

Retired SOF general awarded Bull Simons



Courtesy photo

Gen. Charles Holland (left), former U.S. Special Operations Command commander, presents retired Brig. Gen. Harry Aderholt with the Bull Simons award.

Retired Brig. Gen. Harry Aderholt can be seen every morning at Hurlburt Field's Fitness Center, working out with the same determination and intensity he displayed throughout his distinguished 31-year military career; a career which no doubt enriched the SOF community.

Widely recognized as a pioneer in the Special Operations community, General Aderholt was formally recognized for his exceptional contributions during the 2003 Special Operations Forces Mess Night in Tampa where he was presented the Bull Simons Award by Gen. Charles Holland, former U.S. Special Operations Command commander.

The annual USSOCOM sponsored award, named in honor of Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons, is presented to those embodying the spirit, values and skills of Colonel Simons, a legendary Special Force's operator.

It was Colonel Simons who led a U.S. raid on North Vietnam's Son Tay POW camp in

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Photo by Senior Airman Ebony Pierre

Col. Frank Kisner (left on stage), 16th Special Operations Wing commander, Col. Randy O'Boyle (center), outgoing 16th Operations Group commander, and Col. Brian Greenshields, incoming 16th OG commander, salute while Hurlburt Field's Honor Guard presents the colors at the Operations Group change of command ceremony Monday.

Ops Group welcomes new commander

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

The 16th Operations Group welcomed their new commander during a change of command ceremony here, Monday.

Flanked by Special Operations aircraft, distinguished visitors, family, friends and a couple hundred group members, Col. Randy O'Boyle relinquished command to Col. Brian Greenshields.

The ceremony was presided over by Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, and was held on the flightline behind the 4th Special Operations Squadron.

"I'm humbled to stand in front of you in the presence of heroes," Colonel Kisner said. "These men and women who've risked their all to bring freedom to people who'd never realize it."

The wing commander referred to Colonels O'Boyle and Greenshields as heroes and the Ops Group members as the warriors who've made the world a safer place.

Before conducting the change of command ceremony,

Colonel Kisner presented Colonel O'Boyle with a Bronze Star Medal for his actions during recent operations.

"I joined the Air Force to serve my country," Colonel O'Boyle said. "I never thought I would stay this long. I'm humbled to stand before the men and women of the 16th Special Operations Wing and the 16th Operations Group. I'm deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve with you."

Once Colonel O'Boyle relinquished his command of the group and Colonel Greenshields assumed command, the new commander briefly addressed the audience.

"On behalf of the 16th Operations Group, I'd like to thank Colonel O'Boyle and his wife for their legendary leadership," Colonel Greenshields said. "To the men and women of the Ops Group, we'll continue to play a vital role in the war on terrorism and it will require continued sacrifices from you and your family. You've already done a great job."

Colonel O'Boyle and his family will be taking an assignment in Washington D.C.

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Participation 100%
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In the first three weeks of the CFC campaign, base members have donated \$206,306



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Helo flying squadron demonstrates capabilities

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Commando 5K run

More than 200 people participate in annual run

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Weather

Weekend forecast

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Sunday – partly cloudy, High 78 Low 58

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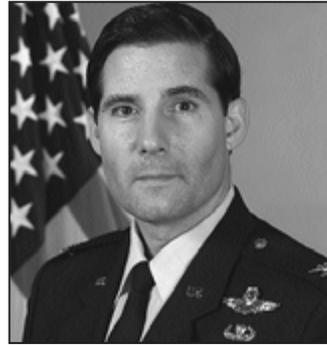
Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the **COMMANDO**. I'll answer the others

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

However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

Gasoline prices

Comment: My question concerns the price of gasoline at the base marina. I went to gas my boat up the week before Labor Day and they charged me \$2.33 a gallon. The people at the marina said it was because they have to pay more to get gasoline delivered to them. They also said their price was comparable to downtown marinas.

A few days later I stopped to get gas at the Brooks Bridge Marina and the price of gasoline was \$1.95 per gallon. I went on to Destin from there, and price of gasoline in all of Destin's marinas was approximately \$1.94 per gallon.

My question is if the Air Force is paying so much money that they have to charge \$2.33 then I believe that this is a case of Fraud, Waste and Abuse and it needs to be looked into immediately.

This price is 35 cents more a gallon than any competitor in town, not two or three cents under like the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is doing.

Reply: We appreciate you using the Hurlburt Marina and hope to be able to serve your needs in the future.

Our marina gas prices do run a bit higher than AAFES and local marinas. There are a number of factors influencing our pricing policy. First, we don't receive the volume discount for gas because of the size of our fuel tank. Typically, gas stations

have multiple fuel tanks that hold 10,000 gallons each. Since our tank at the marina holds only 2,000 gallons, we do not receive the same bulk rate discount from the distributors.

Second, as you know, gas prices fluctuate daily. When our marina purchases a tank of gas, we have to set the selling price based on the price we paid that particular day, and then we have to maintain that same sale price until the next time the tank is filled. Even though our tank holds only 2,000 gallons, it normally takes a few weeks before it needs a refill. Lastly, since our marina is a self-sustaining business operation, to maintain a positive financial position we generally markup our retail sale items to ensure enough revenue is generated to cover the cost of sales and to generate minimum revenue.

Air Force Instruction 34-262 governs our resale activities. Concerning pricing, the instruction states in part; "participation fees and charges, registration fees, dues, and/or assessments offset all or part of the nonappropriated fund (NAF) costs of providing the services."

