

## AFC2TIG paves way to standardize AOC

By Capt. Danny Cooper  
AFC2TIG Public Affairs

Developing and building a weapon system is no small undertaking. It takes years of research and planning before the final product is ever declared fit for the fight.

Likewise, taking a weapon system already in existence in many different forms and standardizing it into a single, identifiable and common weapon system is a weighty task. But, that's exactly what the Air Force and, in particular, the Air Force Command and Control Training and Innovation Group here is doing with the Air Operations Center.

As the U.S. military became spread out over more areas of responsibility, AOCs were created to orchestrate theater air operations and carry out objectives of the respective theater commander.

Without any guide for commonality, what was increasingly developed were "ad-hoc" centers that were well suited for their individual missions but provided no standardization of operations or processes between centers, according to a report approved by Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John Jumper last year.

As a result, in many instances people who had worked in one center would have to learn completely new systems and procedures if assigned to another, which under the AEF rotation construct, is quite likely.

When former CSAF Gen. Mike Ryan declared the AOC the newest weapon system in the Air Force, he also established the AOC as the premier tool in the U.S. military's arsenal for conducting an air campaign at the operational level of war. In doing so, it also began the task of ensuring that an AOC in the United States would look and operate the same and use the same systems, software and procedures as one found in theater operations such as Southwest Asia or the Pacific. Much of that task fell to the AFC2TIG.

The AFC2TIG is recognized as the Air Force's premier command and control group responsible for training, testing, experimenting and exercising command and control (C2) systems and processes.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Children from the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center load boxes at the main exchange with items they put together for "Operation Ziplock" to send to deployed members March 21.

## USO implements 'Operation Ziplock'

By Amy Oliver  
Public Affairs

The United Services Organization of Greater Pensacola has started a new campaign called "Operation Ziplock" which is intended to get useful goods and comfort items to troops deployed overseas.

The objective is to fill gallon-size ziplock-type bags with non-perishable items, such as CDs, beef jerky, and travel-size toiletries, along with a note of gratitude.

Due to a tremendous response in Pensacola, the USO assigned an Okaloosa County coordinator, Katherine Paris, to take charge of setting up drop-sites throughout the county, to include one at the Hurlburt Field Base Exchange. Items donated at the base and county drop-sites will be distributed to all Department of Defense deployed personnel.

"This is a worthwhile campaign, and we're grateful for those who support it knowing they're

contributing to a greater cause," said Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing, vice commander.

As of October 2001, due to operational security concerns and logistical issues, all DoD sponsored "Any Service Member" programs aimed at sending letters, cards and packages to forward deployed personnel were suspended.

However, according to the executive director of the Pensacola USO, Angel Larson, the USO has headquarters in the European and Pacific theaters. Personnel there are able to disperse these items to troops deployed throughout their respective theaters.

"My only interest is to extend my support and appreciation to the wonderful men and women who are serving this country," said Ms. Paris.

Operation Ziplock will continue indefinitely. For more information about the program, call Katherine Paris at (850) 581-6399.

To see the "Operation Ziplock" recommended donation list, turn to Page 7.

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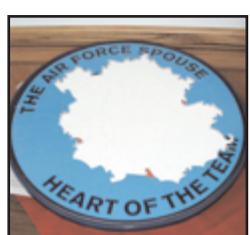


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by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process.

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Col. Frank Kisner,  
16th SOW commander

# OPSEC is a mindset... Adopt it at home, work

By Senior Master Sgt. J.T. Turner  
16th SOW Information Operations

Have you ever gotten this phone call? "Hi Ms. Doe, you could've already won \$10,000. But in order to validate your winnings, I'll need to verify your social security number. Very well, now that I know it's you, I'll just need a major credit card in order to deposit the money against your credit line. Thank you Ms. Doe. Now on the reverse of your credit card where you may or may not have signed, there appears the last four digits of your credit card followed or preceded by a three-digit number. I need those digits to complete the electronic transaction."

The three-digit number you've just given allows vendors to verify the person using that card physically has the card in their possession. Most legitimate phone and Internet verification of owner possession requires that number from the reverse side. To avoid falling prey to these scams, you must protect your personal information.

Think about it this way. What can you do with your personal information? Withdraw money from your bank account, purchase things you need or want with credit or debit cards, secure loans over the internet or phone, get more credit cards, stop and start services via the Internet or over the phone, and much more. The possibilities are endless.

