

PAVE LOW squadron honored by FEMA

By 1st Lt. Rosemary Heiss
Public Affairs

National disaster relief workers presented the 20th Special Operations Squadron a helicopter-shaped piece of the World Trade Center Tuesday for the support the squadron provided the Federal Emergency Management Agency on the days following Sept. 11.

Chris Gallagher, a New York detective, and Bob McKee, a logistics officer for FEMA, presented the specially designed piece of WTC steel to Lt. Col. Brad Webb, 20th SOS commander, on behalf of the squadron.

"When the second plane hit the tower, it tapped out our resources," Mr. Gallagher said. Twenty-six of the country's 28 major crisis response teams were in New York, Mr. McKee added.

Until PAVE LOWs arrived, Sept. 13, airspace had been closed, so FEMA had no ability to see the whole picture, said Mr. McKee. They immediately found use for the Special Operations assets.

"I'm going to use and abuse them," Mr. McKee joked, recalling his first thoughts after seeing the helicopters.

PAVE LOWs were used to fly FEMA members over ground zero to map the sight and determine the extent of the devastation, according to Capt. Casey Ward, a copilot who flew some of the missions.

They also flew medical teams around the area, provided transportation to other military teams and did a variety of airlift missions because they were the only aircraft flying, Captain Casey said.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

A pilot assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron, briefs Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets about the capabilities of a Special Ops Gunship. The cadets are part of the Rising Sophomore program.

SOW hosts ROTC cadet summer program

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Thirty-nine Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets arrived at Hurlburt Field Monday as part of the Secretary of the Air Force's Rising Sophomore program.

The six-week program is designed to show the cadets Air Force life early on, and will serve as a valuable recruiting tool.

The cadets, representing various colleges and universities will be here until Aug. 1. During their stay, they'll get a first-hand look at how the Air Force operates.

Their first week here, they've been given mission briefings, demonstrations with Special Tactics, and tours of Special Ops aircraft.

"I've always been interested in helicopters and airplanes," said Cadet Phillip Ferris, University of Georgia, "so being able to see them up close is exciting."

All the cadets agreed that seeing Special Forces and just being in the military atmosphere was exciting in itself.

"I've enjoyed the tour here because these are things I

wouldn't usually get to see," said Cadet Katie Brown, Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Throughout the next few weeks the cadets will visit several different squadrons to get experience in various career fields and will have the opportunity to perform enlisted and junior officer duties. To supplement the work experience, they'll get to fire weapons, attend the Commando Pride Airman Center, attend courses at the Joint Special Operations University and various types of training.

Several factors played a part into how the cadets were selected to be a part of the program.

"Most of the cadets were chosen by rank and others were chosen according to their scholarship contract," said Cadet Alex Esson, University of Portland, Oregon.

"We were also given the opportunity to volunteer for the program," Cadet Brown said, "when we signed up for various activities for the summer."

This summer is the test phase of the program and Hurlburt Field is one of five bases selected to host the 200 cadets. Next year the program is expected to expand to 1,400 cadets and 35 bases.

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Awards presentation

Awards ceremony to honor Air Force Special Operators

Thirty Air Force Special Operators will be honored for their heroic actions in support of America's Global War on Terrorism at an awards ceremony, July 3 at 8 a.m. in the Air Park. Independence Road adjacent to the chapel will be closed from the light at Cody Avenue to Terry Avenue from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Those attending the ceremony should use the shuttle buses, which run from the base theater and the base exchange from 6:30 to 7:40 a.m. The audience should be in place by 7:45 a.m. Dress is uniform of the day for attendees. Anyone entering the base from 7:50 to 9 a.m. should turn down vehicle radios when passing the Air Park. Additionally, anyone parking near the Air Park should ensure they turn off all car alarms. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Freedom Hangar.

Best in the Air Force

The Hurlburt Field Child Development Center has been named the best Air Force Child Development Program for 2002. The CDC takes care of more than 170 children, who's ages range from six-months to five-years-old. The center offers several fundamental programs for children's development. Look for a story on the CDC's award in a future edition of the COMMANDO.

VIEWPOINTS

Open Line

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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.



Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

Adult swimmers

Comment: My family and I go to the base pool fairly often. They have an adult swim once an hour for 15 minutes. They make all the kids get out of the pool, which turns out to be more of a hassle for the adults than it does a break. The lifeguards say that it gives the children a chance to rest. I think it's silly because the kids are going to rest when they need to rest regardless of what the lifeguards say. I was wondering what the real reason is behind it and if there is any way to stop it. Nine times out of ten there might be one or

two adults who actually get in the pool, leaving 30 or more kids sitting on the side watching.

Reply: The safety of our customers, especially our children, is always our number one concern. With this in mind, Air Force Instruction 34-110, Air Force Outdoor Recreation programs, Para 13.3.2 was created, which requires our lifeguards to be given a short break every hour. We schedule the breaks while they're rotating stations. During this time, we require all children to exit the pool, providing them with a break from the heat and sun while affording adults with an opportunity to swim.

Fun and Fireworks for the 4th of July

By Tech. Sgt.
Dave Perruchon
16th SOW Safety Office

This is the time of year when families and friends get together to celebrate our country's Independence Day.