Our NAF costs for the gas include marina employee salaries, utilities, etc. In an effort to keep the gas prices as low as possible, we are constantly adjusting our pricing strategy to ensure we meet our business financial obligations as well as provide the best price possible to our customers.

Thanks for the opportunity to explain our gas pricing policy at the Hurlburt Field Marina. We appreciate your continued support of our outdoor recreation programs.

Airmen working for nation's freedom

By Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

Everywhere I go around the world, people remark about the caliber of our airmen. Our Air Force is the envy of the world, not because of the technology we employ – anyone can buy that – but because of the quality of the people who employ it to deliver air and space power.

They're unmatched in skill, training, and dedication. They're our most valuable resource; they're what make our Air Force great.

Ours is a total force – officer, enlisted and civilian, active duty, Reserve, and Guard – that works together in harmony to deliver the air and space effects necessary to accomplish the mission and preserve our freedom. Together the airmen of this nation have provided the persistent air and space power to defend our airspace 24/7 here at home, while delivering food to our friends and carrying

the fight to our enemy over 7,000 miles away.

They give of themselves everyday to protect the freedom of Americans and many others around the world.

The men and women of the U.S. Air Force embody the ideals of patriotism and live by the core values of "Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do." Their adherence to these values, their devotion to the mission and their loyalty to country motivate their work, the work of freedom.

Look who's talking: What would you want inscribed on your tombstone?



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NEWS

Air Force CSAR joins AFSOC

A ceremony held at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., Oct. 1, marked the official transfer of Air Force Combat Search and Rescue to Air Force Special Operations Command.

The transfer is a result of an Air Force Chief of Staff direction to align the CSAR mission and assets under one command – Air Force Special Operations. AFSOC assumes administrative control over the continental U.S.-based rescue units in the active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. The result is a transfer of 7,000 people and more than 100 fixed and rotor wing aircraft from Air Combat



Photo by Senior Airman Manuel Martinez

Pararescuemen from the 347th Rescue Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., take part in a combat search and rescue exercise. Air Force Combat Search and Rescue units in the continental United States transferred from ACC to AFSOC, Oct. 1.

and Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., join the AFSOC team. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., also transfers from ACC to AFSOC.

Air Force Reserve command's rescue units at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.; Portland International Airport, Ore.; and Davis-Monthan, as well as Air National Guard rescue units at Gabreski Field, N.Y.; and Moffett Field, Calif., are also included in the transfer.

"The introduction of CSAR to AFSOC will mean little change to the

organizations or individuals of these units," said General Hester. "This realignment will be transparent, outside of the patch change on uniforms. There will be no change on how forces are presented to combatant commanders."

Air Force Special Operations Command was established May 22, 1990, with headquarters here. AFSOC is a major command and the Air Force component of U.S. Special Operations Command, a unified command located at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

AFSOC provides Air Force Special Operations Forces for worldwide deployment and assignment to regional unified commands. AFSOC Special Operations Forces' core tasks are grouped into four mission areas: forward presence and engagement, information operations, precision employment/strike, and Special Operations Forces mobility.

Additionally, the command's CSAR units provide worldwide peacetime and Combat Search and Rescue operations in support of humanitarian and U.S. national security interests. CSAR units are responsible for inland search and rescue in the 48 contiguous states. (NFNS.)

Reservists receive warrior recognition

Story and photo

By Staff Sgt. Lena King
919th SOW Public Affairs

DUKE FIELD, Fla. – The 919th Special Operations Wing held a Warrior Day Celebration Saturday to honor Reservists who answered the nation's call after the terrorist events of Sept. 11, 2001.

By the end of the two-hour ceremony, more than 270 Reservists received awards for their support in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Various medals were presented, including 24 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 15 Bronze Stars – three with Valor, and 50 Air Medals.

Lt. Gen. James Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve Command commander, U.S. District 1 Rep. Jeff Miller, Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, 10th Air Force commander, and Brig. Gen. Thomas Stogsdill, 919th SOW commander, praised Reservists for their contributions during the past two years.

"This is a good day in the history of the 919th," General Stogsdill said. "It is a great honor to recognize Reservists' contributions to this nation."

General Sherrard presided over the ceremony and commended the recipients for their efforts.

"There are thousands and thousands of people we will never have the chance to look in the eye or have them tell us the true meaning of freedom that was possi-

ble through your unselfish acts," he said.

Congressman Miller also expressed gratitude to the families and employers of the reservists and to the honorees.

"Thank you on behalf of faces that you'll never see and names you'll never know in far away countries from across the globe, and children who now have a better life and better future because you did answer the call," the congressman said. "I'm so honored to be called the U.S. Congressman of the 1st District, the home of the 919th."

The wing activated approximately 600 of its 1,300 Reservists to support OEF in Afghanistan. Approximately 550 Reservists were extended for a second year and participated in OIF. Although not all at the same time, 708 Reservists were activated.

711th Special Operations Squadron members Lt. Col. Jon Weeks, MC-130E Combat Talon I aircraft commander, and Maj. Randall Nicholson, MC-130E pilot, were among those Reservists who received the Distinguished Flying Cross. The DFC is the Air Force's eighth-highest decoration. Their mission: transporting a major political opposition leader out of enemy territory.

Major Nicholson and Colonel Weeks, both air line pilots in civilian life, were activated shortly after 9/11. Despite the hardships, both Reservists said their experiences were worthwhile.

"Even though it was a big sacrifice I think we're doing something positive for



Members of the 919th Special Operations Wing, Duke Field, Fla., receive applause from Lt. Gen. James Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve Command commander (far right) after they received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

my children and for the children of Afghanistan and Iraq...It was worth the price," Major Nicholson said.

