

New back gate to open after lengthy construction

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Base civil engineers and contractors are currently wrapping up construction operations associated with the upgrade of Independence Avenue and the new entry control gatehouse.

After months of construction, the new entry control gate is scheduled to open May 30. Once the new gate opens, the current entry control gate will close.

The project's purpose is to widen and improve the road surface and realign it with the new entry access road that intersects with Martin Luther King Boulevard.

"There are actually two projects going on at once," said John Krishack, Air Force Special Operations Command chief of engineers. "One is the construction being done to create a new access road off Martin Luther King Boulevard and the other is the new gate house along with the widening of Independence Avenue and the moving of Cody Avenue over about 80 feet."

The projects, which will improve force protection and traffic flow, cost more than \$5 million.

The projects include both on and off base construction. A contractor hired by Okaloosa County is doing the off-base construction and Air Force contractors are doing the on-base construction. Both projects started in February 2002 and construction is scheduled to be completely done by July.

Freedom Way, which is the new access road leading to the new back gate



Freedom Way, the new Hurlburt Field back gate access road which connects Martin Luther King Boulevard to Independence Avenue, is scheduled to open May 30.

Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

is located off MLK Boulevard and has a signal light at the intersection.

"The signal light will be turned on approximately two weeks before the actual gate is open and the road can be used so people will get use to a light being there," Mr. Krishack said. "Also, electronic signs will be placed on MLK Boulevard to inform people of the new access road leading to Hurlburt Field."

Although the gate will be open it doesn't mean construction is complete.

"Contractors will still be working on the landscaping and fencing," said 1st Lt. Teresa Lord, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron project officer. "There will be a slight detour until they complete the outbound lanes where the current guard shack is now."

The realignment and new road con-

nection will improve traffic flow on and off base by reducing the impact to the residential area off base.

The road expansion and realignment will help clear traffic problems specifically on MLK Boulevard, explained Lieutenant Lord.

Until all construction is done, visitors are still required to go to the main gate for a pass to the base.

Hurlburt Field picks up Installation Excellence Award

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

More than 20 representatives left Hurlburt Field May 1, for the Pentagon to accept the Commander-in-Chief's 2003 Installation Excellence award.

The trip came just weeks after base officials learned that Hurlburt Field was named the "best of the best."

The Department of Defense-level award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the people who operate and maintain DoD installations, and who've done the

best with their resources to support the mission. The award also recognizes commanders who create an environment that promotes innovative and creative ways of enhancing base-level services, facilities and quality of life.

Col. Mike McKenna, 16th Mission

Support Group vice commander, Col. Kevin Pollard, 16th Medical Group commander, John Thomas, Mayor of Mary Esther, along with a select group of base members, all attended two separate

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VIEWPOINTS

Open Line

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Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

AF challenges bring high personal goals

by Master Sgt. Marty Anderson
14th Medical Group

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Throughout my Air Force career, I was fortunate to have excellent supervisors, first sergeants and chiefs who would sit me down and explain the Air Force's expectations.

Those expectations have helped me meet both my professional and personal goals, and have taught me how my own actions can have a positive or negative impact while serving my country in the Air Force. I would like to share with you those words of wisdom that have helped me become successful as a senior non-commissioned officer and first sergeant.

I was a two-striper right out of technical training school when my very first lesson came from a chief. He told me I was going to be part of the unit's Christmas party committee.

At the first meeting, the squadron commander asked me what I thought. I told him I heard last year's Christmas party "wasn't that good," and made a suggestion. For some reason the commander wasn't happy with what I said.

I told my chief what had happened and said I may have upset the commander. I explained what I said while reminiscing about how I have enjoyed my one-year in the Air Force. He told me not to worry about it. He said if someone asks you question and he or she doesn't want to know the answer, that person never should have asked the question to

begin with. What he told me was that sometimes people need to hear the truth whether they like it or not. He took "integrity" to another level.

People need to know the truth. This may mean telling supervisors when things are going well or not. It may also mean telling troops they're either outstanding or need some improvement. If you are trying to help a troop who needs improvement, be honest, sincere, have a mindset you are trying to help him or her improve and you will increase your chances of a positive outcome.

A staff sergeant, who's now a senior master sergeant, taught me that what comes around goes around. If you work hard and take pride in what you do, in the end you'll be rewarded (personally and professionally). It may not be right away, but it will happen, particularly when you least expect it.

The point he made to me was to do things because you know what needs to be done. It's your job and will show you care. Then at some point in time, someone will surely recognize your efforts. He also said never be the person who says, "What's in it for me?" I guess he understood the concept of "service before self" before it was named one of the Air Force's core values.

