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President nominates AFSOC commander for fourth star

Courtesy of AFSOC Public Affairs

The Air Force announced this week that President Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, Air Force Special Operations Command commander for appointment to the rank of general and assignment as commander, Pacific Air Forces.



General Hester assumed command of Air Force Special Operations Command in Jan. 2002.

Pacific Air Forces, headquartered at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, is one of nine major commands of the U.S. Air Force and is air component of the U.S. Pacific Command.

PACAF provides ready air and space power to promote U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific Region during peace, crisis and war.

The Air Force also announced that the President has nominated Maj. Gen. Michael Wooley for appointment to lieutenant general and for reassignment as the new AFSOC commander.

General Wooley is currently Commander of 3rd Air Force, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

Senate confirmation is required for appointments to lieutenant general and general.

The Air Force hasn't identified a date for change of command.



Photo by Capt. Tom Knowles

Combat landing

An Air Force Special Operations Command Airman marshals an MC-130H Combat Talon II at an undisclosed forward deployed location. The Airman is deployed from the 16th Special Operations Wing, supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Air Commandos remember President Reagan with base memorial service

By 1st Lt. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field Airmen gathered to honor the life and leadership of President Ronald Reagan at a memorial service held at the base chapel here, June 10.

He was remembered for his impact on the U.S. military, his affect on countries around the world and his ability to reach out to all Americans.

"We gather here today not just to memorialize the 40th president of the United States of America, but

also to celebrate his life," said Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander.

Colonel Mannon cited President Reagan's efforts after Desert One, the 1980 failed rescue of American hostages in Iran, as laying the groundwork for today's Special Operations Forces.

"His impact was particularly noteworthy in this community as previous members of our command sought to rebuild on the ashes of Desert One," said Colonel Mannon. "Our Commander-in-Chief gave us guidance and funding to rebuild not only our military

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Happy
Father's Day



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Weekend forecast

Friday – Partly cloudy, High 92 Low 77

Saturday – Isolated showers, High 91 Low 76

Sunday – Isolated showers, High 87 Low 73

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



Open Line

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

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



Col. O.G. Mannon

Airman learns core values at early age

By Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand
52nd Operations Support Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — When we think about the classrooms in life, I'm sure the bathroom is not at the top of the list, but the bathroom just happens to be where I learned my first core value.

I was taught "Excellence In All We Do" by my father. My father isn't a retired chief. He didn't serve in the Air Force; he wasn't even in the military. But through his daily actions, and his shaving mug, I learned an important life lesson. See, my father's shaving mug had a motto inscribed on it, "What is worth doing is worth doing well."

As a young boy, I would frequently eyeball that shaving mug in hopes of one day putting the lather on my face and sliding the razor across my soon-to-be whiskers.

As a boy, I paid little attention to the motto. Now, as a man, I look back and realize that even though I didn't think about the motto, I internalized it as a core value.

I've been guided by that simple, yet powerful motto every day of my life. I strive to do my best with every task entrusted to me and take pride in the successful completion of the job.

As Air Force members, we should all feel pride in our jobs. From fuels to finance, from the post office to the

pharmacy, we all have important tasks that are critical to Air Force mission accomplishment.

We should treat each and every task as mission essential, because the Air Force core value "Excellence In All We Do" doesn't afford us an option of when to give 100 percent. It demands that we give our very best, everyday, in everything we do.

While not everyone has a shaving mug to remind them that "What is worth doing is worth doing well," what we do have is the core value internalized and displayed by the "blue suit" we wear. Our actions and attitudes must represent "Excellence In All We Do" and shine as a beacon of light to the entire world. **(AFPN)**

Reflect on professional leadership qualities

By Brig. Gen. Mark Matthews
48th Fighter Wing Commander

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England — In 1980 it seemed improbable to me that an actor I remembered most as host of "Death Valley Days" might get elected, much less succeed, as president of the United States. But I and a lot of other Americans were mightily surprised.

What I failed to understand at the time was the importance of not only communicating, but selling, a vision of where you wanted to lead people. I've met a lot of smart folks over the years, but only a few had this rare gift as did our 40th President. How did former president Ronald Reagan do it?

Most importantly, I think it was his sincerity; his sincerity in the love for his country and the sincerity of the love for his wife.

Like every president in my lifetime, he had his detractors as well as his fierce proponents, but only the

most cynical of pundits doubted his heartfelt belief in what the United States stood for, his love of the American people and his commitment to the first lady.

Regardless of your own political viewpoints, I think these characteristics are instructive for all of us. As members of the United States Air Force, we define ourselves by our commitment to defend the liberties guaranteed by our Constitution.

But do you project that commitment in the way you comport yourself on a daily basis?

Do those around you see in you that fervor as manifested by your commitment to know your job and do it well? Do they sense your sincerity by the way you treat and talk of those officers and NCOs appointed above you?

Do you show yourself as one who holds sacred the values of loyalty and honesty in the way you keep the trust of your spouse and others close to you?

If not, then your words will ring

hollow and your actions will be suspect. Your apparent commitment, unmasked by your insincerity, will be seen as nothing more than a superficial facade worn as a means to some self-serving goal.

Don't misunderstand. It's not wrong to use your military service as a way to gain an education, learn a life-long skill, or just as an opportunity to go out and do something really interesting while you figure out how you want to spend the rest of your life.

But while you do this, if you're not equally as committed, as demonstrated by your sincerity, in preparing yourself for what we all took an oath to do — defend liberty, with our lives if necessary — then you will fall short of the standard our citizens, and those who would follow you, expect. We have this time for introspection and an example of a great American who simply loved his country and its people.

