



Army celebrates 228th birthday

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

"We in the Special Operations community have long recognized the power of Joint or Combined Operations with our fellow warriors in the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, and lately with the U.S. Marine Corps and Allied Nation Special Operations Forces. Although we routinely conduct training in the Hurlburt Field or Eglin Range complex, we've traditionally had to deploy to conduct operations, to include the Global War on Terrorism, with other services and other nations. But, Sept. 11 changed all that.



Today you'll find tremendous American citizen soldiers from the Army National Guard executing operations side-by-side with our own security forces right here at Hurlburt Field. They're professionally and diligently serving to keep us safe and to protect the valuable resources we have stationed at Hurlburt Field. And they serve as a constant reminder that freedom isn't free, and that strength comes with the united efforts of all Americans. Please join with me in thanking them for their service, and in wishing them, and all members of the U.S. Army Total Force Team, a Happy 228th Birthday." – Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander.

Throughout June the U.S. Army holds celebrations worldwide in honor of its 228th Birthday, Saturday.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott McCord

Hurlburt Field airmen lead the Special Operations entries with a banner at the Billy Bowlegs parade on Eglin Parkway, Monday.

Hurlburt participates in Billy Bowlegs parade

By 1st Lt. Rosemary Heiss
Public Affairs

More than 30 Hurlburt Field airmen participated in this year's Billy Bowlegs parade, Monday.

Billy Bowlegs, who's name was originally William Augustus Bowles, was a pirate who used the area as a pirate's playground back in 1799. It's believed that he buried great treasures in the area and eager searchers still try to find the hidden loot.

Though pirates are normally the main draw for the annual Fort Walton Beach parade, this year, Commandos were a main attraction.

"I felt like a superstar," said Airman Andrea Banks, 16th Services Squadron, a first-time parade participant, who can usually be found cook-

ing at the Reef Dining Hall. "I loved it so much that I called my parents in Cleveland to tell them about it."

Children and adults clapped, waved, cheered and yelled thank you as the Commandos, led by Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, traversed the route from 1st Street to Irwin Avenue along Eglin Parkway.

Colonel Kisner, traveling in a HUMVEE, was followed by five all-terrain vehicles ridden by Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th SOW vice commander; Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea, 16th SOW command chief; two airmen and one soldier from the 16th Security Forces Squadron.

"Your four-wheelers are, like, really cool," one pre-teen parade spectator told them as they drove by.

Reactions like that from the crowd are one reason the parade was so successful.

"I enjoyed all the smiles on people's faces," said Airman Banks. "The one thing that stands out in my mind about the parade was the little kids. I love children and it made me feel so good and proud to be in the Air Force."

A zodiac boat provided by the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron was next in the lineup. According to one of the parade coordinators, Gail Waller, the Special Operations equipment was the highlight of the parade because many people in the community rarely have a chance to see it.

A 40-foot flatbed pulled the next item on display – a deployable

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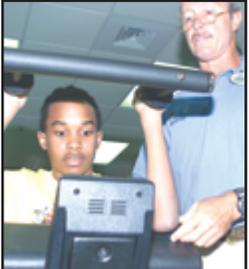


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Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

What does Flag Day really mean?

By Maj. James Donald
18th Flight Test Squadron

It's early on a mid-September morning. Enemies have attacked our nation – including the capitol.

Rumors say smoke from the fires in Washington can be seen as far away as Baltimore. Our attackers publicly gloat that they'll destroy the United States and life as we know it.

Sound familiar? It probably does. But, I'm not talking about the terrorist attacks in 2001. I'm describing the British attack on Washington in September 1814 during the War of 1812.

After their victory in Washington, the British turned towards Baltimore. It was after the Battle of Fort McHenry (which defended Baltimore) that Francis Scott Key wrote a poem, "The Defense of Fort McHenry," which was later renamed to "The Star Spangled Banner." This Flag Day June 14, I'd like to reflect on Mr. Key's words and what he'd seen that night. I'd like to share what they mean to me, today, as an Air Force Special Operations Command warrior.

