

CFC reps gather at midway mark

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Combined Federal Campaign representatives and coordinators gathered at the Hurlburt Field Mini-mall Oct. 8 for the 2003 CFC Mid Campaign Rally to discuss progress and participation rates.

Before each of the seven major campaign groups sent their representative forward to give a year-to-date tally, Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, came forward to say a few words.

"We're trying to create a better world overseas," Colonel Killgore said, "so why can't we do it here? Every one of us has the capacity to give to a charity that has somehow touched our lives. Now, we owe them our help. The challenge of this campaign is to go out and change the world one person at a time and do it at your level."

Following Colonel Killgore, Master Sgt. Eric Hanson, 16th Security Forces Squadron and base project officer, gave a brief account of the base's present overall standings.

"As of Oct. 3, more than 47 percent of the wing has been contacted, more than \$206,000 has been raised and our current participation rate is 17 percent and climbing," Sergeant Hanson said.

Sergeant Hanson then asked the group project officers to come forward and give an account of their group's current status. They are as follows:

- The 16th Mission Support Group has raised approximately \$35,000 and has 13.3 percent participation.
- The 16th Operations Group has raised approximately \$35,000 and has 10.7 percent participation.

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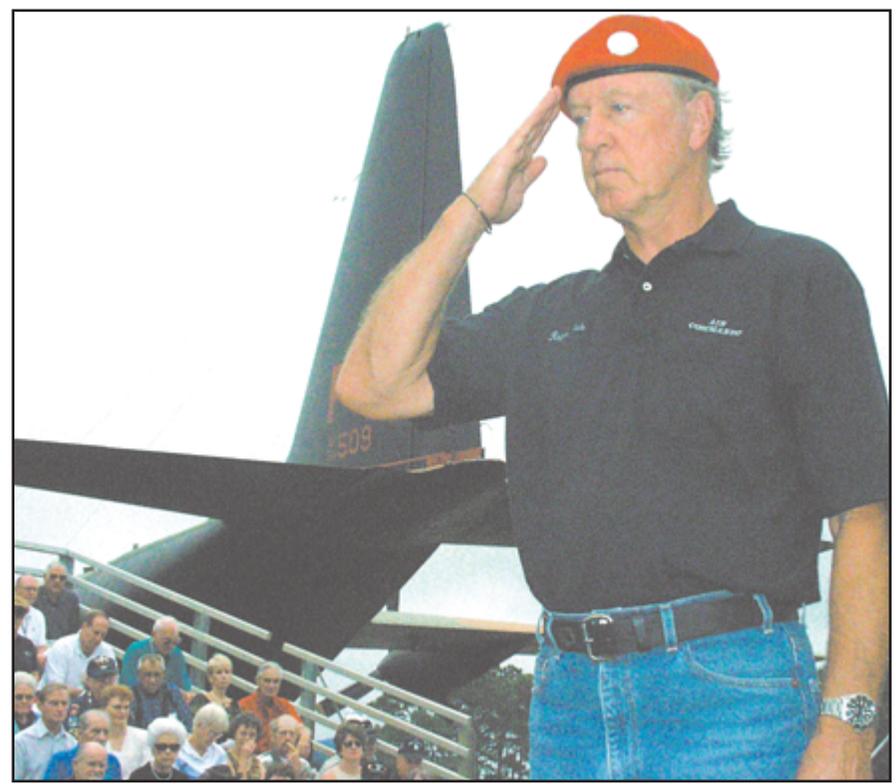


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Roger Klair, a retired Combat Controller, salutes during the Air Commando Association Reunion memorial service Sunday at the Air Park. Mr. Klair was saluting the wreaths during the Laying of the Wreaths and Roll Call portion of the ceremony.

Air Commandos remember fallen heroes

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

The Air Commando Association held their 2003 reunion Oct. 10 through 12 in Fort Walton Beach.

The annual reunion encompassed several events throughout the weekend including a memorial service at Hurlburt Field's Air Park Sunday afternoon.

The ceremony is very special, according to Charlie Jones, ACA member.

"We gather here every year to honor our fallen heroes," he said.

The ACA is an organization formed during the Vietnam War by Air Force personnel who served in various Air Commando and Special Operations units.

Their purpose is to keep alive the Air Commando spir-

it, to rekindle camaraderie and honor past and present Special Operators.

In keeping with that spirit, several ACA members, families, friends and distinguished visitors attended the ceremony to honor the Air Commandos for their service.

"You have laid the groundwork for this wing to follow," said Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander. "I ask that you continue to teach us, mentor us and guide us, so we don't forget the work you've already done."

The work that the commander speaks about was recognized by Air America, an organization that conducted covert operations in 1950 when the Central Intelligence Agency decided it required air transport capability in Southeast Asia.

