

Pool to open Memorial Day

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

The Hurlburt Field swimming pool's annual grand opening is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with open swim, Monday.

This year the pool features some needed improvements. The upgrades include replacement of the filter system, repair work on the deck, underwater lights and ladders.

Admission is still free to all active-duty military members and their families for the season. Admission cost for retirees, Department of Defense civilians and guests is \$3 per person.

With an eight-person lifeguard team, Cynthia Starling, a top lifeguard here, said the pool is kept under a safe watch.

"We have two guards up any time there's more than 25 people in the pool," she said. "All of our lifeguards have been, or are currently, competitive swimmers, and all of them are Red Cross CPR and professional rescuer certified. It's a step below paramedic."

The pool schedule for rest of the summer is: Monday – closed; Tuesday-Friday – lap swim 6-8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., open swim 1-7 p.m.; Saturday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday – noon to 6 p.m.

Ms. Starling said several pool programs are available for swimmers, including lap swim, water aerobics, Red Cross swimming lessons, family nights and a competitive swim team.

"It's a really family oriented atmosphere," she said. "There's a kiddie pool for young children, and the main pool's cool, and very refreshing."

For more information on pool programs, call 884-6866.



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Motorcyclists cruise the streets May 16 during a rally to promote motorcycle safety during the "101 Critical Days" of Summer campaign.

Riders unite for motorcycle rally

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Approximately 100 riders participated in the second annual Hurlburt Field Motorcycle Rally May 16.

To kick off the "101 Critical Days of Summer," which begins Monday, motorcycle riders from the surrounding area gathered at Hurlburt Field

for a ride around the base.

"Ride smart, ride safe and ride well," said Lt. Col. Thomas Huizenga, 16th Special Operations Wing safety office. "Enjoy the time you have on the road."

The colonel addressed the group of riders gathered in the base theater for a mandatory safety briefing before hitting the road. Riders were

briefed on: upcoming motorcycle events; proper riding attire; having proper emergency information in their wallets; and classes available for additional motorcycle training. An officer from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department also gave several safety tips to the riders.

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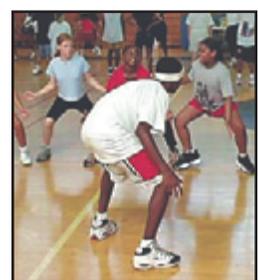


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Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander



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AFSOC CC sends Memorial Day greeting

By Lt. Gen. Paul Hester
AFSOC commander

Memorial Day is in remembrance of all men and women who have fought our Nation's wars. Today its meaning strikes particularly close to home.

Those who've paid the ultimate sacrifice hold a special place in our hearts. For us, those who've fought aren't distant memories. They were squadron-mates, friends, colleagues, fathers or mothers. They're Americans, who bravely stepped forward in a time of need and gave everything in their service to our nation.

We celebrate and honor each of them with a particular closeness to our Special Operators. These fallen Americans and their sacrifices will always be remembered and shared amongst us.

Our country is a better place, and our freedom is more secure because of their personal commitment and sacrifice.

16th SOW sends holiday message

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

Memorial Day has become a very special day for America. The nation set aside this day to honor our service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Those who've served both past and present are responsible for making our nation as strong and as free as it is today.

It's fitting with recent events in Iraq that we take time to remember our military's most recent sacrifices and its accomplishments.

They reassure us that we have extraordinary and patriotic men and women, who are dedicated to ensuring our nation remains free and safe for future generations.

Memorial Day weekend also

marks the beginning of the Air Force's "101 Critical Days" safety campaign between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

Historically, this period has been the most hazardous time of the year for Air Force people. We must take the time to properly plan and safely carry out our activities.

I ask each of you to take the time to personally identify the hazards involved in your own activities, evaluate the risk to you and your family and to make good risk decisions on how to eliminate and control them.

Simply put, use good common sense. For your own welfare, this process should become as much of your everyday activities as getting up in the morning.