Prior to the battle, Mr. Key went to the British under a flag of truce. He was trying to secure the release of a prisoner, a doctor who was not a combatant. The British agreed to release the doctor to Mr. Key, but he had been aboard their flagship while plans were being finalized for the attack on Fort McHenry.

Fearing Mr. Key might warn the Americans of the attack plans, the British ordered that he and the repatriated doctor be placed in a dingy several miles off the coast. The British sailor tending the dingy was not to take his passengers ashore until after the battle was over.

So Mr. Key received a front-seat view to the attack. All night long he watched the "rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air" as the British pounded the fort. But an hour or so before sunrise, the attack on Fort McHenry ceased. In the silence and darkness Mr. Key could only wonder as to why the attack ended. Were the British victorious, or had we managed to force them away from Baltimore?

If you read the first verse of "The Star Spangled Banner," you'll see that the entire verse asks the question, "Were the British victorious, or are we still free men?" The words we sing at official functions and sporting events, while honoring our flag and nation, ask this question. Unfortunately, some modern-day Americans don't even know there are more verses to our National Anthem.

When we sing the song we never answer the question. We're too busy applauding and waiting for the "Play ball!" call to even finish singing the word "brave" at the end of the verse.

Fortunately for us, Francis Scott Key did answer the question. Read the second verse of the song. Imagine you're in this place. You're at sea; it's dark, but the sun is rising. You're peering intently, looking for any sign of the outcome of the battle. You're anxious. After all, if the British hadn't won, wouldn't they still be firing their rockets and cannons?

Then suddenly you see it! In defiance of the British, the fort's commander has unfurled a giant 42 by 30 foot flag! He'd wanted a flag "so large that the British will have no difficulty seeing it from a distance." And from a distance of about eight miles Mr. Key was able to see our flag. So the second verse answers the first with an extremely forceful, "Yes!"



The third verse asks another question. With the rising of the sun and lifting of the haze, Mr. Key discovered he was alone at sea. The British ships had departed in defeat. He asks, "Where are they?" And so it is today. Where are the enemies of freedom? Across the globe they're hiding in caves, hiding behind women and children, hiding in schools and hospitals. They fear us because we'll defend our freedom and our way of life; even when it's costly to us.

This brings me to the fourth and final verse of our National Anthem. As a military member, I feel it speaks to us and what we do. The verse begins, "Oh thus be it ever when free men shall stand between their loved homes and the war's desolation."

War is never pretty or fun. But I know that all of us in AFSOC have, and will continue to, willingly place ourselves between our loved ones, our homes and our country; and those who would try to attack them. The verse also reminds us and our leaders that this calling to protect our nation is a two-edged sword. In order for us to be triumphant, we must be fighting for the just cause of freedom.

I think in many ways Francis Scott Key captured how our flag is a symbol of our nation, "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

2003 marks 100 years of flight

Launched by the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk, civilian and military aviation took off on a nearly century-old flight that has been evolving and has yet to reach a final destination. Along

the way, advances have been many – going from open cockpits to canopies, gasoline engines to jet propulsion, bi-wings to single wings, cloth and metal construction to composite materials, just

to name a few. As we celebrate the advances of the past and look to the future, we'll forever keep in mind Orville and Wilbur Wright and their historic flight: Dec. 17, 1903.



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Gas guzzler

CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY – A flight crewman from the 193rd Special Operations Wing prepares his aircraft for an in-flight refueling with a KC-10 Extender. Special Operators from the 4th Psychological Operations Group and the 193rd SOW broadcast television and radio programming that allows the U.S. to communicate directly to the Iraqi people.

Spotlight on ...

Vivian Williams

Rank/Duty Title: Technical sergeant/stock control NCO in-charge

Organization: Air Force Special Operations Command

Hometown: Blackstone, Va.

Hobbies: Reading and spending time with family

Contribution to the mission:

Sergeant Williams manages the supply adjusted stock level program for the 16th Special Operations Wing, ensuring timely supply support for eight Special Operations weapons systems.

She also monitors priority requisitions in the supply system, reporting excess stock and deficient property to depot item managers for redistribution.