Terrorists and/or criminals can also use this personal information to the detriment of the United States and her people.

Thus, there remains a need for stronger Operations Security at work and at home. OPSEC is a mindset that needs continuous cultivation. And OPSEC is catching on.

People realize a good philosophy when they see one. It's a state of mind. It's a process that's inherent to the many ways we conduct our daily lives. Why



not buy into it at work, at home and on the road as well? It's not a hard sell when people realize the intrinsic values the OPSEC process holds.

OPSEC is a key component of antiterrorism, force protection and crime prevention. It helps protect service members, civilian employees, families, facilities and equipment everywhere by simply denying information. And it's free. We won't even ask for your social security number or a major credit card.

## Secretary, chief address Operation Iraqi Freedom

**WASHINGTON** – The following is a joint message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

As our nation calls upon its armed forces to meet this next challenge in the war on terrorism, the men and women of the U.S. Air Force will play a pivotal role in striking our enemies, defending our coalition forces, and protecting our allies.

As you have always done, you will perform your duties

with honor, and with the knowledge that our nation's security depends upon the excellence and professionalism of every airman in our Air Force.

Ours is the greatest joint warfighting force ever assembled, and our nation is blessed to have over 700,000 active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian airmen taking the battle to the enemy and securing our homeland. You, the brave warriors who voluntarily risk your lives to protect our values and way of life, are the reason we will prevail in this fight.

The American people have the utmost confidence and trust in you, they support you, and are proud of your dedication. We couldn't be more proud of your service, and are both honored and humbled to lead this force.

In this time of conflict and great sacrifice, the admiration, thoughts, and prayers of our entire nation are with you and your families. Do your duty to the best of your ability and we will secure victory, for the sake of our nation and freedom-loving people around the globe. (AFPN)



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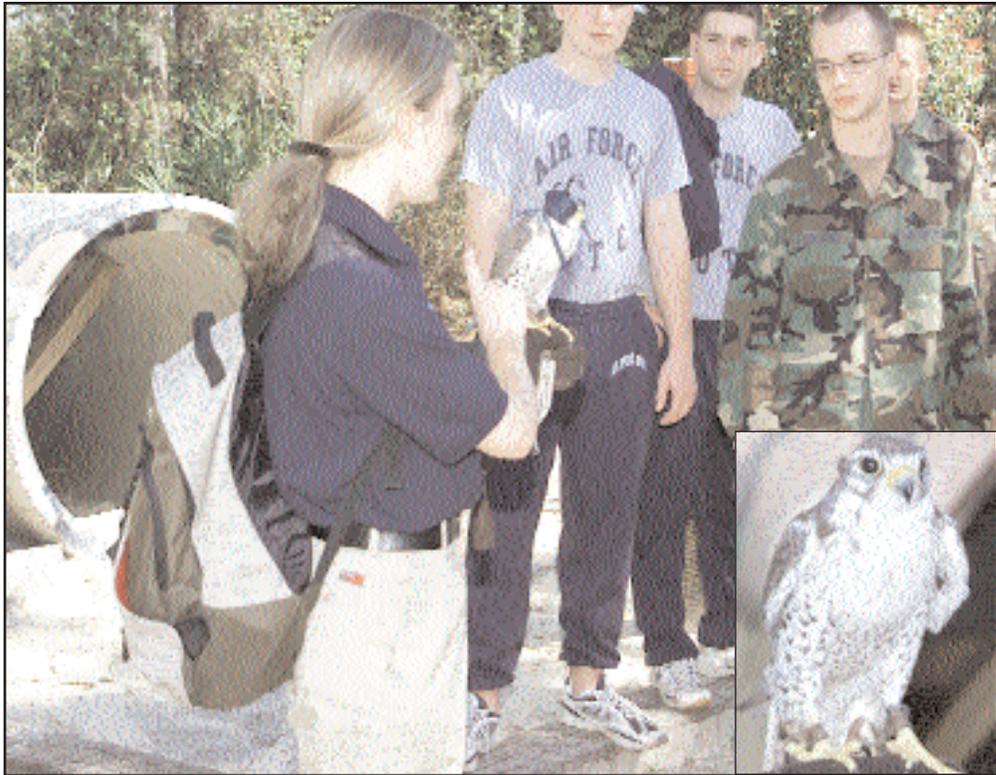


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

## Academy mascot

Air Force Academy Cadet Falconer Krysta Peltzer, speaks to a group of Ohio State Reserve Officer Training Corps students during their tour of Hurlburt Field March 24. Cadet 3rd Class Peltzer travels with the Prairie falcon named Echo, to schools, youth groups and air shows talking about the history of the falconry program and the Air Force Academy. The flying mascots like Echo (inset) can reach speeds exceeding 200 miles per hour during dives upon their prey. There are 11 falcons at the Academy.

