

## Wing conducts change of command

The 16th Special Operations Wing change of command ceremony is today at 9 a.m. in the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's Corrosion Control Facility here.



**Colonel O.G. Mannon**

Col. Frank Kisner, 16th SOW commander, relinquishes command to Col. O.G. Mannon, former 352nd Special Operations Group commander, Mildenhall, U.K.

As commander of the wing, Colonel Mannon will be responsible for preparing Air Force Special Operations Forces for missions worldwide in support of Army and Navy SOF and U.S. Air Force counterparts.

Colonel Mannon has held several flying and staff positions to include: instructor pilot, numbered Air Force headquarters chief planner and airlift execution officer, squadron commander and chief of staff to Special Operations Command South.

He's a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours, and has earned the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Colonel Kisner has held a variety of assignments, including: pilot, instructor pilot, flight evaluator, commander, and staff assignments at U.S. Air Force and Joint Special Operations Command Headquarters.

Once Colonel Kisner relinquishes command to Colonel Mannon, he and his family will be taking an assignment to Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

The change of command ceremony is open to all base members and dress is uniform of the day.

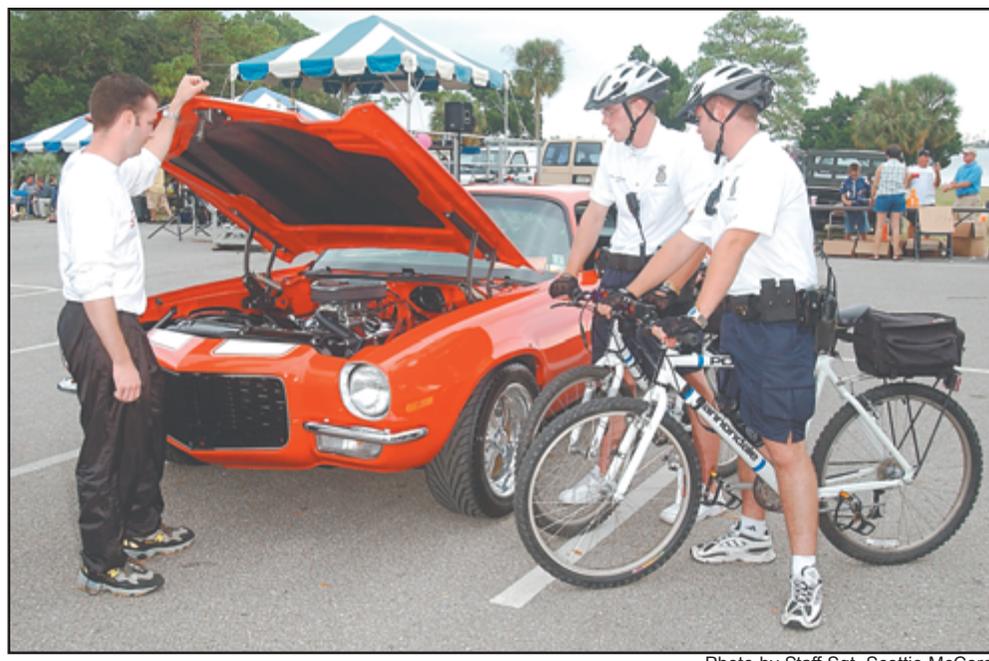


Photo by Staff Sgt. Scottie McCord

Airmen with the 16th Security Forces Squadron, check out a car owned by an NCO with the 25th Information Operations Squadron, while on patrol during the Commando Cruise-in Car, Bike and Truck show at the Soundside Oct. 13.

## 16th SFS reinstitutes bike patrol

**By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis**  
*Public Affairs*

A select number of security forces personnel have taken to their bikes, as part of Hurlburt Field's reinstated bike patrol.

"Our bike patrol is a tremendous asset for the Hurlburt Field community," said Maj. Michael Reiner, 16th Security Forces commander. "As our bike patrols ride in our base housing areas, we'll increase interaction between housing residents and the security forces. The bike patrol will also be able to detect and deter crime in areas not easily accessible to patrol cars."

The program was first introduced

in 2001, but was discontinued shortly thereafter due to manning issues, said Tech. Sgt. Derek Allbrook, 16th SFS NCO in charge of police services.

In order to begin the program, the 16th SFS had each of the squadron's flight chiefs select an airman with outstanding job performance.

After the choices were narrowed to the top seven, the airmen began their training. In early September, Tech. Sgt. James Herrick and Staff Sgt. Travis Sailor, both instructors from the 96th Security Forces Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, led the group through a rigorous five-day course, which included a six-element bike course at the Hurlburt Field Firing Range.