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Wing Change of Command

The 16th Special Operations Wing change of command ceremony will be Oct. 24 in the new 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Corrosion Control Facility at 9 a.m.

Col. Frank Kisner will relinquish command to Col. O.G. Mannon.

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Friday – mostly sunny, partly cloudy, High 82 Low 56

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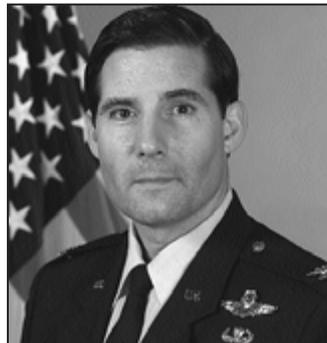
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However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

Traffic trials

Comment: I was wondering if someone could address the plans to counter the main-gate traffic problems, so those of us that are relatively new to Hurlburt Field can understand what the future might hold.

I understand the U.S. Highway 98 traffic problem is a larger issue than just for the base, but I was wondering if someone can update us on base involvement in the local efforts to help the problem?

Some temporary solutions might include: restricting commercial vehicles and deliveries to non-busy duty hours forcing westbound U.S. Highway 98 base traffic coming from Fort Walton Beach to use the new gate instead of the main gate from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thanks in advance for your response on this difficult issue.

Reply: Thank you for the opportunity to address an issue of great importance to the Hurlburt Field community and to share some tips to expedite traffic. Our base security forces and civil engineers continue to work with state and local officials to improve traffic flow on U.S. Highway 98. They've considered many adjustments, including those you suggest. They'll

continue to adjust measures after balancing force protection and safety concerns with traffic flow.

The single best way for units to assist in reducing traffic congestion is by staggering their work schedules. We also encourage organizations to schedule commercial deliveries during non-peak hours (8:30 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 5 p.m.) when possible. There are also several steps individual base personnel can take to facilitate their entry to base and preclude unnecessary delays:

○Have your identification credentials in hand before you reach the sentry

○Use an armband credential holder when riding a motorcycle

○Put away your cell phone while entering the gate

○Dim your headlights and turn on your dome light when approaching the sentry at night

○Turn off your windshield wipers when approaching the sentry during rain showers

○Stay in your lane

○Don't block the intersection – be sure there's room for your vehicle before turning left from eastbound U.S. Highway 98.

DUI offenders relate experiences

By Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – A Tyndall senior airman was leaving a Panama City restaurant parking lot when the tires of his sport utility vehicle squealed, gaining the attention of a city police officer nearby.

As far as the airman was concerned, he had only consumed what he felt was a minimal amount of beer. He was startled to learn he registered a .12 alcohol content on the breathalyzer test, which meant he was driving under the influ-

ence, or DUI as it is better known.

How could this have happened to a military member who had heard all the messages, all the warnings about the adverse consequences of drinking and driving, not to mention the safe alternatives?

"I knew there were consequences, but I never thought it could happen to me," he admitted. (Identities and units were withheld at subjects' request.)

The military part of his punishment came quickly: a letter of reprimand and placement in his unit's unfavorable information file, but there were many

other ways his life and career suffered.

"With all of the fees and court costs, my financial situation is pretty bad right now," the airman said. "I have to do a lot of cutting back on spending on things I want or don't really need. I'm not sure how much my insurance is going to go up, but I'm not looking forward to that."

Adding to the misery of his consequences, his driver's license was suspended for six months off base and a full year on base.

"I have to depend on people for rides

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NEWS



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Building to make a difference

Airmen from the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, pick up trash and debris from the shoreline along the Grace Brown Nature Trail on the Soundside, Wednesday. About 15 airmen from the 16th CES Airman Advisory Council participated in the three-hour cleanup, clearing and widening the trail and collecting more than five bags of trash. The council participates in projects like this one every month.

Spotlight on ...

Leanna Gard

Rank/Duty Title: Senior Airman/Claims Examiner
Organization: 16th Special Operations Wing

Hometown: Oceanside, Calif.
Hobbies: Riding her motorcycle, art, reading and dancing

Contribution to the mission:

Airman Gard examines, investigates, adjudicates and settles claims filed for and against the U.S. Air Force pursuant to Air Force instruction.

She reviews claims and verifies facts in related documents to ensure compliance with applicable laws and publications.

Airman Gard monitors the Armed Forces Claims Information Management System database.

She reconciles balances and ensures availability of funds in excess of \$370,000.

Airman Gard briefs both inbound and outbound claimants on procedures for filing claims. She conducts claims investigations to make preliminary determination of extent of damages and liability.

She 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.)

NCOs show appreciation to airmen

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Approximately 250 airmen came out to the Community Park Oct. 9 for a day of food and fun provided by a number of base organizations and local sponsors.