The sergeant reviews depot stock number coding and updates them into the supply system.

She was also a distinguished graduate of NCO Academy Class 03-3.

(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.)

Civilian passes 50-years of service

By Tech. Sgt. William Seabrook Jr.
Public Affairs

Most people consider twenty-years with the federal government quite an achievement and a successful career, however, a civilian in the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs office has more than doubled that amount of service and is still going strong.

Penny Roberson, 16th SOW Public Affairs administrative assistant, has just passed 50 years of total federal service and is still a critical part of the wing's public information mission.

Ms. Roberson originally entered civil service in July 1952 and was assigned to Eglin Air Force Base as a clerk-stenographer. She held various assignments at that base until 1977 when she came to Hurlburt Field and began to work for the public affairs division. In 1986 she took an assignment at Comiso Air Station, Italy, where she worked until 1991 before returning to Hurlburt Field's 16th SOW Public Affairs office.

Ms. Roberson, speaking in her calming southern voice that's put countless callers at ease over the years, credits the people for her longevity.

"I've always liked the work," she said. "However, through the years I've worked for and with many people and enjoyed them all. I find that most people are nice deep down and if you're nice to them they'll be nice back."

When asked about the changes she's observed through her years she said there are too many to realistically describe.

"When I was first working if you needed a copy of a document either you used carbon paper or you retyped the entire document," Ms. Roberson said. "During the 1980s I began to work with my first computer – we had one that all the secretaries had to share time on and it wasn't even located in our building. When I see the technology available today its mind boggling."

She said she kept up with the times through the years by being adaptable and going with the flow. However, she's done more than just keep up – in 1982 she received her bachelors degree in Psychology from Saint Leo College and in 1984 she earned her masters degree in Counseling and Human Development from Troy State University.

"Being able to complete my education is just one of the benefits I've derived from my years of service," Ms. Roberson said. "I've been able to travel the world and see places most people don't get to see and work with a bunch of great people."

During her years in the 16th SOW she's worked for six public affairs officers and they've all admired her dedication.

"It's a real privilege to serve with someone so devoted and committed to



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Penny Roberson, 16th Special Operations Wing, works at the 16th SOW Public Affairs office.

our country," said Capt. Thomas Knowles, the current 16th SOW Public Affairs director. "She's truly honored our nation and the Air Force with a level of devotion and commitment achieved by few others, and serves as an inspiration for others to follow."

However, Ms. Roberson doesn't see herself as anything special – in fact, she said it doesn't even seem like it's been 50 years.

"Time really has flown by," she said. While my career has had its ups and downs I can't imagine doing anything else all these years. I'm thankful to the Air Force for allowing me to help support the brave men and women who're defending our great nation."

AIR FORCE NEWS

Time to modernize civilian personnel

by Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The “time is here and now” to modernize Defense Department personnel practices with changes to the civil service system, said David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, during a Pentagon briefing June 10.

In a step that will transform the way the DOD does business, Mr. Chu said a bill before lawmakers would bring the civil service system into the 21st century and into place with modern business practices.

Mr. Chu is the DOD’s senior policy adviser for recruitment, career development, pay and benefits for all active-duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel and roughly 700,000 DOD civilians.

He said some measures in that bill will eliminate decades-old policies of guaranteed annual pay raises and general schedule pay step increases. The bill would also seek changes in the way government workers are hired, fired and promoted.

“This is not a new set of developments,” Mr. Chu said, adding that the call for change comes from “decades of calls that we need to modernize these processes.”

The federal government places too many restrictions in the hiring of new workers and that those restrictions need to be relaxed if the government is to compete with outside industry for new talent, he said.

Mr. Chu said that the department cannot “compete in the modern marketplace for talent with the tools that we have.” He cited, for example, what the DOD goes through in recruiting.

“If you go to a college job fair ... and you tell (a candidate) it’s going to take three months before I give you an answer, that young man or young woman is typically not going to wait for you,” he said. “They’re going to have to be awfully committed to your cause to sit it out that long.

