Control.

"I'm glad I joined CAP," Airman Ilin said, "because after seeing myself in uniform, I knew that was my call in life."

For the next year and a half, Airman Ilin, then 16, strived to become a cadet officer before his Air Force enlistment date. After successfully passing the written and physical tests and appearances before a professionalism board, he earned his two stripes.

Pushing forward to be the best, Airman Ilin also joined the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Course his senior year in high school, during which he was the cadet commander, unarmed drill team commander, inspection team commander and color guard commander.

Simultaneously, Airman Ilin worked as a recruiter's assistant in the Delayed Enlistment Program, working in the office, at schools and local organizations to recruit airman into the Air Force. During that time, he helped recruit eight people.

After being awarded the Billy Mitchell award for earning the position of cadet officer and holding several leadership positions during Air Force JROTC, Airman Ilin knew he was ready for Basic Military Training.

"When it was time to go into the Air Force," Airman Ilin said, "I was as ready as I would ever be for the Combat Control."

As the weeks pressed on in BMT, Airman Ilin continued to strive for excellence, as he anticipated the third week Physical Ability and Stamina Test, given to trainees pursuing Combat Control or Pararescue.

After being the only trainee out of a flight of 26 to pass the PAST, Airman Ilin stepped to the desk to receive his orders.

However, after his record was reviewed and the information confirmed, Airman Ilin was denied the position because his citizenship was still in Russia.

Instead, Airman Ilin was handed orders to Hurlburt Field as a vehicle operator.

Despite the setback, Airman Ilin held to his father's words and chose "to be the best vehicle operator he could be," but he also decided he was going to make senior airman Below the Zone and be a member of the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard.

Senior Airman Aleksandr Ilin

"(Senior) Airman Ilin is one of the members I know I can always count on," said Tech. Sgt. Marlon Carcamo, the NCO in charge of Honor Guard. "His initiative, drive and dedication are way beyond the majority of his peers. It's very easy to get things done – no matter what the circumstances – when I have airmen like him."

On Feb. 28, 2003 at his Honor Guard graduation, Airman Ilin was selected as the honor graduate and afterwards, notified that he had been selected for BTZ.

Airman Ilin's determination to be the best paid off in June when he was named Guardsman of the Month.

Some of his future goals include: becoming an official trainer for the Base Honor Guard, a member of the drill team and pinning on staff sergeant by 2004. And when he's not striving to be the best, Airman Ilin is picking mushrooms or designing cars for his Autosports and Insane Systems Club.

"With all the good and bad, I have no regrets of anything I have ever done or anything that's happened," Airman Ilin said. "(Besides), if I'd received the job I'd wanted, I would never have met my wife."

Samuel Wilhelm

Rank/Duty Title:

Captain

Organization: 9th Special Operations Squadron

Hometown: Pittsburg, Pa.

Hobbies: Computers and spending time with his children

Contribution to the mission:

As the lead squadron planner for the 9th Special Operations Squadron's deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Captain Wilhelm worked to deconflict four aircraft and 75 people with other deploying Air Force Special Operations Command aircraft. He also was the squadron planner for initial training and during the war.

In a joint and combined environment, Captain Wilhelm worked with intelligence units to provide an estimated threat to refueling units in Iraq, as well as designed and implemented the squadron's deployable planning computer network.

Captain Wilhelm was also the lead planner for 9th SOS redeployment.

(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.)

AIR FORCE NEWS

Dr. Roche to receive Order of the Sword

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – Air Force non-commissioned officers will bestow their highest honor on the secretary of the Air Force as they induct him into the service's Order of the Sword Sept. 13 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Dr. James Roche received word of his induction during the recent Town Hall Meeting at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, June 5.

During the meeting, Dr. Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray fielded questions from 300 people about various Air Force issues.

As closing discussions focused on Dr. Roche's pending nomination to become secretary of the Army, Chief

Murray told the secretary all the Air Force command chiefs contacted him and wanted him to pass on a message.

