

## AOC officially opens formal training unit

**By Capt. Danny Cooper**  
*AFC2TIG Public Affairs*

Air Warfare Center Commander Maj. Gen. Steven Wood officially opened the newest course to be offered at the Air Force Command and Control Training and Innovation Group's Command and Control Warrior School at a ribbon-cutting ceremony here May 30.

The ceremony marked the beginning of the Air Operations Center Formal Training Unit and is a key component in the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's vision to treat the AOC as a weapons system.

"The AFC2TIG has taught us how to better employ air power at the operational level of war," General Wood said. "Now, by leveraging our new approach of treating Air Operations Centers as a weapons system we will be able to mass firepower and provide clarity in the battle space like never before."

The FTU curriculum is a series of related courses designed to provide initial qualification training for the AOC.

"The curriculum will integrate people, processes and systems in planning, executing and assessing air operations in support of a Joint Force Commander's campaign plan," said James Beauchamp, contractor team lead for FTU curriculum development.

Students will begin with a fundamentals block that will emphasize joint and service doctrine, the Theater Air Ground System, organization and function of all of the core teams as well as specialty and support teams and the various phases of the air tasking cycle. They will then continue training in

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Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

**Airman 1st Class LuAnn Kellogg, 16th Security Forces Squadron, checks identification at a flightline entry control point here Wednesday. Airman Kellogg and two other 16th SFS airmen assisted a Fort Walton Beach police detective in apprehending a narcotics suspect.**

## FWB detective gets SFS assistance

**By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis**  
*Public Affairs*

Three airmen from the 16th Security Forces Squadron were awarded certificates of appreciation May 29 for assisting the Fort Walton Beach Police Department in capturing an "uncooperative narcotics suspect" in the parking lot of a local business.

"If not for the efforts of these three fine individuals," said Steve Hogue, chief of police at the Fort Walton Beach Police Department, "Detective Eric Boyd could've been seriously injured, and the suspect would've escaped."

Detective Boyd, Fort Walton Beach Police Department Street Crimes Unit, recognized a suspect who had outstand-

ing narcotics charges with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department. He approached the suspect to inform him he was under arrest.

The suspect resisted, pushed Detective Boyd and fled out the door towards the parking lot. After apprehending the suspect and wrestling him to the pavement, there was a violent struggle between the two.

Detective Boyd was able to control the suspect using both hands, which kept him from using his radio to call for assistance. A large crowd began to form as the detective struggled with the resisting suspect.

Upon arrival, Airmen 1st Class LuAnn Kellogg, Jarid McGlothorn and John Murzin broke through the crowd

to assist Detective Boyd in gaining control of the suspect and calling the dispatch center for backup units. After the suspect was in Detective Boyd's custody, the three airmen controlled the crowd until additional police units arrived on scene.

"It was never my intention to receive any recognition for what we did," Airman Kellogg said. "When you see someone in trouble, it's just natural to want to help out."

"We're indebted to these brave airmen for rendering assistance – without concern for their own safety – by coming to the aid of Detective Boyd in a potentially dangerous situation involving a violent offender and a hostile crowd," Chief Hogue said.

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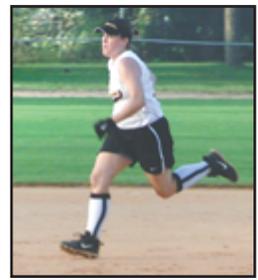


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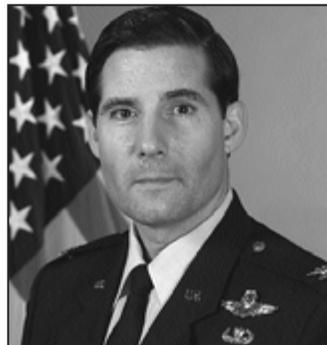
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by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process.

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



Col. Frank Kisner,  
16th SOW commander

## Not a bird bath

**Comment:** We love the walking path by the flight line and around the gym and softball fields. However, there are several water fountains on this route that aren't working. They're located at the Air Park, across from the shoppette, and by the water tower on Red Horse Road.

We were wondering if they could be turned on? Also, the water fountain by the main exchange and medical clinic is covered with bird droppings, which makes the fountain unusable and unsanitary to drink out of.

We walk every day, and with the onset of warmer weather, this is becoming an issue for us.

**Reply:** The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron utilities shop has

checked all the water fountains to ensure they're in working order.

Please remember that due to the remote location of these fountains, it may be necessary to hold down the button for several seconds to get the water flowing, so please be patient.

The bird issue is frustrating and difficult to solve. We're currently conducting some market research to see if we can find an alternative fountain design...one that doesn't present itself as such an attractive place for the birds to stop, while still providing a great service to our human users. I'm confident we'll find an alternative to the existing fixtures as they reach the end of their life span. In the meantime, if you find one of the fountains out of service or in need of a good cleaning, please call 16th CES Customer Service at 884-6683 to report the problem.

# This time, do as I say, not as I do

By Senior Airman Eli Ickes  
4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

In my three years in the Air Force I've received countless letters of counseling, numerous letters of reprimand, had a stripe withheld which stopped me from taking my promotion test, and managed to stick out my tongue far enough to get an Article 15. Some of you might know what I'm talking about. Most of you, thankfully, don't.

This article is about the hard road traversed by all those who've gotten in trouble and tried to regain the trust and respect of their peers. I've taken this path. After all my trouble I'm finally trying to become the airman I wish I'd been since the beginning of my career.

I came to Hurlburt Field in November of 2000, after Basic Military Training and six months in technical school. This is my first duty station and it was nearly my last. I've been told by some of the top aircraft maintenance squadron brass that I'd be "lucky to be here in a month."