"Win one for the Gipper." Learn from him. **(AFPN)**

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DUI Tracker

June 11- 17: 0 DUIs

This year: 22

DUIs for 2003: 54

Last DUI: 16th Security Forces Squadron

Airmen Against Drunk Driving

Don't Drink and Drive. Call 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 462

16th OG...115

16th MSG..0

16th MXG..7

16th MDG..115

As of Feb. 15, individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of June 17.

Congratulations to the 16th MDG, 16th OG and 16th SOW staff agencies for more than 60 days without receiving a DUI.



If you'd like to submit an item to the Commando newspaper, send it to commando@hurlburt.af.mil. Submission deadline is Wednesday at 4 p.m. the week before you'd like the information to be published.

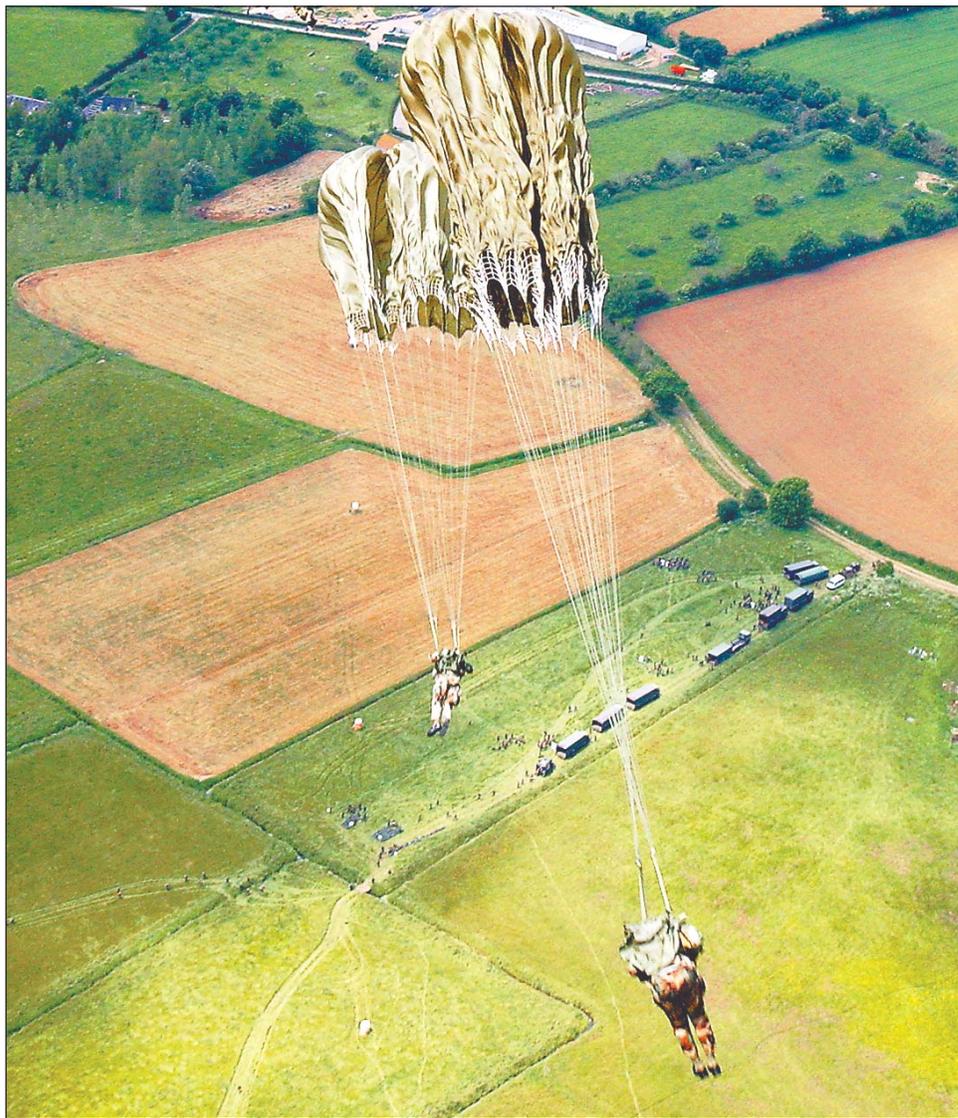


Photo by Airman 1st Class Franklin Perkins

Out of the blue

Members of the 352nd Special Operations Group's 321st Special Tactics Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, parachute in to Sainte Mere Eglise, Normandy, France, during the 60th Anniversary commemorating the heroism of soldiers both past and present for their sacrifices in the cause of freedom during the D-Day invasion six decades ago.

Spotlight on...

Tech. Sgt. Jason Bucy

Rank/Duty Title: Tech. Sgt.
Organization: 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron
Hometown: Madison Heights, Mich.

Family: Sons Jason and Joshua, daughter Alexa
Hobbies: Off-road vehicles, hunting, fishing and golf
Contribution to the mission:

Tech. Sgt. Jason Bucy is in charge of training for 145 MH-53J/M crew chiefs. His hands-on approach has made significant advances in the upgrade of all personnel-improving end of course test scores by 11 percent.

Sgt. Bucy recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was responsible for overseeing the daily maintenance of four helicopters and 65 people.

He was the individual in charge of the vibration-monitoring program while deployed ensuring all aircrew reported vibrations were investigated and corrected.

His exceptional performance at analyzing data and using it as a preventative measure reduced reported vibration discrepancies by 40 percent.