"Mr. Secretary, we absolutely can't believe that your nomination won't go forward, and we recognize that you'll soon be leaving to become the secretary of the Army," Chief Murray said. "We're envious of the Army, but thankful for the time we've had you as secretary."

"In this forum today, I would like to request that you join the enlisted men and women of the U.S. Air Force on the occasion to be inducted into the U.S. Air Force Order of the Sword in a ceremony," Chief Murray said.

Pushing his glasses to the top of his head and wiping tears, Dr. Roche accepted an Order of the Sword plaque from Chief Murray and said he was truly honored with the induction invitation.

"This is something I wouldn't

have expected – I didn't think I'd worked long enough or hard enough to ever come near to earning this," he said. "Thank you all very much; you'll always be in my heart."

"When I say our people, I mean every kind of person – military or civilian; (Air National) Guard or Reserve; minority or majority; those who feel they've not been cared for or are on the back burner of the Air Force," General Jumper said.

"The secretary has managed to be out there in touch with every one of these groups. If the nomination (to become secretary of the Army) does come through, we'll support (our) new secretary with all the vigor we always do, but there'll be a big empty spot in our hearts for Secretary Roche," he continued.

U.S. Air Force NCOs revised and updated the "Royal Order of the Sword" ceremony and adopted it in 1967. (AFPN)

AFs new uniforms

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials are considering an Air Force-distinctive uniform to replace the current battle dress uniform, according to service officials.

A fit and wear test of the uniform is pending, officials said. The test will determine the best direction to respond to Air Force needs for a 21st century utility uniform.

Many new Air Force uniforms and uniform items are fit or wear tested in the field before becoming available.

This wear test usually lasts between six months to one year but can be extended based upon the complexity of the uniform and feedback from the wear testers, officials explained. Positive and negative feedback is collected to ensure necessary improvements are made to the uniform or item before any decision is made to adopt it or not.

At the conclusion of the wear test, Air Force leaders will review the feedback and input from testers and a decision will be made to implement all, some or none of the test uniform. (AFPN)

News Briefs

The global war on terrorism's a two-front war

First, killing or capturing terrorists requires all the instruments of national power, including military, intelligence, law enforcement and diplomacy. It also involves destroying the terrorists' base of operations, organization, sources of funds, ability to communicate and ability to strike

Second, building a peaceful world beyond the war on terror, especially in the Muslim world, means helping a liberated Iraq become a free and democratic country and resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The war against terrorism will be won, in part because the U.S. military is the best-trained best-equipped, best-led fighting force on earth.

When the U.S. military is engaged, the outcome is certain. The United States also owes credit to the support of dozens of other free nations that are part of the coalition.

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While travelers can still fax or e-mail the worksheets, filing them on vMPF is preferred because of the security of the system.

Also, the Web-based process of submitting travel-accrual worksheets is limited to military travelers. The Air Force is also working to offer the same service to civilians through the Virtual Civilian Personnel Flight Web site.



Photo by Master Sgt. James M. Bowman

Heave, ho

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM – Pararescuemen assigned to Baghdad International Airport perform a hoist extraction of a survivor during an urban operations training exercise July 3. (AFPN)

Look who's talking: What activities do you enjoy doing during your summer vacation?

"I like to go to the beach to collect seashells and watch the dolphins swim."

"I like to go to Blue Streak Stables for two or more weeks of horse camp. But I also like to go visit my dad and friends that I haven't seen in three months or more."

"I like to be with my friends, so we can read and play together."

Meet the new commanders

Rank/Name:

Maj. Stuart Lum

Organization: 16th Helicopter
Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Honolulu, HI

Off-duty time is for: Going to the
beach, eating at local restaurants and
exploring the area

Previous assignment:

Misawa Air Base, Japan

Organizational goals: Sustain the
lead with the mighty PAVE LOW

Work philosophy: Total commitment
to our squadron; providing a safe,
sound environment promoting excellence



Maj. Stuart Lum

Rank/Name:

Maj. Frank "Tony" McVay

Organization:

16th Maintenance Squadron

Hometown:

Columbus, Ohio

Off-duty time is for: Family, soaring
sailplanes, flying light aircraft, movies

Previous assignment:

Air Command and Staff College,
Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Organizational goals: Continue to
provide excellent maintenance to
assigned Special Operations aircraft
while developing the technical, professional and leadership skills of
assigned personnel

Work philosophy: For each member to do his best everyday to
accomplish mission and individual goals..



