

Local airmen laid to rest

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

ARLINGTON, Va. – Three Hurlburt Field airmen were among five veterans of the war on terror that were laid to rest Wednesday in Arlington National Cemetery.

The five military members – four from the Air Force and one from the Army – were aboard an MH-53M Pave Low helicopter when it crashed in Afghanistan Nov. 23 while supporting Operation Mountain Resolve, part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Among those laid to rest were:
 ■ Master Sgt. William Kerwood, Tech. Sgt. Howard Walters and Staff Sgt. Thomas Walkup Jr. All three airmen were assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron.

■ Maj. Steven Plumhoff, 58th Special Operations Wing at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

■ Army Sgt. Major Phillip Albert, 2nd Battalion, 87th



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Five military members who were killed when their MH-53M PAVE LOW helicopter crashed Nov. 23 in Afghanistan are carried to their final resting place by horse-drawn caisson during a full-honor mass funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Jan. 21.

Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

"Five brave young men who gave their lives not only (for) their country, but (for) their friends and family, to keep them free," said

Chaplain (Col.) David Boyles about the value of their sacrifice.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray attended the ceremony.

Civil rights leader remembered at base celebration

Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

On a day that marks his 75th birthday, the base held a commemorative celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Hurlburt Field Chapel, Jan. 15.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The ceremony, hosted by Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, celebrated the life of Dr. King and the work he did for this country.

"He was a critical part of our nation's history," Colonel Mannon said. "I challenge each of you to think about where we would be as a country without Dr. Martin Luther King. We cannot forget what he did for us and set out to do for our country."

President George Bush, in a proclamation released Jan. 15, asked Americans to remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19, the federal holiday established to honor the civil rights leader.

Dr. King dedicated his life to the fundamental principles of freedom, opportunity, and equal justice for all, so that all Americans today benefit

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SVS prepares to 'cook' competition

Hennessy evaluators set sights on top notch facilities, people

By Vanessa Reyes-Adame
16th Services Squadron

Servicemembers at the Reef and Oasis dining facilities are gearing up for two of the most important days in military food service.

Jan. 29 and 30, both dining facilities will be evaluated for the high-

ly coveted John L. Hennessy trophy, the highest accolade given in the Air Force for food service.

Personnel at both dining facilities have worked tirelessly for months on everything from implementing new program initiatives to revamping the buildings and they're now ready to reclaim the

title they've held in the past.

"We're expecting greater things than last year," said Food Service Officer Dave Mickler. "The anticipation and enthusiasm are running high around here."

Aside from thousands of dollars

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Weekend forecast
 Today – partly cloudy, High 59 Low 38
 Saturday – Isolated showers, High 64 Low 43
 Sunday – isolated showers, High 69 Low 57
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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

Soundside accessibility

Comment: I noticed that Hurlburt Field is building two new picnic pavilions on the Soundside that have wheelchair ramps. Would it be possible to have a wheelchair ramp built that would allow access to the water? This is one of the only areas where I can swim. I retired from Hurlburt Field two years ago as a Federal Civil Service Employee where I worked in the contracting career field for more than 30 years. I'm now 100 percent disabled and using a wheelchair is now a part of

my life. I don't write that because I am looking for sympathy, but as a way of pointing out the difficulties many disabled people face each day.

Response: First of all, thank you for your service. Regarding your suggestion, the base civil engineers are in the process of creating a full area development plan for the marina area, for the purpose of planning future projects. Assuming we can acquire the necessary environmental permits, we will try to incorporate your suggestion among the list of to-be-completed projects. Thanks for the great idea.

DUI: an unacceptable risk

By Maj. Andrew Krog
16th SOW
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

There's been a lot of talk lately about alcohol, driving and safety, and some of that has to do with the fact that there seems to be a higher risk for people drinking and driving during the holiday season. That doesn't mean it doesn't happen all year long, because unfortunately, it does.

There are a lot of things that can lead someone to drink too much and drive while intoxicated, but they can be easily avoided by simply having a plan to avoid getting in a situation where you're starting up your car after having had one drink too many.

So, how much is too much? The blood alcohol content level for driving under the influence in Florida is .08 percent, and Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice imposes a legal limit of .10 percent. These limits are merely presumptive cut-off levels; if you're over the limit, you're considered drunk, but even if you're under the limit you can still be considered drunk. It's a tougher case to make, but it can be done. The bottom line is that drinking alcohol impairs your ability to drive, and if law enforcement personnel pull you over after you've been drinking, you could be looking at a long night.

You've heard all the stories and rhetoric. We're not saying

it's illegal to have a beer or glass of wine with dinner and drive home. We will say this though: With every drink after your first one, your chances of going to jail, injuring or killing someone increase. Could you have two drinks and drive home without incident? Possibly. Could you have two drinks and get busted for DUI? Maybe. Are you tired? Hungry? Were they measured drinks or "hooch four-count" pours? How much are you willing to risk, to find out?

"Well, I'll just make sure I don't have too much to drink," you might say. Easier said than done. Are your friends going to try to make you drink too much? It's possible. From the polite top-off of your wine glass to the obnoxious thrusting of a shot of tequila under your nose, you may end up drinking more than you planned. They're not being mean (OK, maybe the tequila dude is), they're simply trying to be good hosts, or liven up the party, or celebrate. But anyone who encourages you to drive after you've been drinking either isn't your friend or is drunker than you.