Have fun, be safe and enjoy the summer.

Stay safe during 101 Critical Days of Summer

Courtesy of the 16th Special Operations Wing Safety Office

The 16th Special Operations Wing officially kicks off the "101 Critical Days of Summer" safety campaign Friday.

This campaign spans a three-month period from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, a time that traditionally sees a jump in airmen getting injured or worse yet, killed – more than any other time of year.

On the positive side, the wing experienced no fatal mishaps during last year's campaign. However, it did have five reportable mishaps resulting in 70 lost workdays, which cost the Air Force \$30,892. Private motor vehicle mishaps and sports and recreation injuries are the top contributors of reportable mishaps for the wing.

Proper use of Operational Risk Management can go a long way in reducing risks and helping achieve the goal of turning the "101 Critical Days of

Summer" into the "101 Mishap-free Days of Summer."

In order to achieve this goal, every person must give their full commitment to basic ORM principals. Here are some examples of how easy it is to apply ORM rules.

Are you planning to take a trip this summer? Whether it's a short two-day trip or a three-week trip cross-country, ORM can be applied.

○Have you checked your car to ensure it's in good shape?

○Did you plan enough leave time to get to your destination and back?

○Are you planning any rest stops along the way?

○Seatbelts should always be worn, as we all know. But don't forget about the young ones. Are they in proper child restraint devices?

While this list isn't all-inclusive, you get the idea. Common sense goes hand in hand with mishap prevention.

If you make a conscious effort to eval-

uate the risks involved with the activity you're planning to do, then you're applying the ORM principals correctly.

By applying the following principals, you have the basic tools to minimize on- and off-duty risks: accept no unnecessary risks; make smart risk decisions with your fellow airmen, families and friends; accept risks only if the benefits outweigh the costs; and account for the risk in your planning. If the risk outweighs the benefit, find another way to do it or find something else to do.

ORM can be thought of as "structured common sense."

Remember the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink?" The same holds true for risk management. If you don't apply ORM principals, you could be heading down the road to a preventable accident or injury.

Let's turn these "101 Critical Days" into "101 Mishap-Free Days." Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Courtesy photo

Green machine

CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY – A U.S. Army Special Operation Force soldier performs maintenance checks on equipment while waiting for take off on an MC-130E "Combat Talon" aircraft. SOF teams are deployed to undisclosed locations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Spotlight on ...

Anna Horne

Rank/Duty Title: Staff sergeant/information manager
Organization: 16th Mission Support Squadron

Hometown: Gulfport, Miss.

Hobbies: Sports, music, collecting bears and working on a college degree

Contribution to the mission:

Sergeant Horne is a well-respected member of the 16th Mission Support Squadron. As the information manager for the Airman Leadership School, she's responsible for the annual school quotas and allocating them to 34 squadrons, while ensuring all student eligibility rosters for 400 senior airmen and staff sergeants are up-to-date yearly.

Her amazing organizational skills allow the school to continuously have one of the largest attended functions on base, with graduation ceremonies involving more than 400 base people and their families. In addition, she keeps people well-versed in protocol issues and performs all aspects of a workgroup manager.

(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.)



Photo by 1st Lt. Teresa Lord

A 7 1/2-foot alligator (above) was removed from Hurlburt Field and destroyed May 14. The gator became a nuisance because it was being fed by people and lost its fear of humans. People are reminded not to feed wild animals on base.

Nuisance gator removed from base

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

An alligator located near the back gate entry control point was captured and removed by an authorized agent of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission May 14.

The gator, which was approximately 7 1/2 to 8 feet long, found a home in a pond near the construction site of the new back gate.

"The alligator had to be removed because it had become a nuisance," said Philip Pruitt, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron. "Alligators have to be removed and destroyed when they become a nuisance according to Florida state laws.

"The gators lose their fear of humans when they're fed by people and start

associating the presence of people with feeding time."