NCOs have a responsibility for getting involved when their troops have personal or professional problems.

This is not a choice but an obligation. A chief master sergeant (and first shirt) told me when I got promoted to staff ser-

geant that NCOs should ensure their people are trained and have the information needed to make the right decision in a variety of situations. This is accomplished because NCOs take the time to speak with their troops regarding standards, conduct, problems and most importantly individual responsibilities. The information he shared with me during that very short one-sided conversation taught me that I represent more than just myself. His last statement to me meant that by not fulfilling my NCO responsibilities I could erode the time-honored respect and courtesies that so many others before me have worked hard to earn.

If I did anything to jeopardize the trust placed in me or failed to meet my obligations as an NCO, he would have personally ensured I was no longer a NCO in the U.S. Air Force.

I truly believe sitting down with someone and sincerely discussing expectations, problems, and/or future goals, organizational and personal, has a positive impact on that person's life. This is your responsibility at every level. When providing feedback to your troops, don't view it as a task but as an opportunity to help your people improve and make the Air Force a better place for us all.

I have one final thought. Never think of yourself as just an airman basic, staff sergeant or master sergeant. Think of yourself as a professional airman, NCO, senior NCO, serving your country in the Air Force. Your experiences will be so much more rewarding. (AFPN)



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Choosing a secure password

When asked to choose a password, people need to choose a secure one. Here are a few basic rules to create safe passwords.

- Don't be stupid. This might sound insulting, but it isn't. For example, don't use the word "password" as a password.
- Never leave passwords blank or make the password the same as user names (where applicable). Countless computers have been cracked because people used these terrible excuses for passwords.

- Avoid the obvious. Don't use simple stuff like birthdays, pets' names, names of favorite bands or characters, phone numbers, social security numbers, simple patterns like 12345, AAAAAA, etc. The easier it is to remember, the easier it will be to for somebody else to guess.
- Don't use the dictionary. Scripts to crack passwords try the obvious and easy stuff first, including words that can be found in a dictionary. Be more creative than that.
- Mix and match. Choose a password

that contains upper and lower case letters, numbers, and other characters.

- Change default passwords immediately. If being assigned a password, people should immediately change it to a new password if possible. Never continue to use the default password.



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NEWS

Chapel hosts National Prayer Day

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Approximately 200 military members, retirees, civilians and dependents gathered at the Soundside Club May 1 for the Commander's Prayer Breakfast to honor America's National Prayer Day.

The ceremony began with the posting of the Colors by the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard, followed by the singing of the "National Anthem."

After an invocation by base Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Simpson, everyone was invited to partake in a breakfast buffet.

After several minutes of eating and fellowship, 16th Special Operations Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Darrell Bruning led the group in a responsive prayer for the country.

Concluding the prayer, Chaplain Bruning introduced guest speaker Col. Brian Van Sickle, command chaplain for the U.S. Operations Command.

Chaplain Van Sickle began his sermon with a few words of thanks for the military members who were present as well as those abroad.

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you for who you are, and all that you do for this country," he said. "Air Force Special Operations Command warriors, thank you for putting yourselves in harm's way."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlotta Holley

Pianist Connie Smith plays the national anthem while Ann Shepard sings during National Prayer Day at the Hurlburt Field Chapel.

Chaplain Van Sickle preached his sermon from the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament of the Bible.

"If God settles the disputes between the nations, then there will be no more deployments, temporary duty station assignments or permanent change(s) of station," Chaplain Van Sickle said.

Continuing from the book of Isaiah, Chaplain Van Sickle used the account of the prophet to bring the message closer to home for the military members.

"Just as Isaiah said, 'Send me, Lord,' you demonstrate that willingness when you put 'Service before Self,'" the chaplain said.

Chaplain Van Sickle went further to say that a humble heart and a willingness

to put God first will allow one to see the promises of God revealed.

"We're in a nation with a giant hole in our 'hope soul' that only God can fill," he said. "If we seek him humbly in faith and prayer, He'll bring our country out of the darkness and into the light."

To conclude his sermon, Chaplain Van Sickle reminded all those in attendance the reason why they came.

"Though we're all from different faiths, we've gathered together because we believe in the power of prayer, which produces hope," the chaplain said. "Humble yourselves before God, pray and claim His promises in your life."

Following the chaplain's message Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th SOW vice commander, gave a few words of thanks to all of the base chaplains, including Chaplain Van Sickle.