The current general schedule pay system of automatic annual raises – regardless of performance – and rewards based on longevity is running backward and

“not meeting the marketplace standards,” Mr. Chu said.

“The one thing that our own people criticized about our system (in Office of Personnel Management Surveys) is that the good performers are resentful in that they get the same reward as the person who is just sort of getting by,” he said.

Mr. Chu said a system of pay bands would better reflect personal practices the Defense Department is seeking. Career fields would be assigned a salary range based on entry, journeyman and executive levels, he said. Managers and supervisors would then determine what salaries to offer based upon a budget.

“(Under the proposed system) we’re constrained not by the general schedule, which is the way we do it today,” Mr. Chu said, but the manager and supervisor is “constrained by the budget, which is the way we should operate – the way the law of the land operates.”

The top personnel chief also discussed the “controversial aspect” of pay banding: performance.

“You create a pay pool with the money you would otherwise have for the

so-called within-grade increases”, Mr. Chu said.

“Indeed, with an annual salary increase and the bonus pools, you have a great pool of money and you allocate that disproportionately to your best performers. And the mechanics of how you do it can differ among various systems.”

Another benefit of the pay band system is that managers can change a person’s job duties and compensate them accordingly without going through the time-consuming process of “recompeting” the job, he added.

Mr. Chu pointed out that despite rumors, the department does not seek to end collective bargaining with unions.

Mr. Chu also said the bill before Congress addresses the status of some 300,000 jobs that are now conducted by uniformed military people in the Pentagon.

“A number of slots now occupied by military personnel will probably be converted to civil service status – in fact, quite a significant number,” he said. “We have quite a bit of military doing things we don’t absolutely have to have military people doing.” (AFPN)

Phoenix Readiness training comes to a halt

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

FORT DIX, N.J. – Air Mobility Command’s Phoenix Readiness combat training has ended and will be replaced in October by the Air Force’s expeditionary combat-support training program, Eagle Flag.

The training cadre at the Air Mobility Warfare Center are excited about the new program.

“It’s exciting for us to be evolving into a flag-level school,” said Lt. Col. Michael Dickey, 421st Training Squadron commander, who’s also in charge of the Eagle Flag course.

“It means taking our world-class training up a notch and helping the Air Force improve its expedi-

tionary capabilities,” Colonel Dickey continued.

Phoenix Readiness was a two-week training course that prepared airmen and other Department of Defense forces to open and establish forward-operating bases similar to what was recently done in Southwest Asia. That mission won’t change within the Eagle Flag course.

“We’ll continue to lead the way, preparing the Air Force for expeditionary operations,” the colonel said.

During the final Phoenix Readiness course, more than 350 service members deployed to the fictitious country of Yekrut – also known as Naval Air Station Lakehurst – to support United States peacekeeping efforts for the fictitious Osland government.

During their first week, students from more than 24 Air Force specialties received classroom and field

training in bare-base common core tasks for their specialties in a deployed environment. The next week, their skills were tested in an exercise deployment.

That was one of the advantages of the Phoenix Readiness course – the opportunity to receive training and then apply it in the field the following week.

First Lt. Allan Rich, from the 821st Air Mobility Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., attended the course two years ago and then again recently after returning from Iraq.

“The course has improved 600 percent since the last time I came,” he said. “They’ve done a good job of trying to equate it to (the) real world.”

“I’m very impressed with the differences, and it’s only going to get better with Eagle Flag,” Lieutenant Rich concluded. (AFPN)

Look who’s talking: If you could travel to any other time period, when would it be and why?

“I would travel back to the time where chivalry was thriving, and when being a gentleman really meant something and therefore was appreciated.”

“I would travel to the 1970s when music had meaning, surfing was new, and Sean Connery was 007.”

“I would go back to my high school years and make sure I did things right, so I would have more options when I graduated.”

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June 14, 1775 marks the birth of the U.S. Army, and now more than 200 years and 10 wars later, soldiers continue to play a vital role in the growth and development of the nation.