You see, when I got here I thought the rules didn't apply to me. I thought I could

get away with breaking the law. I thought that when my superiors asked me to do something, I didn't have to listen. I thought wrong.

After completely ruining all trust any of my peers had in me within a matter of months, I was getting deeper and deeper in trouble. I felt as if no one was on my side and that it might be best to get kicked out and be a civilian again. Thankfully, that wasn't true.

One of the best supervisors stepped forward and volunteered to take me under his wing and help me. After several LORs and an Article 15, he finally managed to get me "back on the straight and narrow."

It's only been six months since the last time I was in any kind of trouble. I would like to tell you that this last six months has been much easier for me, but I can't. It's been the longest six months of my life. It's very easy to wreck someone's faith in you, but terribly hard to restore it. I've been trying to restore it for the last half year and still my past haunts me. Instead of testing for staff sergeant this cycle I now have to wait until next year. I

have an unfavorable information file and was on a control roster, which prevented me from going on temporary duty assignments and deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Half of my enlistment has gone by. I spent half of my time in the military in front of the shirt explaining my numerous mistakes. I was "under the microscope" for three full years. Finally, and with much help, I'm getting out of it. I'm starting to regain my self-esteem and the trust of my peers. I've had to try to work harder and look better than those around me.

I'm now a senior airman in the United States Air Force, and I take great pride in being able to say it. I'm thankful to every person who gave me support and stood in my corner. I'm glad I didn't become "Mr. Ickes." And I hope that if there's someone reading this who's in trouble, they realize that getting in trouble can end, and it doesn't need to end poorly.

If you're willing to work hard and put forth the effort you can fill in the hole you've dug and become the airman that everyone knows you can be.



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## For the record...

The May 30 edition of the COMMANDO, incorrectly identified Senior Airman David Iglesias, John L. Levitow Award winner as a member of the 16th Medical Operations Squadron. Airman Iglesias is assigned to the 16th Maintenance Operation Squadron.

## Summer safety: Smart lawn care practices

Courtesy of  
16th SOW Safety Office

Following these suggestions can help ensure a lifetime use of all your fingers and toes:

- Wear safety toe shoes or metal toe guards
- Wear hearing protection with loud power tools
- Set the cutting height of the lawnmower before beginning mowing, with the engine off
- Clear loose objects off the lawn before starting the job, such as sticks, rocks, trash, wire and toys
- Ensure children are a safe distance away from all cutting activities

- Wait until a lawn is dry before mowing
- Always mow across a hill or slope, not up and down. It's easier this way, and makes it harder to slip
- Always turn off a mower before attempting to clear grass clippings from around the chute or blade. If someone must reach under a mower for any reason, first turn it off and disconnect the spark plug
- Goggles must be worn to protect your eyes while using edgers, weed-eaters or hedge trimmers

# NEWS

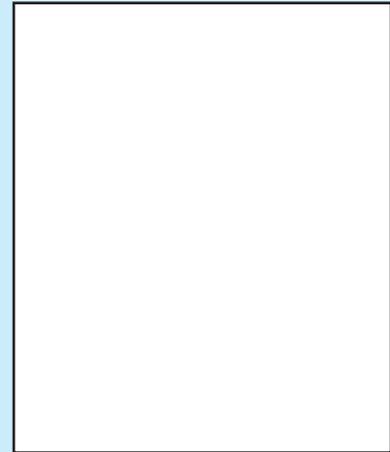


Photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Aaron Ansarov

## Airwave aviators

**CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY** – With the Iraqi border on the horizon, members of 193rd Special Operations Wing flight crew keep a sharp eye out while conducting missions while forward deployed. Special Operators from the 4th Psychological Operations Group and the U.S. Air Force's 193rd SOW broadcast television and radio programming that allows the United States to communicate directly to the Iraqi people.

## Spotlight on ...



### James Hardy

**Rank/Duty Title:** Staff sergeant/helicopter maintenance craftsman

**Organization:** 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron

**Hometown:** Jacksonville, Ala.

**Hobbies:** Golf, hunting and fishing

**Contribution to the mission:**

While deployed August through October, Sergeant Hardy performed with extreme professionalism in extremely harsh weather and very austere living conditions.

Despite the K-rations, Meals, Ready To Eat, 120-degree heat, frequent water outages and bunking with 14-18 troops in an 18-by-12-foot room, Sergeant Hardy was the lead dog of maintenance the production superintendents counted on to make things happen.

During his toils of generating PAVE LOW sorties, never once complaining about the conditions, even during a freak thunderstorm that flooded his maintenance compound with two feet of water.

He was also recently named the Hurlburt Chief's Group Sharp Award Winner.

*(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.)

## Hurlburt Field youth wins top honors again

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
Public Affairs

Staying busy isn't hard to do when you're involved with as many community activities as Hurlburt Field's 2003 Youth of the Year.

Tabatha Johnston, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Brian Johnston, 16th Mission Support Squadron, military personnel flight superintendent, was recently chosen as the Air Force's 2003 Single Base Youth of the Year, as well as Hurlburt Field and Air Force Special Operations Command's 2003 Youth of the Year.

The award, which is sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation and administered by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, recognizes exemplary character, superior leadership skills, academic achievement and outstanding service to Boys and Girls Clubs.

The Air Force conducts a Youth of the Year program in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club using the same criteria to select installation and major command's Youth of the Year.

Tabatha's name might sound familiar because she was also selected as Hurlburt Field and AFSOC's 2002 Youth of the Year.

Since last year, Tabatha has been going non-stop with school, volunteer activities and community service.

"Good time management allowed me to schedule all my activities and still do my school work," she said. "Being organized helped a lot, so it all worked out for me."

Tabatha graduated from Fort Walton

Beach High School in May and plans to attend Florida State University this fall to major in marketing and accounting, she said.