There'll be barbeques flaming, children playing and fireworks flying through the air. None of these things are bad, as long as they're handled responsibly.

The federal government has banned some of the more popular fireworks because of the dangers they present. Some of these party favorites include M-80s, cherry bombs and any firecrackers containing more than 50 milligrams of powder, large reloadable shells (yes, this also applies for ammo folks), aerial bombs and mail-order kits for

building fireworks.

The state of Florida does allow the sale of some types of consumer fireworks. People should be cautious and purchase fireworks from a reputable vendor. Avoid those tents that pop up along side the road selling fireworks at low, low prices.

Fireworks usage on base is limited by Hurlburt Field Instruction 32-2001, Base Fire Prevention Program, which states the only fireworks permitted without prior coordination with the Hurlburt Field Fire Prevention Section are sparklers. So if you're planning a fireworks display to rival the one in Washington, DC, you must first contact the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, Fire Prevention Section, at 884-2910.

Fireworks safety tips

The following tips can help you have a fun, safe 4th of July:

- Prohibit children less than 14 from using fireworks and supervise older children
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions
- Only use fireworks outdoors and keep them away from houses and flammable materials
- When using fireworks, have a bucket of water nearby
- Be sure other people are out-of-range and a safe distance away

before lighting fireworks

- Never ignite fireworks in a container (especially a glass or metal container)
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks
- Alcohol and fireworks don't mix
- Always store fireworks in a cool dry place
- Only light one item at a time
- Never try to re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Never throw or point fireworks at another person
- Never carry fireworks in pockets

Centennial of flight

There are a few people who've doubted the might of American military aviation – those who did have felt its global reach and devastating knockout punch.

American aviation helped speed up the surrender of Germany and Japan in World War II; kept the people of Berlin from starving; turned the tide in Korea; and forced

North Vietnam back to the Paris Peace talks.

It ended Iraq's quest for Middle East domination; helped stop ethnic cleansing in Bosnia; and forced the Taliban to let go of its tyrannical grip on the long-suffering people of Afghanistan.



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AIR FORCE NEWS

Short-tour credit for overseas contingency deployments

By Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change-of-station short-tour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Eligible airmen must have been on temporary duty starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for at least 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay area.

This credit's intended to reduce the chances of people being sent as nonvolunteers to an unaccompanied short tour soon after a prolonged contingency deployment, officials said.

The change is an exception to current policy, which only authorizes short-tour credit for airmen accumulating 300 or more days on temporary duty overseas during an 18-month period.

The TDY travel voucher must be completed before airmen can apply for credit. The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of the deployment and if the location qualified for payment of hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay. (AFP)N

Online voting, registration experiment expands

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A Department of Defense voting experiment in the 2000 presidential elections that allowed military and overseas voters to cast their ballots through the Internet will expand in 2004.

Beginning this fall, Federal Voting Assistance Program officials hope to get as many as 100,000 military members – stateside and overseas – their eligible dependents and U.S. citizens living outside the United States to take part in the secure electronic registration and voting experiment, said Polli Brunelli, the program director.

The experiment covers only those U.S. citizens who fall under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Mandated by Congress, project-eligible voters from participating project states will be able to register and vote electronically via any Windows-based personal computer with Internet access from anywhere in the world, Ms. Brunelli said.

Ten states are interested in participating in the 2004 project: Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington.

Voters can find a list of participating jurisdictions at www.serveusa.gov. (AFP)N

Bringing troops home

By Senior Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — When the Air Force deployed its fighting forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom, a substantial portion of that contingent, about 65 percent, came from the installations and logistics community. This included: civil engineers, services, supply, transportation and maintenance troops.

Now, with Saddam Hussein's regime deposed, and key elements being either captured or on the run, there's less of a requirement to keep large numbers of support troops in the area of responsibility.

For many in the installations and logistics community, however, OIF continues. Fewer than

9,000 of the 35,000 people deployed have returned to their home station.

The disparity is a constant source of concern for many in the Pentagon, particularly Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics.

Noting that there's still much work to be done in Southwest Asia, the general said a plan is in place to get everyone back home safe and sound beginning in June, July and August.

Essentially, the general said, the plan is based on two premises: leaving every place in better shape than it was before U.S. forces arrived, and withdrawing in a manner that allows the air and space expeditionary force concept to go back into a normal rhythm.

News Briefs

AEF Center reduces deployment discrepancies

In today's expeditionary Air Force, all airmen must be prepared to deploy to support military operations worldwide. Commanders are responsible for assuring their people have completed the deployment items specified for the AOR to which they're deploying.

To reduce the almost 10 percent rate of deployment discrepancies, the Air Force has:

- Streamlined the deployment checklist, breaking it down into two categories: mission-critical and non-mission critical

- Has sent a message that serves as the interim deployment guidance to local personnel readiness units; the message also lists common discrepancies

- Is revising deployment guidance instructions. Airmen deploying with the Blue AEF are the first to whom the new guidance applies.

Go to the AEF Center Web site (military users only) for the latest information on deployment guidance and checklists. Log on to www.aefcenter.acc.af.mil.

'Tanker roadmap' released

The Air Force has released the "tanker roadmap," a plan outlining the retirement of the remaining KC-135, E-models and the proposed integration of the 100 KC-767A tankers it is leasing from Boeing.