So if you're going out, have a plan and stick to it. Pick a designated driver, strictly limit yourself to just one drink (and, no, a



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AFSOC members to receive decorations

Air Force and Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command officials will present 20 decorations to members of the AFSOC family during a ceremony Jan. 27, 11 a.m. at the Corrosion Control Facility. Among the decorations to be presented are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Purple Heart for achievements during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

■ All base personnel are invited to attend the ceremony. Attendees should adhere to the following procedures during the ceremony:

■ Outside protocols apply – covers should be worn throughout the ceremony.

■ Uniformed personnel are required to salute during the following events: The playing of ruffles and flourishes, national anthem and stars and stripes; when the flag passes within six paces of the member, and until six paces away.

■ Parking will be available at the base exchange, with shuttles providing transportation to the event. Shuttle bus services will run from 9 to 11 a.m., with return trips beginning at noon.

Paradise Lounge off limits

Effective immediately, the "Paradise Cafe and Lounge" in Fort Walton Beach/Ocean City, Florida is ordered off-limits to all Hurlburt Field military personnel. A recent death and recurring violence at this establishment have made it necessary to forbid all local military personnel from entering in or near this establishment. This order is temporary, but will remain in effect until further notice. Violators are subject to discipline under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Authority: AFI 31-213, Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.



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Hurlburt Field DUI Tracker

Jan. 1 – Total DUIs for
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DUI: 41

Total DUIs this
year to date: 0

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in upgrades including a new tilt grill at the Oasis, a new dishwasher and a state-of-the-art oven at the Reef, airmen will most likely appreciate the newly expanded healthy stir-fry grill and a new stereo system with individual speakers set throughout the tables for personalized volume control.

"Our goal is to have a pleasing atmosphere for our military members to enjoy," added Mr. Mickler. "We strive to pay attention to what our customers are saying."

The top award, sponsored by the National Restaurant Association, is based on the entire scope of an installation's food service program exhibiting excellence in management effectiveness, force readiness support, food service quality, employee and customer relations, resource conservation, training and safety awareness.

This year Hurlburt Field will compete against seven other military installations in the multiple-facility category for best food service operation.

The National Restaurant Association has been a major supporter of the Hennessy Awards for the past four decades and is the oldest known sponsorship of a military and industry award of excellence.

(Editor's note: Eligible patrons are encouraged to come out and enjoy a "Pirates of the Caribbean" theme luncheon Jan. 29, held at the Reef dining facility at 11 a.m.)



Photo by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Senior Airman William Stubblefield and Airman 1st Class Amber Rosser, both 16th Services Squadron, slice and arrange pizza to add to the buffet line at the Reef dining facility, Tuesday.

Spotlight on ...

Katisha Clark

Rank/Duty Title: Staff Sergeant/information management NCO in-charge
Organization: 16th Mission Support Group

Hometown: Austin, Texas
Hobbies: Spending time with her son, school, traveling, working out and outdoor activities

Contribution to the mission:

Sergeant Clark is the go-to person for all information management and workgroup manager issues in the 16th MSG command section. She also provides information management, administrative and network support for the seven squadrons under the group.

She is the group's sole self-inspection monitor for all seven squadrons, ensuring the utmost compliance. She also runs the group's quarterly and annual awards programs, compiling packages, setting up boards and getting winning packages to the 16th Special Operations Wing.

In addition, Sergeant Clark is her unit's computer security manager.

(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.)

16th EMS answers call for help

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

As part of an initiative to reduce the high deployment tempo on the critically short-manned Nondestructive Inspection career field, the structural maintenance airmen of the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron are receiving training to help fill in the gap of the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

With the approval of the U.S. Air Force, structural maintenance is training its airmen to inspect aircraft structures and components – more specifically, AC-130 airframes – for integrity and cracks and to locate defects in materials using one of the various types of NDI inspection techniques.

"We devised and implemented a successful training program to help ourselves," said Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Brann, 16th EMS superintendent. "The program indirectly enhances morale by reducing the number of days deployed annually."

Only the best of the best are selected by their supervisors and flight chiefs to participate in the NDI course, in which they work with highly qualified NDI personnel to become certified as Aircraft Structural Maintenance journeymen, Chief Brann said.

During the course, airmen are taught how and when to use the four

types of inspection procedures – ultrasonic, liquid penetrant, magnetic particle or eddy current – to detect defects on the surface and sub-surface of aircraft structures.

Out of the 70 airmen selected to participate in the course, Staff Sgt. Raul Rodriguez and Senior Airman Jason Parvin are the first two structural maintenance airmen to have completed the intense, five-week NDI training course.

In addition to OJT, Sergeant Rodriguez and Airman Parvin were required to complete and pass four units in the NDI career development courses that give the specifics for tasks they would complete while deployed.

Airman Parvin said he was able to exercise a portion of his NDI training while recently deployed at an undisclosed location.

"During my deployment," Airman Parvin said, "I did three engine changes, two oil tank inspections and two strut changes. While I was completing one of the strut changes, I was able to use my sheet metal and NDI training to fix the part."

EMS hopes to qualify more (structural maintenance) airmen in the future to help with the NDI deployment tempo. The training is also beneficial to the EMS by increasing the capabilities of the airmen making them more valuable maintainers, said Chief Brann.