After four to six months of planning with Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea, 16th Special Operations Wing command chief, the Hurlburt Field Airman's Council successfully organized a day to honor Hurlburt Field's airmen.

With the help of the FOCUS 56 Group, the Chief's Group, the Hurlburt Top 3, the First Sergeants Association and First Command, Hurlburt Field had its first ever Airman Appreciation Day.

"I hope for it to become an annual event," said Airman's Council president Airman 1st Class Mary Kizzee, 16th Operations Support Squadron, "because it's well-deserved for the airmen."

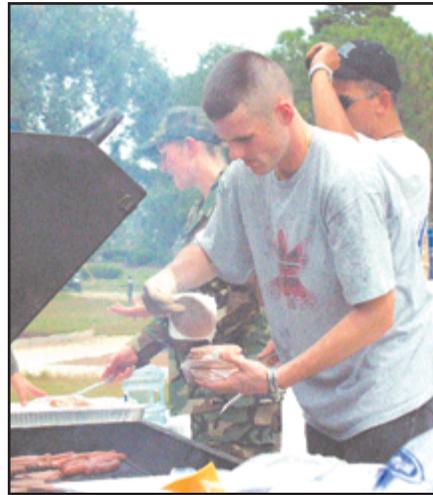
From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., airmen all over the base were invited to a free lunch and a game of paintball. The FOCUS 56 Group provided the airmen with hotdogs and hamburgers right off the grill.

"The FOCUS 56 Group was more than willing to help out the airmen," Chief Alicea said. "It's great to see NCOs and base organizations giving their time and finances for the airmen."

After a time of music, food and fellowship in the Community Park pavilion area, the airmen headed over to the Hurlburt Field Paintball Course on the Soundside, where the NCOs challenged the airmen to a game of paintball.

Airmen were provided all the equipment and more than 4,000 donated paintballs – free of charge.

"I hope the airmen see the efforts the Airman's Council and the base organizations put forth to show their appreciation for the service the airmen give every day," Airman Kizzee said, "and will in



An NCO with the FOCUS 56 Group, puts more hamburgers on the grill for the airmen at the Airman Appreciation Day Oct. 9.

turn, be motivated to get more involved on base and in their chain of command."

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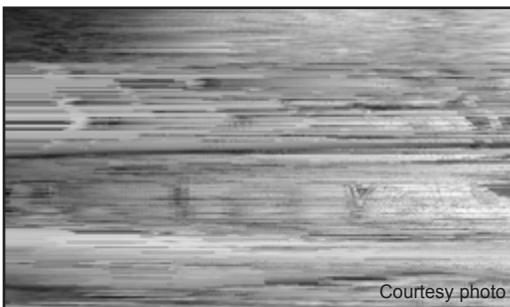
Karl Malone guarantees POW/MIA recognition

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii

– It's said that passionate people wear their hearts on their sleeves. For Los Angeles Lakers' forward Karl Malone, he chooses to wear his on his shoe.

There are more than 88,000 Americans



Courtesy photo

still unaccounted for in all conflicts. The Lakers could sell out every home game and be well into the sixth game of the season before the fans outnumber those prisoners of war or missing in action yet to be returned to U.S. soil.

Like many others, the idea of having unaccounted American military members greatly upsets the Lakers' most seasoned veteran.

"I've had so many friends and family, like my grandfather, who served in the military, and it always reminds me of the American POW/MIAs," Mr. Malone said.

And it always brings him back to the same discomfoting thought, he said.

"It seems like sometimes they're forgotten."

Unlike others troubled by this idea,

Mr. Malone set a plan in motion to do something about it. His new sneaker is emblazoned with the POW/MIA emblem.

Every time the Lakers play on television, especially this summer when the U.S. national basketball team makes another Olympic gold medal run, the emblem will be front and center, he said.

"I have the POW/MIA flag everywhere; I fly it on my trucks," said the 6-foot, 9-inch power forward. "When my new shoe deal was coming up, and they asked me about how I wanted it to look, I just thought having the flag on there was a good idea."

It won't be a short-term design either, he said. The flag will remain a part of his uniform for the duration of his career.

"It's just my way of saying thanks, both to those serving now as well as our POW/MIAs," he said. (AFPN)

AF unveils force development plan

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force leaders are launching a spread-the-word tour in November to explain force development, a new system that transforms how the service will train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges.

Teams led by major command general officers will visit every base to explain the details of this initiative and to ensure officers understand the concept, policies and procedures.

Although the first phase of implementing force development targets processes affecting members of the officer corps, all elements – enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air National Guard – will eventually benefit from the force development construct, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

"Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time, with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future," he said. "It'll result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression."

As the chief of staff's "change agent" for force development, the Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is leading this effort.

AFSLMO officials are working with key Air Staff and Air Force Personnel Center leaders to reassess and transform how the Air

Force educates, trains and assigns the total force.