During her senior year of high school, Tabatha was able to maintain a 3.6 grade point average while completing 16 semester hours at Okaloosa-Walton Community College. She earned more than 30 semester hours of college credits total, that she'll put towards her double major at FSU.

She received scholarships from: the Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club, \$1,250; Eglins' Enlisted Club, \$1,000; Papa Johns pizzeria, \$1,000; the Presidential Freedom Scholarship, \$1,000; and Florida Bright Futures, who're paying 75 percent of her tuition.

Tabatha's listed in Who's Who Among High School Students for 2002, and she's a member of the National Honor Roll.

Along with her academic achievements, she managed to find time to be involved with four community service clubs at her high school such as Future Business Leaders of America, where she learned about local businesses and careers, and the Spanish Honor Society, where she learned about Spanish heritage and assisted in raising money for developing Latino countries.

But, Tabatha's involvement doesn't stop there. She also found time to donate more than 1,000 hours to Hurlburt Field's youth programs by working a wide range of events and programs.

This year alone, she donated 350 hours at the youth and teen centers.

Recently Tabatha won the Angel



### Tabatha Johnston

Award, which recognized her dependability and spirit of volunteerism.

"The satisfaction of knowing I helped drives me to participate," she said. "It's a good learning experience for my future endeavors. It also allows me to get my name out in the community and meet contacts for future reference."

"Tabatha is super busy," Sergeant Johnston said. "Sometimes her mother and I loose track of where she is, but we don't worry because she's helping with one thing or another. We're very proud of her, she exemplifies the best in all of us."

When asked about her future plans she said, "I'd like to work for an accounting firm for a few years to establish myself. Then I'll open my own business – being a certified public accountant or maybe even opening a restaurant."

Before Tabatha starts college this fall and gets started on her career, she'll be heading to a ceremony at the Pentagon to represent Hurlburt Field and AFSOC, June 25.

# AIR FORCE NEWS

## Quality-of-life survey results are in

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** – The results of the 2002 Chief of Staff Quality-of-Life Survey have been compiled and show an increase in satisfaction with the Air Force as a job and way of life, survey officials said.

The survey, sent to more than 100,000 active-duty airmen and civilian employees in September, included questions about the job, career intent and quality-of-life priorities such as manpower, work environment and compensation, said Shontelle Rivers, chief of the Air Force quality-of-life program at the Pentagon.

Charles Hamilton, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center's survey branch at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said the 2002 survey shows increased satisfaction, virtually across the board.

"The (survey) responses were more positive than the 2000 survey," Mr. Hamilton said. "And career intent was up among all demographic groups."

Overall, 90 percent of airmen, including pilots, and 89 percent of civilians believe the Air Force is a good place to work and 81 percent of military and 91 percent of civilians report that their families are supportive of their careers, Ms. Rivers said. The responses are each higher than the previous two survey results.

The survey also showed that career intent increased among all groups from previous years, she said. Nearly 75 percent of all officers, 66 percent of the enlisted force and 82 percent of civilians report they will make the Air Force a career.

However, a common quality-of-life concern among all groups surveyed was manpower, Mr. Hamilton said.

Nonpilot officers and civilians ranked manpower as their number one concern while pilots and enlisted airmen said operations tempo, and compensation and benefits, respectively, were their top two concerns.

More than one-third of all commanders and first sergeants who took the survey also reported manpower as their top quali-

ty-of-life concern, Ms. Rivers said.

"Nearly one-half of the people reported that they feel there are too few people in the workplace to get the job done, and the majority of military airmen and half of the civilians reported they are performing additional duties," Mr. Hamilton explained.

Survey results indicate officers spend 7.9 hours per week, and enlisted members 8.3 hours per week, on additional duties. Civilians reported spending 3.3 hours per week on additional duties.

In spite of these numbers, the 2002 survey showed a 2.6-hour reduction in the average military workweek from the 2000 survey. Civilians reported a two-hour increase in their workweek.

All showed between an 11 percent and 46 percent decrease among the various demographic groups in the number of people who believed the military retirement system was unfair, it also highlighted another worry for personnel officials.

Nearly 70 percent of company grade pilots, 49 percent of company grade non-pilots, 89 percent of first-term airmen and 60 percent of second-term airmen reported they do not know which retirement system applies to them.

"I advise anyone who doesn't know which plan applies to them to talk to their supervisor, first sergeant, commander or finance office," Ms. Rivers said. "Our family support center financial advisers can also help point people in the right direction."

In light of these numbers, Ms. Rivers also encouraged supervisors, first sergeants and commanders to talk to their people about their retirement options.

The goal of the surveys isn't to report only the good points.

"We take these surveys seriously and use the information, both positive and negative, to focus our efforts to help people and improve their quality of life," she said. "The information gathered from this survey will be used by senior leaders to make the service a better way of life for all Air Force men and women and their families." (AFP)

## SECAF, CSAF approve Air University test

By Phil Berube  
Air University Public Affairs

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.** – The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force have approved the testing of an initiative designed to improve interaction between officers and enlisted members in the professional military education environment at Air University.

The plan calls for students attending the Air and Space Basic Course and Air Force Senior NCO Academy being matched together in teams for more than a week of instruction, said Col. Jonathan Klaaren, commandant of Squadron Officer School and acting commander of Squadron Officer College, the parent unit of ASBC.

"Specifically, the initiative would highlight the role of the company grade officer as a leader to enlisted members, and the role of the senior (NCO) as a mentor to company grade officers," Colonel Klaaren said. "The goal is increased understanding and appreciation of the talents officers and enlisted members bring to the fight."

The test session begins July 21, when 600 lieutenants attending ASBC and 420 people attending the academy will be broken down into teams of nine officers and five NCOs, he said.