"The World War II generation had their moment in history and this was our opportunity to go overseas and make a difference," Colonel Weeks added.

As of Oct. 1 the majority of the wing was deactivated and Reservists are getting back into their normal routines. However, General Sherrard cautioned, "We'll have to remember that the Global War on Terrorism isn't over. We may be asked again. We need to be ready to step forward, if asked. I am absolutely confident that will always be the case with the 919th."

Spotlight on ...

Corey Taulton

Rank/Duty Title: Staff Sgt./Information Management Specialist

Organization: Air Force Special Operations Command

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hobbies: Sports and computers

Contribution to the mission:

Sergeant Taulton hit the ground running when he arrived at AFSOC and hasn't slowed down yet.

He's established himself as one of the premier information management specialists in the headquarters.

Sergeant Taulton has provided valuable continuity during numerous contingency deployments that have left the office less than 75 percent manned.

He was responsible for all administrative aspects of the AFSOC commander's Combat Search and Rescue conference held here in August, including confirming 250 security clearances.

Sergeant Taulton's attitude, appearance and military bearing are examples for all to follow.

He was recently selected as the Hurlburt Field 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.)

AIR FORCE NEWS

Services 'all ears' for your input

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Ever wish someone would really listen to your wants and needs?

Well, Headquarters Air Force Services is all ears. Every year, they conduct a Customer Feedback Survey to assess customer satisfaction with Services programs. The responses from this survey help drive policy and program decisions.

If you were randomly chosen to receive this survey, now's your chance to let your opinions be known.

Air Force Services is committed to combat support and community service and offers many programs to improve quality of life for Air Force Families. These surveys let Services know what they are doing right and where things can be improved.

The survey is a very important customer feedback tool. Please take the time to fill it out and return it in the envelope provided.

Your responses will help make a differ-

ence in the programs Services offers to you, your family, and the entire Hurlburt Field community.

This survey has been reviewed and approved for distribution by the Air Force Personnel Survey Branch at the Air Force Personnel Center.

The survey control number is USAF SCN 03-088. For more information, call the Services Marketing Representative Melanie Wilson, 16th Services Squadron, at 884-3820/3821. **(AFPN)**

Airmen use funds to help rebuild Iraq

By Maj. Roger Lawson
506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – As Iraq struggles to establish a solid foundation for self-government, airmen are lending a hand to local Iraqis.

Since July, the 506th Air Expeditionary Group has reinvested more than \$300,000 of captured Iraqi money back into the local community through the commander's emergency response program.

Formerly known as the brigade commanders' discretionary fund, the program is funded through seized Iraqi assets. It gives commanders the ability to re-establish and rebuild the social and material infrastructure in Iraq, said Capt. Pete Jeyaram, 506th AEG staff judge advocate.

Although the Army typically uses the program, the 506th AEG commander learned from U.S. Central Command officials that the Air Force could use the funds for local projects, said Capt.

Jeyaram, who's deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

"We've contracted 15 projects so far – reinvesting \$307,000 back into the community, with much of that going through local contractors," said Capt. Alex Basco, 506th AEG contracting officer, who's deployed from Langley AFB, Va.

Initial projects include equipping Iraqi police stations and hospitals, purchasing computers and equipment for several area schools, and renovating a local government radio and television station in Kirkuk. In addition, plans are being considered to restore and repair two neglected cemeteries and a mosque.

"The future of this country ultimately lies in its ability to establish a stable, self-sufficient government. We're using the (program's) funds to channel money from the previous regime back into reconstruction efforts that'll hopefully help the new government get on its feet," said Col. Jim Callahan, 506th AEG commander. "From what we've been told, this is a first for the Air Force, and I'm proud of what we're doing for the people of Kirkuk." **(AFPN)**

Special-duty recruiting teams combine forces

By Jillian Speake
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Two Air Force recruiting teams have combined forces to make it easier for airmen to sign up for special-duty assignments, particularly as recruiters or military training instructors.

The dual recruiter and MTI recruiting team provides service members one briefing to learn about these and other training assignment opportunities.

During base visits, the team also covers technical training instructor, professional military education instructor and military training leader assignments.

The team saves base sponsors time because the sponsors now coordinate for one team instead of two. It also reduces

the number of people sent to conduct briefings, said Master Sgt. Jodie Cameron, superintendent for the MTI recruiting team at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The team's briefings provide specific information about recruiter and MTI duties and help dispel myths or rumors concerning the job requirements. The recruiting events also allow the team to set the record straight about responsibilities, eligibility and benefits, Sergeant Cameron said.

For instance, regardless of Air Force specialty code, any airman can become an Air Force recruiter if he or she meets the eligibility requirements.

Some requirements are: applicants must hold the rank of senior airman through master sergeant with no more than 17 years time in service, they must not have any ratings of

three on their last three performance reports and they must have a valid driver's license.

Similar requirements are also set for the MTI program. Any airman can become an MTI regardless of Air Force specialty code.

Senior airmen with at least four, but less than six years of active-duty service, and staff or technical sergeants with less than 17 years of service are eligible to become MTIs.

Other requirements include excellent military image and appearance, overall ratings of three or higher on their last five performance reports and written recommendation from the person's unit commander.

MTIs and recruiters also receive special-duty pay; MTIs receive \$375, and recruiters receive \$450 each month.

Both serve non-deployable three-year controlled tours

with an option to extend for a year.

MTIs can earn 22 hours toward an instructor of technology and military science degree from the Community College of the Air Force. They also receive \$197 per year as a supplemental clothing allowance.