The KC-767 brings the advantages of capability and availability to the Air Force tanker fleet, with its: greater range; larger payload and passenger capacities; ability to be aerially refueled; ability to refuel any type of receiver aircraft with its boom or drogue; and ability to take off at maximum gross weight from approximately 1,000 more runways around the world than the KC-135.

The tanker roadmap calls for changes in the tanker fleets at Fairchild, McConnell, Grand Forks, MacDill and Robins Air Force Bases.

For more information about the "tanker roadmap," visit www.af.mil/media_center/Apr-Jun2003/0618039.shtml.

Look who's talking: What do you enjoy most about the Hurlburt Field community?

"I love the closeness of the military community. We support each other the same way we do in a deployed environment. Hurlburt Field exemplifies what it is to be a military family."

"I love the sunshine and beaches."

"I love the area and people in the community."

Holiday hours for base services and facilities

Thursday; July 4; July 5; July 6

Gator Lakes Golf Course: 6:30 a.m. to dusk each day
Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Closed; Closed; 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Spare Time Grill: 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Closed; Closed; 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
J.R. Rockers: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Soundside Club: Closed; Closed; Open for functions only; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Officers Hooch: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Enlisted Hooch: 3 p.m. - Close; Closed; Closed; Closed
Velocity Subs: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Child Development Center: 6:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Closed; Closed; Closed
Community Center: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Teen Center: Closed; Closed; 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Closed
Youth Center Open Recreation: Closed; Closed; 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Closed
School Age Program: 6:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Closed; Closed; Closed
ITT Ticket Sales: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Closed; Closed; Closed
ITT Leisure Travel Sales: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Closed; Closed; Closed
Frame Skills: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Closed; Closed; Closed
Wood Skills: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Plaque & Trophy Shop: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Closed; Closed; Closed
Auto Skills: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Closed; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Multi-Crafts Center: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Outdoor Recreation Center: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Closed; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Pool: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; noon - 6 p.m.
Marina: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dive Club: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Paintball Fields: Closed; Closed; 8 a.m. - 11 a.m./ 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Closed
Main Fitness Center: 5 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Commando Fitness Center: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Oasis Café Dining Facility: Closed; Closed; Closed; Closed
Reef Dining Facility: Br 6 - 8:30 a.m. L 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. D 4 - 6:30 p.m. each day
Library: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Closed; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; noon - 5 p.m.

Sound of Independence

The Sound of Independence celebration is scheduled for July 3 at the Soundside from 2 to 11 p.m. The free event is open to the public. Entertainment includes:

- Stephanie Pittis and Rio Band (Latin and Jazz), 2 - 3:30 p.m.
- Paul Bunyan Lumberjack show, 3:30 p.m.
- J.B. and the Blinders (Variety Band), 5 - 7 p.m.
- 15th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, 6 p.m.
- Colors and National Anthem, 7 p.m.
- Paul Bunyan Lumberjack show, 7:30 p.m.
- The Fabulous Classics show, 8 - 11 p.m.
- Fireworks, 9:45 p.m.

Other activities include a petting zoo, pony rides, a mountain climb, the rings of fun, giveaways and food vendors.

Medical health tip

Why do some people get a headache when they don't eat? "Hunger headaches" can be caused by muscle tension and low blood sugar, which causes the blood vessels in your scalp and around your brain to swell. You can prevent hunger headaches by avoiding strenuous dieting, skipping meals, and by eating healthy snacks between meals.

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One of the key missions they did was to provide the thermal imagery of the sight to FEMA workers. The thermal imagery was used to map hot spots in the wreckage that couldn't be seen with the eye from the ground.

"The last thing you want is guys digging into a hole and flames erupting to burn them," Mr. Gallagher said. "What they did cut down injuries and saved lives."

The presentation comes almost two years after the attack because of the continued deployments of PAVE LOW crewmembers and because of the recovery burden on FEMA, Mr. McKee said. They wanted to make the presentation before Colonel Webb relinquishes command, since he was instrumental in the effort.

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Med group takes six AF level awards

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Six members from the 16th Medical Group were recently awarded Air Force level recognition for their accomplishments within the medical career field.

Maj. Thomas Clarke was awarded the 2002 Howard R. Unger Award, which is presented to the Air Force flight surgeon with the best scientific article published during the previous calendar year in Aviation, Space and Environmental Medicine, judged based on its contribution to flight medicine, originality and scientific quality. Eleven articles were evaluated before Major Clarke was awarded the recognition for his article "Corneal Injury Threshold in Rabbits for the 1540 nm Infrared Laser."

"It was a great thrill to get this award, which recognized my research in laser eye injury," Major Clarke said. "For me, that's one of the great things about the Air Force – the chance to work with dedicated and talented professionals to accomplish a mission."

Maj. Leigh Swanson was awarded the 2002 Malcolm C. Grow Award for U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year, which is presented to the Air Force flight surgeon who went above and beyond the standards of operational medicine.

According to her wing commander, Major Swanson has been recognized for her "selfless duty and willingness to go into harms way to save lives."

"It was truly an honor to be nominated for this award," Major Swanson said. "The credit really goes to the rest of

my unit who I had the privilege of working with – especially the Independent Duty Medical Technicians."