A variety of instructional methods will be used during the week. "The greatest emphasis will be on hands-on instructional methods," Colonel Klaaren said.

The expected outcome from this initiative goes beyond what can be derived from classroom lectures or a deployment exercise. Force development is the ultimate goal, said Col. Michael Gegg, commander of the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education, the parent unit of the academy.

"Officers who have a better understanding and appreciation for a force they've chosen to lead, coupled with developing a senior NCO's understanding and appreciation of officer force development, can only serve to strengthen our force and solidify our leadership foundation," Colonel Gegg said.

Colonel Gegg also views this venture as an opportunity to transform the academy's academic culture.

"The academy will be able to utilize this initiative as a catalyst to move from a school of corporate management to a school of combat leadership," he said.

If deemed a success, the colonel said the combined operations session would be included as a block of instruction in both schools in January. (AFP)

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### Look who's talking: How do you feel illegal drug use affects the Air Force mission/community?

*"Especially in TACP (Tactical Air Control Party), mistakes can be fatal to yourself or your allies."*

*"I believe drug use is one of the most destructive things you can be a part of and has no place in the Air Force."*

*"It destroys the foundation that the Air Force was built on and the surrounding community."*

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specific areas of expertise such as offense, defense, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, space, airspace, air mobility and personnel recovery.

This will allow each student to learn the processes and tools associated with their area of work in the AOC, according to Mr. Beauchamp.

The FTU concludes with a four-day end-of-course exercise designed to reinforce the training they received while exposing students to the stresses of working in an AOC environment.

Because the number of students at the C2WS will increase from 1,300 to more than 2,300 annually, new facilities as well as new instructors were needed. Manning

at the school will increase by more than 50 instructors and support personnel and modular classroom facilities have been installed to handle the increased load until a military construction project can be completed.

In addition, more than \$560,000 will be spent on upgrades to current facilities including more instructor office space, new lighting, new and expanded theater classroom seating and major electrical, heating and cooling upgrades.

The FTU project also includes a significant communications equipment overhaul to support the increase in students.

"We have completely upgraded the network infrastructure within the school to support the FTU," said Capt. Jim Toth, Command, Control, Communications and Computers Systems Flight commander.

"We've expanded from three labs in two buildings to seven labs in three buildings via a distributed network using the AFC2TIG's backbone. Additionally, through innovative configuration of workstations we're expanding our student hands-on training capability from 48 to 130 operators at one time."

The opening of the FTU begins a new chapter not only for the AFC2TIG and the C2WS, but also for the AOC and the operational level of war.

"Before, the school provided excellent instruction but lacked the time, the tools, the facilities and the personnel to train to the initial qualification level," Mr. Beauchamp said. "The new curriculum, new instructors, a complete suite of AOC equipment and six weeks or more of training time means the school can better pre-

pare individuals to join their units at the initial qualification training level."

In doing so, the FTU will take a significant load off the units gaining the warriors and at the same time standardize training.

"The new courses build on a history of excellence at the Warrior School," Mr. Beauchamp said "Training is the difference between calling something a weapon system and making it a weapon system."

Instruction at the FTU begins in August with a validation class.

The AFC2TIG is the USAF center of excellence for command control. The group belongs to the Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. with a mission to support warfighters through command and control training, exercising and experimentation.

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## Never shake a baby

### What is Shaken Baby Syndrome?

Shaken Baby Syndrome occurs when a baby is vigorously shaken and the head moves back and forth. This sudden whiplash motion can cause bleeding inside the head and increased pressure on the brain, causing the brain to pull apart and resulting in injury or death to the baby. It occurs most frequently with infants younger than six months old, yet it can occur up to the age of three.

### What causes Shaken Baby Syndrome?

Often frustrated parents or other people responsible for a child's care feel that shaking a baby is a harmless way to make

a child stop crying. When a child is shaken in anger and frustration, the force is multiplied 5 or 10 times more than it would be if the child had simply tripped and fallen.

### What are some consequences of Shaken Baby Syndrome?

Shaking a baby, even for a few seconds, can cause lifetime injuries including: brain swelling and damage; cerebral palsy; mental retardation; developmental delays, blindness, hearing loss; paralysis and death.

Shaking a baby is child abuse and can result in a prison sentence of up to 25 years, even if the incident occurred unintentionally.

### What can you do to prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome?

Never shake or throw a baby around, however, gentle play with a baby won't cause these injuries.

Always provide support for the baby's head and neck. Don't wiggle or bounce an infant's head.

Educate parents, grandparents, caregivers, new parents, baby sisters, teenagers, siblings and licensed child care providers about the dangers of shaking a baby.

Choose child care providers and baby sitters carefully. Know how they play with children, and how they'll react when the children are upset.

### Who should you contact to prevent child abuse?

For all emergencies call 911. If you suspect a child is in danger or may have been harmed, call the Florida child abuse hotline at 1-800-96-Abuse, or family advocacy 884-5061.

If you're feeling frustrated, instead of shaking your baby call the Parent Helpline at 1-800-FLA-LOVE, the Crisis Line of Fort Walton Beach at 244-9191 or the Crisis Line of Crestview 682-0101.

For more information on prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome call the New Parents Support Program at family advocacy 884-4936. *(Information courtesy of the 16th MDG)*

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## SPORTS

# Commandos exterminate Kahunas 14-8

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor  
Public Affairs

After initially falling behind, the Hurlburt Field women's varsity softball team turned around and stomped the Fort Walton Beach Kahunas 14-8 at the FWB fairgrounds ball fields Monday.

With the Commandos down 4-7 at the bottom of the fourth inning, pitcher Donna Brown, Air Force Special Operations Command, had enough. With the bases loaded, she slammed a line-drive over the Kahunas' heads, running in three and halting on third base.