## Spotlight on ...

### Shawn Doane

**Rank/Duty Title:** Technical Sergeant/Executive Assistant to the Air Force Special Operations Command Chief Master Sergeant

**Organization:** AFSOC

**Hometown:** Lake Mary, Fla.

**Hobbies:** Sports and fitness

**Contribution to the mission:**

Sergeant Doane is responsible for all facets of information management for the Command Chief Master Sergeant.

He plans, schedules and coordinates all of the chief's activities and visits.

Sergeant Doane interfaces with headquarters staff and senior leadership daily including the AFSOC commander and vice commander.

He coordinates enlisted matters with the office of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and all AFSOC command chiefs.

Sergeant Doane was recently selected as the Hurlburt Chief's Group Sharp Award winner.

*(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)*

## AOC,

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"The AFC2TIG's unique blend of testing, experimenting, exercising and systems expertise coupled with the vast operational-level experience possessed by our military and contract subject matter experts makes us well-suited for the task of developing a baseline weapon system for advancing the operational conduct of air campaigns," said Col. Kevin Dunleavy, AFC2TIG Commander.

The 505th Operations Squadron and the Command and Control Warrior School are leading the efforts of the AFC2TIG.

The work of the 505th OS centers on two programs. One program's objective is to develop a volume of Air Force Instructions, operational and tactical techniques and procedures, doctrine documents and a manual for operations within the AOC. The other is called the Operational Command Training Program, which focuses on training C2 operators in exercises like Blue Flag, Ulchi Focus Lens and others around the world.

"With these efforts C2 warriors will have a commonality that allows a newly trained augmentee or an experienced AOC team member to step into any AOC across the DoD and immediately understand the processes and systems in place," said Lt. Col. Patrick Raglow, 505th OS commander. "Eliminating that 'spin-up' time means more effort being focused on the fight."

Paired with the efforts of the 505th OS is the development of an AOC Formal Training Unit being directed by the C2 Warrior School. Similar to other FTUs, the program will provide initial training to AOC crewmembers and declare them "Basic Mission Capable" for their respective positions.

"The FTU will ensure that prior to being assigned as a crewmember in an AOC, each person will have baseline training on the systems and processes in place," said Lt. Col. Michael Rollison, C2WS commandant. "By making sure people are 'Basic Mission Capable' before being assigned to an AOC, the centers can remain focused on their operational objectives and leave the majority of the training to us."

Achieving standardization in training, systems and processes takes time, but in the end the results will be passed on to the warfighter.

"The bottom line is when all of this is achieved, and it will be sooner than later,



Photo by Royal Air Force Sgt. Gareth Davies

**SOUTHWEST ASIA – Controllers in the Combined Air Operations Center at a forward-deployed location monitor the status of ongoing Operation Southern Watch missions. Spanning nearly 30,000 square feet, the CAOC is the nerve center for all U.S. Central Command air operations. With crews operating around the clock, CAOC officials plan, control and track all coalition missions throughout the region. They also direct time-sensitive targeting, battlefield coordination, theater missile defense, joint search and rescue, special operations support and other mission critical operations. (AFPN)**

is our customers are going to benefit greatly from the enhancements," said Colonel Dunleavy. "The AOC's customers are the men and women fighting the battles and we owe it to them to be as prepared as possible at the operational level."

# AIR FORCE NEWS



Photo by Army Pvt. Terri Rorke

## Airmen honored

**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM** — Army Chaplain (Col.) Richard Rogers performs last rites March 25 for six airmen killed when their HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter crashed near Ghazni, Afghanistan March 23. The helicopter crew was on its way to pick up two Afghan children for treatment in U.S. medical facilities at Bagram Air Base. The remains were being flown to Dover Air Force Base, Del. The airmen's names are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## Department of Defense plans to 'rebalance' missions

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** — The events of Sept. 11, 2001, did more than change how Americans view the world; the terrorist attacks altered how the U.S. military protects the country.