Throughout the entire course, the

airmen were trained on interview techniques, firearms training, and pursuit and apprehension from a bicycle, said Sergeant Allbrook.

During the bike course, the airmen were instructed to complete a timed obstacle course that included: mounting and dismounting the bicycle, carrying the bicycle over a picnic table, weaving in and out of a series of cones, tight control within a small space, climbing and descending a 3-foot high mountain of pallets, a one-half to three-quarters of a mile bike sprint and finally shooting 15 shots at two different targets on the range.

"The bike course was designed to evaluate the bikers speed, use of

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### CFC

Participation 100%  
45% Goal 75%  
30% Current 50%  
25%

In the first five weeks of the CFC campaign, base members have donated \$306,475



### Base event

#### Retirement ceremony

Hurlburt Field holds a retirement ceremony for Gen. Charles Holland, former U.S. Special Operations Command commander, Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Air Park. Independence Road will be closed between Cody and Tully Avenues from 2:45 to 4 p.m. The base community is invited to attend. Dress is uniform of the day.

### More sleep

#### Time change

Clocks "fall back" Sunday at 2 a.m.

### Weather

#### Weekend forecast

Today – sunny, High 83 Low 61  
Saturday – partly cloudy, High 79 Low 58  
Sunday – isolated showers, High 76 Low 51

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# VIEWPOINTS

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## Assessing our fitness

By Gen. John Jumper  
Air Force Chief of Staff

In July, I announced changes to our fitness program and asked everyone to be ready for January 2004. To be ready, you need to know how the new fitness program works.

At my request, the Air Force Surgeon General has developed criteria to assess the fitness and readiness of our force. These criteria will bring about significant change in the way we currently manage our fitness and weight management programs.

A new Air Force Instruction will be published in November 2003 detailing the changes. You can read the new fitness criteria tables at <http://www.af.mil/news/>

USAF\_Fitness\_Charts.pdf.

The tables give you a way to gauge your personal fitness, and just as important, the testing gives commanders a measure of their overall unit fitness.

I want to make it very clear that my focus is not on passing a fitness test once a year.

More important, we are changing the culture of the Air Force. This is about our preparedness to deploy and fight. It's about instilling an expectation that makes fitness a daily standard – an essential part of service.

Commanders, supervisors, and front-line leaders must lead the way – through unit physical training, personal involvement and, most important, by example.

January 2004 – be ready!

## What the uniform means to me

by Airman 1st Class  
Christopher Kobernuss  
97th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron

**ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.** – On the way from my home in Ohio to San Antonio where I was about to begin basic training, I kept looking out the window thinking to myself, "I'm really doing this. My family will be so proud. My wife and daughter can sleep easy knowing I'll protect them."

I've since realized that my family isn't the only family relying on me for protection. I have a bigger family now.

My uniform means people won't have to wonder who will keep them safe. My uniform means our families will not have to worry about sui-

cide car bombings or guerilla attacks in our streets.

My uniform means servicemembers before me gave me the freedom to choose. My uniform means it's my turn to ensure people after me have that same freedom.

When the time comes and it's my turn, I'll be able to take the training I've received and perform in a hostile environment. I'll know I'll be able to help people who can't help themselves.

When I put my uniform on, it means I'm willing to get in harm's way and protect what I believe in.

When I put on this uniform, it means my wingman can trust me with his or her life, and I will trust him with mine. **(AFPN)**

that feat is only one of his many important achievements.

Without a doubt, Yeager is the world's most famous test pilot not only because of the records he set, but also because of his determination, his ability to remain calm in difficult situations, and his ability to quickly analyze problems and find a solution.

He is one of the "toughest" pilots, both mentally and physically, in aviation history, and few have ever matched his piloting skills.



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## Centennial of flight

On Oct. 14, 1997, Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in an F-15 on the 50th anniversary of his first mach one flight.

For many people, Chuck Yeager is a true hero in the strictest definition of the word. Throughout his career, Yeager displayed distinguished courage and performed several extraordinarily brave deeds, although he only considered such acts as following his duty. Many people recognize Yeager as the first person to break the sound barrier, but

**Look who's talking: Which football team will you be rooting for this year?**

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# NEWS



Photo by Airman Andy Kin

## Hose 'im down

Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, gets hosed down by his daughters following his final flight here, Monday. Colonel Kisner will relinquish command of the 16th Special Operations Wing today to take an assignment at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

An NCO with the 16th Security Forces Squadron, runs over a picnic table with her mountain bike in hand as part of the bike patrol training program.