Capt. Sarah Linebaugh was awarded the 2002 Outstanding Company Grade Physical Therapist of the Year Award, which is presented to the physical therapist whose contributions to the Air Force Medical Service have led to increased mission effectiveness, enhanced customer satisfaction, and career field improvement. According to the Medical Services Flight Commander, Lt. Col. Rose Layman, Captain Linebaugh has been recognized for "her superb patient care and her successful build-up of a new physical therapy clinic on base."

"The Hurlburt Field Physical Therapy Clinic was a much needed asset," Captain Linebaugh said. "It was a challenge, but I'm glad to have been given an opportunity to open the clinic and provide our troops with the physical therapy care they need and in a more convenient location."

Capt. Joseph Lyons was awarded the 2003 Department of Defense Antiterrorism/Force Protection Innovation or Action Award for an individual, which is presented to the individual who works hard to heighten awareness for military and family members to the dangers of terrorism. In addition to anti-terrorism contingencies, Captain Lyons was responsible for the overall medical readiness program and associated activities here.

"I've been fortunate to have two hard-charging NCOs in my flight who have helped to create a better readiness program," Captain Lyons said. "We're proud to have played a role in helping Hurlburt Field and the surround-

ing communities be better prepared."

Staff Sgt. Christina Forrest was named the 2003 Optometry Airman of the Year, which is presented to an individual who demonstrates superb professionalism and who's mastered the skills in the field of optometry.

According to Sergeant Forrest's award package, she has: co-developed the first in-clinic fabrication process; designed a plan to promote vision awareness; and managed the Air Force's largest contact lens program.

"Great supervision can make a world of difference," Sergeant Forrest said. "This award is granted because of the leadership, mentorship, guidance, teamwork and selfless acts of others unmentioned, who made several accomplishments not a dream, but a blessed reality."

Airman 1st Class Midiatrix Ortiz was named the 2003 Resource Management Airman of the Year, which is presented to an individual who demonstrates professionalism and mastered skills in the area of resource management. According to Airman Ortiz's award package, she has: initiated a new third party liability tracking spreadsheet; flawlessly reorganized and maintained the flight files plan; and assisted the health services training manager to initiate a new training schedule for 32 members.

"Airman Ortiz always exceeds expectations, displays respect and dedication for customs and courtesies, and her depth of knowledge in all facets of resource management at a junior grade is beyond reproach," said Lt. Col. John Felins, commander of the 16th Medical Support Squadron.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Hurricane Preparedness

Cindy Corrigan, American Red Cross and Petey the Pelican, play a game with children who attended story hour at the base theater June 18 as part of Hurricane Awareness Week. The base sponsored Hurricane Awareness Week June 16 – 20 to provide information and bring awareness to hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. For more information on hurricane preparedness, people can visit the Hurlburt Field Intranet Web site and check out the June 6 edition of the COMMANDO or stop by the family support center for pamphlets.

Military Sentinel – Online source for consumer fraud issues

Courtesy of the 16th SOW Legal Office

Military members, Department of Defense civilian employees and their families are targets of specific consumer fraud scams and face many consumer-related problems.

In response, the Federal Trade Commission launched the Military Sentinel public Web site, an initiative aimed at improving consumer protection for DoD personnel.

The FTS designed the Military Sentinel to centralize the online collection of consumer fraud and identity theft complaints from DoD personnel, while providing easy access to consumer education and fraud prevention resources and materials.

In the past two years, online complaints forwarded to the FTC have resulted in hundreds of consumer fraud investigations and the return of millions of dollars to consumers.

The Military Sentinel Web site, www.consumer.gov/military, is modeled after the FTC's central complaint database, the Consumer Sentinel. However, the Military Sentinel is capable of centralizing DoD complaints and targeting spe-

cific business practices that affect military members and DoD civilian employees.

DoD personnel may file consumer fraud and identity theft complaints on the Military Sentinel public Web site from their personal computers or seek advice from the base legal office during legal assistance hours.

Simply click on "US Air Force" from the Military Sentinel site to file complaints.

DoD complaints are forwarded to 550 law enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and Australia, and monitored according to the branch of service and military installation.

These law enforcement agencies use this complaint data to target cases for prosecution and other enforcement measures.

Furthermore, this centralization of complaints provides military members and DoD civilian employees with vital information to better protect them in the marketplace.

For more information, call the base legal office at 884-7821.

Legal assistance hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 9 a.m., and Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. for active duty only.

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Inspection team scheduled to conduct ECAMP

By William Overstreet
16th Civil Engineer Squadron

Hurlburt Field is preparing for the annual Environmental Compliance and Assessment Management Program audit July 14 – 18.

This year's ECAMP will be an "external" assessment, which means that headquarters, with the assistance of a team of contractors, will be spending a week conducting an audit of the base's level environmental programs.

The purpose of the ECAMP is to evaluate the "state of the environment" as it relates to the mission here at the 16th Special Operations Wing.

This year's success will depend on the continued support of commanders and their unit environmental coordinators, who serve as the liaison between Hurlburt Field organizations and the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight.

For the past several years Hurlburt Field has reduced the number of findings and the goal is to continue that trend this year.