Sgt. Bucy volunteers his off time at his daughter's school.

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.*

Hurlburt Field leaves good impression on space command, Colorado civic leaders

By Amy Oliver
Public Affairs

Gen. Lance Lord, commander of the Air Force Space Command, led 25 civic leaders from the Colorado Springs area to Hurlburt Field for a tour on June 8.

Civic leader tours are intended to broaden American citizens' awareness and understanding of the Air Force's role in national security. Attendees are chosen based on the various publics they represent so that they can effectively disseminate information to a large number of people.

After an Air Force Special Operations Command briefing, the group visited static displays of the 16th Special Operations Wing's aircraft and the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron's combat equipment.

They also dined with Hurlburt Field Airmen at the Oasis Café, and saw how the 16th SOW does its part to save the government millions of dollars with the Air Force Repair Enhancement Program.

"Space Command and Special Ops have been partners for a long time," said Gen Lord. "We consider AFSOC to be one of our best customers. All the things that space provides, such as Global Positioning System, positional navigation, timing, weather, AFSOC uses to do their job, and as such, you can't go to war and win without space."

For the Lieutenant Governor of Colorado, Jane Norton, the tour was an educational experience beneficial to her job.

"One of the responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor of Colorado is aerospace responsibilities," said Lt. Gov. Norton. "This trip has been instrumental in my understanding in a practical way how aerospace technologies that our Colorado companies are working on are actually helping the warfighter on the battlefield, and that is remarkable."

The group also visited Eglin and Patrick Air Force Bases during their whirl-wind, two day trip. Civic leader tours generally involve two overnights, and visits to two bases. This group saw three bases and three commands.

"This way, we get more bang for our buck," said Capt. Amy Sufak, AFSPC public affairs officer.

Team Hurlburt impressed the Colorado civic leaders.

"The things that go on here are incredible," said Gar Anneler, chairman of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council and president of First State Bank Mortgage. "These people here call themselves the quiet professionals. They certainly are. It takes an incredible amount of courage and just plain guts to do their job. I'm always impressed with the military, but I'm more so now. We have a great group of people defending us."

16th Medical Group makes enrollment changes

Courtesy of 16th Medical Group

The 16th Medical Group is modifying its TRICARE Prime enrollment policy for some categories of beneficiaries. The medical group has a maximum achievable enrollment of 15,000 medical beneficiaries as established by the Air Force Surgeon General.

This MAE is the number of patients the medical facility is expected to enroll and provide medical care to given financial, personnel, and facility constraints.

The 16th MDG is presently enrolled at some 16,850 medical beneficiaries, or 112 percent of its enrollment target. Current and future financial realities has driven guidance from higher headquarters that Air Force medical facilities must execute a plan to remain within their respective MAE target.

Over the past two years, the 16th MDG has accommodated over-enrollment by utilizing additional military and civilian contract medical staff. The 16th MDG is now faced with significant financial constraints in the Defense Health Program that compel base medical facilities to develop new strategies and make tough decisions.

For the Hurlburt Field community, this means

that approximately 2,000 beneficiaries will have the opportunity to change enrollment to a primary care manager at the 96th Medical Group at Eglin Air Force Base, or the TRICARE civilian network.

Opportunities to change enrollment will be managed in a controlled, phased approach. Due to recent policy changes at the Pensacola Naval Hospital, the 16th MDG has already initiated efforts to allow non-active duty TRICARE Prime beneficiaries living within the Navarre-Gulf Breeze area to change their Hurlburt PCM to a civilian network PCM in their area. Other beneficiary groups will be contacted by the 16th MDG based on the adequacy of response to previous offers. Currently all changes in enrollment are strictly voluntary, and the opportunity to change PCMs may be terminated at any time.

Driven by similar dynamics, the 16th MDG no longer allows retiring active duty members and their dependents to remain enrolled at the 16th Medical Group. All new TRICARE Prime retired beneficiaries and their dependents will be offered the choice to enroll at the Eglin hospital, to a civilian network PCM if they reside in the 32563 or 32566 ZIP code, or elect the TRICARE standard option.

For years the 16th MDG has been 'rolling over'

new retirees and their dependents from active-duty status.

The 16th Medical Group has a list available of civilian network PCMs and have been informed that the Eglin Hospital and civilian network has the capacity to handle the number of TRICARE Prime beneficiaries requiring PCM reassignment.

Additionally, the 16th MDG no longer has the capacity to offer TRICARE Plus enrollment for retirees.

Upon reaching the age of 65, members currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime at the 16th Medical Group will be required to utilize Medicare as their primary insurance and TRICARE for Life as secondary and to seek their medical care on the civilian market.

To participate in the TFL program, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B.

A listing of Medicare Providers is available at the 16th MDG TRICARE Office. Beneficiaries will retain access to ancillary services on a space available basis.

For more information about enrollment policy changes or information regarding the TFL program, call the 16th Medical Group TRICARE office at 881-5177.

Look who's talking:
What's the most memorable Father's Day gift you've ever received?



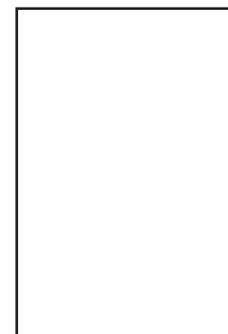
Staff Sgt. Chico Harrell,
16th Operations Group

"My kids gave me a 'World's Greatest Dad' t-shirt."



Capt. Dan Harding,
505th Exercise Control Squadron

"A Father's Day card signed by my 1 year-old."