Recruiters can choose their geographical location, said Master Sgt. Weldon Selders, recruiter screening team chief for the Air Force Recruiting Service.

MTIs initially serve their tours at the Basic Military Training School at Lackland and can apply later for MTI duties at the Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

For more information on recruiting, visit www.rs.af.mil/RTR.htm. For more details on becoming an MTI, visit www.lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm. **(AFPN)**

News Briefs

Airmen's records now online

The Air Force has implemented a new program enabling airmen to complete record reviews online through the virtual military personnel flight.

"After the customer logs in to vMPF and accomplishes his or her record review, a hard copy should be printed for the member's personal records," said Master Sgt. Don Taylor, superintendent of customer support operations. "If all of the information is correct, no further action is required until the next annual review."

In some areas where errors may be found, the member can make the needed changes through the links provided, said Sergeant Taylor.

The individual's MPF or commander's support staff can correct other errors not yet updateable through the virtual record review. For more information, call the military personnel flight office at 884-5202. **(AFPN)**

Beware of look-alike myPay sites

ARLINGTON, Va. – Arlington officials caution the 2 million military and civilian users of myPay to use only the official Web site when accessing pay account information.

"Personal information is valuable and should be safeguarded," said Claudia Bogard, director of corporate communications for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. "Don't provide your personal information to any Web site unless you know it can be trusted."

Look-alike sites have recently frustrated myPay customers who have been confused by accidentally finding their way to a commercial site that's in no way affiliated with DFAS or the Department of Defense.

MyPay is a secure, DFAS-operated Web site that lets service members, civilian employees, and military retirees and annuitants take charge of their pay accounts online. The DFAS my-Pay Web site is found at <http://mypay.dfas.mil/>. **(AFPN)**

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1970. Although prisoners there had already been moved, the raid was credited with forcing North Vietnamese officials to give POWs better care.

General Aderholt began his career in May of 1943 when he was commissioned in the Army Air Forces and began flying C-47s for the 49th Troop Carrier Squadron. He later flew B-17s with the Special Group of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force.

Shortly after the Korean War broke out, General Aderholt flew a C-47 "Gooney Bird" to his new unit, the 21st Carrier Squadron, also known as the "Kyushu Gypsies" for their nomadic re-supplying of the 8th Army. General Aderholt also activated and commanded a Special Air Missions detachment, which dropped agents behind enemy lines and conducted Psychological Operations broadcast and leaflet missions.

One time General Aderholt loaded a C-47 with napalm canisters, dropping them on targets of opportunity while returning to base.

As a major, General Aderholt reported to the 1007th Air Intelligence Group, an Air Force unit attached to the CIA. He built an air training program to familiarize agents and customers such as King Hussein of Jordan with aircraft capabilities, drop zone procedures and parachute jumps behind enemy lines.

On his second tour with the 1007th AIG, General Aderholt sold the CIA director on a light, utility aircraft to extract downed aircrews from hostile territory and support partisan missions in remote areas. This short take offs and landings aircraft, the Helio Courier, was adopted by the Air Force as the U-10.

In 1960, General Aderholt reported to Okinawa, Japan to command Detachment II of the 1045th Observation, Evaluation and Training Group, a unit detailed to the CIA.

General Aderholt made significant improvements to the airlift that provided clandestine support to Tibet. The unit also supported the CIA's efforts in Laos, and General Aderholt's

Helio Courier was ideally suited for the crude jungle airstrips hacked out of the jungle by the Hmong tribesmen.

General Aderholt also served as the vice commander and commander of the 1st Air Commando Wing at Hurlburt Field at which time he oversaw Water Pump, an operation to train Laotian pilots which quickly expanded to include providing medical support to the indigenous population. By 1965, the Air Force had "an urgent requirement to set up a recovery operation for downed pilots in Southeast Asia," and General Aderholt headed up the Joint Personnel Recovery Center in Saigon, running the Bright Light missions.

In 1967, General Aderholt stood up and commanded the 56th Air Commando Wing. His prop-driven aircraft worked the Laotian and North Vietnamese portion of the Ho Chi Minh Trail at the request of the U.S. ambassador to Laos after daylight jet raids proved ineffective.

General Aderholt retired as a colonel in 1973, but the Air Force recalled him seven months later, sending him to Thailand as deputy of the U.S. Military Assistance Command-Thailand and the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group-Thailand.

General Aderholt pinned on a brigadier general's star in May 1974 and became commander of MAC-T the following year. After the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh fell in April, the Communist-backed Pathet Lao in Laos grew bolder.

General Aderholt scraped up every plane he could find and evacuated hundreds of Hmong refugees from a secret air base.

He retired for the second and final time in August 1975 but remained active in Southeast Asian business enterprises and humanitarian aid projects worldwide. Although he described a 1996 Hmong humanitarian operation as his "last major project in this lifetime," the 83-year-old has only recently returned from guiding a tour of the Ho Chi Minh Trail and delivering school and medical supplies to Central Laos.

(Courtesy of U.S. Special Operations Command and 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs)

Too 'plugged in' at home

Courtesy of the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron

During October, Energy Awareness Month, several topics dealing with energy will be explored.

Some of which are the economic boom in our consumer-oriented society, the growth of new technologies and the changing workforce – more people working from home – which have dramatically increased the number of products that require power in the average home.

Most of today's homes sport multiple computers, printers, faxes, televisions, VCRs, CD players and hair dryers.

Computer equipment is the fastest growing electric load in the world. Energy use by computers has doubled since the year 2000. Unfortunately, much of the energy for computers is wasted because they're often kept on while not in use.

