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## Base motorcyclists ride to nation's capitol to honor Memorial Day

By Tech. Sgt. Daniel Oliver  
Public Affairs

Fifteen Hurlburt Field motorcyclists returned from their road trip to the nation's capitol Wednesday, capping their participation in Memorial Day activities.

Members of Hurlburt Field's Sentinels of Freedom motorcycle club joined thousands of other riders from across the country as they paid tribute to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall as part of the annual Memorial Day Rolling Thunder procession.

The number of motorcyclists who turned out for the event surprised Master Sgt. William Taylor.

"It was much larger than I expected," he said.

He estimated that nearly 400,000 riders rode to Washington, D.C. for the event.

Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, Air Force Special Operations Command commander and long-time motorcycle enthusiast also accompanied Hurlburt Field motorcyclists on the trip.

The ride from Hurlburt to Washington took three days with scheduled stops at military installations along the way. The group started its trip May 26.

For Airman First Class Matthew Short, the journey to the vietnam memorial had a strong family connection.

"My father and uncle served in Vietnam. They asked me to take photos

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Photo by Airman Ali Flisek

A Rising Sophomore Summer Program cadet participates in baton training Wednesday at the Aderholt Fitness Center. Two groups of cadets will spend four weeks at Hurlburt Field working mainly alongside the enlisted force.

## Rising Sophomore Summer Program gets underway at Hurlburt Field

By Amy Oliver  
16th SOW Public Affairs

The 16th Special Operations Wing will host two groups of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets this summer participating in the Secretary of the Air Force's Rising Sophomore Summer Program.

The first group of forty cadets arrived on Memorial Day and will spend four weeks on Hurlburt Field visiting all four of the 16th SOW groups to obtain hands-on experience in a variety of career fields.

The goal of RSSP is to expose these young cadets to

the Air Force way of life as a retention tool during the crucial summer months between their freshmen and sophomore years.

The cadets will eat, sleep, work and play on base.

Some of the activities planned for them include M-16 firing, military working dog demonstration, incentive flights and a mock court martial.

In addition, they are authorized use of all Hurlburt recreational facilities.

"ROTC teaches you leadership skills, but it doesn't teach you how an Air Force Base operates," said Cadet

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**Friday** - Isolated showers, High 86 Low 73

**Saturday** - Isolated showers, High 87 Low 71

**Sunday** - Isolated showers, High 88 Low 71

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**Col. O.G. Mannon**

## Addressing base housing speeding

**Comment:** My concern is the speed of traffic on my street in base housing. The housing office posted a speed limit sign of 15 miles per hour in my front yard. However, the problem is still not solved.

The traffic continues to speed by. I am concerned because I have two small children.

Some possible solutions to this problem could include installing speed bumps in base housing or some other means of deterring speeders.

**Response:** The 16th Special Operations Wing shares your concern with speeding in base housing areas. Security Forces continue to use radar to conduct selective enforcement along many roads in the various base housing areas.

However, manpower limitations prevent them from patrolling everywhere at once. Base residents are encouraged to report the license plates of speeding vehicles to the 16th Security Forces Squadron Control Center at 884-7777. We are

also looking into different ways we can deter speeding in our neighborhoods.

*Speed bumps have been shown to be ineffective as a means of slowing traffic for longer stretches because motorists immediately speed back up at an even higher rate of speed once they cross them.*

*Their effectiveness is limited to smaller parking areas. Placing them on main roadways is also very unsafe because they are unexpected and as a result motorists hit them at a high rate of speed and they may also cause a lot of vehicle damage and accidents.*

*We are currently looking at other ways to slow traffic in housing to include flashing lights, "rumble strips", and additional signs.*

*In the meantime, residents should remember that setting up sports equipment on base streets or allowing children to play in the street is hazardous. I'd also like to remind all motorists that posted speed limits must be closely observed on base, especially in our neighborhoods.*

## Airman shares accident experience, cautions drivers

**By Master Sgt. Michael Rivera**  
16th Communications Squadron

Be alert. Those words were on my mind after our weekly squadron staff meeting last week.

Lt. Col. Timothy Lynn, 16th Communications Squadron commander, wrapped up by telling us about one of our civilian employees who was involved in a hit-and-run accident recently.