Tech. Sgt. Chris Ladymon,
823rd RED HORSE Squadron

"I'm usually deployed so this year, it's being home with my family."

News Briefs



AF News New testing window

Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center recently changed the senior master sgt. testing window.

Beginning December 2004, all master sgts competing for promotion to senior master sgt. will test during the Air Force Supervisory Examination set between Dec. 6-17.

The senior master sgt. testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January. Testing conducted after Dec. 17, 2004, will be considered out-of-cycle. Changing the testing cycle

from January to December will allow more time for out-of-cycle testing prior to the promotion release and increasing the number of personnel who can be considered during the initial release phase, making it a more viable selection opportunity.

Lodging availability

The Air Force Services Agency director recently announced an expanded space-available reservation policy designed to maximize occupancy at lodging facilities.

Under the new system, lodging officials can accept and confirm space-A lodging reservations up to 30 days in advance based on low projected occupancy rates. The window

for reservations decreases as the percentage of projected occupancy rises. Under the new system, higher priority customers may not bump space-A customers with confirmed reservations. Neither can they be bumped once they're assigned lodging except during contingencies, emergencies or when the installation commander determines higher priorities exist. Commanders may establish a policy limiting the number of days space-A guests may stay in on-base lodging to no more than 30 days per year.

AF temporary duty

The Air Force is seeking 32 high-caliber individuals to support the 55th Presidential Inauguration peri-

od from Jan. 15-24, 2005. Those selected will perform a unit-funded temporary duty in Washington D.C. for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. The sending unit will pay for all TDY expenses. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve volunteers must secure their own funding and MANDAYS.

The following Air Force specialty codes are needed: 2E171, 2E174, 3A071, 3M051, 3P051, 3P071, 3V072, 33SX. Majors, captains, and other enlisted non-specific specialty codes are also needed. For more information, contact your unit commander's support staff. Volunteer names are due to Air Force Personnel Center by July 12.

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but specifically Special Operations Forces.

His efforts gave us many of the weapons, training and leadership that we have now. His wisdom was proven on the battlefields of Kuwait and Iraq shortly after he left office."

Colonel Mannon's eulogy also illustrated the effects of President Reagan's cold war victory and the eventual collapse of the Soviet Union.

"Many of us in this room have recently lived and worked on Soviet-built bases," said the colonel. "We've stood side-by-side with former members of the Soviet republic defending freedoms of other people so they may know the freedom we have here."

During Ronald Reagan's second term in office, Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, was a lieutenant colonel assigned to Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"I was a squadron commander in the middle of his tour and I felt comfortable we had the fullest support from our commander-in-chief if I was ever going to be asked to put young Americans in harm's way," General Hester said prior to the start of the ceremony.

"The president was also remembered for his

humble roots and straightforward brand of leadership. "Ronald Reagan was an unabashed patriot," said Colonel Mannon.

"He could make the hairs on the back of your neck stand when he talked. He represented the common man. He could reach out from the most powerful office in the world to connect with the little man on the street."

Colonel Mannon concluded that the world was better place "because of an actor turned statesman who defined duty, honor and country to the very core of his being."

"May God bless the Reagans in this time of mourning," he said, "and may He bless the country President Reagan loved so dearly."



Photo by 1st Lt. Gabe Johnson

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, speaks to more than 400 Airmen at the base chapel June 11 about President Ronald Reagan's service to his country.

Help deployed troops call home on Father's Day

DALLAS - Some dads serving in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom will get the opportunity to hear voices of children half a world away through the support of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's "Help Our Troops Call Home" program.

To help offset the costs of calls home, AAFES has teamed with the USO, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House and the American Red Cross to deliver phone cards to dads around the globe. Military fathers stationed anywhere in the world will be able to call home anytime with donated minutes through AAFES' initiative.

The Department of Defense is allowing AAFES to offer Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Cards to anyone wishing to donate them to deployed troops. These cards, designed for the specific needs of service members, are available online at www.aafes.com.

Donated cards addressed to "any service member" are distributed through the charitable organization of the purchaser's choice. **(AAFES)**

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Reservists' retroactive reimbursement of health insurance premiums

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE - Department of Defense employees called to active duty can now claim retroactive reimbursement of health insurance premiums paid while on active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after Dec. 8, 1995.

To be eligible for reimbursement of Federal Employees Health Benefits premiums, the employee or former employee must meet the following requirements:

- Must have been a civilian employee of the Department of Defense at the time called to perform active duty.

- Must have been enrolled in FEHB and paid

the employee share of the premiums, either by payroll deduction after returning from active duty or by direct payments to the payroll office during the period of active duty.

- Must have been a member of a Reserve component of the U. S. armed forces.

- Must have been called or ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation as defined in section 101(a) (13) of Title 10, United States Code.

- Must have been placed on leave without pay or separated from federal civilian service to perform active duty.

- Must have served on active duty for a period

of more than 30 consecutive days for each period for which reimbursement is claimed.

For more information and procedures for filing a claim for retroactive reimbursement of FEHB premiums, visit the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/res-emp-info.htm>.

Current employees may call 1-800-616-3775 press 2 for civilian, then 2 for benefits and entitlements.