Current and future phases of this transformation will include adjustments to officer academic and professional military education and professional development processes, enlisted professional development and professional military education programs, the management of senior enlisted leaders and the development of Air Force civilian employees.

According to the AFSLMO director, Brig. Gen. Richard Hassan, force-development doctrine consists of three levels: tactical, operational and strategic.

At the tactical level, airmen will continue to concentrate on learning primary skills.

At the operational level, airmen begin developing complementary skills and an understanding of the broader Air Force perspective. They'll learn how a wide variety of individual capabilities combine to complete an organization's mission as well as the Air Force's and its joint partners'.

At the strategic level, airmen combine skills and experiences to develop a knowledge base that extends beyond the Air Force and into Defense Department, interagency and international arenas.

It's all about taking care of the Air Force's most valuable resource, General Hassan said.

"Force development recognizes their value, considers their expectations and provides them with the right set of skills to help them be the best they can at what they do," he said. (AFPN)

AF announces Thrift Savings Plan open season

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the "open season" Oct. 15 - Dec. 31.

"TSP is an easy, long-term retirement savings plan, that everyone should consider," said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the contact center. "Current account holders

might be interested, too, in transferring money from one fund to another – the TSP folks are set up to handle that.

"Either way it's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans," said Sergeant Ortiz. "It's important to note that TSP isn't limited to investing in stocks. People can choose safer government securities as well."

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It

doesn't include TSP catch-up contributions, as they aren't tied to open seasons, said Janet Thomas of AFPC's civilian benefits and entitlements service team. TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP

accounts," said Ms. Thomas. "And they can keep their account, even if they leave military or federal service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck "so you never have to think about it," said Sergeant Ortiz. "That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate."

For more information, visit www.tsp.gov. (AFPC)

News Briefs

Climate Survey carries on

The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey, which began Oct. 1 and will continue until Nov. 23, gives people an opportunity to tell Air Force leaders how their organization is doing.

With the information received, leaders will pinpoint the areas that need improvement and take action.

With only a little more than a month left in the campaign, airmen, Guardsmen and Reservists, are encouraged to visit the Air Force Climate Survey Web site at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>.

vRED replaces DD Form 91

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data is close to full implementation, with 90 percent of total force airmen signed up.

A feature of the virtual military personnel flight, vRED gives the Air Force the information it needs to contact family members if an airman suffers serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The Record of Emergency Data:

- Is mandatory for all active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen

- Prevents delays in notifying families

- Speeds the start of medical, casualty and death benefits

- Is easy to update from a home or work computer

Airmen will be prompted to update vRED prior to deployments, after a permanent change of station, permanent change of assignment and annually since the last date of review. New users must establish a vMPF account to access vRED.

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During the memorial, Air America dedicated a plaque to the Air Commando Association, which is displayed in the Air Park, in memory of the fallen heroes and to pay their collective respects, according to the Air America president.

Another part of the memorial ceremony was the presentation of the Presidential Unit Citation to Detachment 1, 314 Tactical Airlift Wing, Pacific Air Forces.

The citation, which recognizes gallantry and heroism in the heart of adverse conditions, was signed by former President Richard Nixon and presented to Colonel Kisner.

“As we remember the guiding principles in what you’ve established,” Colonel Kisner said, “we’ll continue to go forth and make the nation a little better because of you. I will try to get more active-duty members involved in this ceremony, because we can learn so much from you.”

Before the memorial service concluded a few organizations in attendance such as the: Spectre Association, Stray Goose, Green Hornets, and Ravens also honored the fallen heroes by a Laying of Wreaths and Roll Call dedication.

The ceremony ended with a 21-gun salute by the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard and the playing of *Taps* by a bugler.

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○The 16th Maintenance Group has raised approximately \$47,900 and has 17.8 percent participation.

○The 16th Medical Group has raised approximately \$10,250 and has 20.7 percent participation.

○The 823rd RED HORSE Squadron has raised approximately \$4,600 and has 10.6 percent participation.

○The Air Force Special Operations Command has raised approximately \$63,170 and has 23.6 percent participation.

○The Air Force Command and Control Training Innovation Group has raised approximately \$10,150 and has 27 percent participation.

The other tenant units on base have raised approximately \$2,450 and have 17 percent participation.

After much thanks to the project officers, key workers and coordinators by Sergeant Hanson, Colonel Killgore left the group with a challenge for the remainder of the campaign.

“Through the power of our collective efforts and generous contributions, we all have the ability to make a difference,” said Colonel Killgore. “I encourage everyone to take a moment to consider giving to the charitable organization(s) that’s important to you. For those of you who’ve already done so, I’d like to personally thank you for your generosity. With everyone’s help, the 2003 campaign will be a success and provide critical assistance to many people in need.”