This is a dangerous situation and ultimately leads to the alligator being destroyed or someone being attacked, Mr. Pruitt explained. However, both situations can be avoided if people abide by the law.

It's a violation to feed, attempt to take, possess, harass or kill an alligator. Violation of this law carries a fine of \$500 and can be punishable up to 6 months in jail.

A large percentage of the base is comprised of wetlands that serve as home for several species of wildlife including the alligator. Between the ever-increasing human population on base and the number of gators in the area, the opportunity for encounters is inevitable.

There is no reason why these encoun-

ters have to result in the destruction of a magnificent animal like the alligator, Mr. Pruitt stressed. Under normal conditions alligators avoid humans. It's the abnormal conditions created by people feeding alligators that lead to a potentially dangerous animal – an animal that ultimately has to be destroyed.

People must use common sense when they encounter an alligator or any other wild animal and are reminded not to feed them, Mr. Pruitt explained.

Alligators are common on base and simply sighting one does not necessarily warrant reporting. However, to report an alligator that is a threat due to its location, or to report individuals feeding or otherwise harassing an alligator on base, call Hurlburt Field's Environmental office at 884-4651 or Pest Management at 884-6173.

AIR FORCE NEWS

Sergeant receives award for heroism

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Staff Sgt. Gabriel Brown is the Air Force's 2003 recipient of the Vanguard Award for heroic action, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced May 12.

Sergeant Brown is assigned to the 720th Special Tactics Group at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

The award, sponsored by the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, recognizes a noncommissioned officer who has performed a heroic act, on or off duty, that resulted in saving lives or the prevention of serious injury.

Sergeant Brown's heroic deed took place March 4,

2002, at Shah-e-Khot Valley, Afghanistan, during a mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. His actions saved the lives of 26 service members.

The award will be presented during the NCOA's annual convention in Kansas City, Mo., in July. (AFPN)

Enlisted aide upgraded to special duty

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Haug
Pacific Air Forces
Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – They've been part of the Air Force enlisted force since its beginning, but they have never had a formalized position description or job qualification standard – until now.

The enlisted aide program, now an official Air Force specialty duty, was authorized the new Air Force Specialty Code of 8A200 last October. Before the AFSC assignment, enlisted aides worked under a generic code of 9G000, which didn't authorize specialty training.

"We've made great strides over the past 18 months to institutionalize our training program," said Senior Master Sgt. Gary Murdock, the Air Force enlisted aide manager at the Pentagon. "With the support of senior leadership, we now have a career path for those who chose to listen to their 'service hearts.'"

A senior enlisted aide at Pacific Air Forces took the lead in organizing the career field's first training conference May 12 to 16.

Master Sgt. Lynette Gotay-Cui, the senior enlisted aide to PACAF Commander Gen. Bill Begert, ran the first major command enlisted aide training workshop, held in conjunction with the PACAF Commander's Conference. Eight aides from across the command received a detailed explanation of the new training program, shared experiences and refined their training in a variety of areas.

The conference is the first of what Sergeant Murdock expects to be many training opportunities for the approximately 90 Air Force enlisted aides serving around the world.

Enlisted aide duty is a voluntary special duty open to all career airmen, Sergeant Murdock explained.

Qualified enlisted members who pass an extensive screening process are assigned to specific general officers, relieving them of tasks and details that could affect the officers' primary duties if they had to perform them. Sergeant Murdock said the duties of an enlisted aide generally vary since they are tailored to the needs of each general officer.

However, most enlisted aides perform such tasks as: meal preparation, to include

menu planning and shopping; housekeeping, to include daily routine tasks; maintaining the general officer's uniforms; outside chores, such as lawn care and gardening; and arranging official social events.

Senior leaders recently placed a priority on standardizing the training and career opportunities for enlisted aides to provide stability to the program, said Brig. Gen. Richard Hassan, director of the Air Force senior leader management office at the Pentagon.