Maj. Frank McVay

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on base – like Special Tactics – have helped a lot with equipment, such as what gear they use.”

The other two main, active RED HORSE units, the 819th and 820th, are also building airborne teams, but the 823rd is the pilot unit “tasked with the initial stand up, and in the future we’ll be tasked with training,” said Sergeant Heck.

Sergeant Heck said one challenge is the experience level needed of the team members, as it relates to the physical training.

“The skill level required to do this job are five and seven-level NCO and senior NCOs, so some things can be a little bit more challenging, physically,” he said. “The first guys to go through jump school (in Ft. Benning, Ga.) were on age waivers.”

Airborne RED HORSE members rise at 6:30 a.m. all week to conduct physical training and keep up to Army standards, but Tech. Sgt. Adam Henson, a heavy equipment operator, doesn’t seem to mind.

“It’s a great program,” said Sergeant Henson. “We get to do some high speed stuff, definitely. When I joined the Air Force I was cutting grass. Now I’m jumping out of planes and using explosives, and there’s nothing wrong with that.

“(Airborne engineers) is a great concept, and once it’s operational, it will be very good,” he said.

Although it won’t be fully operational until about 2005, the airborne team has already performed its assessment and evaluation mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, minus the parachutes, said Captain Johnson. New equipment is on the way, but it will be some time before it’s certified to be shoved out of a moving plane.

“The capability to fix runways has always been there,” he said. “Now we just get that capability on the ground faster, via air drop.”

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Afghanistan and Major Tabor’s actions were highlighted in his citation.

Major Tabor was called upon to infiltrate a ground forces commander, while a large-scale assault on an Al Qaeda compound was underway.

The major skillfully landed his aircraft, carrying the commander, in a dangerous zero-visibility dust-out landing amidst a hail of gunfire and numerous explosions as a ground battle raged. Major Tabor’s action allowed the commander to direct actions on the compound, which led to the successful capture of the compound as well as enemy prisoners.

On a separate assault mission, en route to a landing zone, Major Tabor’s automatic flight control system completely failed causing the aircraft to become unstable. The major continued the mission and inserted his team by executing a zero-visibility dust-out landing under fire in a confined landing zone without any aircraft stabilization.

“When you’re in that situation everything is happening so fast, and time passes so quickly,” the major said. “There’s no time to be nervous. We just relied on our training, because we prepared for those missions and it paid off.”

“Major Tabor’s performance as an officer and as a pilot in both peacetime and combat has been absolutely exceptional,” said Lt. Col. Richard Williams, 20th SOS commander. “We’re all extremely proud of him for earning this prestigious award. It means a lot to all of us for one of our team mates to be recognized for his outstanding aviation skills.”

The major said he was unaware he was being submitted for the award, and is extremely honored, but believes any pilot in the 20th SOS is equally deserving.

FEATURE

Outdoor Rec provides key to great outdoors



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

The Hurlburt Field paintball program provides four courses on eight acres.

By Tech. Sgt. William Seabrook
Public Affairs

Many newcomers to Hurlburt Field discover they've arrived at what is widely considered an outdoor paradise; however, some who've never lived on the coast before may be at a loss as to how to spend their free time. One organization on base has all the answers.

The 16th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Center does its best to take care of all outdoor enthusiast needs.

The center rents boats, boating equipment, fishing supplies, camping equipment to include pop-up trailers, water jugs, coolers and a host of other items.

Their rates are unbeatable in the local area, according to Chuck Lowery, Outdoor Recreation Director.

"Our prices are approximately half what you pay downtown and all the money people spend here is reinvested into improving our facilities and buying better equipment," Mr. Lowery said. "So really when you support us you're supporting yourself because we simply reinvest money into making your leisure activities more enjoyable."