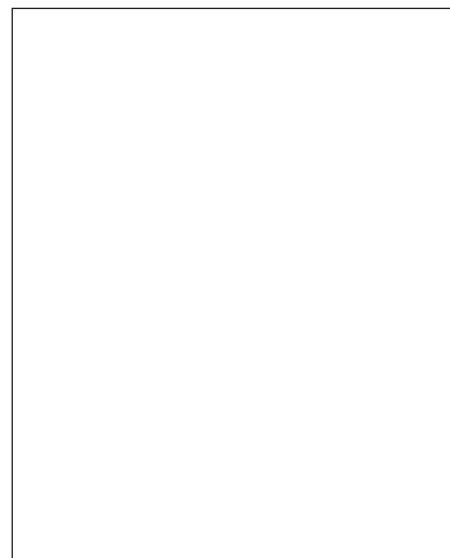


Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

Senior Airman Jason Parvin (left) and Staff Sgt. Raul Rodriguez, both 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Structural Maintenance Flight, perform an eddy current inspection on a piece of sheet metal. The inspection can reveal imperfections on the surface and in the sub-surface of the metal.

"This initiative makes EMS and the 16th Maintenance Group leadership proud to see the efforts our folks take to make our mission successful," Chief Brann said. "I applaud their efforts to go the extra mile and volunteer to learn tasks above the norm to alleviate shortfalls during these periods of high operational tempo."

Voluntary NCO retraining

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force needs 1,100 noncommissioned officers in surplus career fields to voluntarily retrain into shortage career fields to balance the enlisted force in 2004.

The voluntary phase of the fiscal 2004 NCO Retraining Program began Jan. 5 and ends Feb. 23.

The program helps balance the enlisted force by moving staff, technical and master sergeants from specialties with surpluses to specialties with shortages.

Imbalances in the mid-level NCO grades among specialties occur as a result of personnel force structure changes, differing retention trends among specialties, and the equality of promotions across all skills.

If needed, personnel officials will resort to an involuntary retraining phase March 8 through April 26.

"While every effort is made to attract volunteers, some NCOs may be selected for involuntary retraining if the number of volunteers falls short," said Lt. Col. Kim Haney, chief of the Air Force skills requirements branch at the Pentagon.

"The enlisted force is not perfectly balanced, so we have to take some action to get as close as possible. The Air Force's fiscal 2003 retraining program was the first action taken in five years," Colonel Haney said.

Some NCOs didn't act upon the opportunities presented to them and, as a result, were involuntarily retrained.

Colonel Haney said, "It's really in the best interest for those identified for

retraining to take action and investigate the possibilities."

Tech. Sgt. Derek Hughes, NCO in charge of Air Force enlisted retraining at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said he believes more people identified for retraining in 2004 will consider their options and seek out opportunities.

"I believe that we'll be more successful in the voluntary portion this year because people learned last year that the Air Force was serious about the program," Sergeant Hughes said. "People who were vulnerable, who didn't make their own choice, had it made for them."

"Last year, we identified people for retraining by name, and we're doing that again. They'll get a 'rip' saying they're vulnerable," Sergeant Hughes said.

At www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/en-skills/retraining/retraining/htm, people can see how vulnerable they are and where they stand on a list of their peers by Air Force Specialty Code and grade. Users must log onto their virtual military personnel flight account to view the data.

The voluntary phase is not limited to individuals identified on the list. Anyone matching the specialty code and grade which is otherwise eligible, can apply for retraining during the voluntary phase.

A complete list of retraining opportunities is available on the retraining advisory at local MPFs. Vulnerability listings for retraining by grade and specialty code will be updated on a weekly basis. The MPF also provides real-time updates for applications and actual program status numbers.



Courtesy photo

Flying high

Air Force Special Operations Command Chief Master Sgt. Howard Mowry, flies through the air while tandem jumping during his visit to Moffet Field, Calif., Jan. 10-11. While at Moffet Field, Chief Mowry also held an enlisted call and attended a security forces hostage exercise.

MyPay PIN required by Feb. 1

By 1st Lt. Wade Kornahrens
16th Comptroller Squadron

Effective Feb. 1, members will no longer receive hard copy LESs at Hurlburt Field. LESs will be available online through myPay at <https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

MyPay is a Defense Finance Accounting Service Web site that allows members: to view and print LESs five days prior to payday, change direct deposits, start/stop/change Thrift Savings Plans during open seasons, change federal and state tax exemptions, view and print W-2s and change mailing addresses – all from a military or civilian computer.

In order to set up and access a myPay account, members will need a PIN. To receive a temporary myPay PIN, go to the Deployment Control Center today or Monday through Friday at the finance customer service desk in Building 90210 – between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. where finance customer service will be set up to issue PINs.

When requesting a PIN online, allow seven to 10 business days for the PIN to arrive at your LES mailing address.

For more information, call the finance office at 884-4110.

News Briefs

Claim

Anyone with claims for or against Airman 1st Class Juan Lozada, 16th Security Forces Squadron, who died Jan. 7, should call the appointed summary court officer 2nd Lt. Jason Taylor at 884-7777.