Michele Sturm, 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, got the idea and immediately followed with another three-run hit, rocketing the Commandos to a 10-7 lead.

It was all down hill from there for the Kahunas – after scoring one more run, the Commandos caught a third out and came back up to bat, running four more players home before taking the outfield with a 14-8 lead.

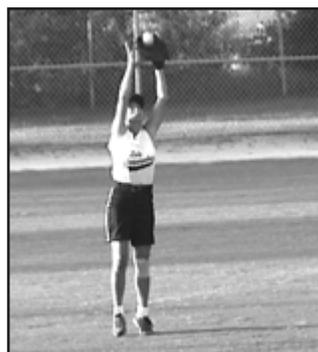
The bottom of the last inning and the final chance for the Kahunas to make a comeback was nonchalantly denied when the Commandos smoothly caught three fly balls in a row, sealing the victory.

“It was a good game,” said Coach Terry Sweat, 16th Communications Squadron. “We’ve picked it up and started hitting the ball. Looks like practice paid off.”

The Commandos travel to Panama City for a two-day tournament at the H.G Harders ball fields, off of U.S. Highway 98, June 27-29.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor



Amanda Stevens (above), a Hurlburt Field family member, slams the ball during a softball game at the Fort Walton beach fairgrounds ball fields Monday. (far left) Donna Brown, Air Force Special Operations Command, pitches the ball to the Fort Walton Beach Kahunas. (left) Elaine Wellem, AFSOC, catches a fly ball in the outfield.

## Sports shorts

### Basketball officials camp

Current and prospective basketball officials are wanted for a high-school level camp scheduled today through Sunday at Pryor Middle School, in Fort Walton Beach. This low-cost camp focuses on, on-the-floor mechanics and current officiating philosophies. For more information, call Chip Boes at 968-9299 or John Evans at 922-8797, ext. 202.

### 13K relay

The main fitness center is hosting a four-person 13K squadron relay June 13. Teams must have three males and one female, and runners must be 18 years or older. Teams must be registered by Wednesday. Check-in is at 8 a.m., with race start at 8:30 a.m. Top teams will be awarded t-shirts, and the 1st place team will be awarded 100 Commando Points. For more

information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.

### Intramural golf registration

Hurlburt Field intramural golf registration is going on now. The league play meets each Thursday. Teams are required to have at least eight people to avoid forfeited matches. For more information, contact your unit sports representative.

# LIFESTYLE

## Military

### Change of command/closure

The 16th Comptroller Squadron will close the finance customer service desk until 1 p.m., Thursday for a change of command ceremony, where Maj. Nancy Whitfill will assume command of the 16th CPTS from Lt. Col. Timothy Smart at 9 a.m. at the Soundside. If there is an emergency between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., please page 881-7434.

### MSS change of command

The 16th Mission Support Squadron would like to invite everyone to attend a change of command ceremony June 19 at 9 a.m. at the Soundside, where Maj. James Pease will assume command of the 16th MSS from Lt. Col. Floyd Boyer. All MSS functions will be closed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. For an emergency or questions, call Master Sgt. Dwayne Hoeck, 16th MSS first sergeant, at (850) 543-4086.

### NY Air National Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, NY is home of the C-130 iSkybirds and has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A2X1, 1C0X2, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2E6X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T251, 3E0X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E7X1, 3E9X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4E0X1, 4N0X1, 4T0X1 and 4Y0X1, as well as, full-time active-duty opportunities for 2A5X3 and 8R000.

The National Guard also has an ongoing need for full-time aerospace maintenance specialists in support of its U.S. Antarctic mission. For more information, call 344-2456, 1-800-524-5070, or e-mail Master Sgt. Wes Ryerson at Wesley.ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

### MA Air National Guard

The Massachusetts Air National Guard, Westfield, Mass., allows service members leaving the Air Force to serve the country part-time, while pursuing a college degree full-time. MA ANG college benefits can be found at [www.maaairguard.org](http://www.maaairguard.org). Currently, the MA ANG has vacancies in the following careers: 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A6X2, 2A6X3, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2W1X1, 3E0X2, 3E4X1 and 3P0X1. Cross training may also be available. For more information, call (800) 247-9151, or e-mail recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

## Community

### ROTC cadet program

This summer Hurlburt Field hosts the new secretary of the Air Force's directed Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Rising Sophomore Summer program. Forty sophomore cadets from various colleges and universities will be here from June 23 to Aug. 1. During their six-week stay, the cadets will get a first-hand look at how the Air Force operates. They'll live and dine on base, and are authorized to use all recreational facilities. The cadets will also visit different squadrons to get some hands-on experience in various career fields and will have the opportunity to perform enlisted and junior offi-

cer duties. To supplement the work experience, they'll also get to fire weapons, attend the Commando Pride Airman Center, attend courses at the Joint Special Operations University and receive various types of training.

The program is designed to show the cadets Air Force life early on, and will serve as a great recruiting tool. This summer is the test phase of the program, with only five Air Force bases and 200 cadets selected to participate. Next year the program is expected to expand to 1,400 cadets and 35 bases. For more information or to assist with the program, call 1st Lt. Tara Opielowski at 884-4447.

### Professional development

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School sponsors a visit by the U.S. Air Force Academy Executive Writing Team Thursday, in support of on-going professional development. As advocates for effective writing, both organizations have joined together to present two sessions on sharpening professional writing skills. Attendees will learn how to make writing organized and concise. The team, comprised of academy English department faculty, will begin the first session at 9 a.m. and the second session at 1 p.m. Both sessions are at the deployment control center auditorium, Building 90802, 137 Frazier Street. This is an open invitation to the Special Operations Forces community. For more information, call Rob Robison at 884-2660.