Centennial of flight

June 15, 1921 – Bessie Coleman obtains her pilot’s license.

Bessie Coleman, “Brave Bessie” or “Queen Bess,” as she became known, faced the double difficulties of racial and gender discrimination in early 20th-century America but overcame such challenges to become the first African American woman to earn a pilot’s license.

Oct. 22, 1922 – Amelia Earhart

receives her pilot’s license.

Amelia Earhart, nicknamed “Lady Lindy” because of her achievements comparable to those of Charles Lindbergh, is considered “the most celebrated of all women aviators.”

From 1921 to 1922, Ms. Earhart was taught to fly by Neta Snook, the first woman to graduate from the Curtiss School of Aviation.

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Trail gets facelift, new additions

By Airman 1st Class
Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

As part of his Eagle Scout project, a local youth has arranged the upgrade and adoption of the Hurlburt Field



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

An Eagle Scout with Hurlburt Field's Troop 509, drills a piece of wood for the trail's new picnic table.

Grace Brown Nature Trail.

Michael Gilreath, Hurlburt Field Troop 509, decided to center his Eagle Scout project on the Hurlburt Field community.

"Everyone loves the trail, especially the retired military folks," Michael said. "By widening the trail and cleaning up the scattered brush, the community will be able to enjoy the trail with ease."

After asking for participation from other Scouts, Michael asked for some Air Force assistance.

Tech. Sgt. David Gilreath, 16th Operations Support Squadron, Michael's father, answered the call.

On that Saturday morning, five other Scouts, a Scout Master and a committee member from the

troop joined up with eight to ten airmen and officers from the 16th OSS and hit the woods with clippers, rakes, weed-eaters and chainsaws.

From 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the airmen and Scouts, cleared loose brush, trimmed the sides of the trail to widen the path and cut down a large tree that had fallen over the pathway.

They also installed two new signs to identify the trail's wildlife and birds and built a picnic table for the observation deck.

Col. Griff Griffin, 16th Mission Support Group commander, even stopped by in the morning and afternoon to tell the volunteers 'thank you' for what they were doing for the trail and community.

Col. Griffin also helped put one of the information signs into the ground.

To show their appreciation after a hard-day's work, the Gilreath family bought the volunteers pizza and drinks for lunch.

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everywhere," he said. "I can't make plans to do anything without checking with another person first."

For a Tyndall second lieutenant, his DUI bust back in December 1992 slammed the door on a prestigious education and training opportunities and much more.

"It cost me my appointment to the Air Force Academy," he lamented.

The California native was just seven months from entering the academy when his decision to drive after drinking changed all of that. Leaving his employer's Christmas party after drinking more than a dozen mixed drinks, the cadet candidate ignored his boss's pleas to take a cab or get a ride home.

"At the time, I was actually afraid I'd have a problem getting a ride back to retrieve my car, so I decided to drive," he recalled.

After arguing with a parking garage attendant about the cost of a parking fee, the intoxicated driver stomped the gas pedal of his sedan and broke through the flimsy yellow gate arm.

"The next thing I remembered was swerving on the freeway to avoid hitting a gas truck, then seeing flashing blue lights behind me," he said. "I had to take a sobriety test and blew a .14 - I was fried."

At the police station he was booked and spent a scary night inside the facility's "drunk tank"

amongst several other detainees. The next morning he was slapped with the first of many fines and associated costs yet to come.

"It started with a \$100 impound fee for my car," he recalled. "I lost my license for six months and my (automobile) insurance (was canceled). My court fine was \$2,000 and my 12-week DUI classes were around \$500 to \$600. Then there were the mandatory two sessions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

"My insurance, which was normally \$110 a month increased to about \$500 a month, because only one state-appointed insurance company would insure me. My DUI stayed on my record for three years. Then my lawyer fees were added on - about \$10,000 because the judge really wanted to put me in jail a long time. When I total it up, I figure my DUI cost me nearly \$30,000."

As if the financial toll was not high enough, the DUI offender had to seek a waiver to permit him to enter his college's ROTC program. Despite the brutal reality of his consequences, the lieutenant keeps a healthy perspective on the experience.

"It could have been a lot worse. I could have killed someone, including myself," he said. "It took me (more than) seven years to recover from the full effect. Looking back, it was just plain stupid. It's something I'm still ashamed of, but I'll talk to anybody about it if it helps them understand the costs of drinking and driving."

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Chapel begins 40 Days of Purpose

By Airman 1st Class
Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

The Hurlburt Field Protestant Chapel services began their journey into the 40 Days of Purpose Oct. 10 and will continue through Nov. 23.

The national event, which involves more than 1,500 churches nationwide and three in undisclosed locations, encompasses a religious perspective on the purpose for living and a spiritual renewal for the community.

The base chapel has been planning their local event since mid-summer and recruited volunteers in early September.