Overflow parking

Temporary parking is now available in the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance motor pool yard for personnel assigned to organizations located in Building 90210. There are 54 parking slots available. Drivers are advised not to park on the side past the barriers – they will be ticketed. There's also parking available behind the command post.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Noncommissioned Officer Association chapter holds its monthly meeting Jan. 31 in J.R. Rockers' Daytona Room. Each member is requested to attend and bring a friend or another member. Topics to be discussed include: upcoming base/community events, chapter elections, and other general discussions concerning membership

and the chapter focus. The chapter is also undergoing a membership recall for all past and local current members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995 or Master Sgt. Charles Glotzbach at 884-7964.

Asset accountability criteria

The Organization Visibility List (R15) won't accept details for assets valued below \$2,500. It's recommended that the R15 be used to account for assets with the following criteria:

- Activity code P purchased using the Government Purchase Card
- Expendability/Recoverability/Reparability/Cost Designator code equal to NF1
- Budget code equal to 9
- Dollar value equal to \$2,500 or more

Note:

Pilferable items don't have a minimum dollar threshold.

For more information, call 884-7316.

PA Air National Guard

The 193rd Special Operations Wing of the

Pennsylvania Air National Guard has the following enlisted Guard positions available: 2A6X2, 3C0X1, 3C1X1, 2A5X1, 2R1X1, 3A0X1, 4N0X1, 4A2X1, 4A1X1, 1C3X1, 2A6X5, 2A7X4, 2A7X1, 2A6X1B, 2A5X3A, 2E1X3, 2A5X3C, 2E3X1, 3E7X1, 3E0X2, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 2T0X1, 2F0X1, 2T3X1, 2T3X4, 2T3X5, 2T1X1, 3V0X3, 2E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E2X1, and 2E6X2. The following officer Guard positions are also available: 14N3, 12R3D, 33S3, 12R3C, 11R3C, 86P0, 32E3G and 14N3.

The 193rd SOW is currently accepting applications for pilot, EWO and navigator positions from prior service enlisted members. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Hammaker at DSN 423-2254

AFCOMAP vacancies

The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program seeks enthusiastic people to take on leadership roles in the organization. There are currently two vacant positions, fundraising chairman, membership committee chair, treasurer and social committee chairman. For more information, call Major Mitchell at 882-4831.

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Commemorative gift

Col. O.G. Mannon (left), 16th Special Operations Wing commander, presents a portrait of the late comedian Bob Hope to the ninth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Binnicker, president and CEO of the Air Force Enlisted Village, during the colonel's visit to the village Jan. 13.

New year's resolution: *Go get eyes examined*

Courtesy of the 16th Medical Group

The New Year offers a fresh start for reclaiming our best intentions – letting go of bad habits and establishing healthy ones.

During January's observance of National Glaucoma Awareness Month, the American Optometric Association reminds Americans that among the healthy habits to take up in the new year, visiting an eye care professional regularly is one of the most important.

Regular, comprehensive eye examinations are the best defense against vision-threatening diseases like glaucoma, caused by a gradual degeneration of cells that make up the optic nerve, which carries visual information from the eye to the brain.

As the nerve cells die, vision is slowly lost; it usually begins in the side or peripheral vision. Glaucoma's effects on the eyes are slow and usually painless, but the vision loss that occurs is permanent – irreversible.

It's estimated that three million Americans have glaucoma, and one-half of that population isn't aware they have it. Those at high risk for glaucoma include people over age 60, African Americans over age 40 and individuals with a family history of glaucoma.

Glaucoma is an incurable disease, however, it can be controlled if detected early on. Medicare patients at high risk for glaucoma can receive dilated eye examinations as a benefit of Medicare coverage.

Also, the AOA provides a Glaucoma/Diabetes hotline program that matches patients with a participating optometrist in their area. For more information about glaucoma, visit www.aoa.org or call the base optometry clinic at 881-3918.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Lawrence

Corrina Lopez (left), 16th Medical Group summer hire, performs an eye examination on Staff Sgt. Brian Mitchell.

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Pleasant planting

Col. Griff Griffin (left), 16th Mission Support Group commander, Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Dillon, 16th MSG superintendent and Lt. Col. Jeffrey Pitchford, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, plant three Live Oak trees in the Community Park Jan. 16 as part of the Ninth Annual Hurlburt Field Tree Planting Ceremony. The ceremony is held on Arbor Day, the third Friday in January.

Service demographics offer snapshot of force

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – The Air Force Personnel Center recently published its quarterly demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force, as of Dec. 31.

Snapshot of the Air Force

■ 372,305 individuals are on active duty (73,036 officers and 299,269 enlisted personnel).

■ The Air Force has 13,381 pilots, 4,695 navigators, and 36,448 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below.

Age

■ The average age of the officer force is 35; for the enlisted force it's 29.

■ Of the force, 41.5 percent are below the age of 26.

■ 48.5 percent of enlisted are below the age of 26 versus 13.1 percent of officers.

Sex

■ 19.6 percent of the force are women (18.2 percent of the officers are women and 20 percent of the enlisted corps are women; 60.2 percent of the female officers are line officers and 39.8 percent are non-line).

■ 85 percent of the male officers are line officers; 15 percent are non-line.

■ The population of women is 73,074.

■ Currently, there are 519 (3.8 percent) female pilots and 195 (4.1 percent) female navigators.