"It's rare opportunity when our chaplains and chapel staff can come together," the colonel said. "As one who's been deployed, I know what an integral part of the mission they are. They reach out and touch our lives in a special way, as they give us strength on the road. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them."

After Colonel Killgore said a few words of appreciation to Chaplain Van Sickle and presented him with a coin box on behalf of the wing, the ceremony was closed with the singing of "America."

'Outstanding' AFSOC manager receives Air Force honors

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

The officials of the 2002 U.S. Air Force Fuels and Supply Awards recently named a Hurlburt Field civilian employee the Staff Junior Supply Manager of the Year.

"I'm not one for a lot of fanfare," said award winner, Julius Branch, Air Force Special Operations Command MH-53J/M weapon systems manager, "but it felt good to know that someone thinks I'm good at what I do. I'm grateful for that."

The Staff Junior Supply Manager of the Year award is given to the outstanding major command staff member, who has consistently demonstrated eagerness and professionalism, to go above and beyond to get the job done for the war fighter.

"By giving 110 percent daily and coordinating with other MAJCOMS,"

Mr. Branch said, "I ensure my weapon system is at its highest possible mission capable rate."

As the MH-53J/M weapon systems manager, Mr. Branch is responsible for managing \$180 million worth of mobility readiness spare part packages for the MH-53J/M Pave Low helicopter.

Furthermore, Mr. Branch analyzes various reports/listings to identify potential problem items. If there's a potential problem item, he coordinates with the depots and contractors to prevent an actual problem, which could snowball into something tremendous.

"If an item becomes a problem," Mr. Branch said, "I work with the item manager to resolve the issue, then get the new part to the war fighter as quickly as possible."

Mr. Branch credits his wife and co-workers as his driving forces. "We have some of the hardest working airmen and civilians in the Air Force on the AFSOC



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

Julius Branch, Air Force Special Operations Command, was named the Air Force Staff Junior Supply Manager of the Year.

staff, and I'm proud to be a member of such a team."

The time and location of the ceremony, for the presentation of Mr. Branch's award, are still to be determined.

Spotlight on ...

David Perruchon

Rank/Duty Title: Technical sergeant/NCO in-charge, weapons and explosives safety
Organization: 16th Special Operations Wing

Hometown: Lewistown, Penn.

Hobbies: Sports, muscle cars

Contribution to the mission:

Sergeant Perruchon develops, implements and manages the base-level weapons safety program for the 16th SOW.

He conducts safety inspections, safety-related training and provides safety advisory services to 26 squadron-level commanders and eight tenant organizations on Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base.

He's an Air Force Special Operations Command Safety Award recipient, and was named the primary-duty weapons safety NCO of the year for 2002.

A Hurlburt Field Exercise Evaluation Team member, his inputs are essential for identifying improvement areas during emergency situations.

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

AIR FORCE NEWS

Pin honors parents, bolsters support

WASHINGTON – A new program will help airmen honor those who are often their biggest supporters – their parents.

All uniformed airmen can now sign their parents up to receive a new lapel pin. The pins are about three-fourths inch square and feature a silver letter “P” cradled within the Air Force symbol.

A personalized letter to the parents from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of

Staff Gen. John Jumper will accompany the pins.

“We couldn’t protect America’s freedom without the incredible people who are willing to carry on the Air Force tradition,” the letter reads.

“As the proud parents of one of those airmen, your support continues to be critical to our ongoing efforts and makes a real difference to our country,” the letter reads.

“This is a way to build and maintain public support for the global war on terrorism,” said Brig. Gen. Edward Tonini, director of Your Guardians of Freedom, the Pentagon office responsible for the parent pin effort.

“Demographically, the people most likely to wear the pin with the greatest amount of pride – to church, to rotary club meetings or to the grocery store – are our parents,” the general said.

“By wearing this pin, parents will let you know of the pride they have in you,” General Tonini said.

“When they wear that pin out, their friends will ask about it. Your parents will tell them about you and your service, and how proud they are of you,” General Tonini continued.

Those who would like their parents to receive a pin can sign up at the Your

“By wearing this pin, parents will let you know of the pride they have in you...”

– Brig. Gen. Edward Tonini,
director of Your Guardians of Freedom

Guardians of Freedom Web site, www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.

Signing up will require airmen to enter the names and addresses of up to two parents or parental figures, General Tonini said. The program is voluntary and comes at no cost to those participating.

The distribution of the parent pin and accompanying letters is the second major effort by the relatively new Your Guardians of Freedom office.