### OWCC fall orientation

Orientation for new students at Okaloosa-Walton Community College is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Niceville campus; Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the OWCC/University of West Florida Fort Walton Beach campus; and June 9 at 9 a.m. at the OWCC Chautauqua Center in DeFuniak Springs. Students may also visit [www.owcc.edu](http://www.owcc.edu) for orientation, and those who complete admissions and orientation by July 21 are eligible to enroll early for the fall term. Students may view the fall schedule of classes on the Web site. For more information, call OWCC at 729-6922.

### Hurricane Awareness Week

Hurlburt Field sponsors Hurricane Awareness Week June 16-20. Several displays will be set up in the base theater as well as briefings and activities. Hurricane briefings are scheduled for June 16-19 from 9 to 10 a.m.; and June 16, 17 and 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. There is also a story hour for children with Petey the Pelican, June 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the base theater. Participating agencies include: Okaloosa County Emergency Management; Santa Rosa County Emergency Management; Hurlburt Field Family Support Center; 16th Civil Engineering Squadron; The American Red Cross; as well as a Pet Disaster display.

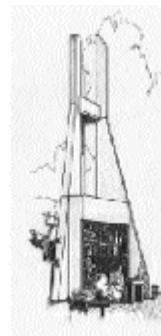
### Camping rates

The Navarre Beach Campground, 9201 Navarre Parkway is offering a 10 percent discount to all active duty military members on camping rates to include recreational vehicle sites, tent sites and cabins. For more information, call (850) 939-2188.

### Office closings

The family support center, education office, military personnel flight and the mission support squadron command section will close at 1 p.m. June 13 for a squadron function.

### 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 to May

#### Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),

11:30 a.m. (traditional),

12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August to May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies

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

### Hurlburt Field 884-7648

**Friday** (PG-13) iAnger Management, starring Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson. A mild-mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime and sentenced to an anger management program, where he discovers that his instructor is a crazy psycho with his own serious anger management problem and is probably the one man in the world most capable of making his new student blow his lid.

**Saturday** (PG-13) iView from the Top, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Christina Applegate. A Donna dreams of becoming a first class international flight attendant and is willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that her dreams come true. The road to success, though, is rarely a smooth flight. She encounters more turbulence than she bargained for.

**Sunday** (PG-13) iMalibus Most Wanted, starring Jamie Kennedy and Anthony Anderson. Brad, a wannabe rap star from Malibu acts and talks like he is from the hood. Concerned that his son is going to embarrass him during his campaign to become the governor of California, his wealthy father hires two Julliard-trained actors to disguise themselves as real life gangstaz, and kidnap his son, dropping him off in the ireal hoodi in Compton.

### Eglin 882-1066

**Friday** (PG) iHoles, starring Shia LaBeouf and Sigourney Weaver. A teenager, Stanley Yelnats, is sent to Camp Green Lake in a Texas detention camp for a crime he didn't commit. There, he and the other boys are forced by the warden to dig five feet deep and wide holes in the long-dry rock that was once the bottom of Green Lake, as something of a character-building experience.

**Saturday and Sunday** at 2 p.m. (PG) iRugrats Go Wild, animated film with voicing by LL Cool J and Bruce Willis. In iThe Rugrats Meet the Wild Thornberrys, Rugrat Tommy Pickles gets a chance to meet his real life hero Nigel Thornberry when the Rugrats vacation cruise ship crashes onto a deserted island. A heroic Tommy leads the Rugrats safely through the rainforest, and along the way befriends the Thornberrys. Eventually, the Rugrats are able to salvage their trip with the help of the Thornberrys.

**Saturday** (PG-13) iBulletproof Monk, starring Chow Yun-Fat and Seann William Scott. For 60 years, a mysterious monk has traversed the globe to protect an ancient scroll. Now the monk must look for a new scroll-keeper. Kar is an unlikely candidate, but when he inadvertently saves the bulletproof monk from capture, the two become partners in a scheme to save the world from the scroll's most avid pursuer.

**Sunday** (R) iConfidence, starring Edward Burns and Paul Giamatti. What Jake doesn't know just might get him killed. A swindling job stealing money orchestrated by Jake and his gang goes wrong. When corpses start popping up, Jake knows it's only a matter of time until his number is called.

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

## Coupon changes

The Hurlburt Field Commissary will continue to reinforce new policy revisions that limit coupon use to only one per item, unless otherwise specified on a coupon. Under the new policy, customers can still take advantage of multiple coupon use, but only through sales specifically allowing the practice. For more information, call the commissary at 881-2138.

## Gulf Coast Rally 2003

The American Red Cross of Northwest Florida hosts the Gulf Coast Rally 2003 Motorcycle Scavenger Hunt June 21 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Shopping Center, located at the corner of Pace Boulevard and Fairfield Drive in Pensacola. Registration is at 9 a.m. on the day of the event, and the cost is \$15 per motorcycle. There will also be grab bags, door prizes, t-shirts and lunch, as well as, an opportunity to sign a "welcome home" banner for the local troops. The rain date is June 29. For more information, call the American Red Cross at (850) 432-7601.

## Vacation Bible School

The Hurlburt Chapel hosts its Protestant Vacation Bible School June 23-27 for children age five through sixth grade. The theme for the week is "Growing the Fruit of the Spirit." Children can be registered at the chapel, or by e-mailing [daniel.sullivan@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:daniel.sullivan@hurlburt.af.mil) for the form and instructions. For more information, call Danny Sullivan at 884-7795.

## Medical clinic changes

In order to reduce wait time for patients, the Hurlburt Field Medical Clinic is no longer accepting walk-ins. Anyone who needs to have a medical assessment or contact their primary care manager, a nurse or other provider should call central appointments at 883-8600 or 884-7882, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Also, Monday through Friday, weekends and holidays between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., any calls to the clinic

will be redirected to an answering service.