As of March 5, more than 176,500 members of the Reserve components have been mobilized to support the war on terrorism at home and abroad, according to Department of Defense officials.

This buildup of forces is placing a strain not only on Reservists, families and employers, but also on the country's ability to maintain so many people on active-duty for extended periods.

To help ease the burden, DOD is laying the foundation to "rebalance" the workload shared between the Reserve

and active-duty components.

Rebalancing is at the forefront because DoD cut the active force 34 percent and the reserve components 25 percent after the Gulf War, according to Thomas Hall, assistant defense secretary for reserve affairs.

"We structured the forces to face what we thought the world would look like," Mr. Hall said. "Then suddenly, 9/11 (happened), the enemy was at the doorstep, and the world was never going to be (the same)."

One mission likely to come under scrutiny is security forces in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command. After Sept. 11, most activated Reservists were allowed to get off active-

duty after serving one year.

However, thousands of Guard and Reserve security forces were extended into a second year, and some of them are just now being relieved from active duty as 9,000 Army National Guard soldiers begin providing security at Air Force installations.

Mr. Hall is aware of the strain repeated call-ups place on Reservists. He also knows many critical specialties are concentrated in the Reserve components, which cause the same units to be called up repeatedly, he said.

"We can't have a situation where we call you, as a Guardsman or Reservist, every year for three or four years," Mr. Hall said. "You won't stay in the Guard

and Reserve, and employers might worry about employing you."

Officials in the directorate of plans and programs at the command's headquarters at Robins Air Force Base say they haven't received any instructions from the Air Force or DOD to review current programs.

"Force rebalancing, like all other DOD proposals, will be dependent upon budget submissions, legislative changes and policy adoption," said Lt. Col. Bob Stone, assistant for public services in the office of the assistant secretary of defense. "Think of it as a process and that the concept is now moving toward budget and legislative initiatives." (AFPN)

## Look who's talking: If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?

*"I would pick the power to absorb the knowledge in any book I touched, so I could be the smartest person in the world."*

*"I would want to be a superwoman with the ability to fly, so I can lift my man up high."*

*"I would pick the power of mind control, so I could have anything I wanted."*

# 'Operation Ziplock' donation list

People making donations are asked to purchase mini or travel sizes when applicable.

Donations must be non-perishable and be placed in gallon-sized bags, marked 'male' or

'female,' as appropriate, and include a note thanking the recipient for their service.

Bags may be dropped off at the BX drop-box, or at other drop-site locations throughout the

county. For drop-site locations, call Katherine Paris at (850) 581-6399.

The following is a recommended list of items that may be included in donation bags:

Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Mouthwash  
Toothpicks  
Dental Floss  
Lip Balm  
Talc  
Anti-fungal Powder  
Travel-size Kleenex  
Disposable Razors  
Shaving Cream  
Tampons/Sanitary  
Napkins/Pantyliners  
Hand Lotion

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Q-Tips  
Wet Wipes  
Visine Eye Drops  
Shoe Polish (Black)  
Elastic Bands for hair (Female)  
Emery Boards  
Nail Clippers  
Cereal/Granola Bars  
Individual-size Cereals  
Powdered Drink Packets  
Coffee/Tea Bags

Microwave Popcorn  
Vienna Sausage  
Beef Jerky  
Raisins  
Nuts  
Gum  
Candy  
Prepackaged Cookies  
Sewing Kits  
Paperback Books  
Stationary/Envelopes  
Pencils/Pens  
Book Marks  
Puzzle Books

(Crosswords/Word Search)CDs  
Batteries (AA/AAA)  
Cassette Tapes  
Videotapes  
Playing Cards  
Prepaid Phone Cards (for International calling)  
Clothespins/Clothesline  
Individual Laundry Powder  
Packets  
Toilet Paper  
Flavored drink packets like Kool Aid and Tang

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## Women's History Month

Dr. Condoleezza Rice became the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, commonly known as the National Security Advisor Jan. 22, 2001. Dr. Rice is the first female national security advisor.

Dr. Rice was born Nov. 14, 1954 in Birmingham, Ala. She earned her Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver in 1974; a Master's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1975; and a Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981.