The first was the employer pin campaign, started in November 2002, in which pins featuring an “E” and personalized letters are sent to the civilian employers of Air National Guardsmen and Reservists.

Both pin programs are contemporary adaptations of public support campaigns carried out during World War II.

The Your Guardians of Freedom program is designed to continue those traditions, by ensuring the continued sup-

port of Air Force activities by those who don’t wear the blue uniform, but stand behind those who do, General Tonini said.

“Your Guardians of Freedom is an outreach program targeted at what we consider the core constituencies that the Air Force requires to do its work,” General Tonini said.

“If we’re going to keep people in the Air Force...we need programs targeted at their families...and their extended families. In the case of the Reserve and Guard, that also includes civilian employers,” he continued.

The employer pin program is ongoing, and Reservists and Guardsmen can still sign their employers up at the Your Guardians of Freedom Web site.

“In the Air Force, we tend to use the term ‘force multiplier,’” General Tonini said. “These programs aren’t force multipliers, but rather, support multipliers all around the country.” (AFP)



Courtesy image

The new Air Force pin to honor parents for supporting the mission.

Military Appreciation Month begins May 1

WASHINGTON – Organizers for National Military Appreciation Month are asking Americans to show their appreciation for the military by displaying the American flag and the Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action flag through Flag Day June 14.

In 1999, a resolution was passed in Congress proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month. The month remembers those who gave their lives in defense of the nation’s freedom and honors those Americans who have served their country. It

also honors men and women now serving in uniform on active duty, in the National Guard and Reserve as well as their families. More than 80 million Americans have served in uniform in more than 225 years of American history.

May includes: Loyalty Day, May 1; Victory in Europe Day, May 8; Military Spouse Day, May 9; Armed Forces Day, May 17; and Memorial Day, May 26.

“Whether we’re at war or peace, we must let our men and women know we appreciate all that

they do and have done for us,” said Alice Wax, the event’s executive director. “My late husband, a (World War II) veteran, was a strong supporter of the military, and I felt strongly about finding a way to honor our service members.”

Event organizers are asking all Americans to remember, honor and appreciate the military by displaying U.S. flags and yellow ribbons on cars, homes, businesses and in classrooms.

For more information, visit the NMAM Web site at www.nmam.org. (AFP)

Look who’s talking: Who was your childhood hero and why?

“Batman was my hero because he’s rich and has a nice car. Also, because he doesn’t have any super powers, but he can still fight crime.”

“My childhood hero was my dad because he always achieved his goals and encouraged me to do the same. That’s why I am here doing Tactical Air Control Party schooling.”

“Bam-Bam from the Flintstones was my hero as a child. At such a young age, he could lift a sofa made of rock, and I admired his strength.”

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ceremonies held at the Pentagon May 1 and 2.

"My intent for bringing the people that we did, is because I wanted to spotlight the people behind the scenes," Colonel McKenna said. "They're the ones who did all the work and made this award possible."

The Installation Excellence Selection Team was impressed not only with the base itself, but with the people they met on their tour of the base, Colonel McKenna said. Everyone from the airman driving the general around on the Surrey bus to the baggage handlers who off-loaded the team's luggage. They're the ones accompanying the commander to the Pentagon, he said.

Base representatives were presented with the Air Force level award during the May 1 ceremony and received the DoD level award May 2, Colonel McKenna said.

Along with being the 2003 Installation Excellence award winner, the base will receive \$500,000 on top of the \$500,000 received for being one of the three finalists competing for the award.



Photo by Larry McTighe

**Hurlburt Field
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President proclaims May as APA Heritage Month

By George W. Bush
President of the United States

America is strengthened by the rich cultural diversity of our people, and we are blessed to be a Nation that welcomes individuals of all races, religions, and cultural backgrounds.

The values and traditions of the Asian Pacific American community — love of family, entrepreneurship, excellence in education, and community service — have strengthened us as a Nation.

During Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, we celebrate the contributions of these talented and hard-working citizens and recognize their rich legacy of ingenuity, perseverance, and achievement.

Many Asian Pacific immigrants came to America to discover the promise of our Nation and to realize their dreams. Their contributions were critical in estab-

lishing a robust economy.

Asian Pacific Americans also worked tirelessly to build our national railroad infrastructure, paving the way for our western expansion and growth as a world leader.

Generations of Asian Pacific Americans have proudly served our Nation with honor and courage in wars and conflicts, including most recently in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Today, as in the past, their dedication and service to advancing peace in a troubled world upholds the values that make our country strong.