"Improving the training and standards of the enlisted aide program is a win-win situation for both the enlisted member who wants to make it a career and the senior leaders who use their services," the general said.

General Hassan, who was a guest speaker at the PACAF conference, said in the past, enlisted aides were often sent to civilian training because the program was not previously a special-duty assignment and, therefore, didn't have a formal training program available for them.

With the establishment of the 8A200 career-field path, the general said there's now formal standardized training for each development level. (AFPN)



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Williams

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – Staff Sgt. Damon Vitale learns how to make crab cakes from Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Ricardo Comba. Sergeant Vitale is the enlisted aide to the 7th Air Force commander. He's one of approximately 90 Air Force enlisted aides serving around the world. (AFPN)

Look who's talking: Where's your favorite vacation spot and why?

"Belize – it's a wonderful and inexpensive place to enjoy snorkeling and great food."

"My favorite vacation spot is in the mountains of Washington state, where there's excellent hiking and fishing."

"Antigua – it has 365 beaches, two casinos and many people from different countries."

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The first group of speakers were from the American Red Cross Chapter of Hurlburt Field, who briefed the riders about the upcoming Motorcycle Rally Scavenger Hunt in Pensacola, as well as, the need for blood donations to help support the 1.4 million active-duty service members and 1.5 million Reservists.

Following the ARC was Harley Davidson rider and widow Debbie Abriam. Although her husband, Maj. Brian Abriam, was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident in New Zealand, Ms. Abriam still rides her Harley Davidson motorcycle. However, she learned valuable lessons from the accident to pass on to the riders at the briefing.

"I'm the survivor of a horrible death, but I still ride Harleys because I enjoy it," Ms. Abriam said. "However, it's important to keep emergency information in your wallet, to stop riding when it's wet and be sure you're wearing a helmet."

Ms. Abriam told the riders that they never know what could happen that could leave them unconscious. For that reason, she told them, it was necessary to carry proper identification and a list of emergency contact numbers with them when they ride.

She also stressed the importance of being prepared for any sort of weather conditions after losing her husband due to a sudden change in weather.

"We were riding on a bridge – he was in the front, and I on the back of the bike – the sun was shining, then all of a sudden it started raining," Ms. Abriam said. "The bridge had no markings, railroad tracks were imbedded. We went in separate directions. Take my advice and don't ride when it's wet."

To reiterate Ms. Abriam's words, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department went forward to speak.

"As fellow riders as well as officers, we see a lot of accidents on the road involving motorcyclists," the officer said. "We're here to give you some safety tips to keep you from being involved in one of those accidents."

Here are a few examples of motorcycle safety on behalf of the sheriff's department:

- Don't drink and ride.
- Make sure people see you – there's a lot of aggressive driving in the area.
- Make sure you have the proper training to ride, this includes knowing your capabilities on the bike.
- Avoid tunnel vision. Be aware of the vehicles around you.
- Drive defensively with hands and feet on the brakes.
- Before heading out onto the road, do a visual inspection of the bike.

Following the sheriff's department was Master Sgt. Allen Leach, 16th Medical Support Squadron as well as the class instructor for the Experienced Rider Course on base and at Eglin Air Force Base.

"If you've been deployed or haven't been to a class," Sergeant Leach said, "sign up for the course."

The 5-hour, 1-day course focuses on braking, turning and swerving, with a majority of the time being spent outside the classroom.

Sergeant Leach also gave a proper riding attire reminder to the group.

"You should always wear: long sleeves, long pants, a helmet, a reflective strip, full finger gloves, over the ankle shoes and necessary eye protection," Sergeant Leach said.

Before releasing everyone to their bikes, Air Force Special Operations Command Commander Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, who's also a Harley Davidson rider, gave a few words of encouragement.

"I'm proud to be with you all here to support the rally," General Hester said. "I'm looking forward to riding with you and hope you'll ride safe and enjoy your ride for the rest of your lives."