Equipment rentals are by far not the only service the center provides to the base community, according to Mr. Lowery.

"We also run the paintball field, family campground, vehicle resale lot, recreational vehicle storage lots and sponsor a host of other outdoor organizations on base," he said. "We're also open to new

ideas if anybody would like to see any other activities offered here. The paintball field was a suggestion made a few years ago."

From that simple suggestion paintball has evolved into one of the most popular activities on base with units using the field for team building events, individual play and even a base intramural league, said Mr. Lowery.

"The other thing we offer that compares in popularity is our boat rentals," he said. "People can rent 20-foot pontoon boats, ski and fishing boats, jet skis, sailboats, canoes and kayaks. People can also rent the boats for half price during the winter months."

The center provides training for people on safe boat usage and even has a sailing instructor on staff.

Additionally, if people or units need a place to have a large party the center can help with that.

"We're in charge of the base picnic grounds and the Community Park – both areas can be reserved free of charge for official unit functions and \$50 a day for private functions," Mr. Lowery said. "We also offer 'Teal Deals' at the Beachside where people can reserve the use of our building, several boats, canopies, barbecue grills and picnic tables for the whole day. There are several packages of varying prices available ranging from a deluxe to a no frills deal based on your needs."

One thing the center's staff wants people to know is that they're there for the base community's recreational and



John "JJ" Jones (left) and Bill Burnap, both 16th Services Squadron outdoor recreation, check-in and refuel a rental pontoon boat at the Hurlburt Field Marina Tuesday.

off duty needs whether it be boating, paintball, needing to sell a car, target shooting, learning to dive, camping or even if people just need a place to store their RV.

"We're here to serve you and are always striving to do better, Mr. Lowery said. "So give us a call or come visit and we'll take care of you. If there's something you want to do that we don't offer let us know and we'll see if we can start offering it."

For more information on the Outdoor Recreation Center's services call 884-6939 or visit the Beachside, located in the Soundside housing area next to the marina.



A.J. Moreland, 16th SVS outdoor recreation, brings down camping gear available for rent from outdoor rec.

LIFESTYLE

Military

STS change of command

The 23rd Special Tactics Squadron invites everyone to attend a change of command ceremony today at 9 a.m. at the Soundside Club, where Lt. Col. William Sherman will assume command from Lt. Col. Patrick Pihana. The presiding officer for the ceremony is Col. Craig Rith, 720th Special Tactics Group commander. A reception is held immediately following the ceremony.

AFCWC change of command

The Air Force Combat Weather Center invites everyone to attend a change of command ceremony July 28 at 9 a.m. at the AFCWC Hangar, where Lt. Col. John Shattuck will assume command from Lt. Col. Michael Hemler. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Melissa Lewis at 881-2500.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter holds its monthly meeting July 26 at 6 p.m. at J.R. Rockers' Daytona Room. Members are invited to attend and bring a friend. Topics to be covered will be upcoming base/community events and general discussions on membership and the chapter focus. Also, the chapter is currently undergoing membership recall to bring back past and local members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995, or retired Chief Master Sgt. John Greer at 939-6659.

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: 2A3X3, 2A5X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2T0X1, 2T1X1, 3E0X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E9X1, 3S0X1, 3S1X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A2X1, and 6F0X1, as well as, full-time active-duty opportunities in 2A5X1.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Wes Ryerson, 109 AW/DPR, at DSN 344-2456, or e-mail wesley.ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil or call 1-800-524-5070.

SNCO induction ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Chiefs Group and the Hurlburt Field Top 3 Council co-sponsor the 2003 Senior Noncommissioned Officers Induction Ceremony Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Soundside Club. Reservations should be made no later than July 28 by calling Master Sgt. Paula Jackson at 884-1233 or e-mailing paula.jackson@hurlburt.af.mil, or calling Tech. Sgt. Margie Lusher at 884-6910 or by e-mailing margie.lusher@hurlburt.af.mil.

Senior Airmen, NCOs needed

The Air Force is looking for sharp senior airmen and Noncommissioned officers 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.