Asian Pacific Americans are also helping to shape America's future. As entrepreneurs, artists, educators, public servants, scientists, and explorers, they challenge the minds of our next generation, expand commerce and innovation, probe the frontiers of space, and search for cures for the world's diseases.

Our children are also inspired by the contributions

and sacrifices of dedicated individuals such as inventor An Wang, experimental physicist Chien-Shiung Wu, Challenger astronaut Ellison Onizuka, Columbia astronaut Kalpana Chawla, and sculptor Isamu Noguchi.

Since the earliest days of America, people from all cultures have traveled to our Nation seeking the promise of freedom, opportunity, and justice.

As an integral part of our society, Americans of Asian and Pacific heritage share in the pursuit of this American Dream.

I join with all Americans in celebrating this rich and diverse culture, and I encourage every citizen to recognize the role of Asian Pacific Americans in building and sustaining our Nation.

To honor the achievements of Asian Pacific Americans, the Congress by Public Law 102-450 as amended, has designated the month of May each year as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month."

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FEATURE

Navarre children say goodbye to Mr. Worries

Story by Airman 1st Class
Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Several kindergarten and first grade children at Navarre Primary School were entertained as well as informed as they watched a puppet show performance by the Hurlburt Field Family Support Center May 1.

Master Sgt. Karen Guilmette, voiced for worried Fred, Master Sgt. John Zimmerman, was the mean Mr. Worries, and FSC Director, Sue Breed was Fred's consoling neighbor, Bonnie.

Before beginning the puppet show, however, Debbie Lundblad explained the reason for their visit.

"We talk to moms, dads and kids when someone in their family is deployed," Ms. Lundblad said.

Ms. Lundblad went on to explain the meaning of deployment and the feelings and worries that they may feel. To assist the children in further understanding deployment, she brought out her friends – Fred, Bonnie and Mr. Worries.

Fred was a boy whose dad was about to deploy, so he was trying to deal with his worries and concerns, which were voiced by Mr. Worries.

Bonnie's dad would soon be returning from deployment, so she helped Fred understand his worries and gave him reasons as to why he shouldn't worry.

Through a conversation between Bonnie and Fred, and a few interruptions from Mr. Worries, the children were able to identify possible worries and ways to handle them.

One of Fred's worries was that his dad was leaving because he was getting in too much trouble around the house.

"Your dad is going because he has a job in the Air Force," Bonnie reassured Fred. "His job is to bring peace to the world, so he's not going because you did something wrong."

When Mr. Worries told Fred, "I'll bet your dad will forget your birthday," Bonnie jumped in quickly to reassure Fred that her dad remembered her birthday while he was deployed and sent her a beautiful card too.

A lot of times, children are also concerned about their parent's safety when

they're deployed. They develop thoughts and pictures in their minds that might make them think bad things could actually happen.

After Bonnie told Fred that his thoughts couldn't make bad things happen to his dad and that he was safe in his location, they began thinking of ways to distract themselves from feeling sad – like drawing, coloring, writing the deployed parent letters or even crying to release the stress.

Going hand in hand with a parent's safety is their health concern. Bonnie addressed Fred's fear by informing him about the field clinic with a doctor and nurse, who provide medicine and care for the sick airmen.

Closing the puppet show, Ms. Lundblad asked the children to name people they could express their concerns to. Then she asked them to name things they could do to occupy themselves if no one was around to listen.

After the interactive discussion with the children, Sergeant Zimmerman came from behind the curtain to tell the children about his trip to the Middle East. He told them about the 12-person tent he slept in, how to eat the Meals Ready to Eat and how nice it was to receive mail from his children.

To close the presentation, Ms. Lundblad introduced the other two puppeteers, by bringing out Sergeant Guilmette and Ms. Breed.

For more information about deployment issues, call the FSC at 884-5441.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis



Puppets Bonnie, right, helps Fred, center, deal with his dad's upcoming deployment by listening to his worries, which are expressed through Mr. Worries, and making a list of things he can do to occupy his time while his dad is away (above). Master Sgt. John Zimmerman, 16th Mission Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field Family Support Center (left), shows the children the contents of a Meals Ready to Eat packet in order to let them see what kinds of food their parents eat while deployed.



Students (right) from Navarre Primary School pay close attention to the conversation between Bonnie, Fred and Mr. Worries in order to understand worries are normal during a parent's deployment, but they can also be overcome.

LIFESTYLE

Community

AFSOC picnic

The Air Force Special Operations Command holds its annual picnic May 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Park. The Community Park lot will be blocked off as well as the east entrance to the child development center. The Hurlburt Chapel, Tax Center and J.R. Rockers will be the approved areas for parking. For more information, call Master Sgt. Janet Stafford at 884-2659.