With General Hester leading the ride, motorcyclists departed the theater and jumped on their bikes for their ride around base. The group circled around the flight line, took a spin on the runway and returned to the Main Fitness Center for a lunch prepared by the 16th Services Squadron and local vendors.

The event was sponsored by the 16th Special Operations Wing safety office, the 16th Security Forces Squadron, 16th SVS and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department.

Air Force future leaders lend helping hands

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field's Company Grade Officers' Council is one of the smallest organizations on base, but they manage to be involved with a large amount of volunteer activities.

The council, which meets every third Friday at the Soundside at 3:30 p.m., consists of about 30 active members.

"The purpose of the council is to encourage networking among CGOs, provide a structure for them to elevate issues, serve as an information resource on CGO issues, support Air Force CGO initiatives and promote esprit de corps," said 1st Lt. Kerya Reyes, Air Force Special Operations Command, CGOC president.

The council is always looking for ways to increase their membership, Lieutenant Reyes explained. They're involved with so many different activities, the more people they have the more they can do for the base and local communities.

The junior officers have volunteered to assist with everything from building homes to cooking dinner to mentoring elementary school children.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Company Grade Officers' Council walk on the track during Relay for Life.

The officers helped construct a duplex in Fort Walton Beach by placing siding and shingles on a house, said 1st Lt. Amanda Cheatham, 16th Comptroller Squadron, CGOC volunteer coordinator. The group sent out 17 volunteers and donated more than 80 hours of work to the project.

"We volunteered for the American Cancer Society's

Relay for Life and raised almost \$2,000," Lieutenant Cheatham said. "It's a huge annual fundraiser where organizations agree to raise money for the ACS and keep a person walking/running on the track for 18 hours straight. It was a great success."

Other base organizations participated in the Relay for Life as well, like the newly established Focus 56 group, which raised about \$1,200 and also the Hurlburt Field Officers' Spouses Club.

Volunteerism is an important part of the council, but it's not all they do, Lieutenant Reyes explained. "We attempt to provide informative briefings to the CGOC community as well as provide opportunities for community involvement."

"Some of our highlights just this year have been: lending a hand with the Installation Excellence Team visit; providing a briefing on U.S. Air Force Corneal Refractive Surgery; the annual golf tournament fundraiser; Relay for Life; and Habitat for Humanity," Lieutenant Reyes said. "We've had a very busy year so far, and we're always open to input and suggestions on ways to improve our council."

For more information about CGOC, call Lieutenant Reyes at 884-4089.

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SPORTS



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Vicious volley

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron intramural volleyball team topped the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team in two of three games at the main fitness center, Tuesday. Hurlburt Field volleyball playoffs begin late June.

Basketball camp drills up free fun

By Doris Johnson
AAC Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. —

As parents consider what activities their children should be involved in this summer, they should consider the fourth annual Perseverance Basketball Camp — five days of basketball and life basics — held at Eglin AFB's Main Fitness Center for children ages seven to 16.

Registration for the free camp, held July 21 through 25, is accepted through June 11 or until 250 children apply.

The camp's official mission is to use the game of basketball as a catalyst to educate youth, develop their self-esteem, foster teamwork, and bridge the gap between diverse backgrounds, while promoting self-control and anti-violence awareness. The camp's founder and director, Master Sgt. Ron Rucker, 96th Communications Group, Eglin AFB, said the event is a labor of love.

"When the children leave the camp, I want them to leave with love — love for

the game, themselves and their teammates," Sergeant Rucker said. "I also want them to develop a sense of order (prioritizing)."

Sergeant Rucker, who brings experiences such as varsity-level basketball play in the Air Force, and coaching the Lady Eagles basketball team at Eglin AFB, said the children develop skills during the camp through group and individual skill and fundamental stations.