"There's a core leadership team of about 20 folks – from youth to the elderly," said Chaplain (Maj.) Pat McCain, base chapel.

"Since (the event) touches every age and stage of life, we wanted to include as many people as possible in the planning process," he said.

During the 40 Days of Purpose, the Hurlburt Field Chapel Protestant congregations, as well as churches nationwide, will be joining together on both individual and public occasions.

In fact, the chapel kicked-off the 40 days with a worship celebration Oct. 10 in the chapel sanctuary, which included a national telecast of the event.

On an individual basis, each person in the chapel was given the book, "The Purpose Driven Life" to read once a day for the entire 40 days. The book's divided up into 40 chapters that explore the question, "What on earth am I here for?" Chaplain McCain said.

Throughout the week, individuals and families will attend one of the 23 different host homes to fellowship and watch a video that compliments the daily readings. And finally, each Sunday worship service will be focused around the readings and spiritual reasons for living, according to Chaplain McCain.

Although all of the churches around the country are participating simultaneously, the Hurlburt Field Chapel is the only military installation participating. The chapel is even extending the event to its deployed personnel, Chaplain McCain said.

"Our deployed chaplains are leading 40 Days of Purpose events simultaneously with us, going through the same materi-

al and same experience as we are," he said.

"This is exciting because it bridges our community here with our deployed community. It also helps families and loved ones grow together in their faith even while they're apart," Chaplain McCain continued.

The chapel not only shipped materials to the deployed sites, but the deployed chaplains and chaplain assistants were able to download some of the materials from the purpose driven Web site.

Throughout the 40 days, the chapel will monitor its success rate according to two things – whether people were connecting to each other and whether they were connecting to God. According to Chaplain McCain, those goals are already being reached.

"We've already had to reorder materials twice since advertising the campaign," he said. "People are really excited and want to get involved. Our host homes are filling quickly as people look for their purpose in life – they don't want to make this journey alone."

For more information about the event and how to get involved, call the base chapel at 884-7795.

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Medical Tip: Respiratory Syncytial Virus

You may have heard of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus, but do you know what it is? RSV causes nasal congestion, cough, fever and wheezing, and can be very severe, especially in infants and toddlers. Adults with RSV usually only have mild cold symptoms. RSV is more common during the winter months. If your baby has symptoms of congestion, you can make him or her feel better by running a humidifier or vaporizer in their room, using saline drops to thin nasal mucus and suction the nose with a nasal aspirator if necessary. You may also give them Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Motrin) as needed for fever, and make sure they drink plenty of fluids. Since RSV is a virus, antibiotics won't help, but treatment is available for moderate or severe symptoms. If your baby displays any symptoms that concern you, especially breathing problems, call central appointments at 884-7882 to obtain an appointment or advice.

FEATURE



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scottie McCord

Commandos 'Cruise-In' for bike, car, truck show

The day may have been overcast, but more than 100 people entered their vehicles into the 2003 Commando Cruise-In Bike, Car and Truck Show, Monday at the Soundside.

As of Oct. 10 only 50 people had registered for the event but by Monday that number had more than doubled, according to Melanie Wilson, 16th Services Squadron Marketing.

"It was a good turn out and I think everyone enjoyed themselves," Ms. Wilson said.

More than 80 first, second and third place trophies were given away in several categories.

A few monetary awards were given out in a few specialty categories including:

○Loudest Stereo – first place, **David Blumke**; second place, **Shawn Hawell**; and third place, **Chris Mullen**

○Best Exterior Paint – **Brandy Barlotta**

○Peoples Choice Car/Truck – **Rob Harrison**

○Peoples Choice Bike – **D. Hurst**

○Best in Show – **Jimmy Hester**

The Emerald Coast Region Mustang Club and Stylz 2 NV had the largest showing for car clubs, according to Ms. Wilson.

With the show being held on Columbus Day, the participation may not have been the best, but it was still a great turn out, said Trisha Barrett, 16th SVS.

Next year the Cruise-In is expected to be held at the Fort Walton Beach Fairgrounds.



Photo by Vanessa Adame

Chris Mullen of Navarre (left), sits in his 1991 GMC Jimmy showing off the custom interior and the installed entertainment equipment at the 2003 Commando Cruise-In Monday at the Soundside. (above) A 2002 Corvette owned by Tech. Sgt. Barry Williams, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, is displayed at the show.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scottie McCord

Senior Airman Eric Lavender, 16th Services Squadron (blue shirt above), and James Rea, Pensacola, owner of the 1993 Honda Accord Coupe, show off the customized engine. (left) Robert Duvall of Niceville, shines his custom 1998 Harley.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scottie McCord

Hurlburt Happenings

Military

Weekend exercise

Hurlburt Field holds an exercise Saturday 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.