Overseas – 20.9 percent of the current force is assigned overseas, including Alaska and Hawaii (10,836 officers and 66,854 enlisted personnel).

Academic Education

■ 49.5 percent of the officers have advanced or professional degrees (39.7 percent have master's degrees, 8.4 percent have professional degrees and 1.4 percent have doctorates degrees; 22.5 percent of company grade officers have advanced degrees, 16.2 percent have master's degrees, 6 percent have professional degrees and 0.3 percent have doctorates degrees; 86.6 percent of field grade officers have advanced degrees, 72.1 percent have master's degrees, 11.6 percent have professional degrees and 2.9 percent have doctorates degrees).

■ 99.9 percent of the enlisted force have at least a high school education (73 percent have some semester hours towards a college degree, 13.9 percent have an associate's degree or equivalent semester hours, 4.2 percent have a bachelor's degree, 0.6 percent have a master's degree and .01 percent have a professional or doctorates degree).

For more information visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics/>.

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Retirees: *Prepare for unexpected*

There are several things a retiree can do to greatly reduce the many difficult decisions and uncertainties that face a family when a retiree becomes ill or dies.

Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base have a casualty affairs department that provides a personal affairs checklist to outline choices concerning: disposition of remains, information to expedite processing survivor benefits and what spouses can expect.

For more information or to schedule a personal affairs briefing at Hurlburt Field, call 884-5280.

Prepare to 'move over'

According to the Move Over Act, drivers are required to "move over" or slow down when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle that's stopped on a highway in Florida.

There are several important provisions concerning the law. Drivers approaching a law enforcement or other authorized emergency vehicle parked on a roadway with its emergency lights activated are required to vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, as soon as it is safe to do so.

This law applies to drivers on interstate highways or other highways with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle, and except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

When the law enforcement or emergency vehicle is parked on a two-lane roadway drivers are required to slow to a speed that's 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater; or travel at 5 miles per hour when the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour or less.

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Customs and courtesies

Common acts of courtesy among all Air Force personnel aid in maintaining discipline and promoting the smooth conduct of affairs in the military establishment. When courtesy falters within a unit, discipline ceases to function, and accomplishing the mission is endangered. Many of the Air Force courtesies involve the salute. There are, however, many other courtesies commonly extended to superiors, subordinates, and working associates. The following paragraphs list some of these courtesies:

■ Always give the senior person – enlisted or commissioned – the position of honor when walking, riding, or sitting with him or her. The junior person should take the position to the senior's left.

■ When reporting to an officer indoors, if not under arms, knock once and enter when told to do so. Upon entering, march to approximately two paces from the officer or desk, halt, salute, and report in this manner: "Sir (Ma'am), Airman Smith reports as ordered," or "Sir (Ma'am), Airman Smith reports." When the conversation is completed, execute a sharp salute and hold it until the officer acknowledges it, then perform the appropriate facing movements and depart.

■ Unless told otherwise, rise and stand at attention when a senior official enters or departs a room. If more than one person is present, the person who first sees the officer calls the group to attention. However, if there is an officer already in the room who is equal to or has a higher rank than the officer entering the room, do not call the room to attention.

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African American History Month events

February is African American History Month, a time when we honor the rich heritage of African Americans and pay tribute to their many contributions to our nation.

The 2004 theme for the month is "Our Nation's Future is Strengthened When We Look and Learn From the Past."

Hurlburt Field will host several events during the month to bring awareness and reflection to the base community. The following are just a few of the proposed events for the month of February:

- Lunch Hour Book Club, "The Secret Story of Quilts," Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Library
- African American Story telling for Kids, date and time to be announced
- African Drummers, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m. at the base theater
- Essay Contest, date and time to be announced
- Business Exposition, date and time to be announced
- Women of Heritage Conference, Feb. 20 and 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Chester Pruitt Gym, in Fort Walton Beach
- African American History Luncheon, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Soundside
- 1970s and 1980s Dance and Fashion Show, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. at J.R. Rockers

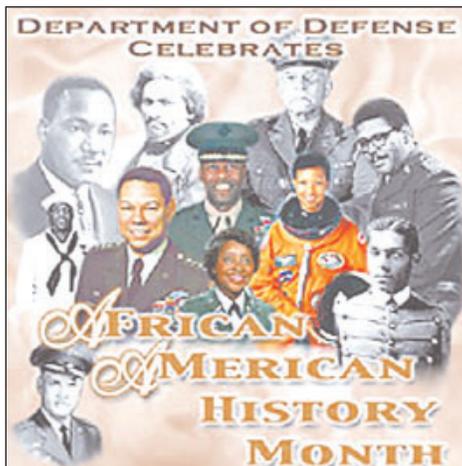


Photo by Senior Airman Ebony Pierre

Members of the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard prepare to post the Colors at a breakfast commemorating the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at the base chapel, Jan. 15, as senior leadership stand at attention.

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from his work and legacy of courage, dignity and moral clarity, the president said.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Walt Richardson, one of the ceremony guest speakers, witnessed first hand the struggle during the civil rights movement. Chief Richardson reminisced about his travels across the country with his family as a young technical sergeant in the Air Force, and how back in those days things weren't equal for everyone.