In all, there are 13 environmental areas reviewed, called ECAMP protocols. Each protocol has a team assigned to review records, interview key players, and perform site visits. Protocols include:

- Air Emissions
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Hazardous Waste
- POL Management
- Solid Waste Management
- Toxic Substance Management
- Pesticide Management

- Wastewater Management
- Water Quality Management
- Storage Tank Management
- Other (installation restoration and noise pollution)

If a squadron or shop had an ECAMP write-up during the last assessment, expect to prove that the problem has been corrected. Expect short notice appointments for a visit to the area and there may be several teams visiting the shop.

For instance, a typical civil engineer shop may be visited by a team from Air, Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Toxics or Wastewater.

Expect team members to look into cabinets, closets, and drawers looking for unauthorized, improperly stored, unlabeled or leaking chemicals.

Be prepared to show management plans and training records. People or processes that go above and beyond requirements will be noted in positive findings.

Finally, the assessment team will provide an out-brief July 18th that will identify all positive and negative findings. This will provide Hurlburt Field with a roadmap to rectify any problems in a timely manner. This in-house Air Force manner of identifying environmental problems serves another benefit: as Hurlburt Field receives frequent visits from regulatory agencies (federal, state and local), ECAMP allows us to identify and correct problems before regulators, thus saving the base monetary fines or other penalties.

Within the Department of Defense the U. S. Air Force has set the standard in terms of environmental compliance. The vast majority of the worst discrepancies were corrected long ago, but there's still room to improve to ensure that there's never an impact to the wing's mission due to an environmental issue.

OPSEC update Force Protection

Force protection is a proactive, results-oriented system designed to protect Air Force people, information, facilities, property and equipment. Force protection represents the AF's best means for preventing attacks and accomplishing the mission.

To fulfill their force protection responsibilities,

Commanders must:

- Protect the military installations, equipment and people under their command
- Tailor their security program to local conditions and threats
- Make appropriate resource decisions for local risk conditions

Airmen must:

- Report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary
- Use individual protection measures, such as varying travel routes
- Implement security practices, such as securing personal items, and locking cars and houses
- Participate in an Eagle Eyes or neighborhood watch program
- Maintain situational awareness by remaining alert, knowing their surroundings
- Know local emergency phone numbers

In addition: challenge people who don't appear to belong or are out of place; report suspicious activities immediately; and develop good security habits and pass them on to others.

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SPORTS

Marksman makeover

Revamped gun range boosts, betters Hurlburt Field Rifle and Pistol Club

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Life for Hurlburt Field marksmen just got better.

Closed for an environmental cleanup since 1999, the Hurlburt Field Rifle and Pistol Club shooting range was reopened June 17, boasting a new bullet catching system designed to prevent spent lead from contaminating the soil.

During environmental cleanup of the range and construction of the new bullet catcher, members of the rifle and pistol club were able to use the 16th Security Forces Squadron's CATM range on a non-interference basis, said Charles Kazma, the club president. With the improved range up and running, club members can better enjoy the benefits of membership.

Open to all Hurlburt Field members, their families and retired military members, the club provides use of a 50-meter pistol range with 10 shooting positions and a 200-meter rifle range

with 14 positions, National Rifle Association firearm safety and training classes, a club retail store, access to knowledgeable firearms instructors and shooting competitions, said Mr. Kazma.

Club members can use the range from sun-up to sun-down, seven days a week, he said. Members can also bring guests to shoot at the range.

Dues to join the 16th Services Squadron, Outdoor Recreation flight program are \$75 per year, or \$100 per year for a family membership. To join, prospective members can show up to a club meeting; the club meets at 7 p.m. at the Soundside on the first and third Wednesday each month.

"In the future we'll offer organized adult and youth shooting activities," said Mr. Kazma. "Our goal is to provide those who join a safe, family-oriented facility to enjoy recreational shooting, and to promote firearm safety and awareness of firearm ownership responsibilities."

The next club meeting is Wednesday.



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Chief Master Sgt. Bill Walter, Air Force Special Operations Command (top), points out features of the Hurlburt Field Rifle and Pistol Club's new bullet catcher to 16th Special Operations Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea (left).

Air Force's first female boxer debuts

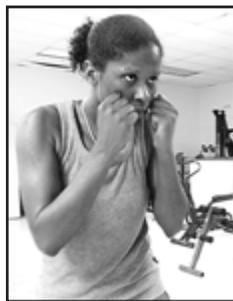
by Staff Sgt. Jerron Barnett
33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An Eglin Air Force Base weapons-load crew chief has beaten the odds to become the first female on the Air Force boxing team.

Staff Sgt. Charmaine Carrington, 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was one of three girls amongst seven siblings growing up, and as one of the wing's only female airmen in munitions, she feels right at home in a sport that's predominantly male.

"I hadn't really thought about being the first female at the time it happened, but it hit me later that I was," she said. "It doesn't bother me at all being the only female around. I'm used to it."

Sergeant Carrington only recently became interested in competing in the sport, but the California native watched matches of her favorite fighters, like



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Charmaine Carrington, 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, trains for a boxing match.

Muhammad Ali, and saw herself boxing someday.

"I've only been interested in boxing for the last couple years," she said. "I've done all the other sports, and I really just wanted to try this one."

She found out how to join the Air Force team through her coach and friends at a local boxing club and after filing her application, she contacted Tech. Sgt. Ronald Simms, one of the team's coaches at Lackland Air Force

Base, Texas, and kept in touch until she got the response she wanted.

