

Local tribute held for entertainer

By Cathy Landroche
Air Force Enlisted Village

SHALIMAR, Fla. – Air Force Enlisted Village residents, staff, friends and local military members paid tribute to Bob Hope at a memorial service Aug. 27 in the Dolores Hope All Faiths Chapel, Bob Hope Village.

About 150 people attended the memorial mass to remember the famous comedian who passed away July 27 at age 100. The service was held the same day the Hope family conducted a service at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in North Hollywood.

Monsignor Michael Cherup of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., spoke of how the entertainer "brought hope into our lives. His name truly symbolized what he was." The monsignor said Mr. Hope's choices in life – such as his decision to marry wife Dolores and entering the entertainment profession not knowing if he would be successful or not, turned out to be wonderful choices.

"He entertained the troops, bringing laughter to those facing fear and uncertainty. His mission in life was made by his choices – which brought hope to his wife, family, friends and soldiers. Whether you remember him through his road shows, television specials, movies, on the golf course or visits here (to the local area), Bob brought laughter, smiles, warmth and hope to us all. Can you only imagine the reception he received from past entertainers, friends and troops?"

"He led an extraordinary life filled with great choices," Monsignor Cherup said. "We give thanks to Bob Hope. Thanks for the memories."

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Norma Martinez

Gen. Bryan "Doug" Brown, Commander U.S. Special Operations Command, gives closing remarks during the change of command ceremony held in Hangar Three at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Tuesday, while Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Gen. Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Gen. Charles Holland, outgoing USSOCOM commander (left to right), listen.

New USSOCOM commander takes on SOF

By Capt. Thomas Knowles
Public Affairs

U.S. Special Operations Command's new leader officially accepted command Tuesday, during a MacDill Air Force Base ceremony, in which the Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers presided over.

Gen. Bryan "Doug" Brown assumed command from Gen. Charles Holland before a formation of U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine personnel representing the service members of the command.

"What you've done these past three years under the guidance of General Holland in the war on terrorism, and in particular since Sept. 11, has been extraordinary and unprecedented," said General Myers. "SOCOM's role has jumped to the 'tip of the spear' where it belongs. I've known Charlie Holland for a good number of years and

there's no one who more closely embodies the term 'Quiet Professional.'"

During the ceremony, Secretary Rumsfeld, also praised the command for its pivotal role and contributions in the war on terrorism.

"It's an honor to be here among these warriors who are, paradoxically, both the best, and probably the least-known, in the world," said the secretary. "The role that Special Operations Forces have played and will continue to play in this global fight to preserve our freedom, is pivotal. When the war began, our Commander in Chief, President George Bush said it would require many battles, seen and unseen, with victories that are "secret even in success," and you of course are fighting that unseen war on terror. And though most Americans may know little about your truly remarkable exploits, they do take comfort in knowing that you're in the fight.

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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

Don't let tunnel vision cripple the mission

By Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes
18th Wing Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan –

When the Air Force sent me to Southwest Asia last year, I began telling my 3-year-old son, Jonathan, he would need to be the man of the house while I was gone. I remember him swelling with pride when I would tell him he would be responsible of taking care of his mom and two sisters and “take up the slack” while I was gone.

Shortly after I arrived in Southwest Asia, my wife told me Jonathan had been disobedient, and she'd asked him to stand in the corner. Jonathan, remembering my instructions from weeks before, paused with a puzzled look on his face, stuck his finger in the air and asked, “Does the man of the house have to do that?”

After my wife finished chuckling, she gave my son a quick reminder about his responsibilities as her son – responsibilities he had briefly forgotten while working so hard on being the “man of the house.” It was an innocent and humorous mistake, but it was similar to mistakes I believe many of us make in our offices every week.

Most of us probably have responsibilities at work we enjoy more than others,

and it is easy to experience “tunnel vision syndrome” as we focus on what we enjoy and put off the responsibilities that don't appeal to us. It's in our nature to avoid things we don't like, but it can quickly become a problem in an office when several moving parts grind to a halt because of someone who only does half the job.