"My family and I were PCSing from Eglin to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and we had no place to stop along the way," Chief Richardson said. "We had to find another African American family to stay with because we weren't permitted to stay in motels. We've made significant changes in the Air Force

since then, but as a nation we still have struggles to overcome."

It was Dr. King's dream to one day live in a nation where there would be no more struggles to overcome and he expressed those sentiments in his famous speech, "I Have a Dream."

Distinguished visitors and military and civilian members who attended the hour-long ceremony, were given the opportunity to see Dr. King's taped speech that he made in 1963 during the March on Washington.

The speech, which was made more than 40 years ago, emphasized Dr. King's vision of the day when all people would be treated equally.

"America has come far in realizing Dr. King's dream," Colonel Mannon said, "but there's still work to be done."

Dr. King's birthday is Jan. 15, 1929, but the nation has been recognizing it as a national holiday every third Monday in January, since 1986.

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triple rum-and-coke isn't "just one drink"), bring a cell phone to call a cab, or just walk home. But stick to the plan! No matter how bad your plan is beforehand, it's bound to be better than anything you think up after a night of drinking. Trust me on this one folks, I read the blotters every day.

Maybe you're thinking, hey, how bad could a DUI be? Let's assume you don't kill yourself or anyone else, or permanently disfigure someone, or even bend your car up. Just a good old-fashioned sitcom DUI where the cops pull you over after watching you straddle the center line doing 25 mph for a half-mile. First off, if you're on base and security forces stop you, you'll be look-

ing at a violation of Article 111 of the UCMJ. Maximum penalty: A court-martial could impose a bad conduct discharge and six months confinement. Most likely, you'll be looking at non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the UCMJ. You could lose some stripes and up to half your pay for a couple of months, as well as get restricted to base or have extra duties for a month or two.

Think you'll get a better deal if you get busted off-base? Think again. The average cost of a civilian DUI is about \$2,000 in fees and penalties. Need a lawyer? That'll cost you too, probably at least \$500 to \$1,000. Of course, your insurance will go up as well. Not to mention that since you'll lose your drivers license for a year, you can expect to foot a high taxi bill for a while.

Makes that \$20 taxi ride home from the club look pretty cheap, doesn't it?

Don't think your career won't suffer, either, because it will. Expect to get a Letter of Reprimand and an Unfavorable Information File, and maybe even spend some time on a control roster. As with an on-base DUI, you can forget about getting promoted any time soon. The same goes for any nice permanent change-of-station or special-duty assignments you had lined up as well. And no matter what happens downtown, your on-base driving privileges will be revoked and you'll have to turn in all your vehicle stickers, even those on your spouse's car, to security forces. Your spouse will love having to get temporary passes for a year to drive you to work every day!

But it doesn't have to be that way if you make a plan. And if your primary plan fails, have a backup. Always keep a card with some local taxi numbers on it, and don't leave home without the number of Airmen Against Drunk Driving, 884-8844, or the number of your commander or first sergeant. They're serious when they say if you've been drinking, they'd rather get up in the middle of the night and pick you up before you start driving than after you've been arrested for a DUI. Now, if it's the third time you've called your commander at 1:30 a.m. for a ride that week, well, that's a subject for another article.

Seriously though, you've got more reasons to not drink and drive than excuses for doing so. So here's to you, Commandos! Have fun, but be smart and stay safe.

Hurlburt Happenings

Community

Traffic change

Now in effect, drivers heading east from the housing area on McMillan Street may no longer go straight at the Cody Avenue intersection from the right lane. Those wishing to go straight at this intersection or turn left should travel in the left lane.

Black History Month events

The 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field kicks off Black History Month celebration events Feb. 7 and 8. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Teresa Franklin at 883-6550 or 543-3647.

Bone marrow drive

A bone marrow donor registration drive is held Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. between the base exchange and the commissary. For more information about the drive, call Airman 1st Class Nelson Gutierrez at 884-1975. To learn more about donating bone marrow, call C.W. Bill Young/Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program at 1 (800) 627-7693 or visit <http://www.dodmarrow.com>.

WIAO closure

The 16th Special Operations Wing Information Assurance Office is closed today for renovations. WIAO services will be severely limited during this time, responding only to emergencies via pagers. For any communications security issues, page Master Sgt. Gregory Potts at 881-8368. For any information concerning security issues, page Master Sgt. Keith LeFevre at 881-6739. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Joseph Ketchum at 884-1922.

LRS closure

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobility section will be closed Jan. 30. For emergencies, have the unit deployment manager call Master Sgt. Bradley Lindo or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Chambers at 884-1330 or call the standby phone at 368-5237.

Base tax assistance

The base tax center will open Monday in Building 90229 to assist all military personnel with filing their taxes. Hours of operation are as follows:

Monday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

1040EZ forms are completed on a walk-in basis – all other tax forms by appointment only. To make an appointment, call 884-7542/7544.

Items to bring for appointments:

Military identification card, all W-2 forms, interest and dividend information, names, birthdates and social security numbers for yourself and dependents, bank routing and account numbers, power of attorney, childcare expenses, deduction receipts and any other tax-related items.

Soundside water repairs

As of Tuesday, construction began to replace the water mains in the Soundside housing area. The work is scheduled to be completed in August. Residents will receive a letter with instructions on moving vehicles, driveway repair etc. from the contractor a few days before construction is carried out in

their respective yard. For more information, call Gary Ross at 884-7524.