"I kept bugging them," she said. "I kept calling and basically harassing them."

Sergeant Carrington finally got her chance in January. After two weeks of intense training and tough coaching at Lackland, she won a box-off used to determine who would be chosen out of the three females trying-out.

"I get a lot of support from my family and supervisors in this, and everyone was happy I made it," Sergeant Carrington said. "It would be hard for me to do this without their support. My husband is all for it."

Since then, the junior-welterweight has been training for her first national-level bout in the upcoming three-day tournament in Augusta. She trains six days a week, running nearly 40 miles a week, topped off with sparring and bag

work.

"I've been working with Charmaine now for a little over two years and the enthusiasm she brings to the gym is unspeakable," said Dennis Walker, her local boxing coach and trainer, who is assigned to the 96th Communications Group. "When she comes to the gym to train, she not only trains hard but compels others to train hard also."

She has fought in seven bouts since she's been on the team, mostly against local amateurs. She has a spotless 7-0 record.

"I'm fighting to be number one," she said. "I'll do this as long as I'm one of the best, and then I'll find something else to do."

Sergeant Simms says this goal is well within reach.

"A very realistic expectation for Charmaine is to be ranked in the top three in the country," he said. (AFPN)

Sports shorts

Youth sports registration

Registration for youth soccer, flag football and cheerleading begins Monday, and continues through August 1. Players and people interested in coaching can sign up at the youth center weekdays, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$42 for one player, or \$84 for two or more players. Practice begins in late August. For more information, call Jim Harriott at 884-6355.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Teams that wish to participate in this year's Cardboard Boat Regatta must register by Monday. 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.

LIFESTYLE

Military

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter holds its next meeting Saturday at 6 p.m. in J.R. Rockersí Daytona Room. Members are encouraged to attend and invite a friend. Topics to be discussed include: upcoming base/community events and other general discussions on the membership and chapter focus.

The chapter is also undergoing a membership recall for all past and local area members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995, or retired Chief Master Sgt. John Greer at 939-6659.

Hurlburt Top 3

All senior NCOs and master sergeant selects assigned to Hurlburt Field are invited to attend the next Hurlburt Top 3 meeting held July 10 at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Hooch. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Brinkley at 884-8422, or Master Sgt. David Ceurvels at 884-8443.

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.

Community

JSOU education conference

The Joint Special Operations University hosts the second annual U.S. Special Operations Command Special Operation Forces Education conference July 8 through 10 here. This year's conference theme is "The Power of Knowledge: SOF Education as an Enduring Weapon in the War on Terrorism," with USSOCOM Commander Gen. Charles Holland, delivering the keynote address.

Various issues to be covered in the three-day conference include: USSOCOM academic priorities in the war on terrorism, education technology applications, and SOF education integration at professional military education institutions and component schools. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Zachariah Gummert at 884-1870, or Stacy Atchison at 884-2765.

CCAF transcript policy change

Beginning Tuesday, the Community College of the Air Force will no longer accept AF Forms 2099 from active-duty, Guard or Reserve service members. Instead, students can order transcripts at the Air Force Virtual Education Center at www.afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec. However, separated or retired individuals who are using Veterans' Association education offices may continue to submit the forms, but it needs to be accompanied by a written request.

Also, civilian transcripts will only be accepted directly from civilian institutions. This will help eliminate lost

transcripts and allow students more control over the process by checking the AFVEC Web site to confirm their transcripts were received and follow up with their education counselor if necessary.

For more information, call the education office at 884-6724.

AFMC/AFGE briefings

All Hurlburt Field military members and civilian employees are invited to attend informational briefings on Air Force Materiel Command and the American Federation of Government Employees Partnership Principles Monday at 2 and 4 p.m. at the base theater. The purpose of the briefings is to inform all personnel of the partnership between AFMC and AFGE, and the potential for this partnership to enhance mission accomplishment. The following Partnership Principles will be covered:

- We value and respect all workers
- We focus on our common interests and shared problems
- We share information freely
- We treat each other as equals

For more information, call your servicing employee relations specialist at 884-5212/5215; Dan Landrum, president, AFGE Local 1897 at 882-5714; or Rocky Tasse, president, AFGE Local 1942 at 882-5270.

Part Day Enrichment Program

Registration for the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center's two-days-a-week Part Day Enrichment Program is Monday through Aug. 15. The program is set for every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning Sept. 2. The cost is based on the total family income. Parents should bring a current pay statement and their child's updated shot record. For more information, call Gwen Gregory at 884-6664.

Environmental assessment

The 16th Special Operations Wing has completed an environmental assessment for the construction and operation of a wastewater re-use line on Hurlburt Field. The proposed project would replace potable water use with treated wastewater at several facilities on the base. There will be a 30-day public review period before any further action is implemented. A copy of the assessment is available at the Mary Esther Public Library, located at 100 West Hollywood Boulevard. Anyone interested in making comments on the proposed project, can mail them to:

16th Civil Engineer Squadron/Environmental Management
415 Independence Road
Hurlburt Field, Fla. 32544-5244

For more information, call the 16th CES at 884-4652.

Commissary closing

The Hurlburt Field Commissary will be closed July 4 for Independence Day, but will reopen July 5 at 8 a.m.