Those located overseas can dial the AT&T direct access number for that country and then 800-997-2378. Hearing impaired employees can call TDD 1-800-382-0893. **(AFPC)**

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HURRICANE AWARENESS 2004

Facts, figures and safety tips to prevent injury

Prepare for the worst

Keep up to a 4 - 10 day supply

- Water - 1 gallon per person per day
- Non-perishable food
- Non-electric can opener
- Cooking tools
- Plates and utensils
- Blankets, pillows, etc.
- Change of clothing and extra shoes
- First aid supplies with important medications
- Toiletries and hygiene products
- Flashlights
- Portable radio
- Cash
- Toys, books and games
- Important documents - in a waterproof container
- Ensure your vehicle is fueled and ready
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Batteries
- Make arrangements for pets

Hurricane categories

Category 1 Hurricane
winds 74-95 mph,
minimal damage

Category 2 Hurricane
winds 96-110 mph,
moderate damage

Category 3 Hurricane
winds 111-130 mph,
extensive damage

Category 4 Hurricane
winds 131-155 mph,
extreme damage

Category 5 Hurricane
winds 156 mph and up,
catastrophic damage



Hurcon 4
72 hours prior to arrival
50-knot winds
or greater

Hurcon 3
48 hours prior to arrival
50-knot winds
or greater

Hurcon 2
24 hours prior to arrival
50-knot winds
or greater

Hurcon 1
12 hours prior to arrival
50-knot winds or greater

Hurricanes, destruction

Hurricane Threats

The 74 to 160 mile per hour winds of a hurricane can extend inland for hundreds of miles. Hurricanes can spawn tornadoes, floods and flash landslides, high winds, and storm surges. Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributable to the storm surge.

Hurricane Winds

Coastal communities consider the strength of hurricane winds and the pressure they generate. As winds increase, pressure against objects is added at a disproportionate rate.

These winds will weaken after landfall due to loss of warm-water energy source, and the encountering of great friction over land.

Rainfall and Flooding

Heavy rains and ocean waters brought ashore by strong winds can cause flooding in excess of 20 inches over a 24-hour period. Hurricanes are capable of producing copious amounts of flash flooding rainfall.

The heaviest rain usually occurs along the coastline, but sometimes there is a secondary maximum further inland. This heavy rain usually occurs slightly to the right of the cyclone track and between six hours before and six hours after landfall.

The amount of rain depends on the size of the cyclone, the forward speed of the cyclone and whether it interacts with a cold front.

Storm Surge

Storm surge is an abnormal increase in the ocean's level, sometimes in excess of several meters high and miles wide.

They can come up to five hours before the storm and destroy low-elevation coastal areas.

They're especially damaging during high tide and responsible for most hurricane-related deaths. It's a large dome of water often 50 to 100 miles wide that sweeps across the coastline near where a hurricane makes landfall. It can range from 4 to 6 feet tall for a minimal hurricane to greater than 20 feet for the stronger ones.

Hurricane shelters

On-base shelters

Youth Center, Building 90304
Chapel, Building 90203
Child Development Center, Building 90353
Health and Wellness Center, Building 90332
Permanent Exercise Facility, Building 91601

Off-base shelters

Okaloosa County

Baker High School

Davidson Middle School

Santa Rosa County

Avalon Middle School

Milton Community Center

Sims Middle School

SS Dickson Intermediate School

Walton County

Freeport High School

South Walton High School

Walton Middle School

Escambia County

Bailey Middle School

Carver Century K-8

Jim Allen Elementary School

Lipscomb Elementary School

Molino Park Elementary

Northview High School

Pensacola Civic Center

Pensacola Junior College

Tate High School

University of West Florida

West Florida High School

Emergency Information

Hurricane advisories will tell you where the storm is located, intensity and direction of winds.

Hurricane watch is issued when there is a treat of a hurricane within 24-36 hours.

Hurricane warning is issued when a hurricane is expected to hit a specific area in 24 hours or less.

Directions to Maxwell Air Force Base

From 331, turn west on South Boulevard to Interstate 65. Then turn north onto Herron Street. Exit one mile past the Interstate 85 junction.

Proceed straight at the first signal light to Bell Street. Turn left and move into the right lane. This will lead directly to the base.

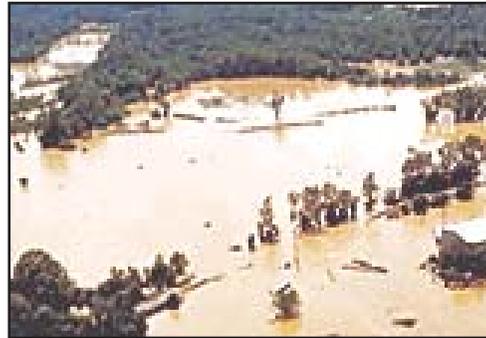
Upon arrival at the main gate, security forces will direct you to the evacuation processing line.

Ensure all family members have their identification cards.



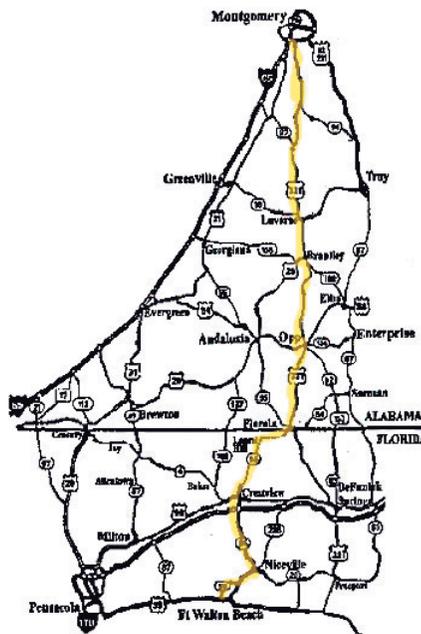
NOAA courtesy photo

Hurricane winds force a piece of plywood through the middle of a tree.