From 1989 through March 1991, Dr. Rice served in President George Bush's administration as director, and then Senior Director of Soviet and East European Affairs in the National Security Council. She also filled the position of Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. In 1986, Dr. Rice served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and in 1997 served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender.

Dr. Rice has received numerous awards and honorary doctorates. She's single and lives in Washington D.C.



**Doctor  
Condoleezza Rice**

## Stop Loss information

**For more details about Stop Loss or to see the official Air Force message:**

Visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/sto-ploss03](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/sto-ploss03)  
or call Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe at 884-5370

# LIFESTYLE

## Military

### Change of command

All base personnel are invited to attend a change of command ceremony for the 14th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School scheduled for April 8 at 9 a.m. in the Freedom Hangar, where Lt. Col. J. Marcus Hicks will assume command from Lt. Col. Christopher Connelly. For more information, call 1st Lt. Magdalena Sunderhaus at 881-3170 or Maj. Mark Daley at 881-1235.

### NCOA meeting

The Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter holds its monthly meeting Saturday at 6 p.m. in the J.R. Rocker's Daytona Room. This month's topics of discussion will be upcoming base/community events and the membership drive. 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 encouraged to attend the next Hurlburt Top 3 meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Hooch. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Ceurvels at 884-8443 or Master Sgt. Bill Anders at 881-5349.

### Air Force Reserve

The Reserve is a natural extension of active-duty Air Force service. For a commitment of one weekend a month and two weeks a year, a service member will continue to accrue retirement and other benefits, keep current rank status, and cross-train if possible. For more information about the Reserve, call Master Sgt. John Tillie at 884-2656.

### New York Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, Scotia N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A1X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2E6X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T251, 2W0X1, 3E0X1, 3E1X1, 3E2X1, 3E4X1, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4E0X1, 4N0X1, 4T0X1 and 4Y0X1. Also, full-time active-duty positions in 2A6X6. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson at 344-2456 or e-mail Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil; also call 1-800-524-5070.

## Community

### Family Fest volunteers

Family Fest, an annual base-wide children's event, will be celebrated Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Community Park. The event is held to celebrate Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month, as well as the opening of the youth baseball season. Many activities will be held for the entire family. More than 150 volunteers are needed to

support this project. All individuals who wish to assist with this program should call Shannon Skoula-Clark at 884-1533.

### Single parents luncheon

All Hurlburt Field single parents are invited to attend the monthly Single Parent Lunchtime Get Together every fourth Tuesday of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the family support center. The meeting is an opportunity to learn about resources on base and discuss single parent living, while enjoying a free lunch. For more information, call 884-6800.

### HOSC luncheon

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club will hold its monthly luncheon April 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Soundside Club. Menu choices include: baked flounder, roasted red potatoes and green beans for \$10 or a hearty spinach salad with bacon and mushroom dressing for \$7.55. Nonmembers will need to add an additional \$2 to the cost of the meal. During the luncheon, scholarships will be awarded to various military spouses pursuing college degrees as well as several graduating high school seniors. Childcare is available at the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$3 per hour, per child or \$5 per hour for two or more children. Childcare reservations need to be made by Tuesday, and luncheon reservations by Thursday. For more information or to make reservations, call Marsha Babe at 678-4473 or e-mail HOSCreservations@COX.net.

### Road construction

Construction began Monday to widen Independence Road from Terry Avenue to Tully Street and is scheduled to last approximately one month. The speed limit in the construction zone has been reduced to 15 miles per hour. Entering the shoppette has been restricted to the Terry Avenue entrance, but the parking lot has been restriped to allow for two-way traffic. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Corey Enderby at 884-7593.

### RV re-certification

The Hurlburt Field Housing Office will be re-certifying the recreational vehicles stored in the Housing RV lots during April. Anyone who has a RV in the lots will be required to stop by the housing office to re-certify the vehicle and update information on their card. For more information about re-certification or storing RVs in the lots, visit the housing office Mondays through Fridays from 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 884-7505.

### Relay for Life schedule

The next Relay for Life volunteer-driven team event to help support the fight against cancer, will be held April 4-5 in Niceville. For more information about event sponsorship, special cancer survivor involvement or event activities, call 244-3813.