Military discount

The Colony Beach and Tennis Resort in Longboat Key, Fla., honors active-duty military members and their dependents June through September with a 50 percent reduced rate on one and two-bedroom suites. Guest must show their military identification upon arrival in order to take advantage of the offer. For more information and reservations, call the Colony at (941) 383-6464, ext. 2187.

Hurlburt Field Chapel 884-7795



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September–May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),
11:30 a.m. (traditional),
12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August–May
Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

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

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

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qurian: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

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

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday and Sunday ñ (PG-13) *iX2: X-Men United*, ñ starring Patrick Stewart and Hugh Jackson ñ The X-Men have opponents new and old to face this time around. Magneto is back, but there's also a threat to Professor Xavier's school for mutants led by a human named Stryker, not to mention a vicious woman named Yuriko, who has it in for Wolverine.

Saturday ñ (R) *iIdentity*, ñ starring John Cusack and Amanda Peet ñ During an unrelenting rainstorm, with all roads washed out and all forms of communication dead at an isolated motel in rural Nevada, a group of people become stranded. Soon the waterlogged lodgers start dying in mysterious and brutal ways. The increasingly dwindling number of survivors must then discover the killer to prevent their own demises.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Sunday ñ (R) *iThe Matrix Reloaded*, ñ starring Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne ñ Neo, Morpheus, Trinity and the rest of the crew continue to battle the machines that have enslaved the human race in the Matrix. Now, more humans are waking up out of the matrix and attempting to live in the real world. As their numbers grow, the battle moves to Zion, the last real-world city and center of human resistance.

Saturday ñ (PG) *iDaddy Day Care*, ñ starring Eddie Murphy and Steve Zahn ñ When a father loses his lucrative *idotcom* job and finds himself in jeopardy of financial ruin, he joins his friends in opening a free-spirited *iguy-run* business called *iDaddy Day Care*. ñ Much to the chagrin of the owner of a more traditionally-operated rival center.

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

BCAA fashion show

The Black Cultural Awareness Association sponsors a fashion show July 19 at Eglin Air Force Base's NCO club. Social hour begins at 7 p.m., and the fashion show starts at 8 p.m. The cost is \$10 and includes hor d'oeuvres. For more information or to purchase tickets call: Felecia Brake at 882-3148, ext. 603; Pam Hasberry at 882-4136; or Ruby Dunson at 882-6518.

Free/discounted tickets

The Mobile BayBears baseball team invites military personnel and their families to come Thursday at the Hank Aaron Stadium, where they'll host the West Tenn. Diamond Jaxx. Military members will receive a free ticket, and family members will receive a discount. Gates open at 6 p.m. for the 7:05 p.m. game. For more information, call the BayBears office at (251) 479-2327.

Classes

Employment Orientation

This class offers information about finding the job/career people are looking for. Information is provided about the job market and how to utilize job sources.

Sponsorship training

Anyone assigned as a sponsor for incoming personnel should attend this class. The class covers many sponsor duties unique to Hurlburt Field.

FSC classes:

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

Sponsorship Training – Monday, 1 p.m.