This year's theme, "U.S. Army – At War and Transforming," will be celebrated at posts around the world and several sporting events around the country in recognition of the Army's history, tradition and service to the nation.

Although Hurlburt Field is mostly home to Air Force members, the past few months have brought more than 70 Army National Guard members to the gates of the base.

The soldiers arrived here Feb. 11 as part of a joint Army and Air Force agreement, designed to reinforce Air Force security at bases throughout the United States. They're directly assigned to the 16th Security Forces Squadron, where they've been assisting with entry control and flightline force protection duties.

"The integration of the Army National Guard soldiers into my squadron has really been a win-win situation," said Maj. Michael Reiner, 16th SFS commander. "The soldiers are gaining experience in the force protection arena that will enhance their warfighting skills. My squadron gains much needed manpower to maintain a heightened security posture while the Air Force works on long-term solutions to security forces manning."

While soldiers continue their worldwide duties, the American public plans to show their appreciation at major league baseball games, NASCAR and Arena Football League games, by handing out flags and postcards that will be signed and sent to soldiers deployed overseas.

"We're extremely pleased with the support the soldiers have provided thus far," Major Reiner said. "Both services have learned from each other and enjoyed working together."

The 228th Army Birthday Ball will be held in Washington D.C. June 21.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott McCord

Spectators large and small gathered to watch the Billy Bowlegs parade Monday.

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communications suite complete with satellites dishes. Also on board were smiling and waving communications airmen who threw wooden Commando coins, plastic coins, candy and key chains to the crowd.

The flatbed truck was followed closely by a swarm of beret-wearing Combat Controllers, who stopped several times to pump up the crowd by doing push-ups in formation.

Special Tactics vehicles – a rescue all-terrain transport vehicle and two all-terrain vehicles – concluded the Special Operations parade display.

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Beware of Social Engineering.

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Generally speaking, social engineering is a clever manipulation of the natural human tendency to trust. The goal: to obtain information that will allow someone to gain unauthorized access to a valued system, or information in order to commit fraud, network intrusion, industrial espionage, identity theft or simply to disrupt day-to-day business.

Security is all about trust – trust in protection and authenticity.

What’s the weakest link in the security chain? The natural human willingness to accept someone’s word.

Look for ways to combat Social Engineering in a future edition fo the COMMANDO.

Medical Tip: *When to seek emergency care*

When should you seek emergency care? What medical conditions can be treated at home or with a visit to the doctor’s office? The following guidelines can help you with these questions.

Some conditions clearly require the attention of an emergency room. Emergency conditions include: loss of consciousness, convulsions, shortness of breath, chest pain, uncontrolled bleeding, poisoning, suicide attempts, drug overdose, major depression and other acute conditions that present a life-threatening situation or severe pain.

Pregnancy-related medical emergencies involve a sudden or unexpected medical complication that puts the mother, the baby or both at risk.

If you experience an emergency like this, you should seek immediate med-

ical attention. Dial 911 or seek treatment from the nearest hospital emergency room. Hurlburt Field doesn’t have an emergency room.

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FEATURE

Hurlburt maintainers 'GROW UP' while in the field

By Master Sgt. Darrell Brewer
16th SOW Public Affairs

**U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND
AREA OF OPERATIONS** – It's the middle of the night and a crew of deployed maintainers inch over the outside of an AC-130 looking for bullet holes. A tedious task, but one of many lessons in "Maintenance Life 101."

The maintainers are among the many Air Commandos from Hurlburt Field deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While there are those who are combat veterans, for one deployed Hurlburt unit more than 50 percent of the maintainers are experiencing their first operational deployment, according to the unit's maintenance superintendent.

"Many of them earned their 5 skill level prior to their deployment," said the superintendent, a senior master sergeant. Due to security reasons, names of individuals are not released.

One of the new 5-level airmen in the

crew works on aircraft communications, navigation and mission systems.

"I was a little nervous prior to getting here," said the senior airman, who earned his 5-level 6 months ago. "I wasn't completely sure what to expect. I hoped that I knew everything I needed to know to do my job here."