Furthermore, most idle appliances – televisions, VCRs, cable boxes, CD players, cassette decks, cordless phones, burglar alarms and microwaves – continue to consume energy when switched off.

This energy keeps display clocks lit, and memory chips and remote controls working. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory calculates that these energy "leaks" account for five percent of the total domestic energy con-

sumption, cost more than \$3 billion annually and spew 18 million tons of carbon into the atmosphere.

Idle televisions and VCRs alone cost U.S. consumers more than \$1 billion a year, or some \$30 per household. Emissions from power plants supplying that electricity are equal to the pollution caused by 2 million cars. New technology in televisions and VCRs bearing the Energy Star label will reduce wasted energy by up to 75 percent.

To save up to \$70 annually in electricity bills and improve product longevity, activate your Energy Star "sleep" feature on home office equipment (PC, fax, printers and scanners), so that it automatically powers down when not in use. To save even more, turn off your computer during long periods of non-use.

The fact is every kilowatt-hour of electricity you avoid using saves more than 1.5 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.

If over the next 15 years, Americans bought only Energy Star products, we would shrink our energy bills by more than \$100 billion and eliminate as much greenhouse gas pollution as is produced by 17 million cars for each of those 15 years.

You have the power to conserve energy. You can make a difference by saving energy.

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AFEV breaks ground

SHALIMAR, Fla. – The Air Force Enlisted Village will hold a ceremony to break ground on an assisted living facility, today at 9 a.m.

The AFEV, a non-profit organization providing housing and services to widows and spouses of retired Air Force enlisted members, was recently the recipient of an \$8 million pledge. The money will allow the village to build a 64-bed, state of the art facility and complete the dream of providing lifetime care to its 400-plus residents.

Also, this morning at approximately 10 a.m., a ribbon cutting will officially open the Bob Gates Welcome Center, located adjacent to the Dolores Hope All Faiths Chapel. The late Bob Hope, and his wife, Delores, donated \$1 million to the AFEV to build the center in honor of retired Col. Bob Gates, a former Hurlburt Field commander. The friendship between the Hopes and Colonel Gates spans more than 60 years and began when then-Lieutenant Gates piloted one of the comedian's USO flights overseas.

Following refreshments and entertainment in the center, the seven-foot Christmas Box Statue, "The Angel of Hope," will be unveiled in the Garden of Hope, between the chapel and the welcome center.

The statue has come to symbolize a beacon of hope for parents grieving a lost child. In time, it's also come to comfort anyone mourning the loss of a loved one.

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Armed Forces Appreciation Day

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce hosts Armed Forces Appreciation Day beginning at 10 a.m. Nov. 8 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach.

All active-duty, Guard and Reserve service members and dependents, with military identification will be admitted free of charge.

The general public admission is \$5; children ages six and under are free.

Children's activities include a petting zoo, costume characters, demonstrations, a rock climbing wall and more.

Opening ceremonies begin at 11:30 a.m.

Entertainment begins on the two stages at noon including a performance by Tops In Blue at 2:30 p.m., and culminating with Country Western singer Neal McCoy, the headline entertainer, at 6:30 p.m.

The evening wraps up with a colorful fireworks display, provided by the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce, following Mr. McCoy's performance.

For more information, call Peggy Brockman at 314-8137.

Air Commando Reunion 2003

The Air Commandos Reunion 2003 is held Friday through Sunday in Fort Walton Beach. There'll be a golf tournament at the Gator Lakes Golf Course here Friday morning, and a formal banquet Saturday night at the Eglin Air Force Base NCO Club, where the Air Commando Hall of Fame will induct four new members. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Robin Olds. A memorial service Sunday at noon at the Hurlburt Field Air Park will conclude the reunion. A complete agenda can be found at www.aircommando.net.

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FEATURE

Green Hornets take to the sky

Courtesy of 16th SOW Public Affairs

The 20th Special Operations Squadron Green Hornets, one of eight flying squadrons within the 16th Special Operations Wing, are truly "Quiet Professionals." With the support of aerial gunners, intelligence and many other supporting personnel, these Air Commandos take flight aboard MH-53M PAVE LOWs, in order to accomplish Hurlburt Field's day and night low-level penetration missions into enemy territory.

Led by Lt. Col. Richard Williams, 20th SOS commander, the approximately 250-manned squadron provides clandestine infiltration and exfiltration, aerial gunnery support, humanitarian assistance and re-supplies Special Operations Forces throughout the world. The squadron is also responsible for airland and airdrop techniques and over-water operations.

The Green Hornets' "choice of flight," the MH-53M PAVE LOW, is the largest, most powerful and technologically advanced helicopter in the Air Force inventory. Its ability to conduct low-level, long-range missions undetected can be largely attributed to its unique terrain-following and terrain-avoidance radar, forward-looking infrared sensor, inertial navigation system with global positioning system, along with a projected map display that enables the crew to follow terrain contours and avoid obstacles.

This unique capability was demonstrated when 20th SOS crewmembers and aircraft led U.S. Army AH-64 Apaches in an air strike to open the air war in Operation Desert Storm. During this time, a 20th SOS crew also rescued Navy Lt. Devon Jones, logging the first successful combat rescue of a downed airman since the Vietnam War. The crew deservedly earned the MacKay Trophy for

their accomplishments.

Although a majority of the squadron's missions are flown during the hours of darkness, the Green Hornets have also been involved in many humanitarian and rescue missions to include search and rescue operations resulting from the CT-43 crash in which Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown and his party lost their lives. These same crews deployed shortly thereafter to support the American Embassy evacuations in Monrovia, Liberia – airlifting more than 2,000 evacuees to safety.