2003 Annual Awards Banquet

In honor of military traditions, Hurlburt Field provides special recognition to individuals whose superior duty performance, dedication and efforts have led them to become top-notch professional military leaders. The banquet will be held Feb. 27, at 6 p.m., at the Okaloosa Island Convention Center. Cost is \$25; tickets can be purchased through the unit first sergeants. Dress for military is semi-formal or mess dress, and civilians should wear coat and tie attire. People are asked to reference AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeant.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting the observance period. Positions include: chairperson, vice chairperson and treasurer. For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-8746.

Explosives Amnesty Day

Hurlburt Field explosives experts host Explosives Amnesty Day Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon in the Soundside parking lot. Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel will be available to accept any explosive or possibly explosive items. Amnesty day offers the Hurlburt Field community the opportunity to turn in any potentially dangerous explosive "souvenirs" without questions asked.

AF enlisted village

The Air Force Enlisted Village is a home for enlisted widows, who are at least 55 years old and receive retirement benefits. Low-income widows may be eligible for rent subsidy. The village has two independent living facilities – Bob Hope and Teresa Villages – and will open a new assisted living facility in early 2005. The AFEV is located one mile south of Eglin Air Force Base, Fort Walton Beach. For more information, call 651-9422 or (800) 258-1413, e-mail afef@afenlistedfoundation.org or visit www.afenlistedwidows.org.

Teen aviation camp

All local high school sophomore and juniors are invited to attend the Air Force Teen Aviation Camp June 5-11. The camp is aimed at students interested in the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career. Sign up no later than Feb. 17. For more information, call Carmen DeVries at 884-6942.

Couples' massage class

Couples can learn massage techniques to relieve stress at the couples' massage class Feb. 13 at the commando fitness center. The cost is \$68 per couple.

Loadmaster gathering

All loadmasters are invited to attend the Professional Loadmaster Association's 2004 Gathering of Loadmasters May 23-27 at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City, N.J. For more information, call J.P. Salisbury at (609) 893-0363 or e-mail him at jpandbarb@comcast.com, or call Tom Kenny at (609) 754-4403 or e-mail him at thomas.kenny@mcguire.af.mil. Also, visit www.loadmasters.com.

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 – (PG) *The Haunted Mansion*, starring Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Tilly – Real estate agent Jim and his family visit an old mansion, thinking they're just stopping by to check out the property. But, soon, the Evers family is stranded there, along with 999 creepy ghosts. Mr. Evers discovers that the only way to escape from the spooky house is to find a key.

Saturday – (PG-13) *Honey*, starring Jessica Alba and Mekhi Phifer – Honey Daniels is an up-and-coming choreographer who finds her career in jeopardy after she refuses to reciprocate the sexual advances of a music-industry bigwig. Determined to pick herself back up, Honey goes back to the inner city of her youth with plans of starting a dance school.

Sunday – (PG-13) *Love Don't Cost A Thing*, starring Nick Cannon and Christina Milian – Alvin stars as a brilliant, but awkward teenager who seizes a golden opportunity when popular cheerleader Paris wrecks her parents' car and is strapped for cash. Alvin pays Paris to pretend to be his girlfriend with hopes of elevating his social standing. Little does he know, being popular isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Saturday – (R) *The Last Samurai*, starring Timothy Spall and Billy Connolly – Tom Cruise plays a 19th-century American military officer, who travels to Japan to help organize and teach the emperor's troops during a time of feudal conflict on the island. As he learns more about the samurai – the traditional protectors of feudal lands – he comes to understand and appreciate the complicated system of honor under which they live.

Sunday – (PG-13) *Stuck On You*, starring Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear – Walt and Bob are conjoined twins, one of whom has dreams of making it big in Hollywood. When they arrive in town, they're cast on a television show starring Cher. She's bummed about being relegated to television until her show becomes a hit.

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

Classes

FSC classes

For more information on the following family support center classes, call 884-5441.

All reservations will be made through the FSC, unless otherwise noted.

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

Sponsorship Training – Monday, 1 p.m.; reservations required

Mapping Your Career – Monday, 1 p.m.; reservations required, call 884-6281.

Be Your Own Boss – Tuesday, 9 a.m.; reservations required

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

Single Parents Luncheon – Tuesday, noon; reservations required by today

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.

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

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

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

HAWC classes

For more information on the following health and wellness center classes, call 884-4292.

Healthy Living Workshop – Monday, 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday; Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program – Monday, 1 p.m.

Prenatal Nutrition – Monday, 4 p.m.

Total Fitness Enhancement Nutrition – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Healthy Weight for Kids – Wednesday, 4 p.m.

Lean On Me – Thursday, 9 a.m.

Eating Heart Healthy – Thursday, 10 a.m.

ATTENTION: New uniform briefing

The Air Force Clothing Office team will hold two briefings about the new Air Force uniform wear test to be conducted in March.

All Hurlburt Field base personnel are encouraged to attend either the 8 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. briefing Monday in the base theater.

The clothing team will bring two new uniforms, fitness uniforms and one new lightweight blue zip-up jacket for display at the briefings.

Unless there is an obvious participation and interest from the base by attending the briefings, Hurlburt Field can't secure its position as a test base for the uniforms.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Nabors at 884-7374/6528.