With more than 60 Operation Iraqi Freedom missions and 600 flying hours safely logged on the Gunships, the superintendent said his troops have shown significant growth.

Much of the growth, he said, has come in the form of increased responsibility.

"I have a bit more self confidence now," said an airman 1st class, who's an aerospace propulsion journeyman. "There's been days when I'm the only (aerospace propulsion journeyman) here, so if something is broken I have to dig in and get it taken care of."

Though their skill level and combat experience is building, the 5-levels are not fending for themselves. There's a contingent of "veterans" for them to turn to for advice and leadership.

"I always look to the higher ranking people if I have questions or I'm not sure of something," said one of the unit's crew chiefs, an airman 1st class. "I immediately fall back on them to ask what they think so I can make sure it gets done properly. I've learned a lot. It's given me a deeper sense of what the mission is. Here you're actually generating aircraft to go (into combat) and do what it was designed to do."

Though every deployment is different, the superintendent said the team is doing a great job and is focused on the main lesson of "Maintenance Life 101."

"You learn something every time you go out. The (maintainers know the aircrews) are going into harm's way," the superintendent said. "Even as durable as the AC-130 is, we don't allow any aircraft to leave on a mission unless it's 100 percent."

"We all play a part in making those aircraft fly," the crew chief said. "I guess that is the main thing we will take home with us – we were all part of something that was bigger than us."

The best part, said the superintendent, is "so far no bullet holes." (NFNS)



Photos by Master Sgt. Darrell Brewer

A deployed maintenance superintendent (top) watches over work on an AC-130. (Above) An aircraft hydraulics journeyman works on the main landing gear rotor for an AC-130. (Right) A senior airman crew chief wipes down an engine cowl prior to takeoff.



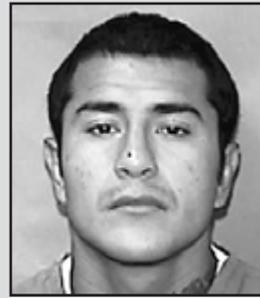
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Roberto Lujano



Johnna Presley

Roberto Lujano, 24, is a Hispanic male, with black hair and brown eyes. He's 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds. He's wanted for robbery. His last known address was in Fort Walton Beach.

Johnna Presley, 30, is a white female, with blond hair and brown eyes. She's 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 185 pounds. She's wanted for violation of probation on charges related to drug manufacturing. Her last known address was in Graceville, Fla.

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Courtesy of the 16th Mission Support Squadron

Identification cards are the first line of defense in limiting access to military bases. They also verify eligibility for costly medical benefits. As a result, ID card documentation requirements are very stringent.

College students returning home for the summer may require renewal of their ID card. All dependents retain an ID until age 21 and can have their ID card extended until age 23 if they're a full-time student. In order to renew an ID card for a student over age 21, the student must present a letter from the registrar of their school with a verification of their current full-time student status – or their full-time enrollment before the summer break – as well as an expected graduation date.

Wing policy states that an

active-duty sponsor, Department of Defense civilian or contractor must have a letter signed by their unit commander in order to replace a lost ID card for themselves or their dependents. A lost ID card form will soon be available electronically, but in the meantime, individuals or commander's support staffs may obtain a template from customer service.

Individuals with: dependent parents or parent-in-laws; incapacitated children over age 21; or wards must complete a dependency determination through the finance office each time these individuals require ID card renewals. Since the processing may take 30 to 60 days, the dependency determination paperwork should be submitted long before the ID expiration date.

For more information about ID renewals, call Vincent Filpi at 884-5280.

Yard of the Month competition begins



It's that time of the year again. Spring has sprung, flowers are in full bloom, the grass is green and family housing is gearing up for this year's Yard of the Month competition. The competition continues through September.