New college class

The Majors and promotable captains, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College class is forming a

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

Community

Friday flicks

Gulf Coast Marketing and local radio stations invite military personnel, friends and family to enjoy free movies every Friday at the Pensacola Pavilion beginning July 25 until Aug. 29. Movies are selected based on popularity when initially released and suitable content for family viewing. Everyone is encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and food and beverages; local vendors will also be present for food and beverage purchases. For more information, call Doug McAllister at 916-9222.

Speed changes

The speed limit on Independence Road from the new east gate to Lielmanis Avenue, which is the road that leads to the Base Exchange and the Eglin Federal Credit Union, has been reduced from 35 miles per hour to 25mph in both directions. Vehicle operators should always be patient and courteous to pedestrians crossing Independence Road at the Base Exchange and the 19th Special Operations Squadron area.

Found items by SF

The Security Forces Investigations has the following unclaimed, lost or abandoned property:

- Five sets of keys
- A handbag containing women's clothing
- A Sony Playstation
- A video cassette
- An Air Force ring
- A gold chain
- Three bicycles

For more information about the items, call SF Investigations at 884-7705.

Pryor clean up day

Parents for Pryor sponsors iShip Shape Dayî July 26 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Pryor Middle School, located at 201 Racetrack Road. Past, present and future pirates, along with friends and family are invited to join the community in beautifying the grounds of the school. Participants will need to bring garden tools, gloves, rakes and sunscreen. Community partners will provide lunch and refreshments for volunteers. For more information, call W.C. Pryor at 833-3610.

Claims

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

Clinic Closure

The 16th Medical Group closes at 11 a.m. July 25 for training and an official function. Normal clinic operations will occur from 7 to 11 a.m. Eglin Air Force Base's emergency room will be available during the closure.

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'ian: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

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

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday and Sunday ñ (PG-13) iThe Italian Job,i starring Mark Wahlberg and Edward Norton ñ Charlie was pleased after pulling off an amazing gold bullion heist from a heavily guarded palazzo in Venice, Italy. The plan was flawless; the job was executed perfectly; and the escape was clean. The only threat was that a member of his own crew could be a double-crosser. Now the job isn't about the payoff, it's about payback!

Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. ñ (G) iFinding Nemo,i animated film ñ Marlin desperately searches the sea for his missing son, Nemo. Little Nemo finds himself in a dentist's fish tank in Sydney, Australia, along with other underwater captives. As Nemo works with his new friends on a plan to escape, Marlin swims closer, but he'll need more than just fins to get into the dentist's office.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday ñ (PG-13) i2 Fast 2 Furious,i starring Paul Walker and Tyrese Gibson ñ Former police officer Brian O'Conner teams up with his ex-con pal Roman Pearce to transport a shipment of dirty money for shady Miami-based import-export dealer Carter Verone, while actually working with undercover agent Monica Clemente to bring Mr. Verone down.

Saturday ñ (PG-13) iDumb and Dumberer,i starring Eric Christian Olsen and Derek Richardson ñ Set in 1986, when mentally challenged best friends Harry and Lloyd were teenagers, this is the madcap comic tale of their attempt to get out of the ispecial needsî department and into regular high school life.

Sunday ñ (PG-13) iDown With Love,i starring Ewan McGregor and Renee Zellweger ñ Feminist writer Barbara Novak has just penned Down With Love, a book denouncing romance in favor of career goals. When it hits the best-seller list, womanizing journalist Catcher Block tracks her down, and an unlikely romance blooms.

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

ERAU registration

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Fall 2003 Term begins Monday until Aug. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays in Building 90220. Add/drop dates are Aug. 4 - 8, and class dates are from Aug. 4 to Oct. 4. Also, ERAU has two new certificates available. The first one is the Supply Chain Management Certificate for supply/logistics professionals. With only four courses to take, students will be prepared to take the American Production and Inventory Control Society Certificate in the Production and Inventory Management exam and earn credit toward their degree program. The other certificate is the Occupational Safety and Health Certificate. After completing the course, students will be able to protect their work force and the general public from injury and illness by passing on valuable information. For more information, call the ERAU office at 581-2106.