### NCMS seminar

The 11th Annual Emerald Coast National Classification Management Society seminar will be held April 7-8 at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, Fort Walton Beach. The seminar will have several guest speakers, who will discuss the current security issues in the world today. The cost is \$65, which will help pay for the continental breakfast and lunch on April 8. For more information and registration, call Gina Elicio at 729-7435 ext. 201 or Michelle Steele at 729-7435 ext. 206.

### 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.

*Qur'ian:* Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies

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

### Hurlburt Field 884-7648

**Friday** (PG-13) *The Recruit*, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell. Set at the secret CIA training facility, the Farm at Camp Peary in Virginia, a young agent trainee suspects his instructor of being a double agent for the Chinese government.

**Saturday** (R) *About Schmidt*, starring Jack Nicholson and Hope Davis. Warren has arrived at several of life's crossroads all at the same time. He's retiring, his only daughter is about to marry, and his wife dies suddenly after 42 years of marriage. He's desperate to find something meaningful in his thoroughly unimpressive life.

**Sunday** (PG-13) *Shanghai Knights*, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson. Chon Wang and Roy O'Bannon head to London, England, after a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father. Chon's sister, Lin, also arrives and uncovers a plot to murder the royal family.

### Eglin 882-1066

**Friday and Sunday** (PG-13) *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, starring Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey. Andie is on a mission to find a guy, get him to fall in love with her, then make all the classic dating mistakes so he'll dump her within 10 days. Too bad her target is Benjamin, who has just made a high-stakes bet with his boss that he can make a woman fall in love with him in 10 days.

**Saturday** (R) *Dark Blue*, starring Kurt Russell and Scott Speedman. Feared on the streets of Los Angeles, veteran officer Perry and rookie officer Keough of the elite Special Investigations Squad investigate a high-profile homicide. Officer Perry is feared on the streets, and Officer Keough soon learns that police officers aren't above the law, but sometimes operate outside of it.

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

## Community

### APA Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; The APA Club and the Military Equal Opportunity office are seeking military and civilian volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting programs for the observance period. The committee meets Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the MEO classroom in Building 90210, Room 244. For more information about APA Heritage Month, e-mail Chief Master Sgt. Ramon Rogado, at [ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil) or call Staff Sgt. Bill White, MEO, at 884-5879.

### Shipment requirements

Upon the receipt of orders or 30 days before making a permanent change of station move, military members and those retiring or separating should make plans to ship personal property with the traffic management office Mondays through Fridays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. When visiting the office, bring a copy of the orders, dates for moving, amendments for each shipment planned and an estimated weight for the shipment. For more information, call 884-6051.

### Chiefs' OWCC scholarships

Today is the deadline for the Hurlburt Field Association of Chief Master Sergeants scholarship, which provides tuition for up to two academic years of full-time study at Okaloosa-Walton Community College. The scholarship is available to Okaloosa County, Fort Walton Beach or Santa Rosa County high school graduates. Interested applicants should complete the general scholarship application form in the OWCC scholarship booklet that is available at all six OWCC locations or visit [www.owcc.edu/financialaid](http://www.owcc.edu/financialaid). For more information, call Kathy Martin, OWCC Financial Aid

Office (Building C) on the Niceville campus, at 729-5370 or the OWCC Foundation office at 729-5357.

### Free car show

The 16th Maintenance Group Committee Bash for 2003 is sponsoring a free car show for military personnel and their families April 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Freedom Hangar. The participation fee is \$10, which helps cover the costs of the 16th MXG bash. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. on the day of the show, and there are several categories and contests for the event. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Aaron Frazier at 882-5327 or e-mail [aaron.frazier@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:aaron.frazier@hurlburt.af.mil), or Master Sgt. Jan Koga at 881-2628 or e-mail [jan.koga@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:jan.koga@hurlburt.af.mil).

### Sale and bazaar

A Trinkets and Treasures Sale and Craft Bazaar are scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon April 5, at the Bob Hope Village Community Center, located at 30 Holly Ave., Shalimar. Jewelry, crafts, glassware and other small items will be for sale. Vendors may rent tables for \$20 each. For more information, call Becky Brice-Nash at 651-2797.

### MPF limitations

The Military Personnel Flight office will be minimally manned April 9-25 due to remodeling. There will be a representative from each section located in customer service to assist by appointment only. During this time, people are encouraged to utilize orderly rooms or the Virtual Military Personnel Flight as much as possible. For more information, call Senior Airman Teresa Mahony at 579-5402.