Free technology expo

All base personnel are welcome to attend the Hurlburt Field Technology Exposition, sponsored by the 16th Communications Squadron, Wednesday at the Soundside Club. Exhibits will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Soundside Lounge. Complimentary refreshments and free giveaways will be available while supplies last. More than 20 exhibitors will be on hand demonstrating the latest computer hardware, software and services. For more information, call Tiffany Ratzlaff at 596-8899 ext. 230, or e-mail ratzloff@ncsievents.com.

HOSC luncheon

The Hurlburt Officer's Spouses Club holds its monthly luncheon Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Soundside Club. This month's program will be Stamping Tricks of the Trade, with Stampin' Up gift sets for door prize winners. The menu will be a Pacific lunch buffet featuring: oriental chicken salad with sesame ginger dressing, java slaw, Hunan beef with broccoli and scallions, Hawaiian-style Huli Huli chicken, shrimp fried rice, stir-fried Asian vegetables and pineapple upside-down cake for dessert. The cost is \$13.

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. For more information, call Marsha Babe at 678-4473, or e-mail HOSCReservations@COX.net.

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The Disabled American Veterans, Playground Chapter 72 in Fort Walton Beach announces its new e-mail address, which will make DAV services even more convenient for veterans. The new address is dav@fwb.gccoxmail.com.

Operation Salute

Anheuser-Busch is giving free single-day admission into its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks for active-duty, active Reservists, U.S. Coastguard and National Guard military members, and as many as four of their direct dependents, in Operation Salute. The offer, which is also extended to all coalition forces serving with Operation Iraqi Freedom, begins May 23 and lasts through Nov. 11. Passes may be used at: Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and Williamsburg, SeaWorld Orlando, San Diego and San Antonio; and Sesame Place, Langhorne, Pa.

Be Your Own Boss

All spouses, retirees or active-duty service members, who have thought about owning their own business, are invited to come to the family support center today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A guest speaker from the

University of West Florida Small Business Development Center will teach the ins and outs of self-employment and answer any questions about owning a business. For more information or to make reservations, call 884-5441.

UARK registration

The University of Arkansas campus at Hurlburt Field will continue registration for Term V through Wednesday. The university offers a wide variety of courses, including a Master of Science with a major in Operations Management. The degree requires 10 courses (30 semester hours), which means it's possible to complete requirements within one year. For more information, call 884-3844, e-mail uafgrad3@fwb.earthlink.net, or visit www.opnsmgmet.uark.edu.

Self-help store changes

As of April 22, the self-help store is using a voucher system to obtain plants for housing residents. The customer chooses from a catalog of available plants, fills out a voucher slip, signs it and takes a copy to a contracted vendor the following day after noon. Orders will be taken Wednesdays through Fridays. The store is also now open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 884-7130.

Book signing

The base library hosts a book signing with retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant May 21 from noon to 3 p.m. His book, *In the Company of Heroes*, retells the story of how the Black Hawk helicopter he was riding in, was shot down in Somalia in 1993. For more information, call 884-3820.

Childcare provider orientation

The Hurlburt Field Family Childcare Center hosts a free Childcare Provider Orientation Tuesday through May 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the community center. Participant qualifications include: residence in base housing, a license to provide care on base quarters, and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. Application packages are available at the FCC. For more information, call Carol Carter at 884-2968.

National Police Week

The 16th Security Forces Squadron is hosting several events on base for local and regional law enforcement agencies during National Police Week beginning Monday through May 16. Events include: a golf tournament, a bowling tournament and the Special Weapons and Tactics competition, which consists of the obstacle course, officer rescue, pistol shoot and a paintball challenge.

Also, a memorial service honoring all fallen law enforcement officers throughout the past year will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at Beal Memorial Cemetery, Fort Walton Beach. For more information about police week, call 2nd Lt. John Short at 884-7777.

ERAU summer registration

Registration for the Summer 2003 term at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will be held Monday through May 23 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays in Building 90220. Add/Drop dates for classes are May 26 - May 30. Class dates are May 26 through July 26. For more information, call the ERAU office, located in the Hurlburt Field Education Building, at 581-2106.

Hurlburt Field Chapel
884-7795

Catholic Mass

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

Protestant Services

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

Religious Education: August - May
Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

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

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

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

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

Qur'ian: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

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

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday - (PG-13) *Bringing Down the House*, starring Steve Martin and Queen Latifah - Peter is a divorced attorney who's doing his best to move on with his life. He's been chatting online, and when his friend comes to his house, he discovers she's not who he was expecting - it's Charlene, a prison escapee, who wants Peter to clear her name.