"We work with techniques such as one-on-one moves, post moves, perimeter shooting, foul shooting and rebounding," Sergeant Rucker said. "There are also the intangibles such as character versus reputation, heart and hustle, leadership, love and respect."

Volunteers and sponsors play a large role in the camp's success each year, Sergeant Rucker added.

Staff Sgt. Ronald Miller, the camp's marketing director and one of the coaches, said, "Children enjoy the fun atmosphere, the magnificent learning

environment and the personal attention they receive."

In return for his contribution to the program, Sergeant Miller said he wants to see the children leave believing they can do all things and always have a vision.

"They learn to respect themselves enough to be able to turn away from the drugs and violence that seem to penetrate their lives on a daily basis and can hinder success in many ways," said volunteer Tech. Sgt. Allen Junko.

Sergeant Rucker tells every camper that the camp is free, but payment is due.

"The volunteers at our camp donate their time because they love the kids and want to make a difference," Sergeant Rucker said. "I point out to each camper the commitment of each volunteer and their parents and explain they must pay; pay attention, pay respect and understand we give our time because each one of them is worth it."

To add extra inspiration this year, Rucker has scheduled for famous boxer



Local youth participate in the Perseverance Basketball Camp at Eglin Air Force Base.

Roy Jones Jr. to speak at the camp's opening.

To learn more about the camp's history and mission, visit www.perseverance-camp.com. To register for the camp, print the registration form from the Web site and mail to Perseverance Basketball Camp, P.O. Box 132, Shalimar, FL 32579. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should call Sergeant Rucker at 882-3638.

Sports shorts

Basketball officials camp

Current and prospective basketball officials are wanted for a high-school level camp scheduled June 6-8 at Pryor Middle School, in Fort Walton Beach. This low-cost camp focuses on, on-the-floor mechanics and current officiating philosophies. For more information, call Chip Boes as 968-9299 or John Evans at 922-8797, ext. 202.

VFW charity golf tournament

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7674 host their annual Charity Golf Tournament at Shalimar Pointe

Golf Course June 1 at 7:30 a.m. The tournament is open to all golfers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third-place golfers. The entrance fee is \$50. Refreshments will be served on the course, along with a multitude of other prizes and gifts. For more information, call Larry Taylor at 376-9667, Donna Clites at 581-7924 or the VFW Post 7674 at 244-3834.

Fitness equipment orientation

The main fitness center is hosting a fitness equipment orientation class Thursday and May 30. Two

classes are scheduled each day; 9-10:30 a.m., and 2-3:30 p.m. The class is designed for anyone who wants to get in shape, but isn't sure on proper techniques. Space is limited. For more information or to sign up, call 884-6884.

Intramural golf registration

Hurlburt Field intramural golf registration is going on now. The league begins play June 5 and meets each Thursday. Teams are required to have at least eight people to avoid forfeited matches. For more information, contact unit sports representatives.

LIFESTYLE

Military

Hurlburt Top 3 meeting

All senior NCOs and master sergeant selects assigned to Hurlburt Field are invited to join the Hurlburt Top 3 June 5 at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Hooch for the monthly meeting. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dave Ceurvals at 884-8443, or Master Sgt. Bill Anders at 881-5349.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter holds its monthly meeting May 31 at 6 p.m. in J.R. Rockers' All Ranks Club, Daytona Room. Members are encouraged to attend and bring others as well. Topics to be discussed include: upcoming base/community events and general discussions regarding chapter membership and the chapter focus. The chapter is also undergoing a membership recall for past and current local area members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995, or retired Chief Master Sgt. John Greer at 939-6659.

NY Air National Guard

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

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

Community

NCMA luncheon

The National Contract Management Association holds its next luncheon meeting Wednesday at the Eglin Enlisted Club. After moving through the buffet line, guests are asked to be seated by 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Peter Loffler, U.S. Registered Patent Attorney, who will conduct a short presentation on Intellectual Property Law in the 21st Century. To make reservations or for more information, call Cheryl Owens at 882-0243, or Jillian Pate at 882-4686 ext. 318.