NOAA courtesy photo

Heavy rain and high winds can bring large amounts of water in from the oceans and cause excessive flooding.



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Nine Hurlburt Airmen involuntarily discharged

Courtesy of the 16th SOW Judge Advocate

During March, the 16th Special Operations Wing involuntarily discharged nine Hurlburt Field Airmen including two airman basics, four Airmen, and three Airman 1st Class. Of the nine Airmen, the basis for five separations was misconduct, specifically, a pattern of minor disciplinary infractions.

Multiple letters of counseling, letters of reprimands and non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice supported these infractions.

These five discharged Airmen came from the following squadrons: 16th Security Forces Squadron (three); 16th Component Maintenance Squadron (one); 16th Equipment Maintenance (one). Of the remaining discharges, two fell under the basis of failing career development courses (one from 16th CMS and one from 16 SFS); and one fell under the basis of procuring a fraudulent enlistment, from the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The final discharge came from Detachment 1, 334th Training Squadron and was an entry-level performance or conduct separation.

An entry-level separation occurs when an airman in the first 180 days of continuous active military service demonstrates unsatisfactory performance or conduct that indicates the member is not qualified to be a productive member of the Air Force.

The characterizations of the discharges of the nine Airmen were: entry level separation (one); general (six); and honorable (two).

A total of 11 people at Hurlburt Field received Article 15s for the following reasons in March:

An Airman from 16th SFS, received a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic for being absent from his place of duty without leave.

A staff sergeant from the 16th AMXS, received a suspended reduction to Senior Airman and 30 days extra duty for willful dereliction of duty for violating the government computer Air Force instruction by viewing and downloading pornographic images.

A Senior Airman, from 16th Services Squadron, received a reduction to Airman 1st Class for willful dereliction of duty for failing to provide adult supervision to her two children, failing to go to her appointed place of duty, and for using provoking words or gestures.

A Senior Airman from 16th AMXS, received a suspended reduction to airman first class and 30 days extra duty for willful dereliction of duty for violating the government computer Air Force instruction by viewing and downloading pornographic images.

An Airman 1st Class, from Det. 1, 334 TRS, received 30 days correctional custody for willful dereliction of duty for underage drinking.

An Airman 1st Class, from the 16th AMXS, received a suspended reduction to Airman and 30 days extra duty for willful dereliction of duty for failing to properly document Air Force Form 781a's, and making a false official statement.

An Airman 1st Class from Det. 1, 334th TRS, received 30 days correctional custody and, a suspended reduction for willful dereliction of duty for violating the Second Air Force Phase program by possessing tobacco products.

An Airman, from Det. 1, 334 TRS, received 30 days correctional custody for willful dereliction of duty for violating the Second Air Force Phase program by traveling outside the allowed 25- mile radius and for failing to remain at the location to which he had signed out.

A Senior Airman from the 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, received a reduction to Airman 1st Class for violating a lawful order.

An Airman from 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, received a suspended reduction to Airman Basic and 30 days extra duty, for altering his military identification card.

GI Bill turns 60, still going strong

For 60 years, the GI Bill has been available for American service members to help ease the transition from military service to civilian life.

Despite the fact that educational benefits are the most frequently cited reason for joining the military, nearly half of those eligible never use them. This is surprising, considering the fact that using the GI bill has never been easier.

That is particularly true with the increasing array of adult non-traditional learning opportunities such as online, correspondence, and other distance learning programs. Historically, America has compensated veterans for their services. Varying levels of benefits have been provided to veterans from colonial times through every major conflict. Education benefits for veterans began with the Rehabilitation Act of 1919. This law gave disabled World War I veterans a monthly education allowance.

On June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944," or as it is more commonly known, the "GI Bill." This month will mark the 60th anniversary of that occasion.

Although controversial at the time, the GI Bill has since been recognized as one of the most important acts of Congress. During the past six decades, the law has provided billions of dollars in education and training for millions of veterans. In 1976, the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program was established. This was the first veteran's education requiring a contribution by the service member. It was available to people who entered active duty between December 31, 1976, and July 1, 1985.

The Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty Educational Assistance Program is the current educational program for individuals entering active duty after June 30, 1985.

The MGIB is also a contributory program. Basic pay is automatically reduced by \$100 per month for 12 months, unless the service member declines to participate at the time of enlistment.

To meet the basic eligibility requirements active duty service members must complete a minimum of two years of continuous active duty, and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Veterans must be honorably discharged.

Discharges "under honorable conditions" and "general" discharges don't qualify for the MGIB or VEAP. Members must also have completed high school, or have an equivalency certificate, before they apply for benefits. Veterans must have served at least 2 years on active duty.

Under the Montgomery GI Bill, full-time students, enrolled in a regionally or nationally accredited college or university, can get up to \$985 (non-taxable) a month to cover education costs.

That can add up to a total benefit of over \$35,000, and the benefits are increasing every year. This figure is based on the maximum benefit over a period of 36 months. Many veterans don't realize that the GI Bill can be used for more than just getting a College Degree.

The GI Bill also covers such things as vocation and technical training, licensing and certification, on-the-job training, apprenticeships and more.

In recent years, the MGIB has improved by adding such programs as Active Duty Top-up, accelerated payments for high-tech courses, and the opportunity for active duty servicemembers to put in an additional contribution of up to \$600 to receive an additional \$150 a month in benefits.