Saturday - (R) *Dreamcatcher*, starring Donnie Wahlberg and Jason Lee - Four young friends perform a heroic act and in the process are transformed forever when they receive special powers. Years later, now grown, they reunite for a hunting trip, which is soon interrupted by a battle with a mysterious alien force.

Sunday - (PG-13) *The Hours*, starring Meryl Streep and Nicole Kidman - Virginia Woolf in the early 1920s is struggling to begin her book, *Mrs. Dalloway*, while overcoming a mental illness. Laura in post-World War II Los Angeles is just starting to read the book, but soon questions the very life she's chosen. Clarissa living in New York City becomes a modern-day mirror image of Mrs. Dalloway, as she plans what may be the final party for her friend and former lover, Richard.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday - (PG-13) *The Core*, starring Aaron Eckhart and Hilary Swank - Geophysicist Dr. Josh Keyes discovers that an unknown force has caused the earth's inner core to stop rotating, and the atmosphere comes apart at the seams with catastrophic consequences. Dr. Keyes, and a team of the world's most gifted scientists, travel into the earth's core to detonate a device that will reactivate the core.

Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. - (G) *iPiglet's Big Movie*, an animated film - Piglet's friends begin a honey harvest, and he's told that he's too small to help. When he disappears, the others use his scrapbook as a map to try and find him.

Sunday - (R) *Gangs of New York*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Daniel Day-Lewis - As the nation's own survival was being tested by the ongoing Civil War of 1863, a vast and dangerous underworld was born in New York City. Also, a fatherless son searches for honor and courage to remake his life.

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

Community

VA work-study program

Positions are open at Hurlburt Field for all eligible veterans to participate in the Veteran's Administration Work-study Program, which is designed to provide part-time employment opportunities to veterans. Eligible veterans must be using VA educational benefits to earn a college, professional or vocational degree during a three-fourths or full-time program. Job availability varies, but all positions involve assisting other veterans.

Benefits include: either federal or state minimum wages - whichever is higher; no income tax or social security pay deductions; and flexible work hours, which won't exceed 25 per week. For more information, call the transition assistance office at 884-6280/6281.

Salute Savings

U.S. Airways recently introduced Salute Savings, a discount program for active-duty and Reserve military members and their immediate families on roundtrip plane tickets, starting as low as \$79 each way. Fares are valid for tickets purchased through Dec. 31, for travel completed by Feb. 12, 2004.

Tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased at least three days in advance of departure. Seats are limited, and certain restrictions apply, to include: a minimum of one Saturday night stay, and a maximum 30-day stay.

Airline luggage revisions

Several months ago, commercial air carriers began revising their policy concerning free checked luggage weights, associated fees and waivers for domestic flights. However, international rules remain unchanged.

Northwest Airlines is allowing two pieces of

checked luggage to a maximum weight of 50 pounds each and a maximum total linear dimension of 62 inches each. Those with luggage weighing 50 to 70 pounds will be charged \$25 per piece, and luggage weighing 70 to 100 pounds will be charged \$50. Military members are given a waiver, however, which allows for two free checked pieces of luggage up to 70 pounds each. Restrictions apply.

Delta has the same weight and linear allowances, but the fee for luggage weighing between 70 and 100 pounds costs \$80. Military waivers have also been instilled, but restrictions do apply. For more information regarding airline changes and military waivers, call Passenger Travel at 884-6619.

Contract positions

The Hurlburt Field Commando Support Center has two open part-time contract positions at the education office, including Distance Learning and Test Proctor. Qualifications for the positions and bid packages may be picked up Monday through May 16 at the 16th Contracting Squadron, located on Tully Street, Building 90339. For more information, call Monica Wood at 884-3272.

YES program

The first meeting for the Youth Employment Skills program is scheduled for Thursday, 5:30 p.m. at the base teen center. The year-long program, from June 1 to May 31, 2004, is offered to high school students of active-duty military members as an opportunity to: learn valuable work skills, "bank" dollar credits toward a post-secondary education, and have a positive impact in their base community.

The program allows students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. They can accumulate up to 250 hours throughout their four years of high school. In addition, the base will be credited with \$2 for every volunteer hour, which will be used in support of base youth program enhance-

ments. For more information, call Carmen DeVries at 884-6355, or e-mail carmen.devries@hurlburt.af.mil.

