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Photo by Airman James Dickens

A 3-year old, glues a woodworking project at the child development center Monday. The CDC was named best in the Air Force for 2004.

CDC named best two years running

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field's Child Development Center continues to lead by example by being named the best Air Force Child Development Center of the Year for 2004.

The award recognizes the program demonstrating the best leadership, management, customer focus and operational results during the past year.

"I cannot say enough about Donna Love and her entire staff - we're so lucky to have such wonderful people working to take care of Hurlburt Field's children," said Lt. Col. Chris Wright, 16th Services Squadron commander. "The support from the wing and AFSOC is tremendous. It's a true team effort, and

I'm very proud to be associated with this CDC."

The staff continues to prove their commitment to the children and the CDC by ensuring all the needs of the children are taken care of by creating an environment so the children can learn and achieve.

"I feel blessed to work with a staff of talented, caring people," said Ms. Love, CDC director. "It feels great to be selected again. It validates the progress we made last year. Air Force CDCs are among the best in the world and the competition is very strong for this award. We're all blessed to work in a community where people are willing to give their time and energy to make this a good place for children.

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Base welcomes new wing command chief

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Although this is his first assignment to Special Operations, the new 16th Special Operations Wing command chief isn't new to the job.

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Small, 16th SOW command chief, has been in his new position for more than two weeks, and brings a wealth of experience to the wing.



Chief Master Sgt. Richard Small

Before being assigned to the wing, the chief was the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing command chief at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, but said he's very excited about being here.

"I'm honored and excited to be here," the chief said. "This wing has a well-earned reputation for excellence because everyone understands how critical the Special Operations mission is. It's great to have this opportunity."

Chief Small, a native of Kershaw, S.C., has been in the Air Force since 1983 and has served at every echelon, from squadron-level to headquarters U.S. Air Force. His career has taken him from the California coast, to the District of Columbia, to the war-ravaged city of Sarajevo and now Hurlburt Field.

When asked if there were any changes he'd like to make, the chief

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Ride to Work Day

Wednesday is the 13th Annual Ride to Work Day. All Hurlburt Field motorcyclists are invited to attend a motorcycle ride (work permitting, with approval of their supervisor) from the Soundside to the Eglin Beach Club at 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.ridetowork.org.

Officer's call

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, will hold a mandatory officer's call for all 16th SOW assigned officers at the Soundside at 4:30 p.m. today. Dress is uniform of the day. Carpooling is highly encouraged.

Feature



A close look
Civil Air Patrol cadets tour Hurlburt Field, and examine the work behind the mission

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Weather

Weekend forecast

Friday - isolated showers, High 91 Low 74

Saturday - partly cloudy, High 89 Low 74

Sunday - partly cloudy, High 88 Low 72



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

Ensuring a professional image

By Gen. John Jumper
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Our new Air Force fitness program has been in effect for nearly six months now and I'm very pleased with what I see going on around our Air Force.

Airmen are exercising more and fitness center use is up. I'm glad to see so many Airmen incorporating physical fitness into their routine – an active lifestyle can provide important benefits to personal physical and mental well-being.

But, there's a zero percent chance we got the program one hundred percent right the first time. I continue to receive feedback and we'll continue to make changes as needed.

In my first "Fit to Fight" Sight Picture, I spoke directly to commanders about their responsibilities –

including their responsibility to ensure their people pass the commander's eyeball test. Feedback suggests this area requires more emphasis.

Commanders must routinely exercise with their unit to evaluate their squadron's overall fitness and that of individual members. Commanders must also ensure Airmen present a professional image while in uniform. They must lead by example – demonstrating an example of a professional image for their Airmen to follow and enforcing the standards they embody. There will be some individuals who can pass our fitness standards but do not present a professional military image.

In these instances, I expect commanders to provide direct feedback to those individuals and, if needed, mandate their participation in the multiple

fitness educational programs offered by our Health and Wellness Centers.

An upcoming change to our fitness AFI will clarify commanders' discretion in referring Airmen for training. I continue to receive feedback on the components of the fitness test and scoring methodology.

This fall, the surgeon general will convene a panel of medical experts from inside and outside the Department of Defense to analyze our first year of fitness testing results and determine if our standards are where they need to be.

As these standards are reassessed, we'll continue to examine how we document unit and individual fitness scores on performance reports.

Physical fitness and a professional image – two important aspects of being an Airman.

Zero tolerance, no laughing matter

By Tech. Sgt. Dexter Coburn
16th SOW MEO

The Air Force has a "zero tolerance" policy for sexual harassment, racism, sexism, religious discrimination, color discrimination and discrimination based on national origin.

During the 16th Special Operations Wing Climate Assessment, there were remarks indicating sexual jokes in the work place, racial comments and discrimination in job selections and training opportunities, all violations of the wing's zero tolerance policy.

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th SOW commander, wants to make it clear that "discrimination and sexual harassment will not be tolerated in this wing."

A comment from a member surveyed during the assessment stated, "Sex is a major part of many jokes in the shop. Racial slurs are heard daily, although people know who's offended by the jokes and comments, and usually refrain from telling or saying anything until that individual has left the area."

Which raises the question, where exactly is the work place? The common myth is that when they go home at the end of the day and take off their

uniform, they're free to behave as they please. The reality is we're on duty 24-hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of what we're wearing or where we are. Any negative behavior when not at work can be punished, in many cases, with just as much severity as when you're at work. Keep this fact in mind if you're one who can click the switch and behave in an unprofessional manner outside Hurlburt Field.

If some people aren't offended, is it OK to use sexual jokes and racial slurs in or out of the shop? The answer is a resounding, no! Same ideology with zero tolerance as it relates to sexual harassment and discrimination. Just because some people aren't offended, doesn't make it OK. Just because you say it and don't get caught, doesn't make it OK.

Capt. Kenneth Mercier, 16th SOW Military Equal Opportunity chief, made the following comments in the MEO WCA Final Report that sums it up, "Some things are 'funny' to a good number of people, but zero tolerance doesn't discriminate whether or not something is comical. Zero tolerance means not one instance will be tolerated. Supervisors at all levels must be more forceful and strict in their administration of zero tolerance issues, most notably, sexual harass-

ment and off-colored joking and 'playing around.'

"In my 11 years working in MEO, I've yet to see someone laugh when they're in the MEO office being interviewed with a formal sexual harassment or discrimination complaint pending against them. This is serious business with career altering implications. I urge each of you to look internally at your behavior and do a quality check against what the Air Force policy says."