Ducks Unlimited

Ocalaosa County Ducks Unlimited, which conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North American waterfowl and wildlife, hosts a banquet/auction Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Soundside. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ray Jordan at 581-4581.

Gulf Coast Rally 2003

The American Red Cross of Northwest Florida hosts

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

Medical clinic changes

In order to reduce wait time for patients, the Hurlburt Field Medical Clinic will no longer be accepting walk-ins. As of May 19, anyone who needs to have a medical assessment or contact their primary care manager, a nurse or other provider should call central appointments at 883-8600 or 884-7882, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Also, Monday through Sunday to include holidays between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., any calls to the clinic will be redirected to an answering service.

You Make the Grade

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service sponsors the You Make the Grade program for students of active-duty military members. The program will award theater passes or coupon books to students who bring in their report cards with A or B grades. Kindergarten through fifth graders will receive three movie passes and sixth through twelfth graders will receive a coupon book. For more information, call AAFES at 581-0030.

Volunteer Resource Program

The Volunteer Resource Program is offering valuable training for people seeking volunteer work at agencies of special interest. Benefits include: eight hours a week or 32 hours a month of childcare, paid for by the Air Force Aid Society, for all volunteers working on base or using a family childcare provider; a letter of recommendation for volunteers completing 100 hours or six months of service; and valuable work training. For more information or to schedule a training session, call the VRP Coordinator, Shannon Skoula-Clark at 884-1533, or visit the family support center.

AFSOC picnic

The Air Force Special Operations Command holds its annual picnic May 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Park.

The Community Park parking lot will be blocked off as well as the east entrance to the child development center. So, parking lots at the Hurlburt Field Chapel, the Base Tax Center and J.R. Rockers will be the approved areas for parking. For more information, call Master Sgt. Janet Stafford at 884-2659.

Commissary closing

The Hurlburt Field Commissary will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day, but will reopen Tuesday at 9 a.m. with normal business hours.

Camping discount

The Navarre Beach Campground, located at 9201 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, offers active-duty service members a 10 percent discount on all camping rates. Facilities include recreational vehicle sites, tent sites and cabin rentals. For more information or to make a reservation, call 939-2188.

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

Jumua: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

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

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday (PG) *What A Girl Wants*, starring Amanda Bynes and Collin Firth is Daphne, a spirited young American girl, travels to London in search of her long-lost father, who is an influential aristocratic politician. As Daphne attempts to prove that love can conquer all, her impulsive behavior creates uproar in high society, where her unique style threatens to undermine the relationship she has waited her whole life to experience.

Saturday (R) *A Man Apart*, starring Vin Diesel and Larenz Tate is A mysterious man, known only as Diablo, takes over a powerful drug cartel when the former boss goes to prison. That former drug lord then teams up with a DEA agent and his partner to try to take down Diablo.

Sunday (PG-13) *Chicago*, starring Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones is Roxie's one wish is to follow in the golden footsteps of vaudeville performer Velma Kelly. She gets her wish, but some very wrong steps land both the star and starlet in prison for separate murder charges.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday (R) *iPhone Booth*, starring Colin Farrell and Forest Whitaker is What do you do when you hear a ringing public phone? You know it's the wrong number, but instinct forces you to pick it up. A ringing phone demands to be answered, but when Stu Shepard takes the call, he finds himself hurtled into a tortuous game. Hang up, the caller says, and you're a dead man.

Saturday (PG-13) *Head of State*, starring Chris Rock and Bernie Mac is When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Washington D.C. Alderman Mays Gilliam is a complete unknown thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics.

Sunday (R) *Basic*, starring John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson is Six soldiers went out, but only two came back. What happened to the military's most elite commandos? As the investigation unfolds, the rogue DEA agent is placed in direct conflict with the Army's official investigating officer, and nothing is as it seems.

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

Base employment positions

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

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.