One of my earliest Air Force supervisors did me a favor and pointed out my weakness in this area. So, when I offer the following tips, they're from my personal experience as a person infected with tunnel vision syndrome.

When you can, tackle the “undesirables” first. I hate broccoli. When a meal at our house includes broccoli, I usually eat it first and save my favorite part of the meal for last.

If you have a responsibility you don't enjoy, try to get it done and then work on the things you like. Not many things are worse than knowing that “broccoli” is still sitting there, waiting for you to finish it.

Don't assume your “annoying” responsibilities aren't important. I used to be a file monitor, and I thought it was a huge waste of time, until my supervisor needed a file and couldn't find it because of my laziness. Many of us have additional duties that seem to be more of a pain than anything else, but we can't

just blow them off. Most of the time, there's a very good reason for those duties, and some of us in “lower-level management” can't see or understand the big picture.

Finish the job. As a kid, I did fairly well in my junior-high woodworking class. I could make a mean birdhouse, but I was terrible at cleaning up the mess afterward. We're all pretty good at our jobs, but some of us are weak when it comes to “cleaning up afterward.” Remember others will follow you and use the equipment you leave behind. Leave it functional, clean and where it should be.

Finally, if the “tunnel vision syndrome” I have described is your weakness, focus on preventative measures to keep it from getting out of hand. Don't wait for your leaders to chew you out about something that didn't get done before you begin to focus on responsibilities you do enjoy.

You can impress them or distress them, but I think the former is much more rewarding than the latter.

My son did a great job being the man of the house while I was gone, just like most of us do a great job taking on responsibilities we enjoy. But remember, it's a lot easier to be the man of the house when you don't have to stand in the corner. (AFPN)



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NEWS



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Monsignor Michael Cherup, St. Mary's Catholic Church, distributes Holy Eucharist at the memorial mass for Bob Hope Aug. 27 at the Dolores Hope All Faiths Chapel, Shalimar.

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Retired Col. Robert Gates, the person who brought the comedian and the former Air Force Enlisted Widows Home together in the mid-70's, was a friend of the Hopes for six decades. He spent a few minutes at the service sharing his memories.

"Where do you start when you have 61 years with a man like Bob?" Colonel Gates said.

He said their relationship began many years ago when then

Lieutenant Gates was a skinny 22-year-old pilot who was tasked to pick up Mr. Hope at the USO show in Alaska. When the comedian found out how old the young officer was, he said he still had "growin' pains." The name stuck.

The colonel toured 16 countries, every state in the union and more golf courses than one could count over the years with Bob.

"He and Dolores were so very proud of Bob Hope Village," said the colonel. "The residents here are the greatest gals in the world - we love you."

The former pilot motioned across the chapel to the construction taking place next door.

"I can't believe I'm going to have a building named after me," he said, visibly moved.

Earlier this year, the Hopes donated \$1 million to build a facility to honor their long-time friend. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in January. Construction on the Bob Gates Welcome Center/Auditorium is slated for completion this fall. Conference rooms inside the center will showcase photos and memorabilia of the colonel's years with the famous entertainer, as well as artifacts from Mr. Hope himself.

Following the service, a reception was held at Bob Hope Village's community center.

Named for the comedian for his years of humanitarian service to the military, construction on the 79-acre Bob Hope Village began in 1984. From 1977-1995, Mr. Hope hosted 10 benefit shows in the local area to help raise funds to build the complex.

Today, the 256 garden-style apartments house widows and surviving spouses of retired Air Force enlisted members. It and Teresa Village in nearby Fort Walton Beach, with 110 apartments, are the only facilities of their kind in the world for enlisted members.

The Air Force Enlisted Village is a non-profit organization. It's one of the four official charities of the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. Allotments and donations received from this campaign are earmarked for indigent widow support.

For more information about the Air Force Enlisted Village, visit the Web site at www.afenlistedwidows.org, or call 651-3766.

Spotlight on ...

Duane Lee

Rank/Duty Title:

Civilian/Civil Airspace and Terminal Instrument Procedures Manager

Organization:

16th Operations Support Squadron

Hometown:

Crestview, Fla.

Hobbies:

Antique vehicle restoration

Contribution to the mission:

Mr. Lee brings more than 20 years of experience and expertise to the airfield operations flight.

He works outside and beyond the scope of his position by providing advice and insight for the flight commander.

Mr. Lee has identified many areas in need of improvement and immediately formulated plans to accomplish the task.

His understanding of the organizational structure of air traffic control ensures the flight addresses appropriate issues with the proper authorities.

He's always eager and willing to work additional shifts when the tower requires assistance in controlling traffic.

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



Photo by Airman Andy Kin

Give and take

Chief Master Sgt. David Force, 16th Mission Support Group superintendent (left), presents a 105mm shell to retired U.S. Marine Corps 1st Lt. Clebe McClary and his wife Deanna McClary, during the 16th MSG Dining-Out, Aug. 23. The shell was engraved with the inscription of Lieutenant McClary's motto, "In this world of give and take, there are not enough people who are willing to give what it takes." Lieutenant McClary is a Silver Star recipient, which he earned during his tour in Vietnam as a platoon leader. He suffered the loss of one eye, his left arm and underwent 39 operations.

AIR FORCE NEWS

SecAF, Chief of Staff offer parents gratitude

Washington - Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, want to reach out to parents to explain how critical airmen are to the ongoing war on terrorism, to express sincere gratitude for their continued support, and to communicate a sense of partnership between the Air Force and the parents of America's airmen.

They want to send a personalized letter and an Air Force Parent Pin ("P" pin) to parents (or other parental figures).

The pin - a high-quality lapel pin displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol - is a contemporary adaptation of the World War II "E" flags that were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort.

Go to www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com to register online and provide the names and addresses of your parents so they can receive their pins.

This is a secure ".com" Web site owned and managed by the Air Force and hosted by a trusted contractor (similar to airforce.com, our official recruiting Web site).

As an official Air Force site, www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com complies with all security and privacy policies, so the information submitted is pro-

tected and used only for appropriate official business.

When visiting the site, click on "new users click here" to create a secure profile.

It will ask for a social security number to verify that you're an airman. The system doesn't store social security numbers or have access to any other information about you based on your social security number; it simply uses the military personnel database to verify that you're an airman.

When creating an account, people will have an opportunity to give the names of up to two parents or parental figures.

Use the username and the password selected when the account was created to return to the Web site at any time to update or correct information, check the status of a mailing, or take advantage of future site features.

Letters and pins will be mailed in batches of 1,000. The sooner airmen request mailings for their parents, the sooner another 1,000 entries will accumulate, and the sooner those mailings will ship. People can always log onto the site with their username and password to check the status of the mailings to their parents.

For Guardsmen and Reservists:

If they submitted their employer to receive an Air Force Employer Pin ("E" pin), still complete the "new users click here" process. Their user profile will already contain the employer's information previously submitted.

The "E" pin program is still active, but people will notice significant improvements based on feedback.

Now people can return to the Web site using their username and password and update their employer information if it changes, request a letter and pin for their new employer, and check the status of the mailing to them. "E" pins will now be mailed every other week or in batches of 1,000, whichever is sooner.

For Commanders:

On the Web site, they'll be able to view a variety of information about their unit's participation, including response rates and how their unit ranks compared to other similar units. Units will be rewarded based on their participation.

When creating an account, people will be asked to identify surrogates (deputy commander, executive officer or others) who'll serve as alternate points of contact and who'll be able to view the same unit information as the airmen.

TSP offers chance for catching up

San Antonio, Texas - As of Aug. 25, eligible Air Force-serviced civilian employees and military members age 50 or over can begin enrolling for Thrift Savings Plan "catch up" contribution.

The maximum amount that can be contributed through the end of December is \$2,000. The contribution amount increases to \$3,000 in 2004; \$4,000 in 2005; and \$5,000 in 2006, officials said.

"This is a great opportunity for those folks who enrolled in TSP later than their peers to invest more dollars toward their retirement," said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist.

Catch-up contributions will be made through payroll deductions, and can be in any amount the member chooses as long as it doesn't exceed their net pay or the annual catch-up contribution limit each year.

In order to be eligible, the civilian or service member must be:

- Age 50 or older in the year they submit their election
- In a pay status and receiving a paycheck
- Making regular TSP contributions at either

the maximum TSP percentage allowed by their retirement plan or an amount resulting in reaching the Internal Revenue Service annual elective deferral limit by the end of the year.

Also, the person can't be in the six-month non-contribution period following a financial hardship in-service withdrawal.

Contributions aren't tied to TSP open season, and employees may start, change, stop or restart catch-up contributions at any time, officials said.

Civilian enrollment information is available on the Benefits and Entitlement Service Team home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm and by phone.

Enrollment information for uniformed members is available on the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov, or by calling the Air Force Contact Center at 1-866-229-7074.

To enroll uniformed members will go to the TSP Web site, click on forms and publications under uniformed services, print out the TSP-U-1-C catch-up contribution form, fill it out and turn it in to the finance service office. (AFPC)

News Briefs

Call to Service

National Call to Service is a new program that will allow one percent of FY '04 Air Force recruits to sign up for a 15-month enlistment.

Under the program, the 15-month period begins on the date these airmen report to their first duty station. At the end of the enlistment, they'll either extend on active duty for 24 months, or join the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve for 24 months.

After they complete the additional two years, they can:

- Re-enlist in the active-duty Air Force
- Extend their Guard or Reserve commitment
- Transfer to the Individual Ready Reserve
- Participate in another national-service program, such as Americorps or the Peace Corps.

Only 29 Air Force specialties, chosen based on inputs from career-field managers, will be available to airmen in the program. National Call to Service begins Oct 1.

Civilian Personnel Online Web page

Air Force civilians can find links to online resources at the Civilian Personnel Online Web page, which is located on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site. The page provides a single listing of all civilian customer service links relating to career and benefits, such as: employment, benefits, entitlements and training.

A menu bar at the top of the page allows customers to quickly choose links by the following categories:

- Looking for Employment
- Current Air Force Employees
- Career Programs

The links in the listing include a summary description of what each link provides.

Civilian Personnel Online complements current online employee information and will help facilitate the transition to the Air Force Portal.

Global vigilance

One of the Air Force's objectives is to use space power to apply the right effects to achieve battlespace dominance.

Space capabilities:

- Elevate our asymmetric advantage over any adversary
- Guarantee America's global vigilance, reach and power, establishing powerful national mechanisms to assure, dissuade, deter or defeat
- Enable the kind of warfighting that was so successful in Operation Iraqi Freedom

The Global Positioning System navigation signal, which is used by sensors and shooters, is key to precision engagement that assists in targeting the enemy with pinpoint accuracy.

Transforming space-based ISR into a horizontally integrated capability that complements air, land and sea assets is a critical enabler of the joint force.

Maintaining and developing space superiority is critical to transforming the U.S. military, in order to meet the challenges ahead.

FEATURE

Base youth spend summer in space, aviation camps

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

While most teenagers spent their summer enjoying time off from school around the local area, four Hurlburt Field teens became aviators for a week at space and aviation camps.

Two of the four students, Michelle Green and Travis Reynolds both attended the U.S. Air Force Teen Aviation Camp at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Col., May 31 – June 5.

The other two, Melanie Gouthro and Angel Fulkersin, attended the U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 2 – 8.

“These programs are designed to improve the quality of life for our youth,” said Lori Anderson, 16th Services Squadron family member support flight chief. “These programs are two-fold – they provide fun and allow the youth with military aspirations to experience military cadet life through space and aviation.”

The week-long camps provide a great learning experience for the teens, according to 14-year-old Angel Fulkersin, a freshman at Fort Walton Beach High School.

“I learned so much at the camp, and even if you aren’t keen on space, the experience would’ve changed your mind,” Angel said. “I had an incredible time. The facility was great, and I felt like I was actually in outer space.”

The space camp program is jam-packed with astronaut training for young people. Some of the activities include: simulated Space Shuttle missions, training simulators (such as the gravity chair), rocket building and launches.

During aviation camp, the teens are given instruction on aerodynamics, simulator training and even have the opportunity to pilot an aircraft.

“Both programs are funded through the collaboration with the Hurlburt Field chapter of the Air Force Association and Boeing,” Ms. Anderson said. “If it weren’t for them, the youth center would have to pay the cost. Now we can use that money for other programs that’ll benefit our youth.”

“The whole program was so beneficial,” said 15-year-old Melanie Gouthro, a Choctawhatchee High School sophomore. “The practice missions and the mock space station were the highlights for me.”

During their visits to the camps, the teens saw first hand just what it takes to be a pilot or astronaut.

“It was so interesting working in the mission control center because that’s where everything happens,” Angel said.

“They’re the ones who answer the call when the astronauts say, ‘Houston we have a problem.’ I like being able to work out problems, and that’s what they do in the control center.”

The four teens, who are still in their early teens, have already set a foundation for pursuing a career in aviation if they desire.

For information about applying for the teen aviation or space camps, call the youth center at 884-6938.



Courtesy photo

Angel Fulkersin tests the forces of gravity in a training simulator at the U.S. Space Camp, Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 2-8.



Photos by James Lovely

Travis Reynolds (left), prepares for a flight in a Cessna 172 at the U.S. Air Force Academy Aero Club during his visit to the teen aviation camp, May 31 - June 5. Michelle Green (above), conducts simulated takeoffs and landings in a cadet lab at the aviation camp.

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That same knowledge, which so comforts the American people, at the same time strikes fear in enemies. They also know you're in the fight, watching them and tracking them. Thanks to your efforts, a large number of senior al-Qaeda operatives have been captured, and terrorist attacks disrupted and stopped."

The secretary went on to laud the command for its innovative means of accomplishing the mission.

"In Afghanistan, you combined the most high-tech weapons with the most ancient of capabilities – a man on a horse with a modern weapon – and you used them together in unprecedented ways. It took only 49 days from the insertion of the first Special Operations Forces to the fall of Kandahar and the defeat of the Taliban – a remarkable achievement. After Afghanistan, someone in Washington said I was so old that my idea of military transformation was to bring back the cavalry. I kept telling them that it wasn't my idea at all – it was yours. And it was a darn good idea.

"You brought a similar spirit of innovation to the battle in Iraq. Special Operations Forces slipped quietly into the country, while Saddam waited for the air war to begin. You hunted Scuds, pinpointed high-value targets, secured oil fields and established landing strips in the desert to expedite the flow of coalition forces. When we were unable to get our forces into Iraq from the North, Special Operations Forces mobilized the Kurdish Peshmerga and not only tied down Saddam Hussein's Northern units, but captured Mosul and helped unravel the Northern front with amazing speed.

"Today, the Taliban and the Iraqi regimes are gone, and the people who struggled to survive under those repressive regimes are free. Neither of these victories would've been achieved without the skill and courage of U.S. Special Operation Forces, nor without the leadership of General Holland and his outstanding team: General Brown, General Dale Daily, General Gary Harrell, and all of the men and women of all of the services who perform so outstandingly."

The secretary also pointed out that General Holland was the first Air Force officer to serve as the USSOCOM commander, underscoring how the command and the rest of America's armed forces are changing to meet

the threats we face.

"In the 21st century, wars will certainly not be fought by individual services – the Army, the Navy, the Air Force or the Marines – but by a truly joint force, with SOCOM in a growing role," the secretary said.

"From the first forces on the ground in Afghanistan to the ongoing operations, both in Operation Enduring Freedom, all across the globe, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Charlie Holland and his team have guided major changes and dramatic improvements in this command," the secretary continued. "They're overseeing the re-vamping of SOCOM from a supporting to a supported command in the war on terror. They've encouraged inter-service cooperation, by standing up the first Marine element at SOCOM headquarters. And importantly, they've helped transform SOCOM for the future, by standing up the Center for Special Operations and developing the right leadership with General Brown and Admiral Eric Olson."

General Brown, a veteran of 37 years of service, has a wealth of Special Operations experience from his earliest days in the Army. He served in a Special Forces "A Team," was one of the first Army Aviators in Special Ops, a combat assault pilot in Vietnam and a plank holder in Task Force 160. He's served as Commanding General of the Joint Special Operations Command, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command and most recently as the deputy to General Holland.

"The war on terrorism has no boundaries," General Brown said, "and there shouldn't be any boundaries in our thinking. This (war) won't be short; it won't be easy. But we'll continue to be aggressive, constant and persistent. We'll transform for the future, and we'll take this fight anywhere, any time."

In his parting remarks the secretary said that the war on terror isn't a war that we asked for, but it's a war that we must fight, and we must win.

"There's no safe, easy middle ground," the secretary said. "Either we take this war to the terrorists and fight them where they are, or we'll have to deal with them here at home.

"On behalf of the President of the United States and the American people, I thank you all for your service to our nation. God bless you all."

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NCOA meeting

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JSOU intro course

All U.S. Special Operations Command affiliates are invited to attend the Introduction to Special Operations Course offered by the Joint Special Operations University here Sept. 23 ñ 26. ISOC provides military and civilian members with a joint understanding of SOF, to include the structure, assets and capabilities. The course will also focus on an in-depth analysis of Special Operations missions, the lessons learned from those missions, and their pro and con observations.

For more information about the course and seating availability, call Joyce Weber at DSN 579-4731. For those who don't have a reservation, should call their unit-training manager and arrive at 7 a.m. for space-available seating ñ ifirst come, first served. For more information on ISOC, visit the USAFSOS Web site at <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos>, or call 1st Lt. James Rigsbee at 884-6861.

1A3X1 slots available

The 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is looking for Airborne Communications and Electronics Specialists (1A3X1). With a fleet of 22 specially configured aircraft, this selectively manned unit supports DV airlift for the United States' senior executives. These specialists fly all over the world in support of the White House, state and defense departments, the chairman's office and many other government executive agencies.

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EMS inventory

The 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight will be conducting its 100 percent, semi-annual inventory until Sept. 12. In order to expedite the inventory, only bonafide emergency ammo issues approved by the 16th Maintenance Group commander will be honored. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth Scott at 884-2007, or Staff Sgt. Micki Kistler at 884-2009.

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 ñ in most cases ñ in conjunction with the

Montgomery G.I. Bill. For more information, call In-service Recruiter, Master Sgt. William Andujar at 884-2729, or e-mail william.andujar@hurlburt.af.mil.

New college class

The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College is forming a class for majors and promotable captains, to meet one weekend per month beginning Oct. 18 here. Participants can earn military education level four in a classroom environment without a permanent change of station for resident studies. Interested active-duty and Reserve Component Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine O-4s (O-3P) personnel should call Maj. Wayne Hausser at 543-7163, or e-mail wayne.hausser@us.army.mil.

Community

Volunteers needed

Dee Dee James, daughter of U.S. Air Force retired Robert James, is asking for volunteers to assist with the care of her mother Bridget James, who is in a coma. Dee Dee is looking for teams of five people for 20 minutes to help with brain stimulation exercises called iPatterning. Schedules are flexible in the morning or evening. If anyone is interested in participating, call Dee Dee James at 243-8860.

Finance closing

The 16th Comptroller Squadron Finance Office will be closing today at 2:30 for an official function. If there is an emergency, call 803-3324.

Freedom in America

To show appreciation to the thousands of troops abroad, Paradise Expos will host Freedom in America at Santa Rosa mall Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. The Hurlburt Field Honor Guard will open the event Saturday with a posting of the colors. There will also be a banner for everyone to sign honoring American troops and will be presented to a military or political figure Sunday. Throughout the weekend, there will be thousands of dollars in door prizes, nearly 100 vendor booths, 10 free entertainment events and free American flags to the first 2,000 visitors. For more information, visit www.paradisexp.com.

HOSC luncheon

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club hosts a luncheon Sept. 18 at the Soundside Club. Socials begin at 10:30 a.m., and the luncheon will immediately follow. The theme of the luncheon is antiques; guests will receive tips on how to buy quality antiques, have an antique appraised or have an opportunity to buy one from the local dealers present at the luncheon.

The luncheon menu includes: a selection of Bigelow teas, scones, canapés, mini quiche, assorted mini sandwiches, mini cheesecakes, petit fours and coffee, iced tea and water. The cost of the luncheon is \$11.70 with a 2 discount for club members.

Childcare is available at the youth center from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$3 per hour for one child or \$5 per hour for two or more children. All fees may be charged to club cards. The reservation for childcare is Sept. 10, and luncheon reservations should be made by Sept. 12. For more information or to make reservations, call Becky McVay at 897-0928, or e-mail HOSCReservations@cox.net.

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 ñ May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),

11:30 a.m. (traditional),

12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August ñ May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

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

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

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumua: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

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

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday and Sunday ñ (R) iBad Boys II, starring Martin Lawrence and Will Smith ñ Miami police detectives Marcus Burnett and Mike Lowrey are back. This time they're investigating the booming ecstasy business in south Florida. Their drug busts lead to an evil kingpin who has started a violent turf war throughout Miami. To further complicate matters, Mr. Lowrey begins to fall for Mr. Burnett's half sister, Syd. It's a relationship that threatens their friendship and puts Syd's life in danger.

Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. ñ (G) iPokemon Heroes, an animated film ñ In a mysterious city of water called Alto Mare, Ash and Pikachu meet two new Pokemons, Latias and Latios, who possess strong psychic abilities and the power to disguise themselves as humans. Latias and Latios protect a treasure called the Droplet of the Heart, which is the target for the pair of thieves, Zanna and Rion.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Sunday ñ (PG-13) iPirates of the Caribbean, starring Johnny Depp and Geoffrey Rush ñ Set in the Caribbean Sea in the 17th century, Jack Sparrow, a charming rogue pirate teams up with the governor's daughter to stop the evil plan of a ship of dangerous pirates led by Captain Barbosa. The captain and his crew are trying to reverse an ancient curse that leaves them stuck between life and death.

Saturday ñ (PG-13) iLara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life, starring Angelina Jolie and Gerard Butler ñ Lara Croft, travels to a sunken underwater temple, it leads her to a sphere that contains the mythical Pandora's Box, only to have it stolen from her by Chen Lo, the leader of a Chinese crime syndicate, who is in league with a bad guy named Reiss, who wants to use the box as a doomsday weapon.

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

Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month, and the military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting the observance period. Currently, there aren't any officers or appointed positions held, and the positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer will need to be filled. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-8746.

Attn: Commando Village

The housing office staff is in the process of cleaning the recreational vehicle compound and removing any items/vehicles that aren't claimed. Those who haven't re-certified their RV for 2003 need to stop by the housing office and do so because beginning Sept. 30, any items/vehicles not accounted for will be towed and/or discarded. For more information, call Dave Elrod at 884-7507 ext. 106.

ERAU briefing

The next briefing for students interested in entering the Professional Aeronautics or the Technical Management bachelor's degree program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will be Sept. 23 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. at the base education office, Building

90220. Students need to send their Community College of the Air Force transcript and any other transcripts to the education office before Sept. 23 to sign up for the appropriate briefing. Counselors will be available at the briefings to do an unofficial evaluation of students' accumulated credits. For more information, call the ERAU office at 581-2106.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will close at 11 a.m. Sept. 12 for wing training. However, normal clinic operations will be in effect until then, and Eglin Air Force Base's emergency room will be open for any emergency needs.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the MEO classroom, Building 90210, Room 244. For more information about the observance period, call Capt. Laura Ramos at 884-6731, or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

Memories luncheon

The Eglin Enlisted Officers' Spouses Club is spon-

soring a luncheon at the officers' club at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 17. During the luncheon, guest speakers will present ideas and information on framing and displaying photos, scrapbooking and tips for taking better pictures. Those interested in participating should make a reservation by Sept. 11 by calling Cheryl Toth at 678-4084 or e-mail actoth@hotmail.com.

Classes

FSC classes

For more information, call 884-5441.

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

Commando Welcome Spouse – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Résumé Writing Workshop – Tuesday, 5 p.m.; reservations required, call 884-6281

Veteran's Affairs/Social Security Briefing – Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.; reservations required, call 884-6281

Bundles for Babies – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Heart Link – Thursday, 9 a.m.; reservations required

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

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SPORTS

AGE axes LRS2 55-48

Loss of top scorer puts LRS in sticky disposition

By Senior Airman Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

The 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Aerospace Ground Equipment three-on-three intramural basketball team took out the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron (team two) 55-48 in the main fitness center Aug. 29.

Up until the last quarter of the 20-minute, running-clock game, the two teams were neck-and-neck, with AGE holding a small 37-34 lead.

However, with three minutes left, LRS' top scorer fouled out of the game, leaving a two-on-three match and an easy win for AGE.

"They (LRS) did good, and definitely came out to play the game," said LaKeith Manson, 16th EMS AGE, "but once they lost their leading scorer, it was pretty much over."

Manson said every win added to the team's stack helps them get closer to a first-place finish.

"We're 7-3 (wins to losses) in the tournament so far," he said. "Hopefully we'll make it to the playoffs."

For more information on Hurlburt Field intramural sports, contact your unit sports representative.



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

After a shot put up by LaKeith Manson, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron (white jersey on right), both teams moved toward the basket for a possible rebound.



A player on the Logistics Readiness Squadron team (far left) blocks an opponent, to allow his teammate to drive down the key for the basket. LaKeith Manson, Datwan Lewis and Jason White (left to right) team up to keep LRS from passing the ball.

Sports shorts

Varsity basketball

Men and women basketball players are needed for the Hurlburt Field varsity basketball teams. Men must be military members to be eligible; women may also be family members to join. For more information, call the fitness center at 884-6884.

Football grant

The Boys and Girls Club of America has selected Hurlburt Field's Youth Sports Program to receive a grant to fund the youth flag football program. The grant will fund all the jerseys, balls, flags, shorts and

all other equipment. The selection committee reviewed more than 200 applications before selecting Hurlburt Field as one of the grant recipients.

Start Smart Soccer

The Hurlburt Field Youth Center is offering Start Smart Soccer, a national program designed to help children develop the basic motor skills needed in organized soccer. The program is open to children 3-5 years old whose parents can attend six 1-hour sessions with them. The program begins Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m., continuing every Tuesday for six weeks. Cost is

\$15. Interested people can register now. For more information, call the youth center at 884-6938.

Racquetball tournament

People interested in playing in a racquetball tournament, should sign up by Wednesday. The tournament is Sept. 13 - 14. Double elimination, \$10 fee.

Men's varsity soccer

Men interested in playing varsity soccer should sign up at the fitness center. Tryouts are Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.