"MEO is available for human relations education at any time and we'll go to the squadrons and speak at commander's calls, flight calls, whatever the case may be," Captain Mercier said.

Over the next few months, MEO will conduct briefings to squadrons on Hurlburt Field at commander's call recapping the WCA results. We'll also provide refresher training on sexual harassment and discrimination at that time.

One final area where MEO will be tackling the zero tolerance concerns is by conducting the out and about program, taking a look at what the environment is like in the workplace.

For more information, visit the MEO office, Building 90210, Suite 241, or call 884-7888/6844/2631.

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DUI Tracker

July 9 - July 15: 0 DUIs

This year: 23

DUIs for 2003: 54

Last DUI: 16th Component
Maintenance Squadron, June 30

Airmen Against Drunk Driving
Don't Drink and Drive. Call 884-8844
Potential saves this year: 586

16th OG...143	16th MSG..37
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As of Feb. 15, individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of July 15.

Congratulations to the 16th MDG, 16th OG and 16th SOW staff agencies for more than 120 days without receiving a DUI.





Photo by Airman Cynthia Morrow

Leadership briefing

Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch, speaks during the Airman Leadership School graduation ceremony July 9. Chief Finch has visited Hurlburt Field several times in the past.

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There were several people and organizations that contributed to the CDC earning this award, Ms. Love explained.

The 16th Medical Group conducted health, vision and hearing screenings for all the 3-5 year olds and were able to catch development problems early, resulting in positive changes for children.

Parents helped the children learn to share and give by spearheading the collection of items for the Airman's Attic and Operation Warm Coat. They repaired and refinished furniture and toys, and spent many hours reading books to the children.

The Air Force Sergeants Association adopted the CDC four years ago and continues to provide quarterly support by performing maintenance on playground equipment, laying sod or any other tasks the facility needs.

"The Schoolyard Habitat continues to be the only one in an Air Force CDC and was certified by the National Wildlife Federation," Ms. Love said. "It's a place for children to learn about nature and how to be good stewards of the environment."

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stressed he's not one to come in and create turmoil.

"Change is a necessary thing and a natural thing," he said. "But, change for the sake of change is not my intent. I'm going to observe and assess to see how we do business and when I see things we can improve upon I'll act on them."

"My job is to ensure the enlisted corps understands the commander's policy and his intent," Chief Small said. "Also, to articulate the concerns of the enlisted force to the commander, be involved at every level of the wing and be the most visible senior NCO."

In doing that job, the chief says there's no typical day for him.

"A lot of what I do is driven by what's going on from day-to-day operationally," he said. "It's long days and burning the midnight oil, but that's the nature of the job. Of course there are a lot of recurring things that need to be done, such as meetings to attend and administrative things to ensure our folks are recognized through performance reports and awards and decorations. We have to continue to ensure performance is documented in a timely and accurate fashion."

One thing the command chief said has impressed him so far is the sense of pride that people have here.

"The Commando Heritage is very rich here, it's obvious,

The facility was also recognized by Okaloosa and Walton Counties School-Age Coalition, which identifies that children are ready for school when they leave the program. The CDC was also a recipient of the State of Florida Gold Seal of Excellence for Early Childhood Programs.

"The amazing involvement and support of parents and volunteers make our programs stand out," Ms. Love said. "We will continue to explore ways to improve our care, service and facility. We'll continue to strive to live up to our motto of 'One Team, One Vision...For the Children.'"



Photo by Airman James Dickens

it's visible and it seems to permeate our organizations." Chief Small said. "I've been thoroughly impressed by the sense of pride people have in this installation. If we could encapsulate that sense of pride, put it in pill form and pass it around the Air Force, that would be great."

His favorite part of the job is the ability to have a positive influence on the mission and in the lives of young Airmen.

On the flip side, the chief said the most difficult part is being the bearer of bad news.

"As senior NCOs, we have to tell it like it is," he said. "That's the responsibility of all NCOs - to make the hard calls and make those tough recommendations to senior leadership, so they can make the right decisions."

The chief also touched on some challenges that not only Hurlburt Field faces but the Air Force overall - DUIs.

"We have to help our folks make smart decisions, before it's too late," he said. "If we wait until people have started drinking we've waited too long. Airman Against Drunk Driving is a great program and it's used at many installations. But it also takes leadership across the board to take care of our people by helping them be proactive."

Chief Small, who's married with two children, said it's pretty evident that morale is high here.

"This is a great place to live and an incredible mission to be a part of. I'm grateful for leadership's trust and confidence in my ability and glad to be a part of the 16th SOW."

Spotlight on...

Airman 1st Class George Blake

Rank/Duty Title: Airman 1st Class

Organization: 25th Information Operations Squadron

Hometown: St. Louis, Mo.

Hobbies: Sports and cars

Contribution to the mission:

Airman 1st Class George Blake performs first-line analyst duties during telecommunications assessments of Air Force Special Operations Command and the 16th Special Operations Wing.

A pivotal contributor, Airman Blake operates telephone and e-mail monitor equipment to assess nonsecure communications systems.

He conducts intelligence assessments in accordance with detailed Air Force guidance, and uses Critical Information Listings to assess compliance with communication security directives.

Airman Blake operates mission-unique computer systems and software to produce summaries of time-sensitive information meeting critical-reporting criteria.

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.)

Airman's Manual gets revised

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – An Airman's most important deployment tool just got better. The original Air Force Manual 10-100, the "Airman's Manual," published in 1999, has been revised and updated and will be available Monday.

An electronic version is already available on the Air Force portal. A working group of contract writers and active-duty subject-matter experts from a cross-section of Air Force specialties began the revision in October 2003. The manual was completed in January and went to press June 9.

One major improvement combines the manual with Air Force handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, "USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Environment." This consolidated the two publications from 400 pages to about 250 and put them both into one easy-to-carry booklet that fits into the battle dress uniform pants cargo pocket.

Another important addition is about 20 pages of potential life-saving information, Steve Prier said. He's the Full Spectrum Threat Response publication manager and program manager for the Airman's Manual at the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The section is tabbed, in easy-to-read simple text, and states specific "need-to-know-now" actions such as post-attack and shelter-in-place actions, weapons jam procedures, self-aid and buddy care and how to identify unexploded ordnance. It can even be read using night-vision goggles.

"The experts reviewed each section to ensure accuracy, then added essential information from lessons learned from operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and also added other important items gathered from the last five years," Mr. Prier said.

Every bluesuiter will get a copy of the manual, with deployed and deploying Airmen getting their copies first through their unit deployment managers. Certain emergency-essential civilians and contractors will also get them.