Hurlburt Field Thrift Shop

The Hurlburt Field Thrift Shop is located on the Soundside between the enlisted and officer hooches. Shopping is open to the public Monday through Wednesday and the first and third Saturday of the

month from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening hours are Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Active-duty military members and their dependents are welcomed to consign, however, only one account per household is permitted. The thrift shop is also seeking a bookkeeper. For more information, call 884-3098.

Contract positions

The Hurlburt Field Commando Support Center has two part-time contract positions open at the education office, including distance learning and test proctor positions. Qualifications for the positions and bid packages may be picked up today at the 16th Contracting Squadron, located on Tully Street in Building 90339. For more information, call Monica Wood at 884-3272.

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 their promotional program, Operation Salute.

The offer, which is also extended to all coalition forces serving with Operation Iraqi Freedom, begins Friday 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.

Classes

FSC Classes:

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

Single Parents Luncheon – Tuesday, noon

Résumé Writing Workshop – Tuesday, 5 p.m.; reservations are required, call 884-5441

Veteran's Affairs/Social Security Briefing – Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., base theater; reservations are required, call 884-5441

Employment Orientation – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Kids Hurricane Tips – Thursday, 4 p.m.; reservations are required, call 884-5441

Hurricane Awareness – Friday, 11 a.m.; reservations are required, call 884-5441

HAWC Classes:

Diabetic Nutrition – Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Postnatal Nutrition – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Prenatal Nutrition – Wednesday, 4 p.m.

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Officers compete National Police

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

With 13 teams of law enforcement officers on base May 12 - 16, there probably wasn't a more secure place to be than Hurlburt Field.

The teams were here to participate in the National Police Week competition hosted by the 16th Security Forces Squadron.

Police week was established to honor the accomplishments of law enforcement officers throughout the United States.

"This year we had teams as far away as South Florida (Miami, Lantana and West Palm Beach) drive up for our competition," said Staff Sgt. James Gagnon, 16th SFS, event coordinator. "Sponsors flew in from

Rhode Island, Virginia, Chicago and Arizona here."

The week-long competition involved several different events from golfing to bowling and intense S.W.A.T. events.

The officer rescue was one S.W.A.T. event where the teams had to row a boat out approximately a quarter mile on the Soundside and rescue a simulated victim floating in the water. The objective is to see which team can row out the fastest, load the victim on a gurney and into the boat, paddle back to shore and unload the victim.

Another S.W.A.T. event was the shoot house where each team was given a briefing about the objective, then given protective gear to wear. The objective was to maneuver through a house the fastest and take out enemy targets without shooting any hostages.



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The Pensacola Police Department enters a house (top) during the S.W.A.T. shoot house event. Each team competed to see who maneuvered through the house the fastest and took out the enemy targets. (above) Officers from the Panama City Police Department fire away at targets in the pistol shoot/sniper event.



Fort Walton Beach Police Department officers unload a victim from their boat after a simulated rescue.

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The Escambia County Sheriff's Office Team One took the overall first place, followed by Gulf Correctional Institution in second and the Panama City Police Department Team One took third.

The week wasn't all about competition however, the officers held a memorial ceremony May 15 at Beal Memorial Cemetery in honor of all fallen officers who had been killed in the line of duty in the past 10 years.

"For the past eight years Hurlburt Field has hosted police week," said 2nd Lt. John Short, 16th SFS, "and each year's events become bigger and better. We're looking forward to a more successful event next year."

"Everyone had fun I think," Sergeant Gagnon said. "It's a great way of getting different departments together to have a good time and get some excellent training in the process."



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rescue during the officer rescue competition.



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Officers make their way through the obstacle course (above) trying to get the fastest team time. (left) Law enforcement members pay their respects to officers who've been killed in the line of duty at the memorial ceremony held at Beal Memorial Cemetery. (below) Golfing is one of the sporting events that the teams played during the week-long competition.



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