## BIKE,

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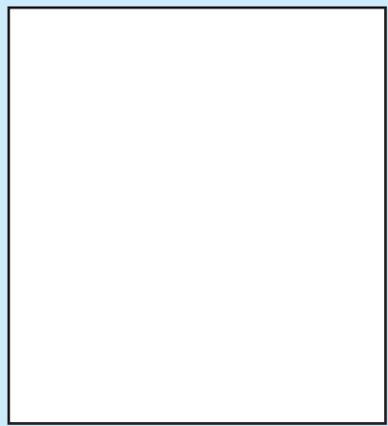
proper technique and balance," said Sergeant Herrick.

After training the airmen and receiving funding for equipment and manning, the squadron instituted the bike patrol. The seven-man team will be responsible for patrolling the housing area, the base exchange/commissary lots and the dormitories. They'll also be available for Hurlburt Field's special events, said Sergeant Allbrook.

The bike patrol officially began duty as they assisted with the Commando Car Show and the Mission Support Group 5K run.

The squadron anticipates certifying an additional 10 members by the January/February time frame.

## Spotlight on ...



### Jim Summers

**Rank/Duty Title:** Staff sergeant/contract administrator

**Organization:** 16th Contracting Squadron

**Hometown:** Hendersonville, Tenn.

**Hobbies:** Music, reading and gardening

**Contribution to the mission:** Sergeant Summers continually sets the standard for procurement within his squadron.

He flawlessly executed 103 contracts valued at \$5 million in the last quarter of fiscal-year 2003 alone. The lead contract buyer during the busy year-end, he awarded \$2.7 million during September and \$687,000 the last day.

He deployed for 125 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, negotiating and awarding contracts in excess of \$330,000.

Sergeant Summers also recently completed a Master of Science degree in business organizational management from the University of Laverne, Calif.

*(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.)*

# ALS class 03-G graduates

# AIR FORCE NEWS

## IDEA will save Air Force \$5.7 million

By Darren Heusel

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center  
Public Affairs

### TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. —

A Tinker man's idea to have depot-level maintenance on air traffic control radars performed on-site will save the Air Force more than \$5 million and earned him \$10,000 through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

Instead of having the vital airport surveillance radar systems sent to depot as in the past, Vern Shurrum, a logistics management specialist in the product support directorate, came up with an idea to repair the radars using a locally-made alignment tool and a few other everyday tools.

His plan is to correct out-of-tolerance pivot pin hole dimensions on Air Force radar antennas by installing a self-lubricating bushing.

"Radar antennas are designed to pivot and after a period of approximately 15 years, the base of these structures gets worn down and has to be replaced," Mr. Shurrum said.

"With the limited amount of (spare parts) we have now, I wanted to come up with a way to improve the life expectancy of these

systems and reduce the cost of depot maintenance," he said.

He said damaged antenna pivot pin holes may contribute to catastrophic damage to the structure — resulting in injury or death to maintainers.

The idea for on-site radar systems maintenance was spawned after one of the radars failed last year at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., Mr. Shurrum said.

Under the old system, the antennas were returned to depot in their entirety and exchanged for new ones already built and prepackaged by the Federal Aviation Administration at approximately \$140,000 each.

The new process will save the Air Force a total of \$5.7 million once all 41 radar sites are repaired worldwide, officials said.

Mr. Shurrum said all that's required to repair the radar antennas under the new plan are two bushings, a hand reamer guide and collar, supplied by the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, and four hours of labor.

The parts and time are valued at a total cost of approximately \$350.

The logistics center's program manager for the radar systems contracted repairs at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; Vance AFB, Okla.;



Photo by Eddie Edge

**TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — Vern Shurrum demonstrates his idea to have depot-level maintenance on air traffic control radar antennas performed on-site by installing a self-lubricating bushing. (AFPN)**

and Dover AFB, Del.

"We...think Vern's a great innovator, and it certainly shows in this process," said Martha Cooper, deputy system support manager of Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems.

"It's going to save the major commands (more than) \$400,000 a year," she said.

The IDEA program rewards people up to \$10,000 if they can verify a tangible savings in a product or service. To submit an idea, call the IDEA program manager at 884-6227.

## Air Force plans to fill first sergeant slots

**WASHINGTON** — Before the end of the year, Air Force officials will have taken the first step toward eliminating a 10 percent manning shortfall in first sergeant billets.

In November, as part of the new First Sergeant Selection Process, Air Force officials expect to release a list of master sergeants selected as candidates for first sergeant special duty, said Senior Master Sgt. Chris Anthony, first sergeant special-duty manager at the Pentagon.

Those selected under the new process will account for nearly 33 percent of graduates from the First Sergeant Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Sergeant Anthony said. They'll begin attending the school in May.

"That one-third isn't an arbitrary number," Sergeant Anthony said. "It's based on volunteer rates. Over the last year or so, the volunteers only filled about two-thirds of our requirements."