"It's weather-proof, tear-resistant and just about indestructible," said David Epstein, training and publications manager for the Air Force civil engineer readiness branch. "It's a great medium for this compilation of existing war skills tactics, techniques and procedures." **(AFNS)**

Air Force Intern Program develops future leaders

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force Intern Program Central Selection Board will convene here Sept. 20-24. The program lets 30 junior captains study the application of air and space power and observe senior Defense Department leadership in critical decision making processes.

AFIP is a fast-paced 18 to 24 month program that is designed to develop tomorrow's leaders. While the program is available to both line and non-line officers a maximum of three slots are available to non-line officers.

"AFIP is another great opportunity for young officers to continue their development," said Capt. William Schlichtig, chief of the Developmental Education Section here.

"It's a method of preparing our very best officers for future key leadership positions."

AFIP combines hands-on experience as an intern in the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense and/or the Air Staff as well as an opportunity to earn an Air Force funded master's degree in organizational leadership from George Washington University.

"Selection for AFIP is based on potential for greater achievement as demonstrated by an officer's ability to handle more challenging jobs," said Captain Schlichtig

The program consists of two phases for interns not enrolled in George Washington University and three phases for those interns enrolled in the GWU program. The program lasts between one and two years.

Officers incur a three-year active-duty service commitment upon completion of the program. Officers who have not attended Squadron Officer School in-residence prior to AFIP will be allotted quotas to attend prior to attending the program.

For more information, visit the Officer Professional Developmental web Site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/>. **(AFPC)**

Airman warns service members of employment scam

By Jeanne Grimes
Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. – Posting his résumé online seemed like a savvy move for one Airman here who plans to separate in August, move to Dallas and start college.

However, instead of leads to gainful employment, the experience took Senior Airman Christopher Kissell dangerously close to the unwanted role of scam victim. Now he wants his experience to be a warning to other servicemembers re-entering the civilian work force.

"It's a terrifying situation," said Airman Kissell, a medical administrator with the 72nd Medical Group. "How many like me are out there? A percentage of people, I'm sure, will fall for it."

Airman Kissell said it all began when he posted his résumé online. The résumé included the fact that he speaks Chinese.

"I got a reply from this company saying they were looking for someone to help out with international relations," he said.

That initial e-mail referred glowingly to the résumé. Airman Kissell was informed Chempacon, the purported company in

Lautenbach, Germany, did not require him to have a college degree, just a willingness to work. The position required someone who was bilingual and experienced at working with peers in other countries.

Airman Kissell received a condensed application to fill out and fax to the company, which included a request for faxed copies of his driver's license and social security cards.

He complied, but first he blacked out the numbers.

"All this time, I was going through an 'interview' process and would get e-mails from company contacts," he said. "They said they'd love to hire me, but wanted me to give them my social security number for tax reasons."

By then, Airman Kissell said warning bells were echoing in his head. He went to an online search engine, typed in Chempacon and said he was shocked at what came up.

"Every result I found warned, 'Beware. This is a scam. Job seek fraud,'" he said.

Determined to learn more, the Airman kept his discovery to himself and e-mailed the company, asking for a job description.

He said what came back shocked him again – this time the company considered him gullible.

"They were going to send me foreign checks to deposit in my personal checking account," Airman Kissell said, adding he would then send the company a wire transfer for the amount of the check, less \$600.

"I said, 'No,'" he continued. "It was my only redeeming remark." He had already learned from his research that the checks for tens of thousands of dollars were no good and people who deposited one into their bank account and then withdrew the funds to complete the wire transfer were held responsible for the bank's loss when the check bounced.

Airman Kissell alerted the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and filed a fraudulent business complaint with the FBI. He also complained to employment search Web sites.

He said he believes he came away from the encounter a wiser man. As a precaution, he canceled all his credit cards and reopened accounts with new numbers.

His job search continues, but he has taken it from online to in person. On weekends, he drives to Dallas to hunt for jobs the old fashioned way. "You have to research anytime you're looking for a job," he said. "Nothing beats a sit-down face-to-face with a potential employer." **(AFPN)**

Hurlburt Field's summer fun hot spots

Summer's in full swing and base facilities are teeming with activity. Whether you're looking to splash into the swimming pool or shoot away in paintball wars, you don't have to look further than Hurlburt Field. Below are a few of Hurlburt's hot spots.

■Base Pool; 884-6866

Organize a swimming party for your child, or try the adult's aerobic swimming classes.

■Gator Lakes Golf Course; 881-2251

Practice your swing at the golf range or spend a day at the golf course.

■Information, Tickets and Travel, 884-7848

Purchase local attraction tickets, including the Gulfarium, Big Kahuna's and Blackwater Canoe. Tickets to Disney World, Wild Adventures Theme Park, and more also available.

■Library; 884-6266

Children's story hour is every Thursday at 10 a.m.

■Outdoor Recreation; 884-6939

Rent pontoon boats, jet-skis and other watercraft, or rent camping supplies at the marina.

■Paintball; 884-4097

Go solo or organize a paintball party.

■Skills Development Center; 884-6942

Take a pottery or watercolors class at the multi-crafts section, change the oil on your vehicle at the auto hobby shop, frame a photo at the frame shop, or build a cabinet at the wood shop.

Look Who's Talking:

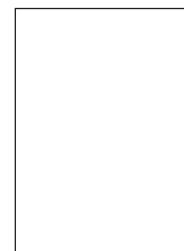
"What do you like best about summer?"



"I get to go on field trips."



"I like going to the beach and the happy attitude everyone seems to have."



"I love going to Navarre Beach."

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Meet the new commander

Name/Rank:

Jason Ulm/Lt. Col.

Organization:

605th Test and Evaluation Squadron

Hometown:

Opelika, Ala.

Off-duty time is for: Building surfboards, scuba diving, golfing, hunting, fishing and family

Previous Assignment:

Operations Officer, 605th TS

Organizational Goals:

Provide responsive operational testing of command and control systems for the warfighter, forge cohesive partnerships with command and control system developers and user communities; maintain a people-oriented workplace of warriors who love their job.

Work Philosophy:

Have faith in your people and don't be afraid to take chances, find the 80 percent solution and execute it; if it doesn't support the warfighter, it's probably a waste of time.



**Lt. Col.
Jason Ulm**

Program gives more than \$400,000 in gifts to troops

DALLAS – Since the Army and Air Force Exchange Service began “Gifts from the Homefront” last year, people have contributed \$406,745 toward the program.