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

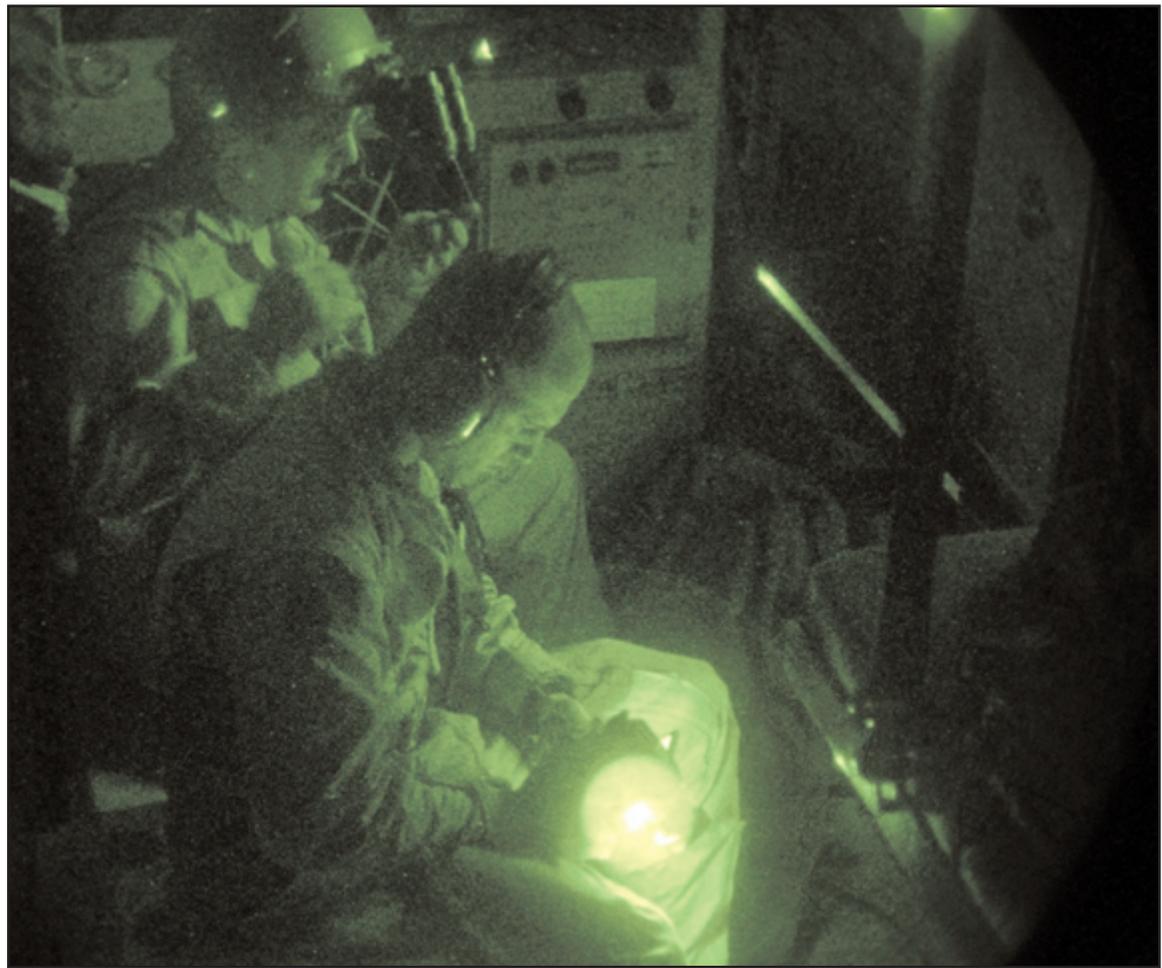


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Television broadcasting

Central Command Area of Responsibility — Members of the 193rd Special Operations Wing don night vision equipment and prepare for rear spotting of traffic avoidance and hostile fire during a "Commando Solo" broadcast mission.

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FEATURE



Photos by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

Airman 1st Class Trevor Taylor-Tillet, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, huddles with his team before the football game kicks off.



Staff Sgt. Bobby Raley, 16th Communications Squadron, supervises a scout while he shoots his BB gun.

Military takes on new mission: Local Cub Scouts receive help with annual day camp

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Approximately 31 Hurlburt Field airmen, and military members from the Navy and Marines helped support the more than 200 Cub and Boy Scouts, during the Cub Scout Day Camp June 9 – 13 at Saint Paul's Methodist Church in Gulf Breeze.

"We even had young airmen, who were scouts that came out to give it their all," said Master Sgt. Frank Dailey, Air Force Special Operations Command, who's been assisting with Boy Scout events for more than 15 years. "We also had reservists who were activated and came out to help. It was a community response."

For the past five years, Sergeant Dailey has coordinated various levels of support from several different units to make the day camp possible. However, this year presented more problems because of several recent deployments.

"This year was our greatest need – with 22 of the boys' fathers deployed – but we came through with flying colors," Sergeant Dailey said. "Without the support of military volunteers, we wouldn't have been able to support the caliber of the program."

A prime example is Master Sgt. Dave Bressler, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, who had returned from deployment just five days before the camp began, but served as the Cubmaster for the entire program.

"All of the scouts appreciated the sacrifices he and his family made to be there," Sergeant Dailey said.

The camp, which ran from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, was packed full of activities for the young scouts. The various military volunteers led classes in:

first aid and buddy care; arts and crafts; craftsmanship; and "handy man." They were also given time to play sports and shoot BB guns for a try at a marksmanship award.

Furthermore, the scouts made birdhouses, modeled clay, shot arrows and even learned how to play crochet.

"The camp allowed the scouts to participate in exclusive events that were in Boy Scouts of America standards, but with added Air Force flair," Sergeant Dailey said.

Although the heat seemed unbearable at times, the scouts and volunteers maintained positive attitudes. Intertwining indoor activities with outdoor ones, as well as keeping the scouts hydrated with eight ounces of water an hour, Camp Director Marilee Martin kept the camp focused on safety and organization.

"Ms. Martin was extremely organized, with a plan prepared for every contingency – especially bad weather," Sergeant Dailey said. "We had to exercise a few plans due to thunderstorms, but everyone worked together great."

At the end of the week was an overnight camp-out, which was organized by Sergeant Bressler and his family. If it weren't for the volunteer efforts from five Hurlburt Field airmen, some of the scouts wouldn't have been able to participate.

"The Weblos Program requires one adult for every camper participating in an overnight camp," Sergeant Dailey said. "Because some of the parents' deploy-



Airman 1st Class Elizabeth King, 16th Communications Squadron, holds down the wood for a birdhouse, while a scout hammers in the nail.

ments, five campers were left without that supervision – until those airmen stepped in to fill the need."

During the campout, the Weblos nine and 10-year-old boys earned their Crossman BB gun Marksman certification as well as the new Weblos Marksman pin. After enjoying Hobo stew, the scouts gathered wood for the bonfire.

Following an entertaining dance from the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow Indian, the Scout Master, Vonn Nickles, spoke to the Cubs about what it meant to be a Boy Scout.

Closing with the singing of "God Bless America," the boys headed off to their tents to get some shut-eye.

"The volunteers who helped out were outstanding ambassadors to the community and the military parents who were deployed," Sergeant Dailey said.

"They're what makes our community great!" he continued.