Each year the VA increases the basic "payment rate" that a full-time student is entitled to receive. (**military.com**)

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Hurlburt Happenings

Community

Father's Day Specials

Celebrate Father's Day with the following base specials:

Saturday: The skills development center is hosting Youth Craft Day at 10 a.m. Bring your child to make something special for Father's Day free of charge. For more information, call the skills development center at 884-6942.

Sunday: The Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center is having a Father's Day Special from noon to 5 p.m. Dads bowl free when accompanied by their family. Family members pay \$1 a game and \$1 shoe rental. For more information, call the Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center at 884-6941.

Sunday: The Soundside is scheduled to have a Father's Day Brunch with seating available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The brunch includes made-to-order omelets, carved ham and beef, fresh waffles and pancakes, sausage and bacon, scrambled and special eggs of the day, breakfast potatoes and much more. For reservations or more information, call The Soundside at 884-7507.

Stars and Strikes

"Bowl for the Stars and Strikes" is an Air Force Services-wide summer program at the Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center sponsored by Coca-Cola® and Qubica. 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 Coca-Cola fountain beverage purchased at the Spare Time Grill now through August 31. For every 15 punches, bowlers and non-bowlers alike will receive the corresponding reward for that level while supplies last.

Completed cards also become an entry for monthly prizes with a bowling theme. In early September, blue level completed cards will be entered to win the \$500 cash grand prize or "Pride of Our Nation" Viz-A-Ball bowling ball for second prize. 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 November 14-21. 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 November 22-27. 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. Reading logs are also available at the library. Weekly story hour at the library is at 10 a.m. every Thursday. For more information, call 884-6266.

16th LRS closure

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron Material Management Flight support sections will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday for a flight function. Personnel will be available for emergency situations at 881-4101 or 884-1906. It will re-open Thursday.

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. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Dexter Coburn at 884-2631.

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 support for the observance period.

Currently there are no officers or appointed positions held, and the positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer will need to be filled. Contact Tech Sgt. Dexter Coburn 884-2631 for more information.

Changes of command

25th Information Operations Squadron

Lt. Col. Kenneth Abel is scheduled to assume command of the 25th Information Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Kevin Wooton at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the base Aircraft Wash Facility. The ceremony is open to the base. For more information, call 884-2840.

16th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Maj. John DeVane is scheduled to assume command of the 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron from Maj. Henry Stish at 9 a.m. Thursday at the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Hangar. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy Blumreiter at 884-4952.

16th Communications Squadron

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Kerr is scheduled to assume command of the 16th Communications Squadron from Lt. Col. Timothy Lynn at 9 a.m. June 28 at the Air Park. The reception will be held at The Soundside. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be moved to the base theater. For more information, call Capt. Charles Salas at 884-5046.

16th Mission Support Group

Col. Clifford "Skip" Day is scheduled to assume command of the 16th Mission Support Group from Col. "Griff" Griffin at 10 a.m. June 29 at the Air Park. For more information, call Capt. Gary Durst at 884-6882.

Junior enlisted scholarship

The Focus 56 is sponsoring two junior enlisted academic scholarships of \$100 for E1-E6's. Applications are due June 30. For more information and for eligibility requirements, call Tech. Sgt. Herbert Passmore at 884-5563.

Smiles across the miles

The Hurlburt Field Family Support Center along with the assistance of the family support volunteers are starting a new program to provide care packages for the troops overseas. The following donations are needed: lotion, Kleenex, candy, snacks, cookies and a letter. Items may be dropped off at the Hurlburt Field Family Support Center.

For more information or to volunteer to help with this project, call 884-1533.

Air Force TV and Radio News



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

Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September - May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship)
11:30 a.m. (traditional)
12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August - May
Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

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

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 - (R) *Kill Bill Vol. 2*, starring Uma Thurman and David Carradine. There were five on her list but now there's only three. O-Ren Ishii and Vernita Green were the first to fall, now the bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest. If the final three aren't afraid now, they better start, because she's coming for them. However, something has thrown off her plans a bit.

Saturday - (PG) *Ella Enchanted*, starring Anne Hathaway and Hugh Dancy - Ella of Frell was born with the "gift" of absolute obedience given by a magical fairy godmother. But when her inability to disobey orders threatens to keep her away from her true love, Prince Charmont, she sets out on a journey to rid herself of the curse.

Sunday - (PG-13) *Envy*, starring Ben Stiller and Jack Black - When a hapless schmoe becomes rich after selling an invention called Vapoorize, which causes dog waste to vanish instantly, his longtime friend and neighbor is driven insane with envy and proceeds to wage war on him.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday - (R) *Man on Fire*, starring Denzel Washington and Dakota Fanning - A former government operative, Creasy, takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard of the 10 year-old daughter of a wealthy family who are threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He becomes close to the child and when she is abducted, he sets out to hunt the bad guys and stops at nothing to save her.

Saturday - (PG-13) *13 Going on 30*, starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo - Jenna makes a wish, if only she could be all grown up, she'd have the life she's always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. The next day, she's 30 years old and not 13 years old anymore. What's more, she is a gorgeous, successful woman with a great job and a fabulous apartment. Jenna soon learns that having everything isn't enough.

Sunday - (PG-13) *Laws of Attraction*, starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore - Two New York attorneys Audrey and Daniel, often oppose each other in court, but end up irresistibly drawn to each other. When they get married, can they avoid the same relationship problems at home that provide them fodder for their court cases at work?

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

Motorcycle safety course

Hurlburt Field is hosting the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Beginners Rider course Tuesday and Wednesday and July 13 and 14. Space is limited to six students. The class is intended for riders with less than three months riding experience.