The program is designed to lift the morale of deployed troops worldwide by offering gift certificates which can be purchased by any individual or civic organization. This allows service members to purchase items of necessity and convenience at any exchange facility in the world. “Gifts from the Homefront” certificates can be addressed to “any service member” or individual service members.

Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, they're a safe alternative to traditional care packages that strain the military mail system and present force-protect-

tion issues. Service members can purchase exactly what they need with the certificates because they can be applied to a wide range of products.

Reports from Operation Iraqi Freedom locations indicate the donated certificates are being used for CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks, beverages and phone cards for calling home.

Those wishing to send a “Gift from the Homefront” can log on to aafes.com or call (877) 770-4438 to purchase gift certificates in \$10 or \$20 denominations. From there, the “Gift from the Homefront” may be sent to an individual (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to “any servicemember” through the United Service Organizations, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House. **(AFPN)**

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Proper safety guidelines

The following are safety equipment guidelines as stated in AFI 91-207.

Note: To classify as cycle, scooter, or moped, they need to have a seat according to the Florida Statute.

14. Requirements for motorcycle, motor scooter, and moped operations on Air Force installations and for operation by military personnel off AF installations include the following:

- Only operators may ride mopeds – no passengers.

- Headlights must be on unless prohibited by the Status of Forces Agreement or local laws.

- Vehicle must have rear-view mirrors.

- Operator and any passenger must wear a protective helmet. *Note:* Helmets must meet, as a minimum, Department of Transportation standards and be properly worn and fastened. Helmets may also meet other standards such as the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute. If stationed overseas, personnel may use host-nation certified, equivalent helmets.

- To increase visibility of riders, they're encouraged to affix reflective material to their helmets.

- Operator and passenger must wear impact resistant goggles or a full-face shield on helmet.

Exception: Goggles or a full-face shield aren't required for the operator if the motorcycle is equipped with a windshield equal in height or above the top of the helmet of the properly upright-seated operator.

- Brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer upper garment during the day and reflective during the night. Outer upper garment will be clearly visible and not covered.

- Long sleeved shirts or jackets, full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens, and long trousers.

- Sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over-the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

20. All personnel who ride bicycles on an installation must wear an approved bicycle helmet. Workers operating bicycles in areas that require the use of ANSI-approved helmets (hard hats) for protection from falling objects are allowed to use those helmets instead of approved bicycle helmets. *Exception:* Workers operating bicycles in industrial/flight line areas designated no-hat area due to potential of FOD need not wear bicycle helmet; operators of three-

wheeled bicycles aren't required to wear the bicycle helmet.

Pending publication of our revised AFI 91-207 (on hold pending publication of a revision to DODI 6055.4) here is our policy guidance (excerpt from the draft AFI 91-207):

Powered and non-powered scooters, skateboards, roller-skates, and other recreational equipment not approved by the DOT for use on public roadways won't be used on A.F. installation roadways unless specifically authorized by the installation traffic code. The minimum PPE requirements for those objects specifically identified above will be approved (e.g., Consumer Product Safety Commission, American National Standards Institute or Snell Memorial Foundation) properly worn helmet. Elbow pads, knee pads and gloves are highly recommended.

HFI 31-204 A3.82. Operation of Golf Carts. Golf carts/EZ-Go/Mule carts and others of this type will follow this traffic code when operated on public streets. In addition, the following requirements apply:

A3.82.1. Mandatory equipment:

A3.82.1.1. Lights: Head, tail, brake and turn signals.

A3.82.1.2. Slow moving vehicle sign: Mounted on rear of roof or tailgate.

A3.82.1.3. Windshield (wiper optional).

A3.82.1.4. Rear view mirror.

A3.82.1.5. Preset engine governor.

A3.82.1.6. Occupant restraint devices.

A3.82.2. Use of EZ-Go/Mule type vehicles:

A3.82.2.1. For official use only.

A3.82.2.2. Operator must have a valid driver's license.

A3.82.2.3. No more than two (2) occupants. (No riders in cargo area).

A3.82.2.4. These vehicles will use the jogging path adjacent to Independence Road to eliminate potential traffic congestion problems.

A3.82.2.5. EZ-Go vehicles are strictly prohibited from being used on Highway 98, to include adjacent shoulders and median strip.

A3.82.2.6. The same restrictions as other general-purpose vehicles when used on the flightline.

A3.82.2.7. The operator will not adjust the governor and any other speed-controlling feature.

A3.82.2.8. Vehicles of this type will not be driven on public roadways in inclement weather.

Summer, hot season for saluting

By Capt. Carol McClelland
Squadron Officer School

"If you can't get them to salute when they should salute and wear the clothes you tell them to wear, how are you going to get them to die for their country?" - Army Gen. George C. Patton, Jr.

With several change of command ceremonies this summer, customs and courtesy questions arise. For example, some ceremonies held in hangars are considered outdoors and some are indoor events. When should you wear your cover? Or, when the honor guard carrying the U.S. flag passes an audience sitting in bleachers, should a salute be rendered? Customs and courtesy etiquette can be tricky, but these hints should help.

Saluting

■When outdoors in uniform and an unfurled U.S. flag passes by, stand at attention, salute six paces before the flag is even with you and hold your salute until the flag has passed six paces.

■While troops in formation will salute when ordered, military audience members must wait to salute until the first note of the National Anthem plays.

Hangar ceremony

■Listen to the master of ceremonies or read the program to see if the hangar ceremony is considered outdoors or indoors. If deemed outdoors, wear your hat.

■When the National Anthem is played indoors, military members in uniform or civilian clothes should face the flag and stand at attention. Do not salute unless under arms. Civilians may place their right hand over their hearts.

Reveille, Retreat, National Anthem or To the Colors

■When outdoors and in uniform, face the flag, if visible, or face the music. Stand at attention and salute on the first note of the music. Drop your salute after the last note is played, or when the flag has been fully raised or lowered, depending on the ceremony. If in a vehicle during Reveille or Retreat, pull the car to the side of the road and stop. All occupants sit at attention until the last note of the music has played. Military members can stand beside the vehicle and salute, and civilians can stand and place their right hands over their hearts.

Air Force Song

■Stand at the position of attention from the first to last note of the music. Do not salute. Give the same courtesy to the Army, Navy and Marine Corps songs.

Cellular telephones and beepers should be turned off during the ceremony also.

Nothing is more embedded in the military culture than saluting. All services teach it in basic officer and enlisted training programs and it's reinforced throughout the member's career. For more

information on customs and courtesies, consult *Air Force Manual 36-2203, Drill and Ceremonies* or *Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241 Volume 1, Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide*.