### Appreciation ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Volunteer Advisory Council hosts the annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Soundside Club. The event will recognize over 600 volunteers support-

ing 12 base organizations as well as announce the winners of the Angel and Volunteer Excellence Awards. For more information, call 884-1533.

### Grease musical at Oz Theatre

The Oz Theatre at Bruner Middle School presents the musical hit Grease today at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m., and April 4 to 6. Tickets are \$7 and are available online at the Oz Theatre Box Office, or by calling 654-1282. Bruner Middle School is located at 322 Northwest Holmes Blvd., Fort Walton Beach.

### 'Hoops for Hope'

The Okaloosa County and Fort Walton Beach law enforcement officers will square off in the Hoops for Hope basketball game Saturday at 3 p.m. in the gym of the Okaloosa-Walton Community College campus in Niceville. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to support Shelter House Inc., which is a domestic violence shelter and outreach service provider. For more information, call Donna Weidenburner, Shelter House Board member, at 897-6855.

## Classes

### FSC Classes:

**TAP** – Tuesday, 7:20 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

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

**Employment Orientation** – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

### HAWC Classes:

**Diabetic Nutrition** – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

**Eat Heart Healthy** – Wednesday, 3 p.m.

**Fitness for Weight Management** – Thursday, 8 a.m.

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## FEATURE

# 'Air Force Spouse – Heart of the Team'

Story and photos by  
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Public Affairs

Several new Air Force spouses gathered at the Hurlburt Field Family Support Center recently to participate in a program designed to help them feel more comfortable with the military way of life as well as explain the importance of the spousal role in accomplishing the Air Force mission.

The Heart Link program increases spouse awareness about Air Force protocol, traditions, customs, readiness and available base resources by allowing an opportunity for them to meet with base organizations as well as providing them with an information notebook packed with a list of Air Force acronyms, familiar military documents, a readiness booklet, a military protocol handbook and base organization phone numbers.

"It's important to educate new spouses about Air Force readiness," said Debby Lundblad, Hurlburt Field Family Support Center Heart Link program leader. "After all, they're the heart of the Air Force."

In other words, the program focuses on the spouse's central role in the mental, physical and emotional health of the service member, according to Ms. Lundblad. Most often, the spouse is the

link to the family, and the key to personal preparedness and mission effectiveness of the service member.

In order to sufficiently prepare for

"When your spouse raised his right hand and took the oath, you should've done the same because that's what you're doing, and we appreciate it," she

Following their guided tour of the HAWC, the women returned to the FSC for a discussion session with Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, who addressed the group.

"Air Force spouses play a crucial role in ensuring success of the mission," he said. "You're the strength behind our airmen, keeping things together at home during deployments and allowing our men and women to remain focused. We realize this, and value your contribution and support."

The colonel also reinforced the Heart Link objective by stressing the importance of taking care of military spouses.

"By ensuring their loved ones are taken care of while the deployed member is away, the Air Force can keep service members focused on the work-at-hand," he said.

The program's final event was a graduation ceremony, where the spouses were presented with a certificate from Ms. Lundblad and a Heart Link coin from Col. Killgore.

They were also given a puzzle piece that fit into a larger, re-created version of the Heart Link coin, which symbolizes the spouses becoming part of the Air Force family.

For more information about the Heart Link program, call the family support center at 884-5441.

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Col. Raymond Killgore,  
16th Special Operations Wing vice commander

their role in the Air Force mission, the spouses chose to participate in the program, which was divided up into two days of activities and briefings.

On the first day, they were introduced to finance services, Air Force Aid, Tricare and family advocacy. They also received a bussed tour of the base and the surrounding community.

The second day was focused primarily on Air Force protocol and readiness with a visit from Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, flight chief for the Airman Leadership School, who was invited to further explain the importance of the spousal role in the Special Operations mission.

said. "Without you, your comfort and support, (your spouses) wouldn't feel like they belong because you are a part of what they protect and serve."

Following briefings concerning legal issues, deployment readiness and entitlements, the spouses were treated to lunch at the Health and Wellness Center, prepared by Sandra Demezzo, the center's nutritionist, who also introduced meal ideas that would help keep their spouses within Air Force physical standards.

Ms. Demezzo also supplied the spouses with a list of the easy-to-prepare dishes and healthy alternatives for soda and sugar additives.



Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander (left), places a piece into the Heart Link coin puzzle, symbolizing his role in the Air Force mission. Colonel Killgore and the Heart Link spouses (above) show the completed puzzle after they had placed all the pieces in the puzzle during the graduation ceremony. Sandra Demezzo, Health and Wellness Center nutritionist (right), explains to the Heart Link spouses how to cook healthy, delicious meals in a short amount of time.



## SPORTS

# Street hockey popularity on the rise at Hurlburt

By Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor  
Public Affairs

Every Sunday and Wednesday at 6 p.m., Hurlburt Field's resident 'hockey heads' gather at the roller rink across from the teen center to engage in their sport of choice.

Wearing skates and wielding sticks, street hockey fans play "pick-up" games, and are often joined by players from Eglin Air Force Base.

"We have people from high school all the way up," said Jay Santos, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who plays goalie. Experience isn't a factor. People just need to bring their safety gear and show up. "People of any skill level can play," he said.

The rink was created from an unused tennis court, to provide a place to play hockey other than parking lots, said John "Coach" Hauser, who runs the hockey program.

There are requests for a youth hockey league, but the rink is too small to support organized play, he said.

"If organized, we could add another night for youth and adult competitive play easily," said Coach Hauser. "The current rink has some safety considerations with youth league play because of limited space, which also makes organized game play impossible."

Fortunately, a package has been created proposing a new full-sized roller rink, to be raised at the new Community Park, he said.

"A new regulation-size facility with complete dasher boards would make it possible to create a youth league, as well as competitive intramural adult play," said Coach Hauser.

There are already hockey leagues established in Gulf Breeze and Pensacola, he said.

"The safety factor alone is worth a new rink," said Jason "JD" Davis, 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

"With increased skating surface and molded plastic boarding, a new rink of this caliber would be much more hock-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

**John "Coach" Hauser, who runs the Hurlburt Field hockey program, defends his goal Sunday at a roller hockey game here.**

ey-friendly, increasing overall safety for the players – especially the little players. It would also make Hurlburt Field the hub for in-line hockey."

A skating rink is a place for more than roller hockey, he said.

"I use the existing facility four or five times a week," said JD, an avid hockey player. "I take my whole family out there. My three-year-old loves it, and it's safe from cars. A bigger rink would just increase this luxury."

Del Mucci, director of Hurlburt Field youth programs, said there is great potential for a youth roller hockey program, should a new rink be constructed.

"We're looking to expand on our present youth programs," said Mucci. "Roller hockey has gotten more and more involvement in the South, and we'd like to explore this. I love the idea (of getting a full-sized rink). There's a challenge to finding that much free space, but the community park sounds perfect, to go along with the skate park we already have there."

The original plan was to enlarge the original rink to regulation-size by expanding into the adjacent tennis court, said Ed Vieth, Hurlburt Field fitness center director. But long-term proposals for expansion of the Joint Special

Operations University would take over the tennis courts and rink, and the expansion plans were halted.

In the meantime, hockey players will lace up their skates to play on the existing court.

"While we are trying to make tentative plans to create a hockey skating rink in the community park, the funding issue is still up in the air," said Mr. Vieth. "There's no definitive time frame."

A three-on-three hockey tournament is scheduled during Super Day, May 2. For more information on street hockey or the tournament, call Coach Hauser at 884-0440, or Jason Davis at 884-7319.

## Sports briefs

### Sports day

Sports Day is scheduled for May 2. Squadrons that would like to participate should contact their sports representatives about forming teams.

### SCUBA lessons

The Hurlburt Field Dive Club is offering basic open water SCUBA certi-

fication classes beginning Sunday at the HDC, Building 90920. Costs include: \$105 for the course, \$55 for books and certification fees, and approximately \$45 for boat dive certification. Students must supply their own mask, fins, snorkel and booties, and the HDC will provide the rest. People can sign up at the HDC Fridays between 5 and 6:30

p.m. or attend a general membership meeting Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 884-7930.

### Softball players wanted

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

## Soccer match

The Hurlburt Field varsity soccer team squares off against the University of West Florida varsity team April 4, 3:30 p.m. at Etheridge Stadium, Choctawhatchee High School, on Racetrack Road. A rally to support deployed troops will begin at 3 p.m. For more information, call Joseph Caruth at 863-0725.