The Air Force requirement for new first sergeants is reflected in the number of slots allocated in the First Sergeant Academy each

year — a little more than 300. Sergeant Anthony said declining numbers of first sergeant volunteers left more than 100 empty desks at the school last year. Empty desks at the school translate to empty first sergeant billets around the force.

About 130 (10 percent) of the nearly 1,300 units needing first sergeants are currently doing without. That's an unacceptable statistic, said the Air Force's highest-ranking en-listed member.

"First sergeant manning and de-creasing class enrollments at the First Sergeant Academy have become a concern," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. "Since the beginning of 2000, first sergeant manning has steadily decreased from 96 to 89 percent, while the rank structure has become significantly imbalanced. I believe anything less than 100 percent manning is unacceptable to properly lead and care for our enlisted force."

The prevalence of those empty enlisted leadership positions is one reason the Air Force moved toward selecting some first sergeants, Sergeant Anthony said.

"First sergeant is a special duty," Sergeant Anthony said. "But it's also a leadership position. We don't have vacant squad-dron commander positions in the Air Force. If somebody doesn't volunteer to be a commander, then the Air Force selects somebody. We do the same thing with command chiefs, and now we'll do it with first sergeants."

One reason for the declining number of volunteers for first sergeant duty is a fear that it'll affect a person's promotion ability. Sergeant Anthony said that fear is unfounded.

"There's a perception of reduced promotions," Sergeant Anthony said. "But we promote at the same level as other Air Force (specialties). The reality is

that you have the same opportunity to get promoted as a first sergeant as you do anywhere else."

However, simply having completed a tour as a first sergeant increases your chances of promotion when returning to your primary career field, he said.

"For those (who) depart first sergeant duty after three years, it's a big career enhancer for them," Sergeant Anthony said. "Our numbers show that 87 percent of master sergeants who return to their primary (specialty) after having performed first sergeant duty get promoted to senior master sergeant the first time testing. Promotion boards look favorably on first sergeant experience."

Sergeant Anthony said the list released in November will contain about 400 names. Of those 400, about 120 will eventually become first sergeants.

Continuing at that rate, Sergeant Anthony said, the Air Force can expect to be 100 percent manned for first sergeants by about 2006. (AFPN)

## News Briefs

### Fit to Fight No. 3 criteria

In a Chief's Sight Picture released last week on the new Air Force fitness program, *Fit to Fight No. 3* — *Assessing our Fitness*, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force announced the criteria to assess the fitness and readiness of our forces.

The criteria:

○ Was developed by the Air Force/Surgeon General

○ Will bring about the change in how the Air Force manages its fitness and weight management programs

○ Is available in the form of tables that provide a way to gauge personal fitness

A new Air Force instruction to be published in November will detail the changes to the Air Force fitness programs and outline the responsibility and accountability for the program at each level. (AFPN)

### Blood deferral in effect

A parasitic disease being spread by sand flies in Iraq has prompted officials who oversee the military's blood supply to implement a one-year donor deferral for military people serving in that country.

The reason for the deferral is a form of the disease Leishmaniasis, which causes sores or lesions on the skin and in its most serious form can cause death.

Since 2002, military health officials have reported 22 cases of the disease, with the majority being reported this year. At least six transfusion-transmitted cases of the disease have been reported. The parasite has been proven to survive in blood products stored under standard conditions for up to 25 days. (AFPN)