In 2001, terrorism brought great tragedy to our nation, and the Green Hornets were quick to respond in the initial recovery efforts at the Pentagon and Ground Zero in New York City, supporting Operation Noble Eagle.

The 20th later deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom and since that time has been engaged in the fight against terrorism in Afghanistan with continuing

endeavors into Iraq as the War on Terror continues.

Included among these heroic actions are the daring daylight medevac of 32 injured soldiers in Afghanistan, in the midst of a battle, and the rescue of a downed aircrew deep in hostile territory that earned the squadron its second MacKay Trophy.

When only the best will do, 20th SOS personnel stand ready to answer the call, "Any Time, Any Place."



Two MH-53 PAVE LOWs from the 20th SOS land on a beach during a training exercise.

Courtesy photo



Photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Davis

A MH-53 PAVE LOW Tail Gunner, 20th Special Operations Squadron, sits on the lowered ramp of the aircraft as it flies a low-level training mission over Florida.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andy Dunaway

Airmen from the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron fast rope from a 20th SOS MH-53 PAVE LOW during a training exercise here.

Columbus Day weekend holiday hours

Facilities	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Facilities	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
AutoPride	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	Frame Skills	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 pm	closed	closed
Base Exchange	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Wood Skills	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	closed	closed	closed
Barber Shop	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Plaque & Trophy Shop	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	closed	closed	closed
Burger King	6 a.m. - 8 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	closed	Auto Skills	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	closed
Gator Lakes Golf Course	6:30 a.m.- dusk	every day			Military Clothing Sales	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	closed	closed	closed
Bowling Center	9 a.m. - 11 p.m.	10 a.m. - mid	noon - 10 p.m.	noon - 10 p.m.	Mini-mall Food Court	6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	closed	closed	closed
Spare Time Grill	6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.	10 a.m. - mid	noon - 10 p.m.	noon - 10 p.m.	Multi-Crafts Center	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	closed	closed
J.R. Rockers Facilities	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	closed	11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m	closed	Outdoor Recreation Center	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	closed
Soundside Club	functions only	functions only	brunch	closed	Marina	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	closed
Officers Hooch	3 p.m. - closed	closed	closed	closed	Dive Club	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	closed	closed	closed
Enlisted Hooch	3 p.m. - closed	closed	closed	closed	Paintball Fields	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m	closed	closed
Child Development Center	6:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	closed	closed	closed	Main Fitness Center	8 a.m. - 6 p.m	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Teen Center	4 -11 p.m.	4 -11 p.m.	closed	closed	Reef Dining Facility – every day	Br 6 - 8:30 a.m. L 11 a.m - 1 p.m. D 4 - 6:30 p.m.			
Youth Center	5:30 - 10 p.m.	1- 8 p.m.	closed	closed	Library	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Noon - 5 p.m.	closed
School Age Program	6:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	closed	closed	closed					
ITT Ticket Sales	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	closed	closed	closed					
ITT Leisure Travel Sales	closed	closed	closed	closed					

The following facilities will be closed all four days: Commando Fitness Center; Community Center; Mini-mall Shoppette, Oasis Cafe Dining Facility, Pool, and Velocity Subs.

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Hurlburt Happenings

Military

Weekend exercise

Hurlburt Field holds an exercise Oct. 18 to help test the wing's ability to respond to an attack on the installation or a munitions accident. Primary players for the exercise include: fire department, security forces, medical, explosive ordinance and ammunitions personnel. Members can contact their supervisors or exercise evaluation team members for more information.

AFA awards dinner

The Hurlburt Field Chapter of the Air Force Association is holding its annual awards dinner Oct. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Soundside Club to honor its selection as the Air Force Association Unit of the Year. The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Norty Schwartz, Joint Chiefs of Staff J3. Dinner will be a southern style buffet for \$18.60. Dress is jacket and open collar for men, and ladies are encouraged to dress accordingly. All reservations must be made no later than Monday, by calling Don Tyler at 884-2807 or by e-mailing donald.tyler@hurlburt.af.mil.

HOSC costume party

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club will host a costume party Oct. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. The menu will be chicken cordon bleu served with Caribbean vegetables, wild rice pilaf, rolls and Martha's Cobbler. The alternate menu is a grilled chicken Caesar salad. Guests who bring a donation, such as old towels or blankets, for the Panhandle Animal Welfare Society will receive an extra door prize ticket. Childcare will be available at the Hurlburt Field Youth Center from 5:45 to 9:15 p.m. The cost will be \$3/hour per child or \$5/hour total for two or more children. Reservations for dinner and childcare must be made by Monday. To make reservations, call Betsy Treloar at 936-5306.

EOSC Bunko-Ole'

The Eglin Enlisted Officers' Spouses Club at Eglin Air Force Base hosts a Bunko-Ole' Wednesday at 6 p.m. The menu is a Mexican buffet; the cost is \$9.44 for Air Force or club members and \$11.44 for non-members. Reservations must be made by today. Childcare will be available on site. For more information, call Cheryl Toth at 678-4084 or e-mail actoth@hotmail.com. Also, the EOSC will sponsor a precious jewelry display Oct. 30 and 31 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Eglin AFB's Officer Club.