Courtesy Photo

Members of the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard salute.

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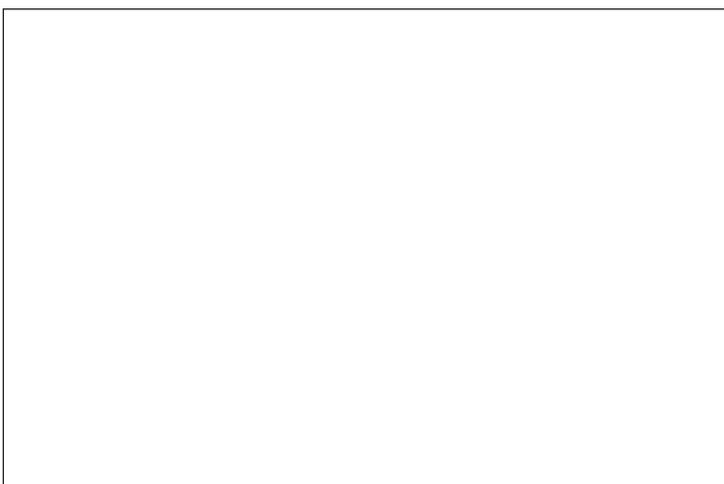


Photo by Bob Talley

Four youth center students work toward liftoff during a week-long science project that taught youth center students to build and launch rockets.

Young scientists blast off in physics project

By Vanessa Adame
Public Affairs

Twenty-four lightweight material orbit rockets were launched from Hurlburt Field as part of a space and rocketry program June 18. The rockets weren't a part of a classified project or even a covert operation. Rather, the project was a science lesson intended to spark an interest in physics among 8, 9, and 10-year-old youth center students.

With instruction from a science specialist known to the young students simply as element symbol "O2," students assembled their own lightweight, biodegradable rockets that weighed only 16 ounces.

From Monday until "launch day" Friday, the budding scientists spent approximately one hour and a half each day adding fins, parachutes, nose cones and even motors to their model rockets. "The kids became more excited after each lesson," said Liz Porath, 16th Services Squadron. "It was neat to see the process come together."

Nine-year-old Jaylen Williams admits he wasn't much of a science lover before the project, but he says the physics lesson peaked his interest in the subject a little bit. "It was fun making the rocket," he said.

Along with assembling the rocket models, students also learned about the rocket parts they used and the function of each piece. Before liftoff, the young scientists "trained" for the big event by learning what it takes to maintain the rockets above the ground through stabilization and were introduced to Newton's Third Law and how it makes rocketry possible.

"This was one of the most enjoyable projects we've ever worked on," said Ms. Porath. "We enjoyed seeing the kids learning while they were having fun."

The rocket models the young scientists had so carefully crafted and decorated finally departed the baseball fields neighboring the youth center on a clear Friday morning. With spectators gathered, including Air Safety who monitored the take-off, the rockets were launched at 70 miles per hour from "home plate" and reached into the sky approximately 175 feet while the furthest one fell 250 feet out in "center field."

Although the students had successfully completed their mission, the most enjoyable part for them was watching a purple toy resembling an alien jump out of the rocket in mid-air and fall onto the ground, affirming the project had been a success.

Even though none of the participants have declared a career in physics just yet, "O2" left the students with the tools and possibility to recreate the project with their parent's permission at home — and with a handful of purple aliens.

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This week in history

July 12, 1915 Aviation mechanic examination requirements adopted.

July 13, 1921 Army-Navy bombing tests sank three captured German ships.

July 15, 1961 The first Minuteman I missile wing was activated at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

July 16, 1971 Jeanne Holm, director of Women in the Air Force, became the first woman promoted to

brigadier general.

July 11, 1972 The U.S. Air Force launches a giant 962-foot-tall balloon system in support of NASA's Viking Project for landing an unmanned spacecraft on Mars in 1976.

July 17, 1989 First flight of the B-2. July 12, 1990

The U.S. Air Force accepts delivery of the last of 59 Lockheed F-117A Stealth fighter-bombers.



U.S. Air Force Graphic

On July 12, 1978, the last Boeing KC-97L Stratotanker is retired to the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center after 25 years of service. The first KC-97 tanker was delivered to Strategic Air Command July 14, 1951.

Civil Air Patrol cadets visit Hurlburt Field

By Amy Oliver
Public Affairs

Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, designated the week of July 4-11 as Civil Air Patrol Cadet Week to educate cadets about the Air Force mission, to show support for CAP, and to foster a closer working relationship between CAP and local installations.

Civil Air Patrol cadets from Eglin Air Force Base, Walton County High School and Pensacola Composite Squadrons toured Hurlburt Field July 8 to learn about the Air Force Special Operations Command mission, particularly the newly acquired Combat Search and Rescue mission as it relates to CAP's search and rescue mission. The trips to various bases serve as part of the cadets' curriculum, and provides insight to the operations of the Air Force.

"This week is dedicated to more than 27,000 youths who make service, patriotism and integrity a cornerstone of their lives through participation in CAP's cadet program," General Jumper said.

Dating back to the beginning of World War II, the Civil Air Patrol has always been an asset of the military. Although its focus has changed in the past 60 years, its mission remains the same: search and rescue.

The all-volunteer force is an auxiliary unit of the Air Force. It was formed in 1941 to assist the wartime military by performing essential non-combatant missions. CAP members per-

formed search and rescue, forest fire patrol, border patrol, and target towing for the military during World War II. They also performed anti-submarine patrol along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

In the beginning, they would radio for Army or Navy bombers when a Nazi submarine was sighted prowling off the U.S. coast. Later, they carried bombs and depth charges. Their pilots were credited with sighting 173 submarines and sinking two. More than 60 CAP members lost their lives in the line of duty during World War II.

Today, CAP continues the search and rescue mission through a component called emergency services. The aerospace education component provides educators with learning tools to use in their classrooms as well as the opportunity to attend workshops highlighting basic aerospace knowledge. There's also a cadet program, which teaches youth 12-18 years old about aviation and instills leadership and self-discipline skills.

In addition to their educational studies, CAP cadets participate along with CAP senior members, or adults, in the search and rescue missions.

"Fortunately, most of the calls we get are false alarms," said Tech. Sgt. Dave Taylor, a former CAP cadet who works in the 16th Operations Group Weapons and Tactics Flight. "That's how we like them."