Munch and Mend

The Hurlburt Chapel is offering a free home-cooked meal to airmen, while they have minor repairs on stripes, patches or name tags sewn onto one article of clean clothing Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371, or Jimmie Thomas at 881-3344.

Classes

Deployment and Families

Deployment for Families is a support group for spouses of deployed service members, which allows spouses to share concerns and explore available resources on base. Childcare is provided; reservations are required. Call the family support center at 884-5441.

FSC Classes:

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

Résumé Writing Workshop – Monday, 1 p.m.; reservations are required, call 884-6281

Federal Employment Information and Application Procedures – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

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

Bundles for Babies – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Personal Family Readiness – Thursday, 9 a.m.

Deployment and Families – Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

HAWC Classes:

Diabetic Follow-up – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Lean On Me – Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Nutrition for Weight Management – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

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One of several "Goofy Games" during Super Day (right) had players running while holding a ball between their foreheads. (below) Two 16th Civil Engineer Squadron volleyball players jump to block a spike by the Air Force Special Operations Command team. AFSOC beat CES 25-18.



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor



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Ronnie Siglow, a crew chief with the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, leads his team to win the large squadron tug-of-war competition at Super Day, May 2.



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

A runner (left) finishes a 100-meter dash at the main fitness center track. The 16th Security Forces Squadron had the fastest sprint time. An airman (above) splashes to the far end of the pool in the tube relay. The 16th SFS took the win for the small squadron tube relay heats. Canoe race participants (right) hurry ashore, dragging their canoe and paddles behind. The 16th Maintenance Squadron had the overall fastest time, rounding the bouys and paddling back to the beach in approximately one minute.



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SuperDay 2003

Base-wide fitness competition proves which squadron is top-dog

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

“Hydrate or die” was the saying that came to mind under the oven-hot Friday sun during Super Day 2003, a yearly, base-wide fitness competition held to prove which squadron is tops when it comes to fitness.

About 4,000 people participated in the May 2 event, either as an athlete or a spectator. Ten large squadron teams and 15 small squadron teams went head-to-head in 17 sporting events and four “goofy games.” Squadrons with 200 or more people were considered large, less than 200 were small.

“This year we added two new events for points,” said Staff Sgt. Tamara Rosa, 16th Services Squadron, who coordinated the event. “Both the four-person relay swim and roller hockey events proved very successful. We plan on continuing these events in future Super Day programs.”

Paintball was open to the public, but wasn’t worth points to a team’s overall score.

When the final scores were tallied, trophies were awarded to the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron (large squadron overall winners), and the 16th Security Forces Squadron (small squadron overall winners). Runners-up, the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and 720th Special Tactics Group, were also awarded trophies.

The Commander’s Challenge Spirit Award, given for team esprit de corps and sideline support, was given to the 16th CES and the 25th Information Operations Squadron. Each squadron received \$100 to go toward a squadron function.

Since the first Hurlburt Field Super Day event was held in 1983, it’s been a day for family and friends to “get away from the daily stresses of life and work; to relax and enjoy themselves,” said Sergeant Rosa. “Evoking a little competition among squadrons provides the building blocks for camaraderie among co-workers.”

More than a little competition and camaraderie were seen during the tug-of-war competition, one of the most exciting events of the day.

The 16th SFS took first place in the small squadron tug-of-war competition, and the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron got tops in the large squadron category. Although no points were awarded, the 16th AMXS received unquestionable bragging rights when the crew chiefs out-pulled the cops after a verbal challenge, making the maintainers the overall tug-of-war champions.

Sergeant Rosa said the event wouldn’t have been possible without the support of squadron sports representatives.

“A program of this magnitude takes a lot of planning, coordination and support to run smoothly,” she said. “They got the word out around their squadrons, elicited volunteers to run events and provided much needed input towards event operations.”

Ed Vieth, Hurlburt Field fitness center director, was here for the first Super Day in 1983.

“Considering the current deployed populous of the base, the number of people who participated and spectated was excellent,” he said. “Everyone had a good time – and that’s what it’s all about.”



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Miklos Kiss, AFSOC (above), dives into the pool during the four-person swim relay.

Super Day top placings

	Team	Place
Large squadron	16th Civil Engineer Squadron	1st
	16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron	2nd
	16th Logistics Readiness Squadron	3rd
Small squadron	16th Security Forces Squadron	1st
	720th Special Tactics Group	2nd
	16th Maintenance Operations Squadron	3rd



Roller hockey players with the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, team two (black jerseys), fight for the puck. Street hockey made its Super Day debut this year.

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