Overseas employment

Training consultant/advisor, Operational Course instructors and Tactical Course instructors are needed at Royal Saudi Air Force Joint Air Operations School in Saudi Arabia. Joint Operations and Command and Control Air Warrior School experience is required. Applicants must also be former U.S. military and experienced in classroom instruction. The benefits package includes: tax-free income; furnished housing and utilities; accompanied tours; 30 days annual paid vacation, plus 11 holidays; excellent American schools; vacation travel; and a medical plan. For more information, call Marc Ballgae at 941-918-9769, e-mail mballgae@aviationrecruiting.net or visit www.aviationrecruiting.net.

AFPC survey

The Air Force Personnel Center's goal is to simplify

personnel processes. That's why they're seeking input/ideas from the field on how the center can make personnel-related activities easier for commanders and supervisors, without major staffing efforts. E-mail all suggestions – big or small – to Senior Master Sgt. Brian Johnston at brian.johnston@hurlburt.af.mil, using "AFPC Survey" as the subject. All submissions must be made by Friday.

Airman Appreciation Day

The Hurlburt Field Airman's Council is hosting an Airman Appreciation Day today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Community Park for all airmen at Hurlburt Field. There'll be a burger burn and refreshments prepared by the FOCUS 56 group here.

Later in the afternoon, there'll be a paintball challenge between the airmen and the NCOs. For more information, e-mail Airman 1st Class Mary Kizzee at mary.kizzee@hurlburt.af.mil.

Community

Munch and Mend

The Hurlburt Field Chapel hosts Munch and Mend Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. Come by the chapel and have minor repairs or name tags, stripes or patches sewn on to one clean article of clothing, while enjoying a home cooked meal and dessert. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371 or Jimmie Thomas at 881-3344.

Kick-off celebration

The Hurlburt Field Chapel's Protestant Services will begin the 40 Days of Purpose event with a kick-off celebration Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Community Park. There'll be food, fellowship, worship and fun. For more information about the event, call Chaplain Brad Green at 884-7795.

Vehicle decals

The Hurlburt Field Pass and Registration Office still has 3,500 vehicle decals that'll be issued on a "first come, first served" basis Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The pass and registration office is located in Building 90210. The Visitor Control Center hours are 6 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

New commissary hours

As of Sept. 28, the Hurlburt Field Commissary will be operating from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Also, the commissary will be closed Monday for Columbus Day, and will reopen Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Part-day preschool openings

The Hurlburt Field Child Development Center still has many spaces available in its Part-Day Preschool Program for ages three to five. For more information, call Gwen Gregory at 884-3155.

Bike, car and truck show

Hurlburt Field will host the 2003 Commando Cruise In Bike, Car and Truck Show Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Soundside parking lot. The show is limited to the first 250 cars/trucks and 50 motorcycles. Pre-registration is \$20 and \$25 on the day of the event. There'll be \$750 cash awards and trophies for the winners, and music, fun and food for everyone. For more information, call Trisha Barrett at 884-6948.

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) "S.W.A.T.," starring Samuel L. Jackson and LL Cool J – After weeks of rigorous physical training, the new team is quickly thrown into action when a notorious drug lord offers a \$100 million reward to anyone who can free him from police custody. While accompanying the drug lord out of Los Angeles into the hands of the federal agents, the S.W.A.T. team is pursued by a ruthless and well-armed band of reward seekers.

Saturday – (R) "Freddy Vs. Jason," starring Robert Englund and Ken Kirzinger – Freddy Krueger is in hell – literally. While there, he resurrects Jason. Jason is the perfect means for Freddy to once again instill fear on Elm Street, creating a window of opportunity for him to emerge from his purgatory. So, Freddy tricks Jason into journeying to Springwood to start a new reign of terror.

Sunday – (R) "Open Range," starring Kevin Costner and Annette Bening – The four cattle herders and "freegazers," living in the final years of the Wild West, eventually team up to rid a burgeoning remote town, Harmonville, from the machinations of a ruthlessly evil rancher, Baxter, who forms a sort of "outlaw state," where he makes the laws and rules and enforces them using scare-tactics and brute force.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) "Seabiscuit," starring Tobey Maguire and Jeff Bridges – It was the beginning of the 20th century, and the paths of Johnny Pollard, Tom Smith and Charles Howard converged. These men were broken, each for different reasons, and they needed each other to become whole again. They and the entire country found a hero in an average horse named Seabiscuit, who achieved the unthinkable.

Saturday – (PG-13) "The Medallion," starring Jackie Chan and Claire Forlani – Eddie, a Hong Kong police officer, suffers a near fatal accident while investigating a case involving a mysterious medallion. He soon discovers that with the powerful medallion, he gains incredible speed, strength and skills. Enlisting the help of British agent Nicole, Eddie is determined to learn the secret of the medallion and face down the evil Snakehead, who wants to use its awesome powers for his own evil plans.

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

Mullet festival

The 27th Annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival is Oct. 17–19 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 85 North and College Boulevard. Admission is \$5; children under 12 years of age are free. The Jazz Ensemble from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will perform Oct. 17 and 18. On the children's stage, there'll be an array of clown shows, magic shows and cartoon characters. For detailed information about the day's entertainment and activities, visit www.niceville.org and access the mullet festival link.

Chapel positions available

The Hurlburt Field Chapel is now accepting sealed bids for the positions of 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services Worship and Choir Director, 12:45 p.m. Gospel Service Choir Director and 12:45 p.m. Gospel Service Accompanist. A statement of work for these positions may be obtained at the chapel from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bids must be submitted by noon Friday. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carol Mesarchik or Chaplain Pat McCain at 884-7795.