Boats and aircraft have emergency locator transmitters which alert officials if there's an accident, explained Sergeant Taylor. Many

times, they malfunction or get tipped over, which inadvertently causes them to alert officials.

The patrol maintains a fleet of aircraft which they use in search and rescue missions. They also use the aircraft to perform fire watch patrol on the Eglin range when called upon, and they're sometimes called upon by authorities to assist in drug interdiction missions, using the aircraft to search for illegal drug crops.

Kelley Sandaker, a junior at Choctawhatchee High School, said his favorite part of being a CAP cadet so far has been the orientation flights, which are designed to introduce the cadets to the aircraft used in search and rescue mission.

"So far, I've flown in a Cessna and a smaller, experimental aircraft called a Yankee," said Sandaker, who's been a cadet for about a year.

Sergeant Taylor, who's the deputy commander of cadets for the Eglin Composite Squadron, has been involved in CAP for 16 years. He's been able to stick with it throughout his Air Force career because at each of his assigned bases, he's been able to find a local CAP squadron and become involved. His military supervisors are always supportive of his extracurricular activity due to the community service nature of it.

"I like working with the cadets," said Sergeant Taylor. "That's why I do it."

Sergeant Taylor added that those who do it for the recognition usually don't last very long.

"Attracting youth to aviation and space-related career fields is key to our nation's progress in aeronautics and astronautics," General Jumper said. "CAP's cadet program is an investment in America's future, both in producing responsible citizens for our nation and building a potential workforce for our air and space community."

For more information about CAP, call 882-9066, or visit www.capnhq.gov.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan

Civil Air Patrol cadets (left) are amazed by the size of the tires on a C-47 during a tour July 8. (above) Cadets get hands-on experience with the .50-caliber machine gun on an MH-53 PAVE LOW helicopter.

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The Air Force mission

The mission of the U.S. Air Force is to defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power.

To achieve that mission, the Air Force has a vision of *Global Vigilance, Reach and Power*. That vision orbits around three core competencies: Developing airmen, technology-to-warfighting and integrating operations.

Developing Airmen: The full spectrum of our air and space capabilities stems from the collective abilities and expeditionary mindset of our personnel. And in today's world of swiftly flowing information and powerful technologies, every individual role in our Total Force - active, Guard, Reserve and civilian - carries greatly increased significance.

Technology-to-warfighting: The Air Force combines the tremendous technological advancements of stealth, global communications connectivity, global positioning and more to put cursors on targets and steel on the enemy. It is the Air Force's unique ability to apply various technologies in unison so effectively that allows it to translate its air and space power vision into decisive operational capability.

Integrating Operations: In the fast-paced combat environment of the 21st century, victory belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate information, and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe.

Executing these complex tasks with accuracy, speed and power requires the seamless integration of systems, activities and expertise across all manned, unmanned and space capabilities.

These core competencies

lay at the heart of what truly makes the Air Force the powerful and unique team it is today. Complimenting the core competencies are the Air Force's six distinctive capabilities: Aerospace superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority, and agile combat support.

Aerospace Superiority: With it, joint forces can dominate enemy operations in all dimensions - land, sea, air and space.

Global Attack: Because of technological advances, the Air Force can attack anywhere, anytime - and do so quickly and with greater precision than ever before.

Rapid Global Mobility: Being able to respond quickly and decisively anywhere we're needed is key to maintaining rapid global mobility.

Precision Engagement: The essence lies in the ability to apply selective force against specific targets because the nature and variety of future contingencies demand both precise and reliable use of military power with minimal risk and collateral damage.

Information Superiority: The ability of joint force commanders to keep pace with information and incorporate it into a campaign plan is crucial.

Agile Combat Support: Deployment and sustainment are keys to successful operations and cannot be separated. Agile combat support applies to all forces, from those permanently based to contingency buildups to expeditionary forces.

The Air Force bases these core competencies on a shared commitment to three core values - **integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.**



Visit the Hurlburt Field homepage

www.hurlburt.af.mil

Army to recruit 'downsized' Airmen

By Donna Miles
American Forces
Press Service

WASHINGTON – After they "Cross Into the Blue" Army officials said they hope Airmen leaving the Air Force will join the "Army of One."

A new program, Operation Blue to Green, seeks to recruit into the Army, Airmen and Sailors leaving their service because of force reductions. The Army is temporarily increasing its ranks.

Plans call for the Air Force to reduce its numbers by 16,000 by the end of 2005, Air Force officials said.

An Army spokesperson called Operation Blue to Green an opportunity that "will definitely benefit the Department of Defense as well as these individuals."

Details of the program are still being worked out, but an Army Web site says the program tells potential recruits it "will allow you to continue to serve your country, to maintain the benefits of military service and to expand your horizons by gaining new training and trying new things."

Candidates for the program are Airmen and Sailors in grades E-5 and below who qualify for an honorable discharge from active duty.

Participation in the program, the Web site says, "is

dependent upon your service's willingness to release you from your current active-duty obligation."

New Soldiers recruited under the program will go through a four-week "warrior transition course" being developed by Army Training and Doctrine Command officials.

"This will further orient them in terms of what it means to be a Soldier in the Army," the Army spokesperson said.

This new course in basic combat skills will substitute for the nine-week course currently used to train Airmen, Sailors and Coast Guardsmen enlisting in the Army, according to the Web site.

Bonuses will be offered to recruits for selected military occupational specialties, although details were not yet available.

While Army officials finalize details about the program, they are wasting no time getting the word out to potential candidates. An online information form encourages interested candidates to sign up for more information.

However, the site notes, "Until formal policies have been approved, Army recruiters cannot accept applications, process paperwork or reserve training seats." (AFNS)

Hurlburt Field's Water Conservation Policy

STAGE 1: Water Watch (Green Flag)

- Odd Bldgs./Houses on odd days
- Even Bldgs./Houses on even days
- 6-10 a.m. or 6-10 p.m. (but not both times)
- No more than 30 minutes
- Sod restrictions: May water each day for the first 30 days after planting, but never between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

STAGE 2: Water Warning (Yellow Flag)

- Odd Bldgs./Houses on Tuesday and Saturday
- Even Bldgs./Houses on Thursday and Sunday
- 6-10 a.m. or 6-10 p.m. (but not both times)
- Exception: Private sand-and-gravel users may water both times if desired
- No more than 30 minutes
- Sod restrictions: Limited to watering every other day for the first 30 days but never between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Car washes are prohibited (Washing of cars is limited to commercial car washes)
- Seeding is prohibited

STAGE 3: Water Crisis (Red Flag)

- Outdoor use of water is prohibited
- Car washes are prohibited (Washing of cars is limited to commercial car washes)
- Seeding is prohibited
- Laying of sod is prohibited

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Community

Changes of command

Correction to 9th SOS Change of Command

Last week's Commando listed Lt. Col. Keith Lambert as assuming command of the 6th Special Operations Squadron, but he assumed command of the 9th Special Operations Squadron July 9.