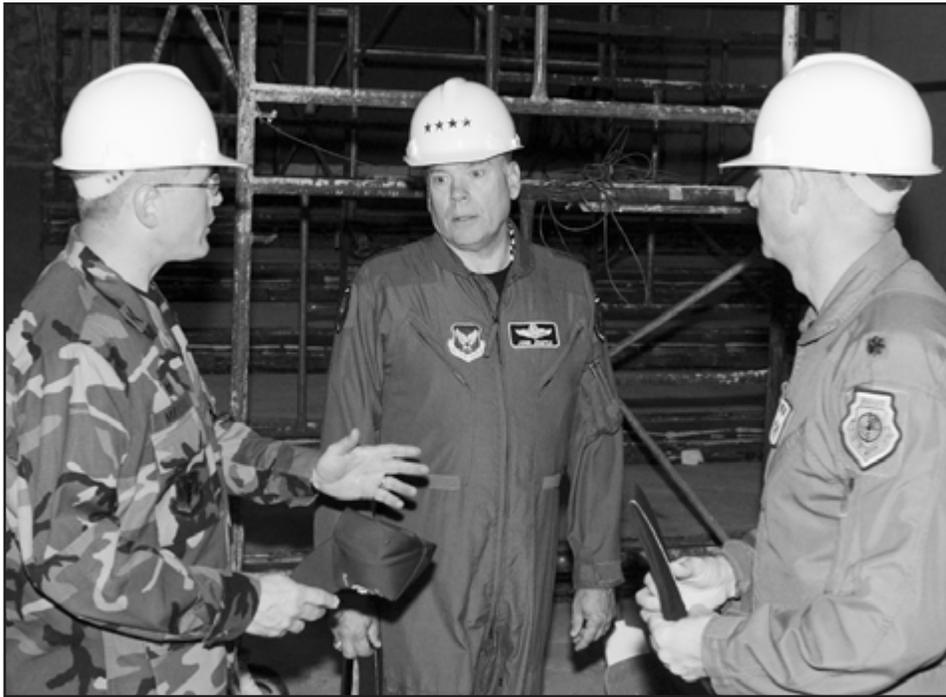


Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlotta Holley

## General visit

Gen. John Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force (center), talks with Col. Andrew Mueller, Air Force Command and Control Training and Innovation Group commander (left), and Lt. Col. T. Beagle, Command and Control Warrior School commander, during a tour of the AFC2TIG Monday. The general visited the unit for an update on the stand-up of the Air Operations Center Formal Training Unit here. He also saw renovations to the C2WS facilities.

## 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 fairgrounds in 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.

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

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**Exercise response**

An firefighter with the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department (left), assists a simulated victim, during an exercise Saturday. Another airman with the 16th CES explosive Ordnance Disposal (above), loads a dummy 105 mm shell into a storage container after a simulated exercise scenerio. The multi-faceted scenerio exercise, which included both an intrusion to the installation and a munitions accident with mass casualties, was used to test the base's reaction abilities in emergency situations.

**Staying cool/warm, saving energy**

Courtesy of 16th Civil Engineer Squadron

Your thermostat controls the heating and cooling system that consumes more than half of the energy in your home – the biggest chunk of your family's energy budget. How much of that energy is used to make your house comfortable when no one is home or everyone is asleep? Probably a lot, if you don't adjust the thermostat when you leave the house or go to bed.

Introducing the programmable thermostat. It automatically coordinates the temperature of your home with your daily and weekly (weekend) patterns – so you don't have to awaken to a chilly bedroom in the winter or come home to a stuffy house in the summer. Once you make the settings, you don't have to adjust the thermostat again.

**Power smart tips:**

○When adding a programmable thermostat or replacing a furnace, air conditioner or heat pump, look for the Energy Star label. The Energy Star label on products designates them as being in the upper 25 percent of energy efficiency in their class and having low standby power. You can get additional information from the yellow Energy Guide label to compare every mode in a category, its capacity and estimated yearly energy cost.

○The Energy Star is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. Federal buyers are directed to purchase products with the Energy Star label.

Energy Star geothermal heat pumps use the constant temperature of the earth to efficiently transfer heat to the home in the winter or cool air to the home in the summer. They require adequate land and upfront expenditure.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

**Energy consciousness tips:**

○When adjusting the thermostat by hand, remember that the house won't warm up or cool down any faster if you crank up the thermostat past the desired temperature. Besides, it's easy to forget to turn it back down, which will waste energy dollars.

○If you have a heat pump, dramatically turning up the heat by hand is costly because it may trigger the inefficient backup heater, which is most often electric, eating up any savings from reduction of the thermostat. (A programmable thermostat designed for heat pumps will gradually raise the heat without activating the backup heat.)

○Clean or replace furnace and air conditioner filters once a month during the heating/cooling season.

**Rule of thumb for thermostat savings:**

For each degree you lower your thermostat in the winter, you save about 3 percent on your heating bill. An Energy Star furnace could save \$1,700 relative to an old furnace or \$1,000 during the lifetime of a standard new furnace.

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## Employee 'banks' 35 yrs

Marianne Mosier celebrated her 35th employment anniversary at Eglin Federal Credit Union Oct. 22.

She joined the credit union in 1968 as a loan disbursement clerk and currently, manages the Hurlburt Field branch serving one of the area's fastest growing communities.

Ms. Mosier has served at the credit union's branches on Hurlburt Field, Eglin Air Force Base and in Fort Walton Beach.



**Marianne Mosier**

## Operation Goblin

The 16th Security Forces Squadron is once again the proud sponsor of the Eighth Annual Operation Goblin Oct. 31, with trick-or-treating hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Security forces personnel will be giving out candy, compliments of the Hurlburt Field Base Exchange, the commissary, other local agencies and merchants.

Operation Goblin provides a safe and secure environment for base and local community children, allowing security forces men and women to interact with the community.

The security police will be in every housing area and can be easily identified by the reflective blue "POLICE" vests and flashlights. The new bike patrol will also be out patrolling.