Awards will be presented at the Yard of the Month winner's house the preceding month. Here are a few suggestions that can help people win the competition:

- Keep grass mowed and raked to present a well-manicured appearance
- Sidewalks, driveways and street curbs edged and dead grass removed
- Shrubs well-shaped and

trimmed three to four feet

- Carport, patio and entryway neat and well-kept in appearance (not used for storage of appliances, household goods, boxes, workbenches and so forth)

- Pets, leashed so as not to interfere with neighbors' use of sidewalks, kept in a clean, sanitary condition

- Trashcan stored in designated area or the back of the house

The self-help store has Bermuda seed, topsoil, pine straw and various other items for use. Seeded lawns can be watered on both even and odd days for 30 days.

Remember, the Hurlburt Field housing area is one of the best, and this is due to the outstanding efforts and hard work of its residents. The housing office is ready to place the winning sign in your front yard.

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Military

MSS change of command

The 16th Mission Support Squadron would like to invite everyone to attend a change of command ceremony Thursday 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.

Aircraft parts services

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron customer service office, which is located in building 90710, is the primary point of contact for supply-related problems or complaints. Customer service doesn't order any aircraft parts. If the end item is part of a C-130 aircraft, the order can be submitted to the flight line support section at 884-1906; helicopter parts can be ordered through the Helicopter Parts Store at 881-4101.

New fueling schedule

The Fuels Management Flight is experiencing problems with the Hurlburt Field government fuel pumps. Therefore, effective immediately, fuel disbursements will be tracked manually on the following fueling schedule until further notice:

Five to 6 a.m.; 8 to 10 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.; and 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call the fuels resource control center at 884-7374.

AFSA meeting

Chapter 567 of the Air Force Sergeants Association holds a general membership meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bernadette Garces at 884-7633.

Officer briefing

The 96th Air Base Wing Commander, Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program, and the 96th Mission Support Squadron sponsor a briefing with guest speaker Col. Lon Molnar, Air Force Mobility Command, Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Eglin Air Force Base Theater for all company and field grade officers and civilians. Colonel Molnar will discuss ways to prepare the proper tools for promotion and how to write effective officer performance reports and fill out promotion recommendation forms. For more information, call Capt. Lance Ranere at 883-4110.

NY Air National Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, NY is home of the C-130 Skybirds 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. Wesley Ryerson at wesley.ryerson@nyscot.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.mairguard.org. Currently, the MAANG 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 officer 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.

Hurricane Awareness Week

Hurlburt Field sponsors Hurricane Awareness Week Monday through Friday. Several displays will be set up in the base theater as well as briefings and activities. Hurricane briefings are scheduled for Monday through Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m.; and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. There's also a story hour for children with Petey the Pelican, Wednesday 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.

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.

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

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

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

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

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday (PG) *iHoles*, starring Shia LaBeouf and Sigourney Weaver. A teenager, Stanley Yelnats, is sent to Camp Green Lake, 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 some form 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 *The 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 scrollkeeper. 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.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Sunday (PG-13) *iIt Runs in the Family*, starring Kirk Douglas and Michael Douglas. From Mitchell Gromberg to his son Alex and grandson Asher, everyone's trying to cope with life and a distinctly different set of problems. Mitchell grapples with his morality, while Alex tries to avoid becoming his father. Meanwhile, Asher just tries to stay relatively straight, as he goes through college.

Saturday (PG-13) *iThe Lizzie McGuire Movie*, starring Hilary Duff and Adam Lamber. Lizzie and her pals plan to live *la dolce vita* while on a class trip to Italy. Mistaken for an Italian pop star, she's transformed from a gawky teenager to a beautiful pop star. A whirlwind of surprising events force Lizzie to find the true meaning of friendship.

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

Office closings

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

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.

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.

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.

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 for the form and instructions. For more information, call Danny Sullivan at 884-7795.

Classes

FSC classes:

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

Sponsorship Training – Monday, 1 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program – Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.; Thursday, 7:30 a.m.; reservations are required, call 884-6281

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

Kids Smooth Move – Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Kids Hurricane Tips – Thursday, 4 p.m.

Deployment and Families – Thursday, 5 p.m.

Hurricane Awareness – Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; reservations are required, call 884-5441

HAWC classes:

Diabetic Nutrition – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Eating Heart Healthy – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Lean on Me – Thursday, 10 a.m.