16th Maintenance Group

Col. John Cooper will assume command of the 16th Maintenance Group from Col. Richard Beery at 9 a.m. July 29 at the Freedom Hangar. For more information, call Maj. Mike Christian at 884-7826.

16th Component Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. Mary Behne will assume command of the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron from Lt. Col. Peter Robichaux at 8 a.m. July 27 at the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Nosedock. For more information, call 1st Lt. Steven Trnka at 884-5784.

16th MSS

The 16th Mission Support Squadron will be minimally manned July 23 from 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. for an official function.

Ticket office

Hurlburt Field's Commercial Ticket Office Bay Area Travel is changing its computer system today through July 29.

During this time, travel reservations can't be processed through the Defense Travel System.

Travel initiated during the down time must be booked outside DTS. However, orders will continue to be processed through DTS with air, lodging and rental car costs entered manually. The following steps identify how to enter these costs:

- Air is entered in the other transportation screen of the Travel module.

- Lodging is entered in the per diem entitlements screen of the Additional Options module.

- Rental car is entered as commercial auto on the non-mileage screen of the expenses module.

The current restriction on central billed account reservations will also be terminated.

For more information, call Hurlburt Field Defense Travel Systems Tier 2 Help Desk at 884-5842.

NCO induction ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Chief's Group and the Top – 3 Council will co-sponsor this year's Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. The event will be held Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. at the Soundside conference center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Paula Jackson at 884-1233 or Senior Master Sgt. Greg Nabors at 884-4552.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando NCO Association Chapter will hold its monthly meeting July 31 at 6 p.m. at J.R. Rockers in the Destination Room. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-5787.

New wing coin

The 16th Special Operations Wing is looking for ideas for the new wing coin. The person with the winning design will receive a three-day pass. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Franklin Hunt at 884-7153.

Volunteers needed

The base library is looking for volunteers to help with its "Rocket into Reading" summer program. Volunteers will help with events like:

- "Cosmic Golf" - Wednesday at the base theater. Volunteers will help monitor and run goofy golf, frisbee golf and snag golf from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

- "Out of this World Award Party" - July 28 at the Community Park. Volunteers are needed to help set-up the event and run different games and booths.

For more information, call the volunteer coordinator at 884-1533.

ACA reunion

The Air Commando Association annual reunion is scheduled to be held in Fort Walton Beach Oct. 8-10.

The purpose of the ACA is to keep alive the Air Commando spirit, to rekindle camaraderie of wartime relationships, to honor the dead and the living that participated in our wartime effort and to promote the utilization of low-key peacekeeping activities of Special Operations. For more information on the reunion, call 581-0099.

Stars and strikes

"Bowl for the Stars and Strikes" is an Air Force Services-wide summer program at the Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center. Customers earn rewards by collecting punches on three levels of punch cards: red, white and blue. Punches are given for every game bowled or 32 ounce fountain beverage purchased at the Spare Time Grill now through Aug. 31. For every 15 punches, bowlers and non-bowlers alike will receive the corresponding reward for that level, while supplies last. For more information or to enter without making a purchase, call the bowling center at 884-6941.

November getaway cruises

Information, Tickets and Travel can help you "getaway" before or during Thanksgiving with two great cruises to the western Caribbean. The Pre-Thanksgiving Cruise sails out of New Orleans for seven days from Nov. 14 to 21. Rates are \$545 for interior rooms, \$695 for oceanview rooms and \$845 for rooms with a balcony.

The Thanksgiving cruise sails out of Mobile, Ala. for five days from Nov. 22 to 27. Rates for oceanview rooms are now \$445 per person. All cruise rates are per person based on double occupancy. For more information, call ITT at 884-7848/5699.

Library summer program

In celebration of the 35th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon, the base library presents "Rocket into Reading." Children are invited to participate in the program each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the base theater.

Free tickets are available at the library one week prior to each show. Weekly story hour at the library is at 10 a.m. every Thursday. For more information, call 884-6266.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month events from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Meetings are held Wednesdays from 1 - 3 p.m. in the MEO conference room.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Angel Lugo at 884-8209 or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

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 and 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

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jum'ah: Friday, 12:45 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) *Shrek 2*, voices of Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy – Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon to find Fiona's parents inviting them to dinner. Fiona's parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new Prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law.

Saturday – (PG-13) *The Day After Tomorrow*, starring Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal – A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors flee the south, Professor Adrian Hall heads to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive.

Sunday – (PG-13) *Raising Helen*, starring Kate Hudson and John Corbett – Helen is living the life she always dreamed of. Her career is on the rise; she spends her days at fashion shows and nights at the hottest clubs. But her carefree lifestyle comes to a screeching halt when her sister and brother-in-law are killed in a car crash, leaving her to care for their three kids.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday – (PG) *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, starring Emma Watson and Gary Oldman – A dangerous mass murderer, Sirius Black, has escaped the Azkaban Fortress and there's only one thing he wants; Harry. While learning to cope with the Dementors sent to protect Hogwarts, school of witchcraft and wizardry, Harry learns the disturbing story of Sirius Black and his own history.

Saturday – (PG-13) *The Chronicles of Riddick*, starring Vin Diesel and Judi Dench – Riddick, on the run from mercenaries eager to claim the price on his head, seeks refuge on the planet of Helion, only to discover he's walked into a world in chaos. Helion has been seized by the Lord Marshall determined to wipe out humanity throughout the universe. Leader of Helion pleads with Riddick to join them in their fight for survival.

Sunday – (PG-13) *The Stepford Wives*, starring Nicole Kidman and Bette Midler – Joanna and her husband move into the suburban community of Stepford, where she soon notices that the local housewives seem oddly bland and too perfect. After some investigation with her new friend, she uncovers the town's secret: The men of Stepford have been replacing their wives with robotic look-alikes who do their every bidding.

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

Native American History Month

The Native American History Month is Nov. 1 - 30. The military equal opportunity office is inviting volunteers to assist in organizing, preparation, and supporting the observance period. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Dexter Coburn 884-2631.

Seminar method

The Air Command and Staff College Nonresident Program is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for the new 2004-2005 seminar method. Seminar classes usually meet weekly, starting in early August and run until mid-June.