The squadron hopes to make this Halloween safe and pleasant for the Hurlburt Field community. Safety involves everyone; here are a few safety tips for trick-or-treaters:

- Never go out alone
- Carry a flashlight, reflective bag or glowstick
- Watch for cars
- Don't wear costumes that obscure vision or make walking difficult
- Try to wear light or reflective colors
- Always have treats examined by a parent or guardian before eating them

## Leave media issues for base PA office

Personnel are reminded that public affairs is the only authorized agency charged with assisting the news media in coverage of base personnel, activities and information.

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By the same token, personnel are not authorized to invite media to the base for the purposes of covering an event or story. If an event or story warrants coverage, the member/organization is required to contact public affairs.

If approved, the PA staff will conduct all aspects of the media visit. Should personnel be contacted by the media (regardless of location), they should refrain from commenting. Instead, politely refer the media representative to public affairs for assistance.

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### *Movin' on up*

Lt. Col. Tim Lynn, 16th Communications Squadron commander (right), and Cory Derrick, Hurlburt Field Network Engineering lead (far left), remove the last Network Encryption System from the Hurlburt Field classified network. On Sept. 26, the 16th CS completed their high-speed network upgrade to the classified network. This upgrade increased the speed at which classified information on base is transported from building to building by 100 percent. The NES is old technology that limited the speed at which data was transferred around the base. Approximately 55 of these NESs were replaced by new TACLANes. The entire network team contributed to this upgrade.

## Kick the habit – don't drop the butt

By Robin Armhold  
16th Civil Engineer Squadron

More than two billion new cigarette butts rain upon mother earth each day. Although accurate butt facts are rare, that's an average of less than two cigarette butts daily from each of the earth's 1.2 billion smokers.

Look closely at the ground at any intersection. They're everywhere.

Are cigarette butts litter? Absolutely. But unlike paper products (and contrary to popular belief) they're not biodegradable. Nearly all cigarette filters are composed of a bundle of 12,000 plastic-like cellulose acetate fibers. It can take months or even years for the fibers to decay into a plastic powder that can't be seen. As they do, their deadly cargo is released.

The nicotine trapped inside 200 used filters – 50 to 60 milligrams – is sufficient to kill an adult human. Imagine a month without rain followed by a brief thunderstorm that washes hundreds of thousands of nicotine laden white and brown canoes into area creeks and streams. That's enough nicotine to kill 2,500 humans. Aquatic life at the bottom of the food chain pays a deadly price, but so do the birds and fish that mistake them for food. Nicotine isn't the only villain; trapped tars and toxic gases leach into waterways, too.

Tar refers to the more than 3,500 chemical par-



Courtesy photo

ticles and 500 gases generated by each burning cigarette that includes arsenic, vinyl chloride, acetone, mercury and lead. Modern filters trap roughly half the tar, while capturing one-third of a cigarette's formaldehyde and two-thirds of its hydrogen cyanide. Pick up a few dozen butts and take a big whiff. Smell the scent of bitter almonds? That's hydrogen cyanide.

With more than 700 billion new littered butts each year world wide, we need to ensure we all become just a little litter bitter.

Neither society nor the environment deserves to live with our old butts for years to come. Together we can make a difference!

## FEATURE

BOO!



## Red Horse haunted house: a frightening foray

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor  
Public Affairs

Halloween is right around the corner, and the ghosts, ghouls and goblins are out in full force at the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron haunted house.

The squadron's haunted house attraction has been a yearly tradition since 1985, created as a volunteer fundraiser for the 823rd RHS booster club, said Staff Sgt. Tobie May, coordinator of this year's event.

"We continuously try to improve the haunted house to make it more exciting than the previous year for the children and parents who come to enjoy this yearly event," said Sergeant May. "People range from being startled to scared. They enjoy the technical props and the scary outfits, and some people go

through a second time."

It took around 20 volunteers a month to build the haunted house's 15 rooms, said Sergeant May.

"The best part about this has been the camaraderie amongst the volunteers and participants, including family members, who constructed the house and help by being tour guides, and participating in the rooms themselves," he said. But for people visiting the house, the best parts are the techno props, the chainsaw man and a huge dragon's head that breathes smoke.

"It's a great place to have a safe and fun time with family and friends," said Sergeant May. "We appreciate all the help of the volunteers who made this a successful year."

The haunted house is open today, Saturday and Oct. 31, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. A second time through is \$1.



Dangerous and diabolical "creatures" abound in the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron's haunted house.



A huge, smoke-breathing dragon's head is a star attraction.

Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor



Dim spectres (above and right) stand watch over the haunted house.



The "chainsaw man" is a crowd favorite, both inside the house and outside, where he appears out of nowhere to chase shrieking crowds.