EOSC needs vendors

The Eglin Enlisted Officers' Spouses Club at Eglin Air Force Base needs vendors for their annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Okaloosa County Fairgrounds. For an application or more information, call Missy Dugan at 243-0260 or e-mail mdugan850@aol.com. Also, the EOSC sponsors 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.

Free Microsoft XP class

In recognition of Military Appreciation Month, the University of Northwest Florida sponsors a free Microsoft Windows XP technical briefing Oct. 24, Oct. 30, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21. The class time is from 1 to 4 p.m.; registration is from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on the day of the class. Seating is limited to the first 24 persons to register.

The class is intended for military personnel responsible for the management and support of Microsoft technologies in their commands. The course will be held at the university's satellite facility, a state-of-the-art computer lab that will allow hands-on experience for attendees. The facility is located at 413 Racetrack Road, Fort Walton Beach. For more information or to make reservations, call 1-800-368-2315.

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

MA Air National Guard

The Massachusetts Air National Guard is looking for separating military members or those who haven't yet entered the military to join the team. The MAANG offers several benefits that are similar to those received by

active-duty members, such as free state tuition assistance for college. More college benefits can be found at www.mairguard.org, and listings of local colleges and universities can be found at www.bostonsearch.com/colleges.htm. For more information, call 1-800-247-9151.

Palace chase

Those separating or contemplating applying for Palace Chase should consider the Air National Guard for a part-time military commitment. Those in the Air National Guard receive most of the benefits full-time active-duty members receive, in addition to state benefits such as 100 percent tuition assistance that can be used – in most cases – in conjunction with the Montgomery GI Bill. For more information, call In-service Recruiter Master Sgt. William Andujar at 884-2729 or e-mail william.andujar@hurlburt.af.mil.

NY Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, NY, home of the C-130 ski-birds, 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, 4DX1, 4N0X1, 4P0X1, 4R0X1 and 4T0X1. For more information, call Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson at DSN 344-2456 or e-mail Wesley.ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil. Also, call 1-800-524-5070.

Community

Air park construction

The Hurlburt Field Air Park is scheduled for construction work beginning Nov. 3 and lasting approximately 40 days. For more information, call Cynthia Turzak at 884-5341.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will close at 11 a.m. Oct. 24 for wing training. However, Eglin Air Force Base's emergency room will be open.

Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month. The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting the observance period. There are currently no officers or appointed positions held. The positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer need to be filled. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-8746.

RED HORSE haunted house

The 823rd RED HORSE Squadron hosts its annual haunted house Friday and Saturday, 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.

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.

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 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.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday – (PG-13) "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star," starring David Spade and Mary McCormack – Dickie, a 35-year-old former child star, is now an out-of-work actor turned parking valet. He's desperate to audition for a great role that could revitalize his career, but the part requires him to play a "normal guy." However, Dickie is anything but normal.

Saturday – (R) "Cabin Fever," starring Jordan Ladd and James Debello – Five friends escape to a remote log cabin in the woods to enjoy some last days of decadence before entering the working world. Good times sour when a delirious stranger covered in bloody sores crashes their party. Soon one member of the group gets ill. To protect themselves from further infection, they lock her in a shed. Trapped without working transportation or communication with the outside world, the friends become increasingly desperate and eventually turn on one another.

Sunday – (PG-13) "My Boss' Daughter," starring Ashton Kutcher and Tara Reid – When Tom's mean boss asks him to housesit, he tries to use it as an opportunity to win the heart of his boss' daughter Lisa, on whom he has long had a crush. What he doesn't plan on is the long line of other houseguests that come along in the meantime.

(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 today through Sunday 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 today and Saturday.

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.

Craft show

The Shalimar United Methodist Church hosts its 7th Annual Holly Fair Craft Show Saturday 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.

Bocce tournament

Resources for Human Development, Inc., a non-profit, state-funded organization, will be celebrating the grand opening of their new thrift store Saturday 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.

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.

Talent show auditions

Hurlburt Field is looking for its most talented amateurs to participate in the Sixth Annual Family and Teen Talent Contest. Auditions are Oct. 27, 28 and 30 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the base theater; the talent show is scheduled for Nov. 30.

The contest is open to participants ages three and older. Videotapes of the winners will be submitted to the Air Force-level contest, in which they'll compete for U.S. Savings Bonds ranging from \$100 to \$500. For more information, call Trisha Barrett at 884-6948.

Classes

FSC classes

For more information, call 884-5441.

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

Sponsorship Training – Monday, 1 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program – Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

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

Personal Family Readiness – Thursday, 9 a.m.

HAWC classes

For more information, call 884-4292.

Prenatal Nutrition – Monday, 4 p.m.

Eating Heart Healthy – Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Diabetic Nutrition – Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Lean On Me – Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

Blood drive

The Northwest Florida Blood Center holds a blood drive today from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the base exchange/commissary.