ACSC programs are offered to active-duty, non-extended active-duty, Reserve, National Guard and major selects and above servicemembers in all U.S. military services; federal civilian employees and GS-11 and above or equivalent, civil air patrol officers in the grade of major and above, and international officers serving with the U.S. Air Force in education, training, exchange, or liaison roles are eligible. International officers may also enroll through the Foreign Military Sales training sponsorship program.

People must enroll online no later than Sunday to receive their books in time.

If interested, register online, at <http://www.au.af.af/au/acsc/Distance%20Learning/distance-learning.htm>.

For more information, call LaRue Hamilton or Jannie Benson at 884-6724.

Conflict seminar

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School will conduct a inaugural iteration of Regions/Issues in Conflict Seminar from Aug. 31 - Sep. 2, at the Joint Special Operations University, Alison Bldg. 90503, 357 Tully St. This newly devel-

oped seminar provides education and professional development for senior personnel, O-5 and above, civilian equivalents, serving in command, planning or senior staff positions whose duties require knowledge of US policy and military operations in the Horn of Africa. Priority will be given to SOF personnel. Secret clearance is required. Clearance verification must be faxed to 884-1861, no later than Aug. 9.

Interested Personnel may apply via the JSOU/USAFSOS Website at www.hurlburt.af.mil/tenant/jsou or call Dann Mattiza at 884-5749 for additional information.

Classes

Latin America orientation

The Joint Special Operations University will hold a Latin America Orientation Course Monday through July 23. The course is designed for people preparing to live in or deploy to the Latin American region. The course provides non-technical education on the cultural, historical, political, economic, social, religious, and security dynamics in this area. For more information, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731.

University of Arkansas

The University of Arkansas at Hurlburt Field is offering a Master of Science with a major in Operations Management. Registration for term one is July 26 - Aug. 10. For more information, call Sherry DelCastillo at 884-3844.

Fall term registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University fall term registration will be held Monday through Aug. 6

in Bldg. 90220 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8 a.m. - noon Friday. Add or drop dates are Aug. 9 - 13. Class dates are Aug. 9 - Oct. 9. For more information, call 581-2106.

Southern Illinois University

Southern Illinois University is offering a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. With 16 required courses, individuals can complete their degree in 16 months. Courses are held in alternating weekends from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Tracy Deming at 581-9840.

Interpersonal Dynamics

The University of Oklahoma is offering a new innovative Interpersonal Dynamics course from Aug. 9 - 15. This one week course explores effective communication techniques, which apply to personal interactions and studies gender, cultural and family differences. For more information, e-mail aphurlburt@ou.edu.

HAWC classes

To reserve a seat in the following health and wellness center classes or for information, call 884-4292. All classes are free of charge and held in Building 90232.

Healthy Living Workshop - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Diabetic Nutrition - Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program - Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Prenatal Nutrition - Thursday, 2 p.m.

Eating Heart Healthy - Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Total Fitness Enhancement - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program Follow-up - Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Diabetic Nutrition Follow-up - Thursday, 9 a.m.

FILLER

Kids get 'big air' at youth skateboard camp

Story and photos by Airman James Dickens
Public Affairs

Kids of all ages grinded and ollied their way around the skate park during youth skateboard camp here this week.

Two professional skateboarders instructed the kids on the basic skills, newest techniques and safety measures of skateboarding and/or rollerblading.

"Our goal is to teach the kids the basics, so they can get comfortable skating around," said Bill Welk, professional skateboarder. "Once they get comfortable they will be able to have some real fun."

This isn't the first base the two skateboarders have instructed a skate camp, but quite possibly the best.

"We've been going to different Air Force bases and doing these week-long skateboard camps," said Falco Baltys, professional skateboarder.

"This skate park is the best and cleanest that I've ever seen on a base," Welk said.

The instructors started the children's day off with

some stretches, taught them some tricks and sent them off skating.

The kids learned numerous tricks and safety tips throughout the camp.

"These two guys are very good teachers," said Andy Garshashb. They've taught me a lot of new tricks."

The camp was a blast for the kids and a huge success.

"I had a great time and learned a lot," said Jordan Hayes.

Skate park rules

Safety equipment:

- Helmets
- Knee pads*
- Wrist guards*
- Elbow pads*
- No bikes, scooters or rink skates allowed
- Skaters under 10 must

be accompanied by a parent or guardian

- Keep music to an acceptable level
- No food or drinks inside the skate park

*Highly recommended



Kids run and/or skate a lap around the skate park to warm up before the camp gets started Tuesday.



Sports shorts

Coaches clinic

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association will be conducting a coaches clinic for the upcoming soccer and flag football seasons Aug. 3 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the youth center. Prior to these clinic dates, please pick up the coach background information packages at the youth center. For more information, call the youth center at 884-6355.

Football, soccer registration

Flag football and soccer registration continues through July 30. Seasons kick off Sept. 18 through Nov. 20. Registration fees correspond with the registration period. Early registration began Thursday and continues through July 16 at \$37 per youth or \$74 for two or more. Regular registration is Monday - July 30 at \$42 per youth or \$84 for two or more. Late registration is after July 30 at \$47 per youth or \$94 for two or more. For more

information or to get the registration form, call the youth center at 884-6355.

Cheerleading registration

Cheerleading registration runs through July 30 for children ages 6 to 14. Cost is \$5 per child. Each participant must have a sports physical on file at the youth center. A coach/parent meeting is currently scheduled for Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at the youth center. Also at the meeting, uniform measurements and a \$30 deposit will be required. For more information or to get registration form, call the youth center at 884-6355.

Softball tournament

The Commando Softball Post-season Intramural Tournament will be held Saturday at the base fields. Entry fee is \$125. Bring your own .47 cor ball to hit. It's double elimination format using American Softball Association intramural

rules. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Chuck Shepherd at 884-5774 or Master Sgt. Scott Bowen at 884-2358.

Men's baseball league

The Okaloosa Men's Baseball League is kicking off with registration on Aug. 15 at 3:00 p.m. at the Twin Oaks baseball field in Niceville for both the 18 and over and 30 and over divisions. The Twin Oaks Baseball Field is located on U.S. Highway 85 North, just north of College Blvd.

The registration process will include the collection of league fees and a short baseball workout session. League fees are \$100 for all players. The final day of registration is August 22 at 3:00 p.m. The season begins in early September and is played locally in the Okaloosa area.

For more information, contact the league hotline at 864-7529, or check out the league website at www.OMBL.org.