# Hurlburt Happenings

## Military

### Maine ANG

The Maine Air National Guard has vacancies in a number of Air Force Specialty Codes. Applications for Palace Chase and Palace Front are now being accepted. Cross training is available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Patrick Crowley at DSN 476-4211 or e-mail patrick.crowley@me.ngb.army.mil.

### NCOA meeting

The Hurlburt Field Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter holds its monthly meeting Saturday at 6 p.m. in the J.R. Rockers Daytona Room. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Upcoming base/community events and other general issues concerning membership and chapter focus will be discussed. Also, the NCOA is undergoing a membership recall for all past and local area members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995 or Master Sgt. Charles Glotzbach at 884-7964.

### Hurlburt Top 3 meeting

All senior NCOs and master sergeant selects assigned to Hurlburt Field are invited to join the Hurlburt Top 3 for their monthly meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Hooch. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Ceurvels at 884-2828.

### Mentor program meeting

The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program invites all base members to the general membership meeting Wednesday at the Eglin (Air Force Base) Officer's Club. Lunch begins at 11 a.m., and Chief Master Sgt. James Binnicker will speak about his experiences as a chief master sergeant of the Air Force and his philosophy on leadership at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 1st Lt. Jessica Phelps at 882-5418.

### Sub-Saharan JSOU course

The Joint Special Operations University conducts a Sub-Saharan Africa Orientation Course Dec. 1-5. The course provides individuals a broad overview of information on the Sub-Saharan Africa region, with emphasis on cultural, historical and political issues. Many guest speakers will address the class throughout the course. For more information or to enroll in the course, call Dann Mattiza at 884-5749 or Joyce Weber at 884-4731.

### ALANG

The Alabama Air National Guard units in Montgomery have the following part-time vacancies: 2A0X1, 2A3X2, 2A333, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X3, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X1, 2E1X3, 2E1X4, 2E2X1, 2E6X3, 2F0X1, 2R0X1, 2T3X5, 2W0X1, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E2X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3P0X1, 3V0X3, 4A0X1, 4A1X1 and 6C0X1. For more information, call Master Sgt. Vonsetta Roberts at DSN 358-9191, commercial 334-394-7191 or 1-800-368-4481. Also, e-mail vonsetta.roberts@almond.ang.af.mil.

### PKI/CAC orientation

A representative from the Air Force Public Key Infrastructure System Program Office provides a PKI-Common Access Card Awareness Orientation for all base personnel Tuesday through Thursday at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2:30 p.m. in the 4th Special Operations

Squadron auditorium. The purpose of the course is to provide each user with a basic understanding of how to use their CAC. PKI topics include: defining PKI, why the Department of Defense is deploying it, how it works, and the different keys and certificates and their uses. Also, CAC topics include: its features, guidance on registering individual PKI certificates and procedures for configuring computers for secure e-mail. For more information, call Bobby Street at 884-5464.

### ZOP challenge

A successful Zero Overpricing Program Challenge saves the Air Force money and pays base personnel money. Submit overpriced items on an *Air Force Form 1046, Zero Overpricing Challenge/Referral* to the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron with attention to ZOP Monitor. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Margie Lusher at 884-6910.

### 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 today, Thursday, 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.

## Community

### Indoor flea market

The Bob Hope Village Community Center hosts an indoor flea market Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Air Force Enlisted Village's operations. Tables are available for rent for \$20 each. For more information, call Becky Brice-Nash at 651-2797.

### 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 no later than Saturday. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Melanie Kain at 884-6884.

### 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) "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 house-sit, 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.

### Eglin 882-1066

**Friday and Sunday** - (PG-13) "Matchstick Men," starring Nicholas Cage and Sam Rockwell - Phobia-addled con artist Roy and his protégé Frank are on the verge of pulling off a lucrative swindle when the unexpected arrival of Roy's teenage daughter Angela disrupts his carefully-ordered life and jeopardizes his high-risk scam.

**Saturday** - (R) "Cold Creek Manor," starring Dennis Quaid and Sharon Stone - The Tilsons move to a house in the country, but their idyllic family life is threatened when Dale reveals that there's more to the house than meets the eye. It seems that the original owners were brutally murdered.

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

## AADD volunteers

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program at Hurlburt Field seeks volunteers for week-end duty or one-day events. The program provides anonymous rides to intoxicated individuals free of charge regardless of age and without repercussions. Also, AADD has openings for chairman and two co-chairmen positions. For more information about AADD or to volunteer, e-mail Airman 1st Class George Blake at [george.blake@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:george.blake@hurlburt.af.mil).

## Eglin chorus show

The Eglin Air Force Base Male Chorus holds its 10th anniversary celebration at the Eglin AFB Chapel Center Saturday at 6 p.m. For more information, call Mike Miller at 884-5887.