More experienced riders can take the one day Experienced Riders Course. Motorcycle safety training is required for all active-duty military who intend to ride a motorcycle on or off-base. Training is available to anyone with access to Hurlburt Field.

Active-duty military have priority. For more information and to schedule, call the 16th Special Operations Wing Safety office at 884-2614.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter is holding its monthly meeting Saturday at 6 p.m. at the J.R. Rockers Destination Room. For more information call, Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-5787.

Free envelopes

The United States Postal Service and AAFES have teamed up to provide mailing envelopes to our customers free of charge.

The envelopes are designed to ensure customers fill out the address blocks correctly. This will help get mail to OIF/OEF and other military sites faster.

The U.S. Postal Service is also providing a display to hold and present the envelopes. Envelopes and displays are in stores now.

Classes

Sailing classes

Sailing classes available June 29-July 1. Classes are from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$36 per person. For more information or to register, call

Outdoor Recreation at 884-6939.

Scuba classes

The dive club offers scuba classes for Basic Open Water Certification from June 26 to July 4. The course cost is \$105, which includes: \$55 for books, certification and boat fees.

The Advanced Open Water Course is schedule for June 20 to July 4 for \$80 per person. Students must provide their own mask, snorkel, fins and booties for all dive classes. These items are available for purchase at the dive club. All additional gear is provided.

Classroom sessions are held at the dive club and pool sessions are held at the Hurlburt Base Pool. For more information, call the dive club at 884-7930.

HAWC classes

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

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

Prenatal Nutrition - Wednesday at 3 p.m.

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

Body Composition Improvement Program Follow-Up - Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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

Lean on Me - Tuesday at 3 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Eating Heart Healthy - Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Diabetic Nutrition - Thursday at 1 p.m.

FSC classes

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

Moms, Pops and Tots - Tuesday, Wednesday; 10 a.m.

Sponsorship Training - Monday at 1 p.m.

Single Parents - Tuesday at Noon

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Commandos bash away competition

The Hurlburt Field Men's Varsity Softball Commando's won the American Athletic Uniform Softball Bash Saturday at the Fort Walton Beach Fairgrounds softball complex.

The Commandos played a total of 5 games and outscored their opponents 63 to 16.

In the championship game the Commandos beat Team Mikken 19 to 15 to secure the tournament victory.

In addition to the tournament win, two players were recognized from the Commandos as all-tournament players. Gary Howell was voted best offensive player batting an impressive .909 batting average. Johnny Ellison was voted best defensive player after impressively defending the third base position. Brian Hellard and Jim Bawcum each drove in 10 runs during the tournament.

Air Force athlete wins the Brazil World Cup

SAN ANTONIO -- Michael Herman, an Air Force World-Class Athlete and first alternate to the 2004 USA Olympic Shooting Team, won the 2004 Brazil World Cup.

The championship event was held in Americana, Brazil, May 29 to June 7. It included 53 top shooters worldwide as they made their final preparations for the 2004 Olympic Summer Games.

Herman led the competition from start to finish.

He had a one-target lead after the first day of shooting, and a two-target lead over fellow American and top USA Olympic team member Lance Bade. Despite missing two targets in the final shoot, which tied him with Bade, he won the sudden death shoot-off for the gold medal. (AFPN)



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Tuesday - Friday

5:30 to 7:30 a.m. - Summer swim team

8 a.m. to noon - Swim lessons

9 to 10:30 a.m. - Summer swim team

Noon to 1 p.m. - Water aerobics

Noon to 2 p.m. - Military lap swim

2 - 8 p.m. - Open swim

Saturday

9 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Open swimming

Sunday

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Open swimming

6 to 8 p.m. - Pool parties

For more information, call the Hurlburt Field base pool at

Intramural Golf Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
20TH SOS	7	0	1.000
505TH CCW	6	0	1.000
AMXS 1	6	0	.929
RHS	5	0	.857
CES 1	5	1	.833
CMS	5	1	.833
MSS	4	1	.750
AMXS 2	4	3	.571
SVS	2	2	.500
C2B	3	3	.500
18TH FLTS	2	3	.417
AFSOC	2	3	.417
CES 2	2	4	.333
MDG	2	4	.333
HMXS	2	5	.286
DET 1	2	5	.286
25TH IOS	1	5	.167
39TH IOS	1	5	.167
COMM 1	1	5	.167
LRS	1	6	.143
4TH SOS	0	7	.000

To find out how to become a part of the intramural leagues offered on base, call Christopher Myers at 884-6884.

Sports shorts

Rodeo team

A tri-base rodeo team meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 11 a.m. at Mama Rosa's, located on 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd. The team will compete in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Deb Wallace at 883-4125.

Volleyball tournament

Eglin Air Force Base will be hosting the 2nd

Annual Kings and Queens of the Court Volleyball Tournament July 23-25. Skill level is base-level team competitive or equivalent. The entry fee for the tournament is \$100 with a limit of 8 players per team. There is no limit to the number of civilians a team can have. To register a team, call Capt. Kenneth Mercier at 884-7888.

Bocce tournament

The Resources for Human Development center on Lovejoy Road is scheduled to host a bocce

tournament June 26 at 1 p.m. Price will be \$40 for a four-person team with food, drinks and prizes included. For more information, call Sandy Wilson at 862-6340.

Time update: Golf tournament

Hurlburt Field's Top Three council is sponsoring their annual golf tournament at Gator Lakes today at 8 a.m. with check-ins starting at 6:30 a.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-5787.