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SPORTS

Camp teaches teens first-rate fitness



Courtesy photo

Pensacola Power ends season Saturday

By 1st Lt. Tara Opielowski
16th Security Forces Squadron

Think you've got another two months to wait until the football season starts? Well, think again.

If you're ready to see some full contact, action-packed games, then you're in luck. The ladies of the Pensacola Power have one more regular season game tomorrow night against the Alabama Renegades.

Ladies playing football? No, that's not a misprint. The Pensacola Power is the local National Women's Football Association team. The team has been playing in Pensacola, Fla., since the 2001 season, and has an incredible overall record of 23-0. The team also just recently won its third conference title against the Panama City Rumble.

The Pensacola Power, owned by professional boxer Roy Jones, Jr., is made up of 41 women ranging in age from 14 to 46. Some of the women are mothers, some are full-time employees, and one is even an executive officer for the 16th Mission Support Group at Hurlburt Field.

All of the women, however, are athletes, and take football just as serious as any man. Lt. Col. Tim Smart, 16th Comptroller Squadron commander, has been the head coach for the Power for the past three years. Unfortunately, the Power is losing Colonel Smart due to an upcoming PCS. Saturday will be his last game coaching women's football.

Saturday night's tickets will be on sale for \$5 to all people with a military identification card. The game will be held at Escambia High School, Pensacola, with kick-off at 7 p.m.

People are invited to come out and support the Power as they finish up another perfect winning season.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Tara Opielowski at 884-4447.



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Dennis Longstrdet, 13, watches the digital display of a weight bench while it sets his maximum weight, Wednesday.

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Fourteen Hurlburt Field teenagers completed an eye-opening week of health and fitness education today.

As part of a new youth center summer camp program that runs through June and July, teenagers were given fitness assessments, learned about diet and nutrition, and created personalized exercise programs.

"We are working with our young teens, giving them an idea of the importance of developing a healthy life-style at an early age," said Del Mucci, youth programs director. "This is a great age to help them develop the physical image they would like to project later in life."

During "Fitness and Nutrition Week," teens were given initial body measurements, fitness assessments using the computerized weight equipment, and personalized fitness plans for the summer months.

Diet and nutrition was discussed, with hands-on training on how to make cool and refreshing fruit drinks, reading and understanding nutrition labels and developing healthy summer-time menus, said Mr. Mucci. There were also discussions on making healthy choices, changing one's life-style to be more active on a daily basis, and how

mental and social fitness are enhanced by physical fitness.

"As teens get ready for their last north-south growth spurt, putting all that energy into strong bone formation and a healthy muscular physique is important to their future quality of life, how they see themselves and how others relate to them," said Mr. Mucci. "We want to ensure that we give them every informed opportunity to make these very important decisions."

The fitness program will be conducted weekly, offering an opportunity for the teens to work out in a group or on their own.

"At the end of the summer a second set of measurements will be taken to assess the growth of each teen, reinforcing good habits and hopefully discouraging some of the more sedentary habits that have crept into our lifestyles, both adult and youth," Mr. Mucci said.

Matt McCleery, 13, said he's learned useful lessons in the program.

"I've learned a lot, and know better weightlifting techniques," he

Matt McCleery, 13, uses an electronic weight bench during the youth center's teen summer camp fitness education training.

said. "I'd recommend this program."

The summer program is conducted at the teen center Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Fridays, everything learned during the week is put into an all-day outdoor field trip. Upcoming weeks will highlight snorkeling, horseback riding, canoeing, sailing and more.

"This is our first year running a teen summer camp," said Carmen DeVries, teen coordinator and co-designer of the program. "Every week has a theme, and every theme has a dual focus. First is to have the teens enjoy a new experience with friends, but just as importantly, it's to help them pick up skills that will assist them through their lives."

For more information about the program, call the youth center at 884-6355.

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.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Teams that wish to participate in this year's Cardboard Boat Regatta must register by June 30. The competition is open to Hurlburt Field military identification card holders. Trophies will be awarded for the most unique boat, ugliest boat, best-dressed crew and first to sink. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 884-6939.