Education fair

The Fourth Annual Education Fair is Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Education Building. College representatives from on and off base will be on hand to answer questions. There'll be door prizes, refreshments and an abundance of educational information. For more information, call Tracy Deming at 581-9840, or e-mail ithurlburt@fwb.gulf.net.

Finance closing

The 16th Comptroller Squadron Finance office will be closing today at 2:30 p.m. for an official unit function. For emergencies, call 598-1719 or 881-7434.

OU careers available

Base personnel interested in a career in human resource management and organizational development can pursue a Master of Human Relations degree with the University of Oklahoma branch here. A flexible class format allows students to complete an entire class

in only one week. For more information, call the OU office at 581-3000, or e-mail aphurlburt@ou.edu.

Florosa town meeting

Florosa Elementary School is having a Town Meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the media center. Topics to be discussed include: new construction (walled classrooms) and new educational programs. Florosa's new principal Carolyn Lulue will also be there to meet the parents before the school year begins.

Classes

FSC classes:

For more information, call 884-5441.

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

Sponsorship Training - Monday, 1 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program - Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.

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

Single Parents luncheon - Tuesday, noon

Personal Family Readiness - Thursday, 9 a.m.

HAWC classes:

For more information, call 884-4292.

Weight Loss Group - Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Prenatal Nutrition - Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Eating Heart Healthy - Wednesday, 10 a.m.

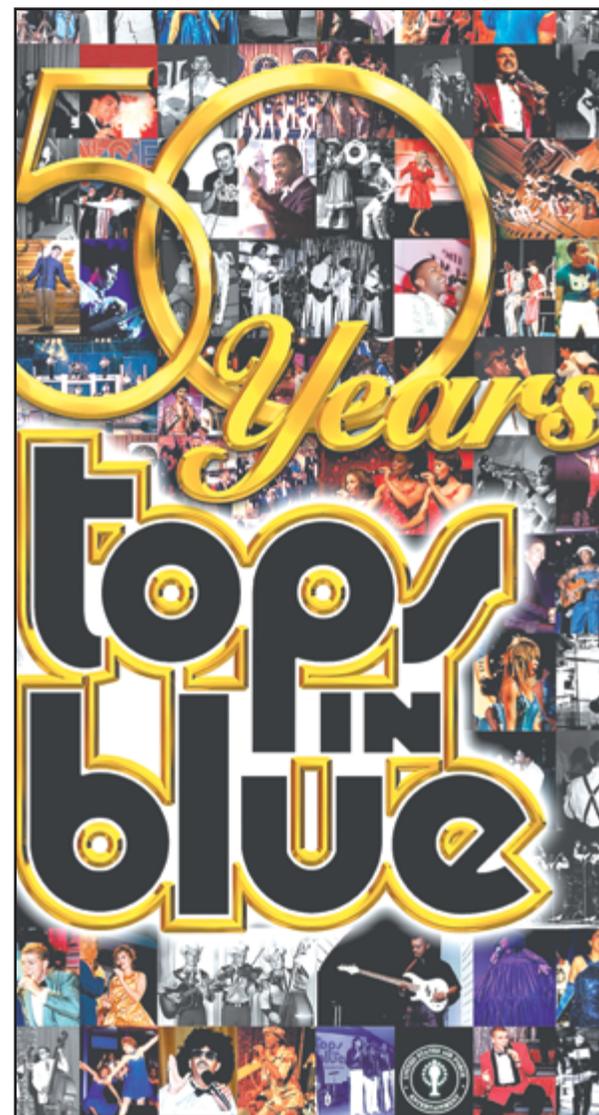
Diabetic Nutrition - Thursday, 9 a.m.

Lean On Me - Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Eating For Health - Thursday, 3 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program

The Transition Assistance Program seminar is a three-day workshop to help separating and retiring military member's and their families' transition.



Tops in Blue celebrates 50 years of entertaining the world. The team will perform here July 23 at 8 p.m. in the Soundside parking lot.