## Education closure

The base education office closes from 7 a.m. to noon Nov. 5, in order to participate in the Community College of the Air Force commencement ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at the Soundside Club.

## Self Help closure

The Self Help Store closes for the fall/winter months Nov. 15 and will re-open in the spring. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jeff Anderson or Tech. Sgt. Cal Ramirez at 884-2378.

## Brims Rd closure

Brims Road, north of the intersection at Independence Road, will be closed to through traffic beginning Oct. 31 at 7 a.m. in order to install underground utilities.

The road is scheduled to re-open around Nov. 5. The Building 91031 parking lot entrance will remain available. Traffic north of Building 91031 must use Golf Course Road to access Brims Road from the east.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Martin Duron at 884-3781.

## Talent show

Hurlburt Field is looking for its most talented amateurs to participate in the Sixth Annual Family and Teen Talent Contest. Auditions are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 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. For more information, call Trisha Barrett at 884-6948.

## Playground projects

Construction projects are in progress at the Soundside and Weaver playgrounds. The projects include removal of existing sand and landscape timbers, relocating some/all of the playground equipment items, establishing a concrete base/curbing, and finally placing a rubberized fall surface at the playgrounds. The contractor will move from playground to playground throughout the construction period as needed so please be aware there will be periods of no construction activity at either one or the other playgrounds. The intent is to complete this project by Dec. 1.

## Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group closes at 11 a.m. today for wing training. It'll also be closed Nov. 10 for a wing training day and Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. However, Eglin Air Force Base's emergency room will remain open for each of these days.

## Preschool slots

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.

## Classes

### FSC classes

For more information, call 884-5441.

**Single Parents Luncheon** – Tuesday, noon

**Résumé Writing Workshop** – Tuesday, 5 p.m.

**Veteran's Affairs/Social Security Briefing** – Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.

**Personal Family Readiness** – Thursday, 9 a.m.

**Culture Shock** – Friday, 11 a.m.

### HAWC classes

For more information, call 884-4292.

**Fitness for Weight Management** – Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

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## SPORTS

# Commandos romp Maxwell 4 games to none

*Men's, women's varsity basketball teams serve heaping helping of defeat to Warriors*

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor  
Public Affairs

The Hurlburt Field varsity men's and women's basketball teams walked over the Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., "Warriors" four games to none at the main fitness center, Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's games went smoothest for the commandos. The women's team started things off right with a 59-27 slaughter, followed by the men's team, which racked up a 70-63 victory.

Sunday's games were a bit tougher for both teams, but the women's team still trounced the Warriors 55-40, coming up from a halftime deficit.

"We had a little slower start, but we overtook them," said Elvis Jackson, Air Force Special Operations Command, the team's coach. "(Maxwell AFB) is known to be pretty good, but our team's outstanding. I think we're strong enough to take the (Southeastern Military Athletic Conference) tournament."

Most of the players are new, with only about four carried over from last year, said Jackson.

"There's a big improvement compared to last year, and we'll play even better as a team as the tournament goes on," he said. "We have an up-tempo, exciting team. This is good women's basketball."

During the final men's team game, the Warriors put up a good fight, with

scores matching the Commandos' until the final minutes of the game. With a few minutes left on the second stop-clock, 20-minute half, the Commandos racked up several quick points, polishing-off the Warriors with a slam-dunk at the buzzer for a 71-66 win.

"The games went well, and I got what I expected out of the guys," said Tim Woods, men's varsity basketball coach. "I only see it getting better."

Woods said Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., is projected to be the "team to beat" this year, but after the Commandos get a few missing key players back, "I think we're going to be the team to beat."

"People need to come out and see the games, because this is going to be the team people talk about for years," said Woods.

The fast-paced games can last up to two hours.

The next home games are Nov. 21-23, versus Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. The Commandos also play away games against Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Nov. 15 and 16.



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor



Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Warriors and Hurlburt Field Commandos (bottom left) brace for a rebound during a varsity basketball game at the main fitness center, Sunday. (top left) A Commando player uses some fancy footwork to get to the net. (left) With 1.2 seconds left, a Commando player soars in to slam home two final points.



## Sports shorts

### Over 30, 40 basketball

Squadron over 30 and over 40 basketball is coming up, and units are submitting teams now. Over 40 players interested in getting on a team can submit their name for the player's pool by calling the main 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.

### Youth center recognized

The Hurlburt Youth Center received an "honorable mention" in this year's Excellence in Youth Sports Award judging.

The award recognizes outstanding organizations around the world that conduct positive, diverse youth sports programs. It's awarded by the National Alliance for Youth Sports and Athletic Business magazine.