The center collects blood that is used to support 17 local hospitals. About 34,000 units of blood are needed every day to help trauma and cancer victims, premature infants, children and adult surgery patients. One person may donate six pints of blood each year, however only 5 percent of those eligible to donate do so regularly.

To donate, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Military members who have traveled to certain countries for an extended period of time may be ineligible to donate.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please call either the Northwest Florida Blood Center at 434-2535 or the Human Resources Office at 452-2110, extension 476.



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SPORTS

AFSOC slices through 16th CES

Command team remains top dog of golf for third year

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Air Force Special Operations Command's golf gurus out-shot the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron intramural team 4-2 at Gator Lakes Golf Course, Tuesday, clinching first place out of 16 teams.

The single elimination "match-play, team tournament" win

makes three championship titles in a row for the seasoned team, said Clay Carter, AFSOC team member.

"We've had the same core team members for three or four years, and that continuity pays off," said Carter. "We have a good shot for next year, because we should still have the same team."

Second place is his team's best finish so far, said Tom Eafrazi,

16th CES.

"In golf it can go either way, and (AFSOC) got the lucky breaks," said Eafrazi. "It's a tough sport to play, but we had a strong team, and we'll be just as strong next year."

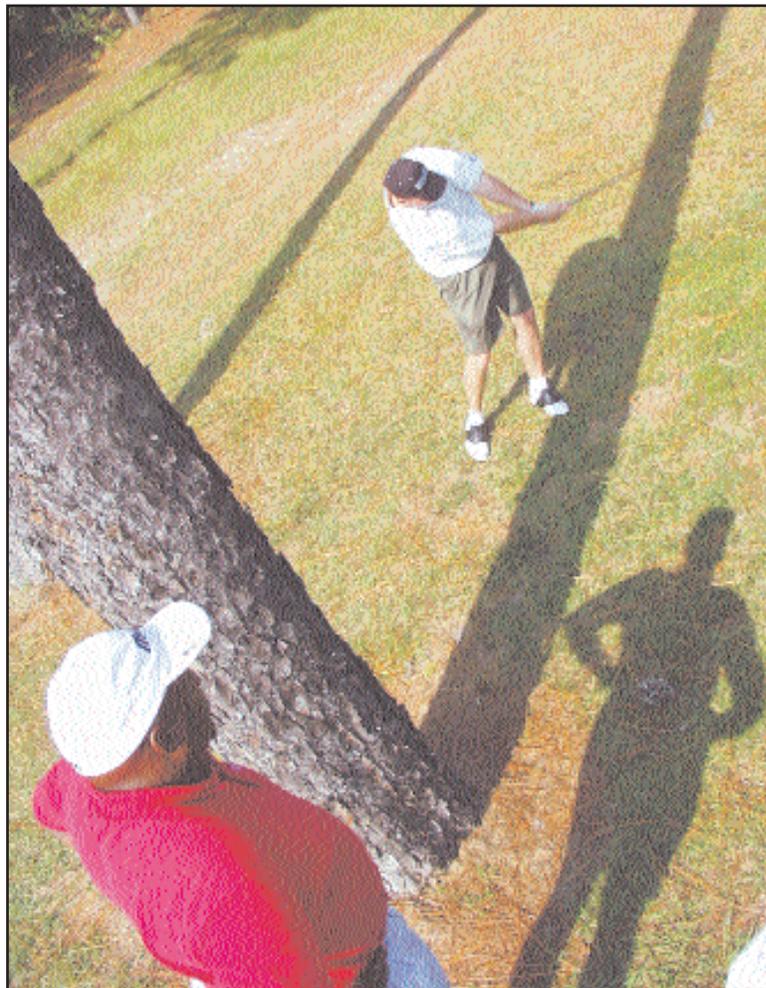
Although he said the competition was stiff, Carter has a different theory about the outcome of the game: "(CE) didn't make enough putts," he said.

"There are a lot of worthy opponents out there, and it'll be a challenge next year," said Carter.

The next golf season is projected to begin as early as Feb. 4. For more information about intramural sports, contact your unit sports representative.



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor



Brad Bugg, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron (above), gets ready to putt as his competition looks on. (far left) Clay Carter, Air Force Special Operations Command, swings while his teammate Guy Gaubron watches. (left) Ed Huffman, 16th CES, prepares to send a ball down-range.

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 Monday. For more information, call 884-6884.

Triathlon adventure race

A two or four-person team triathlon adventure race is being held Oct. 26. For serious competitors or just for fun, the race includes mountain-biking, kayaking and a

four-mile run, beginning in Seaside, Fla. Cost is \$35 per person, and registration deadline is Wednesday at noon. For more information, call 231-2284.

Varsity B-ball

The first home varsity basketball games are Saturday and Sunday. 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.

Women football players

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