Craft show

The Shalimar United Methodist Church hosts its 7th Annual Holly Fair Craft Show Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There'll be more than 50 artists and crafters offering a variety of artwork and handcrafted items for sale. There'll also be homemade bakery goods, including cakes, cookies, breads, jams and jellies for purchase. Lunch will be available in the Holly Berry Tea Room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with light snacks available elsewhere. For more information, call Fleta Keith at 651-0106.

New gym lockers

The Hurlburt Field Main Fitness Center will be installing new lockers in both the men and women's locker rooms. The fitness staff requests that all individuals with assigned lockers, and those utilizing daily use

lockers please remove all personal belongings from the lockers by Oct. 25. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Melanie Kain at 884-6884.

RED HORSE haunted house

The 823rd RED HORSE Squadron hosts its annual haunted house Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18, Oct. 24 and 25 and Oct. 31 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. for all military, dependents and guests. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. The squadron is located just inside the east gate of Hurlburt Field. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tobie May at 881-1369.

Bocce tournament

Resources for Human Development, Inc., a non-profit, state-funded organization, will be celebrating the grand opening of their new thrift store Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. and 4-man teams will compete for prizes, while enjoying free food, fun and drinks. The cost per team is a \$40 donation. The thrift store is located at 210 Cypress Street, and the bocce court is located at 625 Lovejoy Road. To sign up for the tournament, call 862-6340.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will be closed Friday and Monday in observance of Columbus Day. However, Eglin Air Force Base's emergency room will be open.

Benefit sale

Teresa Village, located at 350 Woodrow Street in Fort Walton Beach, will host a benefit sale for the Air Force Enlisted Village, a non-profit organization providing housing and services to widows and spouses of retired Air Force enlisted members, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Cathy Landroche at 651-3766.

ERAU registration

Friday is the last day to register for Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University's Winter 2003 Term. Registration can be done in Building 90220, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Fridays. Add/Drop dates are Oct. 13–17, and class dates are Oct. 13–Dec. 13. For more information, call 581-2106.

Classes

FSC classes

For more information, call 884-5441.

Commando Welcome Spouse – Tuesday, 9 a.m.; reservations required

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

Bundles for Babies – Wednesday, 1 p.m.; reservations required

Employment Orientation – Wednesday, 1 p.m.; reservations required

Kids Smooth Move – Wednesday, 4 p.m.; reservations required

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

Smooth Move – Thursday, 1 p.m.; reservations required

Be Your Own Boss – Oct. 17, 11:30 a.m.; reservations required

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for Babies is a class for women in their third trimester of pregnancy that provides information on the development stages of their infant, communication and bonding skills, budgeting information and more.

HAWC classes

For more information, call 884-4292.

Lean On Me – Tuesday, 11:30 p.m.

Post-partum Follow Up – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Lean and Healthy Eating – Tuesday, 3 p.m.

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SPORTS

Runners participate in fourth annual 5K

By Airman 1st Class
Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

More than 200 people participated in the Fourth Annual 5K Commando run at 8 a.m. Friday at the Hurlburt Field Main Fitness Center.

According to Senior Airman Katrina Stone, 16th Services Squadron, this year's participation rate superceded last year's estimated 70 runners.

"We would like to credit the higher participation rate due to our new fitness standards that are coming up the first of the year," Airman Stone said.

In addition to many individual runners, many squadrons and organizations came out for the morale run, to include the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard, who was singing jodies, as they began the first leg of the race.

As if the participants' morale wasn't high enough, Col. Mike McKenna, deputy commander of the 16th Mission Support Group, arrived bright and early at 7:30 a.m. to give a few words of encourage-

ment to them before the start of the race.

"You care enough to challenge your mind and body," Colonel McKenna said, "achieving goals and maintaining the standards, while creating camaraderie, esprit de corps and developing new friendships...great example of why Hurlburt Field is excellent."

After being pumped up and ready to go by Colonel McKenna, the runners proceeded to the start of the race, which was at the entrance of Ammo Country.

After a shot from the gun, the runners were off for their 3.3-mile race around base.

Sean Dunlop finished as the first male runner; **Jim Eastman** sprinted in shortly thereafter to be the first male master finisher. **Kelly Wild** followed as the first female runner, and **Sandra Davis** was the first female master finisher.

After the last runner crossed the finish line, Colonel McKenna gave some closing remarks.

"Over 200 people signed up for the Commando run," said Colonel McKenna, "and all of you finished. Great job!"



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

After a gunshot start from "Ammo Country," more than 200 people ran during the Fourth Annual Commando 5K Run Friday.

Sports shorts

Athlete of year

Anyone who's participated on the highest levels of Air Force sports can submit their packages to the fitness center for submission to the Athlete of the Year program. Deadline is Oct. 20. For more information, call 884-6884.

Women football

Women flag football players are needed for the fall league. For more information or to sign up, call 884-6884.

Water Olympics

The Water Olympics are scheduled for Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. at outdoor recreation. People can sign up through their unit sports representatives.

Varsity B-ball

The first home varsity basketball game is Oct. 18-19. Hurlburt Field will play against Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Women will play at 1 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday and men play at 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.

Rugby players

The Okaloosa Islanders Rugby Football Club is looking for new players at all levels of playing experience. Training sessions are currently held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call J.C. at 882-6128.

Fitness fun

Charles Gray, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron (left), and William Johnson, 16th Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, battle it out during a game of racquetball Tuesday at Hurlburt Field's Commando Fitness Center.

The fitness center offers several activities such as yoga classes, weight lifting, basketball, and the health and wellness center, which offers classes on nutrition and much more. For more information on classes at the HAWC or the fitness center, call 884-4412.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson