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An NCO with the 6th Ranger Training Battalion holds a non-venomous snake during a briefing the Rangers gave to medical personnel April 16 here. The training gave deployable medical staff members insight into treating victims of poisonous bites and stings.

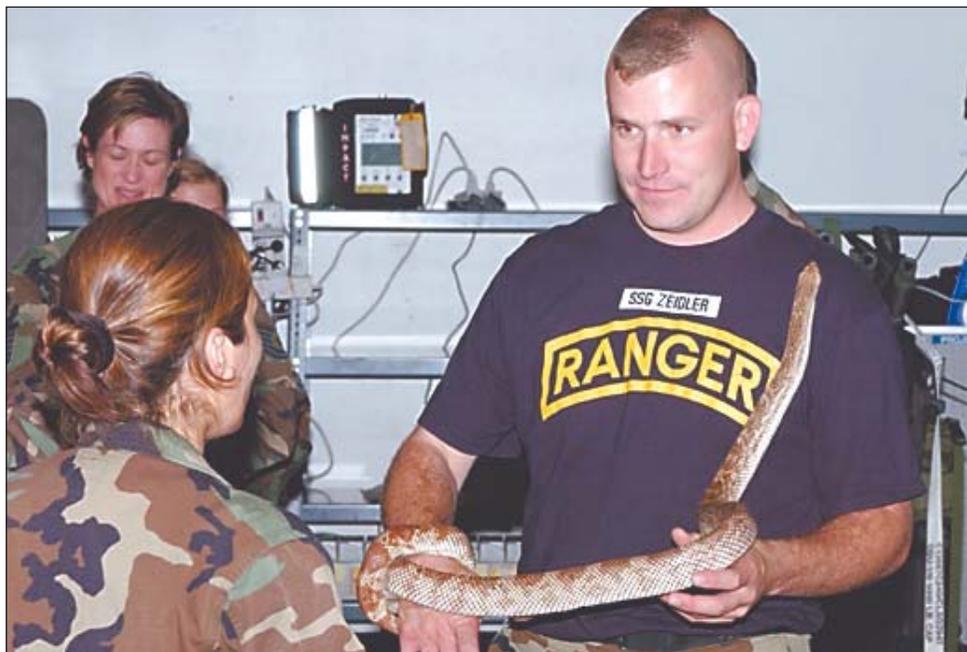


Photo by Airman1st Class Andy Kin

Army Rangers provide 'slick' training

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Many people cringe at the very sight of a snake, but members of the 16th Medical Group put their fear aside and used the slithery reptiles as a learning opportunity April 16 here.

With the help of several Army Rangers from the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Eglin Air Force Base and at the request of Capt. Eric Bruno, 16th Medical Support Squadron, health care providers were given an in-depth briefing on medical toxicology, which includes the treatment of poisonous bites and stings.

Captain Bruno, who has an interest in medical toxicology and felt the information would benefit deployable medical staff members, was able to bring the Ranger Reptile team to Hurlburt Field after seeing them mentioned on the Discovery Channel nearly two years ago.

"I felt that the deployable medical assets of the 16th Special Operations Wing (to include members from

the 16th MDSS, 16th Operations Support Squadron and the 720th Special Tactics Group) would benefit most from the topic," Captain Bruno said. "Although all medical personnel were welcome to attend, the target audience included physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse anesthetists, flight medics and any other deployable medical staff."

The Rangers brought nearly 20 venomous and non-venomous snakes to provide a visible and realistic look at the reptiles.

The reptile team gave detailed examples of how to identify venomous snakes from the non-venomous ones.

"Hold up your thumb," said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Siemers, 6th RTB, "this is what a non-venomous snake looks like. If the head of the snake is in line with the body like your thumb then it's a non-venomous snake."

A venomous snake has a head in the shape of a fist,

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Sexual assault awareness equals prevention

By 1st Lt. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

As Sexual Assault Awareness Month comes to a close, 16th Special Operations Wing leaders encourage Hurlburt Field Airmen and families to be mindful of sexual assault risks, consequences and prevention.

"Sexual assault is a crime; there is no place for it in the Air Force or the Special Operations community," said Col. Ray Killgore, 16th SOW vice commander. "Commanders at all levels are absolutely committed to providing a safe working and living environment for our people, and all Airmen are responsible for preventing sexual assaults of any kind."

Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted sexual act done by one person to another. This can mean anything from unwanted touching of a sexual nature to rape.

There are many types of sexual assault that include descriptions of a variety of acts, for example, the use of a weapon, causing bodily harm and making threats. Other types of assault can occur in relationships where one person is in a position of authority over the other.

An estimated 91 percent of all sexual assault victims in the U.S. are female, and an estimated 99 percent of the offenders are males.

According to Barbara Weber, Hurlburt Field Family Support Center

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AFAF final count

Hurlburt Field meets base goal

After a six-week long Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, Hurlburt Field surpassed it's goal of \$110,667 by raising \$121,619.

Air Commando Dining-out



Hurlburt Memorial Window

The Air Commando Dining-out is May 8 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Tickets can be purchased through unit first sergeants until April 30.

Sports



LRS sets up SVS for loss

Intramural volleyball gets underway with

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Weather

Weekend forecast

Today - partly cloudy, High 75 Low 66

Saturday - partly cloudy, High 78 Low 64

Sunday - partly cloudy, High 77 Low 65

www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/weather/5day



Open Line

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

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the

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

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



Col. O.G. Mannon

Preschool dilemma

Comment: I went to put my daughter on the list for preschool. They told me that they were not going to have preschool next year because they're doing renovations and nobody will let them have a room to do preschool. I feel this is very unfortunate that all these children will not be going to preschool on base. I was wondering if you knew of any place they could have preschool until the renovations are complete?

Response: Thank you for the inquiry, and we apologize if you've received some bad information. The good news is preschool will be operating as usual next year. Current partici-

pants can pre-register in May and new children will be able to register June through August.

The confusion about next year came from the youth center's need to move to a temporary location while the facility undergoes a \$1.4M renovation/addition. We're on track to begin that project toward the end of the summer. Since space is limited in our child development center, we utilize the school age space in the youth center while the older children are in school. The preschool will continue to use school age space at the temporary location. Every effort is being made to ensure there's no disruption in the level of service and quality of all the programs based at the youth center. More information about the move and locations of the temporary youth center will be well publicized as plans are finalized.

Following core values - are you up to the task?

By Lt. Col. Eric Lorraine
100th AMXS commander

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England – It's been said quite often that without quality people, the mission cannot succeed. Every day the Air Force is engaged in challenging, tough missions throughout the world and continues to need quality people.

Of course, the Air Force also needs quality equipment to do the mission — the aircraft, computers, communications technology and so on that it must have to be successful. But above all, the Air Force needs people who can live up to and follow its core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do. Are you up to the task?

Integrity is essential. It is the inner voice, the source of self-control and the basis for trust in our Air Force. It means you always try to do what is right, and you always try to do what is right regardless of whether anyone is watching or whether the issue at hand is pleasant or painful.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. put it this way. He said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy."

Integrity is not something that can be taken away from you, but it is something that can be lost based on your actions and words.

Believe me, your integrity is not something you want to lose because

it takes a long time to get it back. I fully realize that integrity is not always easy to practice.

It is a tough and demanding challenge, because so many situations come in shades of gray. But I have found, time and time again, that those things that demand the most out of you pay the biggest dividends and bring the biggest rewards in the long run. Are you up to the task?

People of integrity say what they mean and do what they say. If you can't perform a particular task, inform your chain of command. If you inadvertently pass on bad information, correct it as soon as you find out it's wrong. People of integrity do the right thing not because it is convenient or because they have no other choice. They choose the right thing because their character permits no less. Are you up to the task?

Service Before Self means placing the needs of the many over the needs of the individual. You have often heard the military referred to as "the service." As a member of the Air Force, you serve the United States. Service Before Self means doing what is right for the nation, the Air Force, your unit and your subordinates — and putting these responsibilities above your own interests. The needs of the Air Force and the nation come first. Are you up to the task?

This doesn't mean that you neglect your family or yourself; in fact, such neglect weakens you and can cause more harm than good in the long run. Service Before Self doesn't

mean that you can't have a strong ego, high self-esteem or even healthy ambition.

We all have personal goals and ambitions, and it's important to take steps to realize those goals and ambitions. That is what adds richness, depth and diversity to your own life.

Rather, service before self means you don't make decisions or take actions that help your image or your career but hurt others or even harm the mission. The Air Force can't function except as a team, and for a team to work, the individual has to give up self-interest for the good of the team.

As Gen. Omar Bradley put it several decades ago, "The nation today needs men who think in terms of service to their country and not in terms of their country's debt to them." I couldn't agree more. Are you up to the task?

Excellence In All We Do is the difference between simply getting by and striving for perfection. It's the personal satisfaction and thrill of performing at the peak of your abilities.

Make the effort to live up to all the Air Force values. Implicitly, that's what you promised when you took your oath of office or enlistment. You made this promise publicly and the standards, Air Force core values, are also public.

To serve faithfully, you must be true to your oath and live by Air Force values in all that you do. Are you up to the task? (AFPN)

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DUI Tracker

April 16-22: 0 DUIs

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DUIs for 2003: 54

Last DUI: 16th

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Potential saves this year: 247

16th OG67 16th MSG63
16th MXG32 16th MDG67

As of Feb. 15, individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of April 22.

Congratulations to the 16th MDG, 16th MSG, 16th OG and wing staff agencies for going 60 days without receiving a DUI.



Reservist's heroism earns him Pitsenbarger Award

A reservist from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., has been named the 2004 Pitsenbarger Award winner.

Senior Master Sgt. Dale Berryhill, an MC-130E airborne communications systems operator with the 711th Special Operations Squadron, was selected for his heroism while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Berryhill was a crewmember aboard an aircraft in Baghdad when a fire erupted. The flames and smoke quickly engulfed the cargo compartment and flight deck of the aircraft, filling the aircraft with toxic fumes and creating a hazardous situation.

While other crewmembers donned their personal protective gear, Sergeant Berryhill recognized the dire situation and unhesitatingly reacted to immediately control the fire. He then discharged the halon fire extinguisher at the source of the inferno without personal protective gear.

His actions ensured the safety of the crew and the aircraft, according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Ray, 711th SOS commander, who nominated Sergeant Berryhill for the award.

Sergeant Berryhill then relayed in-flight emergency calls,

successfully managing five different radio nets simultaneously, while ensuring all incoming air traffic and the landing area were clear.

When his aircraft was engaged by small arms and rocket propelled grenades upon landing, he displayed amazing situational awareness when he relayed pinpoint coordinates to the 3rd Infantry Division, according to Colonel Ray.

"I just did my job," Sergeant Berryhill said. "There were nine other people on that airplane that night, and it took all of us doing something right to survive and get us all back safely. Fortunately, we had an experienced crew that night."

The Air Force Sergeant's Association gives the Pitsenbarger Award annually to an Air Force enlisted member for heroic acts, on or off duty, that save a life or prevent serious injury.

Sergeant Berryhill is now authorized to wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon.

The award will be presented during the AFSA National Convention, Aug. 21-25, in Columbus, Ohio. **(AFSOC News)**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

A ceremony of remembrance was held at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Center, April 6 in honor of the 113 children who lost their lives due to child abuse and neglect in the state of Florida during 2003 (an increase from 2002 which was 95).

This service also remembered the children who were saved from abuse, and the parents who learned to value, set limits for and nurture their children during the same period.

Everyone can play a role in preventing child abuse through early detection and reporting.

Air Force Instruction 40-301 describes the responsibilities of the family advocacy program agencies and staff, and outlines procedures for reporting and administering the program.

It applies to all military and civilian personnel entitled to received care in a military facility as specified in *AFI 41-115*.

AFI 40-301, Paragraph 1.19 states, "all active-duty members and civilian employees of the Air Force must report all incidents of suspected family maltreatment to the family advocacy office."

Florida Statue 415511 provides immunity from liability and states that any person, official or institution participating in good faith shall be immune from any civil or criminal lia-

bility; good faith is an honest belief by the reporter that a child was harmed or endangered.

Child abuse means any willful act or threat that results in any physical, mental, or sexual injury or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental or emotional health to be significantly impaired.

Child neglect primarily means that the parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare fails to supply the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, health care or supervision – although financially able to do so or offered financial or other means to do so.

In 2000, nearly three million reports of child abuse or neglect were made concerning five million children.

In almost two-thirds (62 percent) of these cases, the information provided in the report was sufficient to prompt an investigation. As a result of these investigations, approximately 879,000 children were found to have been victims of abuse or neglect.

Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of victims experienced neglect, meaning a caretaker failed to provide for the child's basic needs. Fewer victims were found to have been physically abused (19 percent) or sexually abused (10 percent), though these cases are often more likely to be publicized. The

smallest number (8 percent) was found to be victims of emotional abuse.

Children of all ages experience abuse, but the youngest children are most vulnerable. Children younger than one year old accounted for nearly one-half (44 percent) of child abuse and neglect death reported in 2000, 85 percent of whom died were younger than six years of age.

By definition, perpetrators of child abuse and neglect are the very people responsible for the child's safety and well-being (including parents, other relatives and babysitters).

To honor the life of a child, Hurlburt Field will host the following events:

Today – Skating Party, youth center; call 884-6355

Crazy Hat Day, child development center; call 884-6937

Tuesday – Single Parents Meeting, family support center; call 884-5441
Common Sense Parenting Class, family advocacy office; call 884-4936

Wednesday – Kids Smooth Move, family support center; call 884-5441

April 30 – Snow Cones Day, youth center; call 884-6355

Report all maltreatment incidents to the Hurlburt Field Family Advocacy by calling 884-5061/62 or call the Florida child abuse hotline at 1 (800) 96-ABUSE.

Join Travel Expedition 2004

Information Tickets and Travel hosts Travel Expedition 2004 April 30 at the Soundside Club from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More than 90 vendors from five states are participating in this annual event, including Disney World, Carnival Cruise Line, New Orleans Steamboat Company and Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism.

Upon arrival, attendees will be issued special passports to

join the travel expedition and become eligible for prizes. For lunch, everyone can enjoy a fish fry for \$5 per person.

Guests can also enjoy several brief discussions on topics such as packing for trips, Bahama vacations, cruises and E-travel.

For more information, call 581-0469, 884-5699 or 884-7848.



Spotlight on ...



Sirrena Simms

Rank/Duty Title: Senior Airman/Information Manager

Organization: 16th Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica

Hobbies: Photography, crafts, site-seeing, traveling and volunteering

Contribution to the mission:

Airman Simms provides direct computer and information management support for the 16th Maintenance Group commander, two deputy commanders, executive officer, senior enlisted manager and assists seven squadrons assigned to the group – totaling more than 2,800 military/civilian personnel.

She also installs and configures computer workstations; conducts, tracks and reports computer training for all group staff personnel; and integrates accredited software and hardware into computer systems, ensuring compatibility and maintainability.

She unselfishly donates her on and off duty time in support of the local military community, is the lead volunteer coordinator for Bob Hope Village, treasurer of the squadron booster club and an Angel Award winner for 2003.

(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.*)

The guts to try: 24th anniversary of Iranian rescue mission

By Dr. John Dabrowski
16th SOW History Office

Fifty-three Americans were taken hostage by militant Iranian "students" at the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran Nov. 4, 1979. Thus, began a period of 444 days in which these Americans were held captive.

That same day, the highest levels of the U.S. government made a commitment to return the hostages to freedom. It was decided a combination of helicopters and specialized aircraft could be used to accomplish the planned rescue mission.

The military assembled a rescue team comprised of highly skilled personnel from all four military services. All of the men, both aircrews and the assault force, were volunteers.

By the end of November, these men began training at a desert site in the western United States, where the terrain and climate were similar to those of Iran. By December, all the various mission components were being integrated into a cohesive rescue force.

As training progressed, the operational plan was to use a remote site well away from Teheran to refuel the helicopters carrying the rescue force for the planned mission. The mission is most often referred to as Desert One.

The planning for the rescue operation was code-named Rice Bowl; the operational phase carried out by the Joint Task Force 1-79 was Eagle Claw. Rigorous training and exacting mission practice continued through January, February and March 1980. Training demands were considerable. Total secrecy was demanded, so special procedures under conditions of radio silence had to be rehearsed, and special night

visual devices employed.

The men's confidence grew, and their readiness was constantly evaluated. At the end of March, the rescue force was alerted to be ready to execute the mission on short notice.

President Jimmy Carter gave the authority to launch the mission the night of April 24, 1980, when visual illumination and weather appeared most favorable. At dusk that evening, eight RH-53 Sea Stallion helicopters took off from the deck of the aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz.

Their mission was to fly in darkness at low altitude, in formation, across hostile Iranian territory and rendezvous with the special C-130 aircraft at Desert One. A total of six C-130 aircraft had already departed another location for Desert One.

The mission was about two hours old when the first difficulty occurred. Because of severe mechanical problems, one helicopter was forced to land and transfer crew and equipment to another helicopter.

A short time later, the C-130s followed by the RH-53s encountered an unexpected dust storm, a "haboob," that dangerously degraded visibility and made navigation nearly impossible. As a result, a second helicopter aborted the mission, reversed its course and returned safely to the Nimitz.

The C-130s arrived first at the Desert One refueling site followed by the six remaining Sea Stallion helicopters. Unfortunately, a third helicopter had developed a hydraulic problem en route to Desert One.

The mission plan required a minimum of six operational helicopters to continue after the planned refueling. With this third helicopter out, the decision was reluctantly made to abort the rescue mission.

Preparations began to complete the refueling of the helicopters and evacuate the site at Desert One. Tragically, while an RH-53 helicopter was being repositioned on the ground, its rotary blade struck the fuselage of a C-130, setting the two aircraft ablaze.

Though the courageous efforts were made to save lives, three Marines in the helicopter were killed, and five Air Force crewmembers died on the MC-130E, which was assigned to the 8th Special Operations Squadron.

While a national ceremony commemorating the valor and dedication of all the veterans of the rescue force was held at Arlington National Cemetery May 9, 1980, here at Hurlburt Field, a stained glass memorial window was dedicated at the base chapel April 23, 1982.

The memorial not only honored those individuals killed during Desert One, but also those Air Commandos who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

The failed operation was seen by many as a turning point in Special Operations — at a time when people began investing the time, money and resources in this type of mission. The bravery, professionalism and courage of those individuals participating in the aborted rescue attempt was best summed up by Ambassador Bruce Laingen, himself a former hostage in Iran:

"While no day hurts more — than today and always — than the day when these brave men lost their lives in an attempt to reach us, no day makes us more proud as well, because of the way in which they stood for that cause of human freedom. For that, all of us (former hostages) will be forever grateful."

Do You Know Your Chain of Command?

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U.S. Special Operations Command commander



Gen. Brian Brown

Air Force Special Operations Command commander



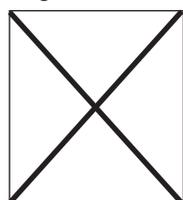
Lt. Gen. Paul Hester

16th Special Operations Wing commander



Col. O.G. Mannon

Your group commander goes here



Customers stay informed with new commissary newsletter

FORT LEE, Va. — Staying connected to your commissary benefit is now just a click away.

Commissary Connection, a customer newsletter delivered via e-mail, is launching in late April, but shoppers can sign up now at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Commissaries may carry "Spam" on store shelves, but Defense Commissary Agency officials have no intention of delivering it through e-mail.

"Commissary Connection will be a fairly informal newsletter," said Kaye Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for DeCA. "We're planning to send it out only when we have significant news to communicate to customers.

"We already work with military newspapers, television, radio and various military news services to get the word out to customers. Commissary news is also available on our Web site, and many commissaries have a store newsletter they send out locally," Ms. Kennedy said. "Commissary Connection is simply

another tool to proactively communicate with customers and keep them informed of 'what's happening' in commissaries," Ms. Kennedy said.

Commissary Connection will keep customers abreast of news about promotions and sales — even offering links to manufacturer and vendor sites where they can enter shopping sprees and contests or sign up for commercial newsletters.

The newsletter will be delivered from a mailbox at Commissary Connection@deca.mil and sign up is through a link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com>. Shoppers aren't required to give any personal information when they sign up.

"All people have to do to subscribe is give us an e-mail address," said Ms. Kennedy. "We take privacy issues very seriously, so we don't collect information on our customers. We also wanted to keep the process simple."

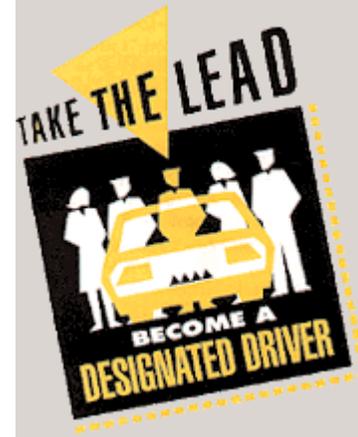
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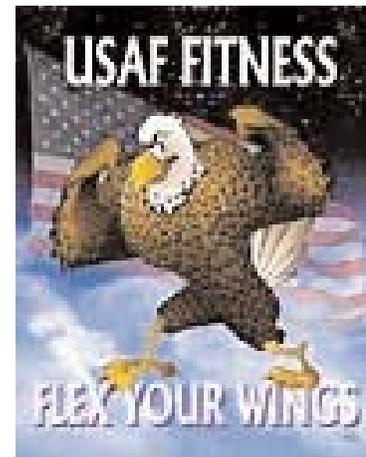
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director, recognizing dangerous situations and behaviors can reduce the risk of sexual assault.

"Women are statistically at greater risk when mixing alcohol and social activities," said Ms. Weber, "especially young women who are on their own for the first time. The key to successful avoidance is knowledge, and the family support center is always available to help women make lifestyle changes that will keep them safe and secure."

A study conducted by the National Center for Victims of Crime reveals that 1.3 adult women in the United States are sexually assaulted each minute.

"The shocking truth is that these crimes are often unreported," said Shirley Sims, Hurlburt Field Family Advocacy outreach manager. "Less than 15 percent of those sexually assaulted report the incident to the authorities."

Recent surveys cite numerous reasons why victims chose to remain silent. Fear of family and friends finding out, the perception that the incident was the victim's fault, fear of media publicity and fear of retaliation are just a few reasons.

"Victims spend a lot of time worrying about other people's opinions or the consequences of

reporting their own misconduct at the time," said Ms. Sims. "The longer they wait, the less chance there will be a conviction."

"Encouraging victims to report cases to law enforcement is critically important," she said, "and it's equally important to care for the needs and well-being of the victim."

Hurlburt Field has established programs, procedures and communication channels to report sexual assault. Victims are provided medical, legal, emotional and spiritual help.

In addition to the family advocacy program and the family support center, the base maintains the life skills support center, the Victim Witness Assistance program, a base legal office and a staff of chaplains to assist victims in the process of rebuilding their lives.

These agencies work together to support the needs of sexual assault victims, help them assume control over their own lives, address the mental and physical impacts of the trauma and assist them throughout prosecution.

The penalties for committing these different types of sexual offences vary depending upon the severity of the offence.

"Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice the punishment range for the various sexual

assault offenses is confinement for up to life, dishonorable discharge, reduction to lowest enlisted rank, total forfeitures of pay, benefits and fines," said Capt. Andrew Armstrong, 16th SOW assistant judge advocate. "The base legal staff is thoroughly committed to protecting victims' rights and prosecuting sexual assault cases."

"As professional Airmen, we have a duty to look out for each other on the battlefield," said Colonel Killgore, "and our responsibilities to one another do not end when we find ourselves back at home station."

Who to call

If sexual assault is suspected:

Get help immediately

The health and well-being of the individual is first priority
Dial 911 for security forces and the Office of Special Investigations

Go to the emergency room if it is a medical emergency

- 16th Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk, 911 or 884-7777
 - Life Skills Support Center, 884-4237
 - Family Advocacy, 884-5061
 - Family Support Center, 884-5441
 - Victim Witness Assistance Program, 884-7821
- 16th Special Operation Wing Staff Judge Advocate, 884-7821
 - Chaplains Office, 884-7795
 - Your commander or first sergeant

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Andy Kin

An Army Ranger shows a bite he received from a Black Racer non-venomous snake during a demonstration April 16.

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and the head is not in line with the body, he explained.

After explaining the difference, the team started bringing the reptiles out of their boxes one-by-one starting with the smallest non-venomous one and ending with the Eastern Coral, which is the most venomous snake in North America and the Eastern Diamondback, which is the most deadly in North America, according to Staff Sgt. Chad Wiley, 6th RTB.

As they walked the snakes through the crowd, they allowed fearless audience members to touch the non-venomous snakes, but wouldn't allow them to touch the venomous ones. A few of the reptile team members were even bitten by the non-venomous snakes to the point of drawing blood, but nonchalantly shook it off as if it were no big deal and it's something they're use to.

Not only did the team provide a visual of the reptiles, but they also squashed a widely publicized belief.

One of the things they highly discouraged was sucking out venom with the mouth from someone whose been bitten.

"If a person has a cut in their mouth, the venom can get into their system and now we've got two snake bite victims," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Gustin, 6th RTB.

A device that can be used to extract the venom is the Sawyer Extractor, which looks like a suction needle.

If someone has been bitten, the team advises getting them to a medical treatment facility as soon as possible. Death can occur any where from within one hour to several days, depending on the person's immune system and several other factors.

Symptoms of someone who's been bitten include: fang bites, swelling, weakness and shock.

Although the training was targeted for deployable medical staff members, the information can be used by anyone to help identify the type of snake - venomous or non-venomous.

Mosquito bite prevention

Northwest Florida is approaching the summer season, which produces ideal weather conditions for mosquito activity.

This is also the time of the year when most of us are beginning to spend more time outside enjoying the beach and other outdoor activities. These outdoor activities make us particularly susceptible to mosquito bites.

This can be a concern since mosquitoes in the local area are capable of transmitting a variety of diseases to humans, including West Nile virus and different varieties of viral encephalitis.

While it's not realistic to believe that a person can avoid being bitten by mosquitoes altogether, utilizing the "5-D's" of insect bite prevention can reduce exposure to mosquito

bites as much as possible.

■Dusk and Dawn – Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are biting; for many species, this is during dawn, dusk or even night hours.

■Dress – Wear clothing that covers skin.

■DEET– Use mosquito repellents such as DEET on exposed skin; for children, be sure to check the product label and only use approved repellents.

■Drainage – Check around the home to rid it of standing water in which mosquitoes lay their eggs, such as wade pools, gutters, birdbaths, toys, flower pots, etc. Even very small amounts of water can produce hundreds of mosquitoes.

For more information regarding mosquitoes or mosquito bite prevention, call Public Health Entomology at 881-5625.

Duke Reservists hit road to help Army

By Sandy Henry
919th SOW Public Affairs

DUKE FIELD - Five Duke Field reservists were among the 67 vehicle operators activated Jan. 16 to help the Army move people and cargo in Iraq.

Air Force Reserve Command activated the reservists in response to the Army's request for supplemental transporters. The reservists completed pre-deployment training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Dix, N.J. before deploying to Kuwait in February.

"We couldn't have filled these requirements without the help of the Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard," said Capt. Harley Smith of the Air Expeditionary Force Center's Transportation Section, Langley Air Force Base, Va. "Our collective Air Force transportation community is traveling down a new road with filling our sister service's requirements."

Active-duty and reserve components are lending about 480 vehicle operators, on a rotational basis, to the Army for one year. The tours are scheduled to last about 179 days but can be up to 220 days, depending on the length of the additional required training in country.

Building an Army truck company with Air Force people involves more than just filling slots with Air Force transporters, said Captain Smith. "Considerable thought has gone into team building and adequately preparing our Air Force drivers for the Army environment," he said.

In order to be fully qualified to conduct the transportation missions in a hostile environment, reservists from 14 bases throughout the command attended the Army's vehicle operations courses at Fort Leonard Wood in January and Fort Dix's Air Mobility Warfare Center in February. The first course included training in contingency operations, driving 5-ton trucks and tractor-trailer vehicles, and basic convoy and night vision operations. In the second course, the reservists received advanced training, including combat tactics, survival training and Global Positioning System mapping technology.

After the initial training, the activated Air Force reservists joined their active-duty counterparts in Kuwait for additional critical training. That training consisted of several days of weapons training, ranging from close-quarters marksmanship to firing weapons from a moving vehicle, and convoy live-fire training that simulates some of the conditions they may face during the deployment.

Air Force leadership wants to ensure every Airman has the training necessary to take over missions the Army has been conducting, said Senior Master Sgt. Tom Bragg, 919th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle management superintendent.

"I'm sure the intense training they received will be extremely useful when they encounter challenging situations in their deployed environment," said Sergeant Bragg. "I applaud each and every one of our reservists who accepted this tasking. They will serve us well and bring valuable expertise back to the unit." (AFRC News Service)

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If you would like to submit something to the Commando newspaper, send it to commando@hurlburt.af.mil. Submission deadlines are Wednesday at 4 p.m. the week before you'd like the information published.

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Commando Store partners with environmental flight

By Craig Overstreet
 16th Civil Engineer
 Squadron

Recently Jim March, Commando Store manager and the base's environmental flight partnered to make some improvements for disabled people and to help the base meet some vital Air Force goals.

In an effort to partner with the Air Force and assist the base in meeting mandatory goals of recycling and purchasing "Green" products, the Commando Store, also known as LC-Industries Base Support Store, now features a special display drawing attention to these types of products.

Executive Order 13101 Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition requires all federal agencies use more recycled content goods and substitute green or friendlier products when possible.

Recycled goods require far less energy to produce and are equally good for the uses intended. Green products are friendlier to the environment. For instance, if people are using a cleaner that's labeled as hazardous and an alternate product does the same job but is non-hazardous, the non-hazardous product is considered green

or friendlier to the environment.

Buying green products and recycled items clearly make sense and help the base meet Air Force and federal standards. This initiative will be a big part of the Air Force Pollution Prevention or P2 process and could be used in many other areas.

Secondly, LC Industries is the largest employer of legally blind people in the United States. Selected products made by 80 different agencies employing people who are blind are available at all LCI outlets.

"Making purchases at the Commando Store helps the government meet the provisions of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act," said Mr. March. "JWOD mandates a specific source of supply for all federal government employees. These products are manufactured by nonprofit agencies throughout the United States that employ people who are legally blind or have other severe disabilities. By purchasing JWOD products, people are helping employ a blind or disabled person."

Every time someone purchases an item from LC-Industries, they're helping to employ a blind or handicapped person and assisting the Air Force in meeting vital recycling and Green purchasing goals.

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events in military history that occurred several years ago this week:

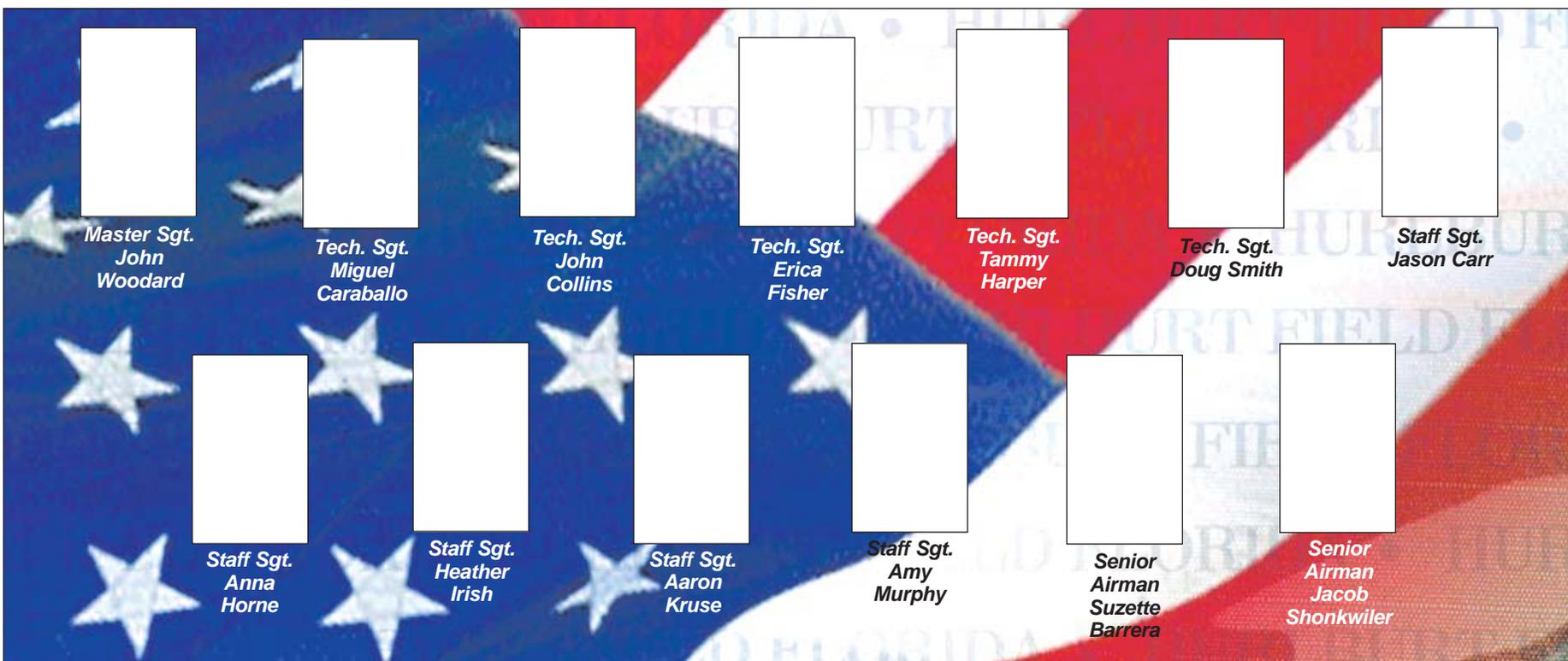
April 18, 1962 – At Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., Strategic Air Command declared operational the U.S. Air Force's first Titan I squadron, the 724th Strategic Missile Squadron, equipped with nine missiles, the first placed in hardened, underground installations.

April 20, 1943 – 7th Air Force B-24s made the first attack on Tarawa.

April 22, 1908 – Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. accompanied by two officers made a balloon ascent lasting 4 hours 30 minutes.

April 23, 1965 – The first operational Lockheed C-141 Starlifter aircraft was delivered to Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

April 24, 1962 – The U.S. Air Force used an orbiting satellite for the first time to transmit television photographs.



One percent of manpower, but 100 percent needed *Mission Support Group honors its everyday quiet professionals*

The 16th Mission Support Group is fortunate to have hundreds of all-star performers.

The following represent just one percent of the 16th MSG, but are integral in providing the critical support needed to make Hurlburt Field function every day.

Master Sgt. John Woodard, 16th Communications Squadron, NCO in charge of circuit actions, built a Network Training Center Facility from scratch, installing the entire network wiring and coordinating with the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron for all power requirements. The NTC is expected to save more than \$400,000 in the first year by enabling the base to host the Air Force funded network-training instructor course at Hurlburt Field.

Tech. Sgt. Miguel Caraballo, 16th CES, NCO in charge of the vertical shop, renovated a 1,000-square-foot warehouse for the new Airman's Attic, by adding floor tiles, air conditioning, store front doors and new paint. He engineered a modification on an unsafe gazebo at the child development center, eliminating a total replacement and saving the base \$3,000. He also ran a \$50,000 project to purchase/install pavilions and barbecue equipment for dorm residents.

Tech. Sgt. John Collins, 16th Services Squadron, NCO in charge of the flight kitchen, is the master mentor/supervisor. Because of his leadership, the dining facilities were voted as Air Force finalist for the Hennessey award.

Tech. Sgt. Erica Fisher, 16th SVS, mortuary NCO in charge, with the utmost professionalism and sensitivity, assisted several Hurlburt Field families this year – including those of the MH-53 PAVE LOW crash in November.

Tech. Sgt. Tammy Harper, 16th Mission Support Squadron, NCO in charge of personnel readiness function, monitors American Expeditionary Forces, Operation Enduring Freedom and

Operation Iraqi Freedom personnel requirements, and ensures all deploying Hurlburt Field Airmen are properly prepared for deployment and arrive on-time to relieve their brethren on the front lines in the war on terrorism.

Tech. Sgt. Doug Smith, 16th CES, NCO in charge of readiness, oversaw the complete rewrite of the base response plans in accordance with the Air Force's new Counter Chemical Warfare program and the development of our Full Spectrum Threat Response Plan. He served as the 16th Special Operations Wing commander's primary Ability To Survive and Operate expert, both here in preparation for our operational assessment and deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Jason Carr, 16th Security Forces Squadron, midnight shift desk sergeant, stands watch with the Defenders of Charlie Flight every night eliminating problems before anyone is aware of their happenings, so base residents (and probably a few shift workers) can sleep soundly.

Staff Sgt. Anna Horne, 16th MSS, Airman Leadership School information manager, processes and tracks each senior airman who passes through ALS. Also, seven times a year, she coordinates invitations, meals and distinguished visitor accommodations for the graduations, ensuring approximately 300 people have a pleasant evening, and about 60 graduates are duly recognized for their accomplishments.

Staff Sgt. Heather Irish, 16th SVS, NCO in charge of the commander's support staff, single-handedly runs the administration section, which includes everything from temporary duty orders to the fitness program.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Kruse, 16th Contracting Squadron, NCO in charge of the contingency support element, deployed supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and flawlessly procured supplies worth \$59,000 to ensure every Special Operations Forces

site in the area of responsibility possessed the resources they needed to track down terrorists. When at home station, Sergeant Kruse provides deployed contracting officers a vital reach-back capability for items not available in country.

Staff Sgt. Amy Murphy, 16th MSS, NCO in charge of customer service Team B, ensures all dependents are properly recorded in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database, allowing them access to all their entitled military benefits. She also validates Service members' Group Life Insurance information with the virtual military personnel flight database; last year she found more than 180 military couples with incorrect data loaded. Finally, Sergeant Murphy is a key member of the Casualty Assistance Support Team, which ensures surviving spouses are advised and can take advantage of all the available benefits.

Senior Airman Suzette Barrera, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, flightline support technician, processes aircraft parts requests and gives flightline maintainers outstanding supply support to ensure 16th Special Operations Wing aircraft are maintained in the highest readiness posture possible. As a young senior airman, she often runs the office as the senior after-hours point of contact for aircraft parts needs. Airman Barrera's positive can-do attitude coupled with her extraordinary energy ensures mission accomplishment in every undertaking, on and off-duty.

Senior Airman Jacob Shonkwiler, 16th CS, Meteorological and Navigational Aids maintainer, performed depot-level maintenance on the base instrument landing systems, normally performed by 7-level technicians with twice the time in service. He replaced glideslope equipment and tweaked it to stringent Federal Aviation Administration specifications and coordinated FAA flight inspections to ensure Hurlburt Field aircraft can safely use the runway.

Community

LRS changes

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron is undergoing some organizational changes in accordance with U.S. Air Force directives. The current distribution flight will be designated the material management flight as of April 16. Also, the cargo inbound and outbound functions, which currently reside within the distribution flight, will be administratively moved to the traffic management flight. All current function office locations, and contact numbers will remain the same. The change is an attempt to streamline LRS's processes and serve customers better. For more information or questions, call 1st Lt. Anthony Parkinson at 884-1494 or e-mail anthony.parkinson@hurlburt.af.mil.

Claim

Anyone with a claim for or against Tech. Sgt. David Gressett, 16th Special Operations Squadron, who died during training at Tyndall Air Force Base, April 1, should contact 1st Lt. Stuart Tiffen at 884-6652.

AFSOC picnic

The Air Force Special Operations Command will host its annual picnic May 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the community park. The community park parking lot and entrance to the child development center will be blocked. Event goers are encouraged to park at the base chapel, the base tax center, the pool or J.R. Rockers. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Jennifer Snow at 884-8756 or 1st Lt. Amber Bianchini at 884-8752.

Motorcycle training

All Hurlburt Field motorcycle riders must attend the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course at the Permanent Exercise Facility. People can sign up for training through the 16th Special Operations Wing Safety office by calling 884-2614. Students will be given a list of all personal protective equipment and a map to the training pad in the PEF. Riders will be required to have a motorcycle license or learners permit, vehicle registration and insurance paperwork to get bikes on base. Hurlburt Field currently offers the Experienced Riders course, which requires at least three months riding experience, but the Beginner Riders course will be offered soon. Dates for the training are as follow: May 4, 8, 18; June 1, 15; July 2, 6; Aug. 3, 17; Sept. 7, 21.

AFSOC Art and Poetry contest

Air Force Special Operations Command is hosting its first Art and Poetry contest. All school-aged family members of AFSOC military and civilian members are eligible. The theme for the contest is "Celebrating Memorial Day." Contestants can submit art and poetry entries on any topic or subject related to the celebration of this day. The winning artwork and poetry will be displayed in the mezzanine of the Headquarters AFSOC building.

All poems must be 20 lines or less. All artwork must be 8 1/2 by 11 inches portrait or landscape. Deadline for entry is May 20.

Send entries to AFSOC.CSSFA@hurlburt.af.mil. Complete rules and entry form can be obtained at: <https://www.afsoc.af.mil/milonly/ArtPoetryContest/> Forms can also be picked up at the base library, child

development center, family support and youth center. School photos of the contestants can be included, but are not required.

Pet week

The Eglin Air Force Base Veterinary Clinic will host National Pet Week May 3 - 9. Clifford the Dog will be at the Hurlburt Field Main Exchange May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be photo opportunities, prizes and fun for the family. For more information, call 882-4333.

MayDay 2004

The Fort Walton Beach MayDay Committee will open its festivities Saturday at Brooke's Beal Center from 8 a.m. to noon. The ball will share the history of MayDay. The theme is "The Price of Freedom." Tickets are \$10 for single and \$15 for a couple in advance and \$12 for single and \$17 for a couple at the door. May 1, there will be a fashion/talent show, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and a day in the park. May 2 is gospel in the park. Volunteers are needed. For more information, times and locations, call 243-0349.

ID system upgrade

The software/hardware used to issue ID cards will be upgraded May 4 - 5. The military personnel flight customer service will not be able to provide any DEERS service to include ID cards, update marriages, births, etc. If people need DEERS updates due to retirement, promotion, births, etc, plan accordingly. For more information or questions, call Master Sgt. Inez Reyes at 884-5252.

Book signing

Author and Former Air Force Secretary Tom Reed will be signing his book "At The Abyss" at the Eglin Air Force Base Main Exchange April 30 at 11 a.m. Mr. Reed will also speak to the Hurlburt Chapter of the Air Force Association at 12:30 p.m. at a local restaurant. For reservations, call Jim Connors at 377-2689.

On-base taxi service

Hurlburt Field now has an on-base taxi service supported by the vehicle management flight. It's available to anyone with mission-related appointments. The taxi service consists of six and eight passenger vehicles. For taxi service, call 884-7223.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association chapter is holding it's monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Saturday at J.R. Rockers' Daytona Room. Members are asked to bring a guest. Topics of discussion are: upcoming base/community events, chapter elections and other general discussions on membership and the chapter's focus. For more information, call Master Sgts. Bob Love at 884-5787 or Charles Glotzbach at 884-7964.

Self help store closed

The self help store will be closed today for an official squadron function.

Jane's On-line database

Jane's On-line database training will be offered for free at the base theater Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Jane's On-line allows people to efficiently search and find the most up to date information. Call 884-6266 to reserve a seat.

Air Force TV and Radio News



To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit: <http://af.feedroom.com> or www.af.mil/news and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.

Hurlburt Field Chapel



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'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795

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 - Double showing

7 p.m. (PG-13) *Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London*, starring Frankie Muniz and Anthony Anderson - The teen spy returns to Kamp Woody for more CIA training before moving to London as a foreign-exchange student. But, he's really there for another assignment, assisted by a new female junior agent.

9 p.m. (PG-13) *Starsky & Hutch*, starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson - Based on the popular 1970s cop show. A tough pair of plain-clothes cops solve cases with their informant Huggy Bear. While investigating a case, they realize the culprit is the criminal involved in their first bust.

Saturday and Sunday - closed due to power outage
Eglin 882-1066

Friday - (PG-13) *Secret Window*, starring Johnny Depp and John Turturro - Mort Rainey, a successful writer, is in the midst of a painful divorce leaving him with a case of writer's block, when a psychotic stranger, John Shooter, shows up at his doorstep accuses Mr. Rainey of plagiarizing his story and demands satisfaction.

Saturday - (PG-13) *Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights*, starring Diego Luna and Romola Garai - 18-year-old Katey moves with her father to Havana. Instead of joining the neighborhood, Katey befriends Javier a poor waiter who also happens to be a great dancer. Katey soon persuades Javier to partner with her in a prestigious national dance competition.

Sunday - (R) *Spartan*, starring Val Kilmer and Derek Luke - Special ops officer, Robert Scott, and his protégé, Curtis, are assigned to find the missing daughter of a high-ranking government official. But, then their mission seems to come to an abrupt halt when the girl's death is reported in the media. Curtis believes the girl is in fact alive. If she is, there's a dangerous conspiracy at the highest level covering up the fact that she's still alive.

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

National prayer breakfast

The 16th Special Operations Wing Commander's 2004 National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. Thursday at the Soundside. Keynote speaker will be Col. Gary Carlson, Air Force Special Operations Command chaplain. Tickets are \$3 each and can be purchased at the base chapel or from your first sergeant. Seating is limited to 300 people, so purchase tickets early. For more information, call the base chapel at 884-7795.

Unification Conference

The Hurlburt Field community is invited to attend a Unification Conference at the Emerald Coast Conference Center May 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. and May 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guest speaker is Yvonne Jones. Cost is \$15 before April 30 and \$20 after. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Tech. Sgt. Beverly Butler at 314-9858, Tech. Sgt. Juanita Gilchrist at 884-1175 or Jerrilyn Christopher at 939-3781.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will close at 11 a.m. today for training. The Eglin Air Force Base emergency room will be open. Normal clinic operations

will resume Monday.

The 16th MDG will also be closed Thursday morning for an official function. Emergency services will be available. Normal clinic operations will resume at noon the same day.

New hours

Pass and registration customer service has new hours. They are listed as follows: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Line badges won't be issued after 4:15 p.m. For more information, call 884-5125.

Vendors needed

Vendors are needed for Hurlburt Field's third annual Bridal Expo June 6. The event will be held at the Soundside from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call Phyllis Pettigrew at 581-3110.

CCAF graduation ceremony

The Community College of the Air Force announces a graduation commencement ceremony May 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Soundside. The Hurlburt Field Education Services Office will be minimally staffed from 7 to 10:30 a.m.

Education survey

The Hurlburt Field Education Services Center is conducting a survey until April 30 to help determine the needs of students. The survey is available at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec>.

Helping hands

Ameriphil Helping Hands, a non-profit organization that helps local charitable groups invites the Hurlburt Field community to attend their induction of officers at the Emerald Coast Conference Center May 29 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 936-4507.

Classes

Microsoft MCSE course

Troy State University now offers courses for Microsoft technical certification. Courses start May 3rd at the Fort Walton Beach campus on Beale Parkway.

Active-duty members may apply for tuition assistance through the education office. For more information, call IT certification at 581-3130.

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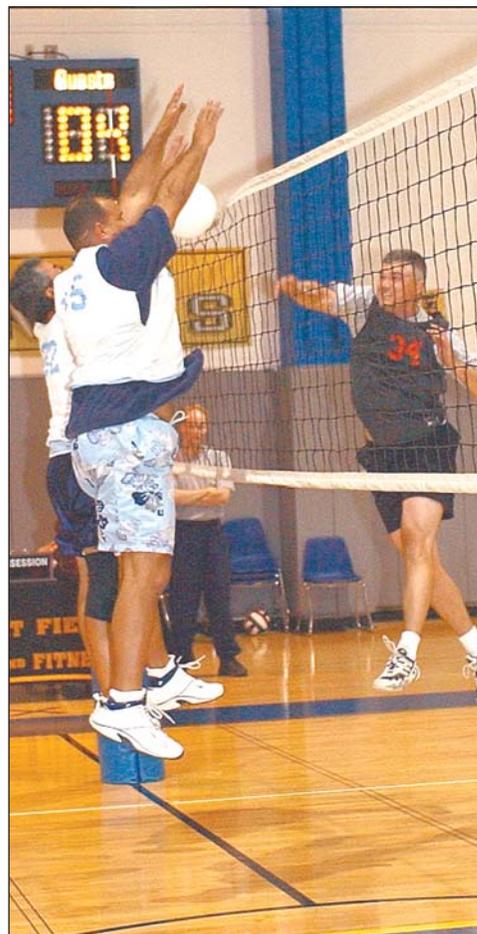
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Game, set, match

LRS squeaks by SVS in 3 game series



Photos by Senior Airman Ebony Pierre

Tamara Rosa, 16th Services Squadron (left), volleys a ball back over the net in one of Mondays games against the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron. (above) Dan Howard, 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron (black jersey), spikes the ball at Kevin Santiago (front), 16th SVS, and his teammate. Volleyball is now in full swing with games on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 5:30 pm.

By Airman James Dickens
Public Affairs

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron edged by the 16th Services Squadron in a three game intramural volleyball series here Monday at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

The three game series came down to the wire with both teams battling it out for the win.

Game one started off with the 16th LRS jumping out to an early 9-4 lead after a pair of spikes from Dan Howard, 16th Maintenance Operation Squadron, and Ken Mercier, 16th Special Operations Wing.

It didn't take long for the 16th SVS team to get up to speed though. After some good serving from Kevin Santiago, 16th SVS, and some great teamwork they had the score tied of at 10.

After going back and forth with only a few points separating them, LRS finished strong with Mercier serving. The score for game one tallied up to 25-20.

Game two looked like a replay of game one from the beginning with LRS striking first.

Pretty soon services buckled down and got a 15-10 lead with good teamwork and some great playing from Tamara Rosa, 16th SVS.

The game went on much the same way with services staying just a step ahead of LRS and winning game two 25-22.

The final game of the three game series was no step down in intensity.

LRS came out strong once again and catapulted to 12-7 lead. Services would not go down without a fight.

When they got the serve they took advantage by hitting holes in LRS's defenses and brought the game to a tie at 13.

After both teams scored two more points tying the game at 15, Howard came out swinging once again with two huge spikes to win the game for LRS 17-15.

Sports shorts

MXG Bash Softball tourney

The annual 16th Maintenance Group Bash "Single Pitch" Softball Tournament is today at 8 a.m. The double elimination tournament will be held at the softball fields behind the Aderholt Fitness Center on RED HORSE Road. Entry fee is \$125 per team. There will also be a home run derby at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Volunteer umpires are needed. For more information, call 1st Lt. Marty Sisson at 884-5040 or e-mail: martin.sisson@hurlburt.af.mil.

Table tennis club

The Eglin Table Tennis club meets every Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Federal Prison Camp Training Facility at Eglin Air Force Base.

All table tennis enthusiasts are invited. For more information, call Dennis Rackard at 882-8680.

Super Day 2004

Super Day 2004 is scheduled for May 27. The day-long event matches-up different units on base in friendly competition. For more information or to participate in Super Day, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6949 or check with your unit sports representative.

Sailing Classes

Outdoor recreation is offering sailing classes Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held at outdoor recreation, Building 92473 and the cost is \$36 per per-

son. Pre-registration is required by phone or in person. Call 884-6939.

5K Fun Run

Focus 56 will hosts its first 5K Fun Run today with a 8:15 a.m. start time at the Aderholt Fitness Center. Cost is \$10 to register before race day and \$15 to register the day of the event. T-shirts will be given out to the first 100 sign-ups. To register, call Tech. Sgt. Duane Booth at 884-7506 or Tech. Sgt. Lisa Loyd at 881-2186.

Steam room renovation

The men's steam room at the Aderholt Fitness Center is closed for renovations through May 5.