Valentine's Day banquet

The Hurlburt Field Chapel Protestant Parish hosts "God's Gift of Love," a Valentine's Day banquet at the Soundside Club Feb. 14 from 6 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$20 per couple or \$10 per person. The evening includes dinner, dancing, door prizes and special gifts for guests. The dinner choices are London broil or chicken. Guests may choose their entrée when purchasing tickets.

The banquet is limited to the first 60 attendees. Tickets will be available Feb. 1-9 at the chapel during Sunday services or throughout the week during normal duty hours.

For more information, e-mail 2nd Lt. William Clayton at william.clayton@hurlburt.af.mil or BJ Davis at bj.davis@hurlburt.af.mil, or call the chapel at 884-7795.

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It ain't over 'till it's

AFSOC foils Services in surprise turnaround

The Air Force Special Operations Command over-40 intramural basketball team turned a scoring deficit around to nail the 16th Services Squadron team 58-41, Tuesday.

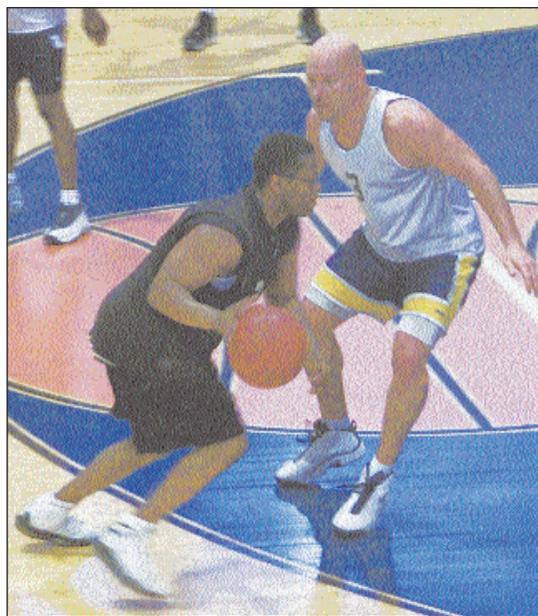
Throughout the first 20-minute half, Services racked up a steadily growing lead over AFSOC, and by halftime the score was 26-16. But in the next 10 minutes, AFSOC first stopped Services' advance, then began to pull ahead.

Services looked increasingly frustrated as AFSOC picked up points, ending the game with a 17-point lead.

For more information on basketball or other intramural sports, contact your unit sports representative.



An AFSOC basketball player launches the ball to a teammate downcourt.



An Air Force Special Operations Command basketball player (right) rises up to score two points in a game against the 16th Services Squadron, Tuesday. AFSOC turned a halftime point deficit into a big win. (center) A Services player drives around AFSOC.



Photos by Senior Airman Sam Taylor

Fitness center gets upgrades

By Staff Sgt. Bernice Stoffel
16th Services Squadron

The Aderholt Fitness Center is undergoing reconstruction to update the facility in order to meet the demands of base personnel.

The work, which includes new rubber flooring for the entire upstairs workout area, is due to be completed by Feb. 2.

Similar work was completed last week at the Commando Fitness Center.

"Even though closures and delays take place during facility upgrades, the end

result will be a better facility for our patrons," stated Chris Myers, Hurlburt Field Sports Director.

Fitness center operating hours have also been adjusted during this time: The Aderholt Fitness Center will close at 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will be closed weekends. The Commando Fitness Center will be open from 5 to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.



Photo by Larry McTigue

Pit stop

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Nine teams here participated in the Air Force Pit Stop competition Jan. 12. Teams vied to see who could change two tires the fastest on the Air Force/Motorcraft Wood Brothers Racing Ford Taurus. A team representing Tyndall's 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit won with a time of 19.7 seconds. They received the hood from the Motorcraft/Air Force race car that competed at Homestead International Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

Sports shorts

Intramural golf season

Intramural golf will begin early this year, kicking off April 1. The team captain's meeting is at 3 p.m., Feb. 25, at Gator Lakes Golf Course. For more information on golf or other intramural sports programs, contact your unit sports representative.

Youth base/softball

Registration for youth baseball (age 5-14) and girls softball (age 7-14) is available at the youth center.

Cost is \$42 per player or \$84 for two or more family players. Please register weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Coaches are also needed for all age groups. Applications are available at the youth center. For more information, call 884-6355.

Spring sports

Spring sports season begins in April. Kicking things off will be intramural, over-30 and women's softball, volleyball, outdoor soccer

and intramural golf. Coaches meetings are to be announced by your unit sports representative.

Fit Eagle Competition

The annual Fit Eagle Competition, a base-wide sports battle between squadrons, will be held Feb. 20. The first captain's meeting is at 3 p.m. Feb. 4, at the Aderholt Fitness Center. Squadrons that wish to participate should submit their letters of intent as soon as possible.

Sports appreciation

The 16th Services Squadron presented awards of appreciation to two softball coaches at a sports council meeting, Jan. 14.

According to Niel Howard, 16th Services Squadron deputy commander, the tireless efforts of **Terry Sweat**, women's team coach, and Staff Sgt. **Christopher Mann**, assistant coach, made possible the success achieved by Hurlburt Field's varsity softball teams in the last few years.