## Base employment positions

The Whitesell-Green, Inc. general contracting company has a clerk/secretarial position immediately available at the Hurlburt Field Dining Hall/Physical Fitness job site office, located on 150 Loop Road. For more information, call 581-3800.

## Hurlburt Field Thrift Shop

The Hurlburt Field Thrift Shop is located on the Soundside between the enlisted and officer hooches. Shopping is open to the public Monday through Wednesday and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening hours are Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Active-duty military members and their dependents are welcomed to consign, however, only one account per household is permitted. The thrift shop is also seeking a bookkeeper. For more information, call 884-3098.

## Pedestrian bridge opening

The pedestrian bridge has been re-opened after it was repainted as a corrosion-control prevention method. Minor finishes are still being made to the bridge, but won't interfere with pedestrian traffic. The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron would like to thank all users of the bridge for their patience while the work was being completed.

**Résumé Workshop** – Monday, 1 p.m.

**Commando Welcome Spouse** – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

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

**Heart Link** – Wednesday, 9 a.m.

**Bundles for Babies** – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

**Federal Employment** – Thursday, 9 a.m.

**Smooth Move** – Thursday, 1 p.m.

**Deployment and Families** – Thursday, 5 p.m.

## HAWC classes:

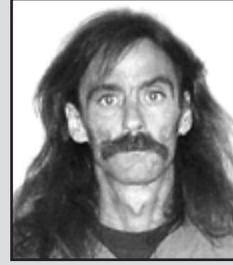
**Lean On Me** – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

**Eat Heart Healthy** – Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.

## Crime Stoppers seeks two fugitives



**Donald Scott**



**George Rutland**

Donald Scott is a white male, with brown hair and blue eyes. He's 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 132 pounds. He's wanted for violation of probation on the original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

George Rutland is a white male, with brown hair and blue eyes. He's 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighs 165 pounds. He's wanted for violation of probation on the original charges of grand theft and obtaining a driver's license by fraud.

Anyone with information should call Crime Stoppers at 863-TIPS or (888) 654-TIPS.

# Classes

## FSC classes:

**Home Buy/Sell Seminar** – Monday, 8 a.m.

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

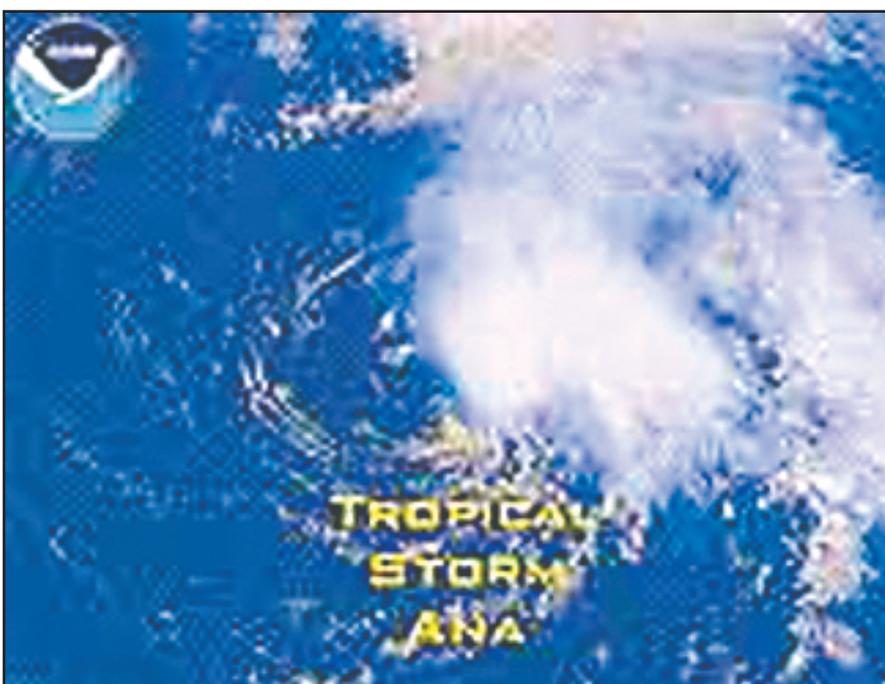
**Sponsorship Training** – Monday, 1 p.m.

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**COMM/RHP/#3 TUFF**  
**526832**  
**3 X 5.00**

**SHAKER RECRUITMENT**  
**COMMANDO**  
**527023**  
**2 X 5.00**

# HURRICANE SEASON 2003

Facts, figures and safety tips prevent injury



NOAA courtesy image

Tropical Storm Ana churns through the Atlantic April 23, as the first tropical storm of the 2003 hurricane season.

## Tropical Storm Ana churns harmlessly in Atlantic

Florida has already received its first tropical storm of the season, as Ana rept farther east April 22 in the open ocean, but it threatened only ships, forecasters said.

Although the storm formed more than five weeks before the hurricane season officially begins forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said early April 23 that it did "not look very impressive on satellite images."

The storm continued to lose strength as the center became more disorganized.

At 11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Ana was centered more than 800 miles east-southeast of Bermuda and was moving east-northeast at 18 miles per hour. The storm had top steady winds of about 45 mph. The minimum steady wind speed for a tropical storm is 39 mph.

Local forecasters predict a serious season this year, with a possible nine tropical storms to develop and four of those to include strong winds.

Hurricane season began Sunday and continues through Nov. 30.

### Hurricane Threats

The 74 to 160 mile per hour winds of a hurricane can extend inland for hundreds of miles. Hurricanes can spawn tornadoes, floods and flash landslides, high winds, and storm surges. Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributable to the storm surge.

### Hurricane Winds

Coastal communities consider the strength of hurricane winds and the pressure they generate. As winds increase, pressure against objects is added at a disproportionate rate.

These winds will weaken after landfall due to loss of warm-water energy source, and the encountering of great friction over land.

### Rainfall and Flooding

Heavy rains and ocean waters brought ashore by strong winds can cause flooding in excess of 50 cm (20 in) over a 24-hour period. Hurricanes are capable of producing copious amounts of flash flooding rainfall.

The heaviest rain usually occurs along the coastline, but sometimes there is a secondary maximum further inland. This heavy rain usually occurs slightly to the right of the cyclone track and between 6 hours before and 6 hours after landfall.

The amount of rain depends on the size of the cyclone, the forward speed of the cyclone and whether it interacts with a cold front.

### Storm Surge

Storm surge is an abnormal increase in the ocean's level, sometimes in excess of several meters high and miles wide. They can come up to five hours before the storm and destroy low-elevation coastal areas.

They're especially damaging during high tide and responsible for most hurricane-related deaths. It's a large dome of water often 50 to 100 miles wide that sweeps across the coastline near where a hurricane makes landfall. It can range from 4 to 6 feet tall for a minimal hurricane to greater than 20 feet for the stronger ones.

The stronger the hurricane and the shallower the offshore water, the higher the surge will be.



NOAA courtesy photo

Hurricane winds forced a piece of plywood through the middle of a tree.



NOAA courtesy photo

Heavy rain and high winds can bring large amounts of water in from the oceans to cause excessive flooding.



NOAA courtesy photo

At times, hurricane winds can become powerful enough to form a tornado that can rip through cities unmercifully.



NOAA courtesy photo

Storm surges are an increase in the ocean level that cause extremely large waves to sweep across shore.

## Prep

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
- Non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
- Foods for infants or the elderly
- Snack foods
- Non-electric can opener
- Cooking tools/fuel
- Plates/plastic utensils
- Blankets/pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal/rain gear/sturdy shoes
- First aid kit/medicines/

## Sources

The Weather Channel  
Local television stations  
Radio emergency broadcast stations  
WKSM-FM 99.5 – Fort Walton  
WYBZ-FM 105.5 – Fort Walton  
WFTW-AM 1260 – Fort Walton  
WEBY-AM 1330 – Milton  
WXBM-FM 102.7 – Pace  
WECM-AM 1490 – Milton  
WLWI-FM 92.3 – Montgomery

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### Hospital

Fort Walton  
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### Utilities

Gulf Power –  
Choctawatch  
Okaloosa Gas  
Sprint – 811  
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### Other H

Contact your  
information  
Hurlburt Field  
or 884-1153  
Federal Emer  
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- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
- Proper identification/immunization records/medications
- Ample supply of food and water
- A carrier or cage
- Muzzle and leash

- Make arrangements for pets.
- Make sure all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.

○Teach family mem-  
bers how and when to turn  
off gas, electricity and  
water.

○Protect windows. A  
lower-cost approach is to  
put up plywood panels.

○Trim back dead or  
weak branches from trees.

○In case family mem-  
bers are separated from one  
another during a disaster,  
have a plan for getting back  
together.

○Ask an out-of-state  
relative or friend to serve as  
the "family contact."

# of information



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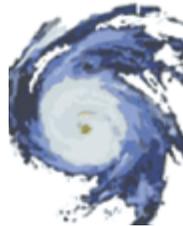
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ee Electric Company – (800) 342-0990  
s – (800) 239-3878  
or (800) 326-2497  
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l, Navarre – 780-2355  
st Cable – 862-4142 or 862-0175

## elpful Numbers

unit control center for hurricane/evacuation  
d Disaster Preparedness Office – 884-1152  
gency Management Agency – (800) 426-

# Hurricane categories

- Category 1 Hurricane**  
winds 74-95 mph,  
minimal damage
- Category 2 Hurricane**  
winds 96-110 mph,  
moderate damage
- Category 3 Hurricane**  
winds 111-130 mph,  
extensive damage
- Category 4 Hurricane**  
winds 131-155 mph,  
extreme damage
- Category 5 Hurricane**  
winds 156 mph and up,  
catastrophic damage



- Hurcon 4  
72 hours prior to the forecast arrival of  
50-knot winds  
or greater
- Hurcon 3  
48 hours prior to the forecast arrival of  
50-knot winds  
or greater
- Hurcon 2  
24 hours prior to the forecast arrival of  
50-knot winds  
or greater
- Hurcon 1  
12 hours prior to the forecast arrival of  
50-knot winds or greater

# Local hurricane shelters

## Off-base shelters

### Ocalaosa County

- Baker School
- Laurel High School
- Bluewater Elementary School
- Davidson Middle School
- Crestview High School
- Lewis Middle School
- Antioch Elementary School
- Bruner Middle School, FWB
- Shalimar Elementary School
- First Baptist Church, Valpraiso

### Santa Rosa County

- Milton Community Center
- Avalon Middle School
- Sims Middle School (special needs)

SS Dickson Intermediate  
School

## On-base shelters

- Health and Wellness Center,  
Building 90332
- Child Development Center,  
Building 90353
- Chapel, Building 90203
- Permanent Exercise Facility,  
Building 91601
- Youth Center, Building 90304

*\*When seeking shelter on  
base, go to the youth center.  
That's where all shelter  
assignments are handed  
out.*

# Directions to Maxwell Air Force Base

*From 331, turn west on South Boulevard to  
Interstate 65. Then turn north onto Herron  
Street. Exit one mile past the Interstate 85  
junction. Proceed straight at the first signal  
light to Bell Street. Turn left and move into the  
right lane. This will lead directly to the base.*

*Upon arrival at the main gate, the security  
forces will direct you to the evacuation pro-  
cessing line.*

*Ensure all family members have their iden-  
tification cards.*