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SPORTS

Chili Dogs pluck Hurlburt Field Hawks 12-1

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

The Chili Dogs – the highest-ranked team in the Emerald Coast Roller Hockey League – squashed the Hurlburt Field Hawks 12-1 Wednesday in a three-period game at the Gulf Breeze Skating Center.

Although the first period saw six goals for the Chili Dogs, the Hawks put a puck in the net in the second period, halting the 'Dogs' advance.

In the third period the Chili Dogs picked up speed, doubling their score before the final buzzer.

The loss is part of a learning experience for the newly-regrouped hockey

team, said John Hauser, 16th Communications Squadron, team coach.

The last season the Hawks played was in 1998, and back then the team played ice hockey.

"Our competition has been playing together for four to five years, and we've still got players coming back from deployments," Coach Hauser said. "We have to start from square one, and although we're not doing too well so far, we've made amazing progress. We're going to be a force to be reckoned with."

Most Hawks team members are hockey-playing northerners, said Jason "JD" Davis, 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron. "Our lead scorer is a Canadian from Toronto," he said.

Although finding a good place to practice has been a problem for the team, Hurlburt Field's new full-size roller-hockey rink should be set up by September, and "we'll have one of the better outdoor facilities in the area," said Davis. "Not only will we have a good facility to practice on, we can get base kids' and intramural leagues going, and games between bases. During Super Day (2003) we had 17 teams come out, so there's definitely enough teams to come up with an eight to 10 team intramural league."

The new rink will be



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Hurlburt Field Hawks hockey player Joe Martell, 20th SOS (left), flies down the court during a game against the top-ranked Chili Dogs in Gulf Breeze, Wednesday.

twice as large as the old one, and will have a new wheel-friendly surface and a complete dasher-board system.

"Because of the new surface, the boards and the extra space, the new facility will be safer than the old, smaller one," said Davis. The increase in size will allow games with more players per team, he said.

"It's hard to believe that after so long (retired Tech. Sgt.) John Kwiatowski's vision of a real hockey rink is finally going to be a reality," said Davis. "It will benefit so many people in the surrounding area, from Hurlburt Field and Eglin AFB, to folks from Gulf Breeze - and this is exactly what the Hawks need

to fine tune our skills and start winning."

Great gratitude goes out to Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea, 16th Special Operations Wing command chief, for his support in getting a better rink for Hurlburt Field, said Davis. "Without his help and push for our project, it may have never happened."

The Hawks hope to win the ECRHL trophy, a parody of the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, called the "Stanley Can."

"The pace (in the ECRHL) is incredible to ours, but we're coming together, and it won't be long until we take the Stanley Can for Hurlburt Field," said Davis.



A Hawks player shoots the puck at the Chili Dogs' goal.

16th CES, Det. 1 take base championships

Soccer success

When the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron intramural soccer team beat the Air Force Special Operations Command/16th Medical Group team July 9, it forced an "if" game July 10 to determine the 2003 intramural soccer champions.

With the score tied at one and going into overtime, both teams had battled ferociously to win the match. In the end, the 16th CES came out on top with a 2-1

victory and claim to their second intramural championship in a row.

Softball sweep

A Det. 1, 334th Training Squadron over-30 softball win over the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron July 9 put the teams in the same "if" game situation July 10.

Unlike the hard-fought 16th CES soccer win, Det. 1 pulverized CMS 23-9, securing the softball crown.



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron intramural soccer team defends its goal against the Air Force Special Operations Command/16th Medical group team.

Sports shorts

Varsity basketball

Men and women basketball players are needed for the Hurlburt Field varsity basketball teams. Men must be military members to be eligible; women may also be family members to join. Players must submit their name, rank and duty phone number to the main fitness center for consideration. Volunteer varsity basketball coaches are also needed, and must submit an application to the fitness center for review. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.

Youth sports

Registration for youth soccer, flag football and cheerleading continues through Aug. 1. Players and people interested in coaching can sign up at the youth center weekdays, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$42 for one player, or \$84 for two or more players.

Team practice begins in late August. For more information, call Jim Harriott at 884-6355.