She was leaving the hospital on foot and was struck by a car, rolled up onto the hood and saw the driver speed away. She's fine, thank goodness.

I left the meeting and began my busy day. That evening, a friend of mine was graduating from the Tyndall NCO Academy. I had my day planned out; 3 p.m. change into mess dress for a 3:30 p.m. departure. Panama City Beach traffic was heavy generally not exceeding five miles per hour. A sport utility vehicle was ahead of me, so I left about two car lengths space between us.

In the process of accomplishing my typical cross-checks, I looked in

my rear view mirror and saw a Chevy Blazer rapidly approaching with no chance of stopping. I relaxed my arms, kept my foot on the brake and sat back in my seat and waited for impact. My truck flew forward and hit the Nissan Pathfinder ahead of me with tremendous force.

Once I got my bearing back, I pulled over to the side of the road. I exited my vehicle; made sure the SUV driver was fine and went to the Blazer to check the occupants. Inside were two females who looked about 20 years-old with a small child. Everyone seemed to be okay. An unmarked officer pulled up, asked if we were okay and informed us the Florida Highway Patrol would arrive within 20 minutes.

One and a half hours later, the officer arrived to report his findings. After the report was filed, I learned that the lady who crashed into my vehicle was cited for reckless driving and according to the officer, several other charges.

She didn't have a license with her, may not have one, and no insurance.

My truck was totaled. A neck x-ray the next morning revealed small chips from the whiplash, which I was told may lead to premature arthritis.

I got to the graduation ceremony late, but got to see my friend graduate. The most valuable lesson I learned is what my wife always tells me, "it's not driving that concerns me, it's the other drivers."

None of the occupants who rear-ended me appeared to be wearing seatbelts and worse yet, there was no child seat.

The driver spent quite a bit of time on the roadside using a cellular phone, but I don't know what she was doing when she hit me, which leads me final point. I always seem to get behind a driver using a cellular phone and I can tell because they're driving too slow, or weaving.

Is that call worth endangering yourself, your passengers and others? Think about that next time you get behind the wheel and if you really need to take that call, pull over.

Have a safe summer and don't forget to buckle up!

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## DUI Tracker

**May 28- June 3: 0 DUI**

**This year: 21**

**DUIs for 2003: 54**

**Last DUI: 16th Equipment**

**Maintenance Squadron**

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving**

**Don't Drink and Drive. Call 884-8844**

**Potential saves this year: 405**

**16th OG...108**

**16th MSG..104**

**16th MXG..17**

**16th MDG..108**

As of Feb. 15, individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of June 3.

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

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## 'Fan'tastic opening

The SGI-USA and Korean Dancers perform a fan dance during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Dinner Gala at The Soundside, May 21. Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, a delegate of Guam, was a guest speaker at the event. Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing Vice Commander, presented the congresswoman with a gift to show his appreciation.

Courtesy of Asian Pacific American Heritage committee

# Commissary awards area students scholarships

**FORT LEE, Va.** – Mom and Dad were right when they said, "Money doesn't grow on trees," but thanks to the Scholarships for Military Children program, it does!

Worldwide, 500 diligent students are receiving \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall.

The local winners announced by Margaret Stanley, Store Director at Hurlburt Field Commissary, are: Jami Flick of Crestview, Fla, and Anne Wise of Gulf Breeze, Fla.

"We're thrilled to report that the scholarship program is an enormous success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer.

"We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded more than \$3 million to nearly 2,000 students since its inception in 2001."

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volun-

teer activities, and the quality of their essays. Recipients are then notified by letter. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners is available online at: [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

A record-breaking 7,000 students applied to the program for 2004. Only the winners are officially notified of their status to ensure all possible funds go toward scholarships.

According to Edna Hoogewind, DeCA's program liaison, the grade point average of the scholarship recipients is 3.8 – 3.9, and nearly all are members of the National Honor Society, an organization that recognizes students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, character and a willingness to serve others.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that support commissaries worldwide and is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers.

The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes for scholarships. The general public can also donate to the program through the military scholar Web site.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 275 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment.

Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a five percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices – a savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for the military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country. **(DeCA)**

## Officials unveil new Tricare pharmacy contract

**WASHINGTON** — Department of Defense officials announced that the new Tricare Retail Pharmacy contract is in effect for Tricare beneficiaries in the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Pharmacy claims processing is now centralized, and beneficiaries no longer have to mail claims to multiple sites for processing or call various telephone numbers to get assistance filling a prescription when using the retail network.

For a copayment of \$3 for a generic or \$9 for a brand-name prescription, eligible beneficiaries may continue to receive a 30-day supply of their prescription medication from the new network of retail pharmacies. To use this benefit, a written pharmacy prescription and a uniformed services

identification card are required. Tricare beneficiaries who used a retail pharmacy in 2003 will receive a pharmacy identification card, a Tricare Retail Pharmacy benefit guide and a listing of the 12 network pharmacies located closest to their home.

Beneficiaries traveling outside of their designated Tricare region who need to fill a prescription are no longer required to pay the full prescription price or file a Tricare claim to get reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses when they use a Tricare retail network pharmacy. Pharmacy copayments are the same in every location where the retail pharmacy is available.

To locate a network pharmacy, beneficiaries may use the Tricare pharmacy locator service available online at [www.express-scripts.com/TRI-](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRI-)

CARE, or call (866) 363-8779.

For eligible beneficiaries with other health insurance, Tricare pays after all other insurance plans have paid. To use Tricare as the secondary payer or to obtain reimbursement for their out-of-pocket pharmacy expenses, beneficiaries will need to submit a Tricare claim Defense Department Form 2642 and a receipt for their prescription medication.

Express Scripts can mail prescription medications to any U.S. postal address or to an APO/FPO address. However, it can't send prescriptions to a private, foreign address.

Prescriptions must be prescribed by providers who are licensed to practice in the United States. **(AFPN)**

# Red Cross urges families to plan for emergencies

With the kickoff of the "Together We Prepare" campaign in Northwest Florida, the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida joins more than 1,000 Red Cross chapters, blood services regions and Armed Forces Emergency Services stations nationwide in working to make the United States safer from disaster. The Red Cross is encouraging residents of Okaloosa and Walton Counties to take part in this campaign.

"Make a Plan" is one of five important actions everyone can do to prepare for emergencies. The other steps are to build a kit, volunteer and give blood. The American Red Cross will highlight each of these steps in the coming weeks as part of its "Together We Prepare" campaign.

The Red Cross is encouraging individuals and families to create a personal disaster plan. These plans are also important tools for any place where people regularly congregate, including schools and workplaces.

The first step in creating a plan includes having everyone meet to discuss why preparedness is important; making everyone aware of the types of disasters that are most likely to happen in the area, what to do in each case and sharing the responsibilities and work of preparedness together as a team.

"Disasters and emergencies may be unexpected," Greg Strader, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida said.

"But we can go a long way in lessening the personal devastation of a disaster by preparing beforehand. Making a plan is the first and most important part of disaster preparedness."

Having a plan and following it can help keep people calm and safe during an emergency.

The Red Cross has identified many elements of a successful disaster plan. Among them is practicing what to do if evacuation is needed.

Anyone involved should choose a place to meet outside the home, office or school in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire, or outside the area in case it becomes too dangerous.

It's also important to choose in advance an out-of-town contact who family members can contact to check on each other should a disaster occur and they become separated. People should leave these contact numbers at children's schools, workplaces and with close friends and family.

Disasters are traumatic events that can cause devastating harm to individuals and their homes, workplaces and communities.

"Together We Prepare" gives everyone a way to play an important role in making the country safer. When people come together, they become something bigger than us all.

The Red Cross has many other tips for disaster planning. More information on "Together We

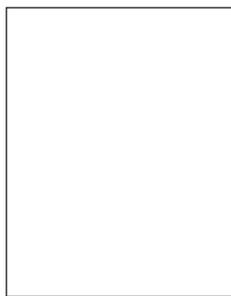
Prepare" and its five actions, including how to make a plan, build a kit, get trained, volunteer and give blood, is available online at: [www.northwestflorida.redcross.org](http://www.northwestflorida.redcross.org).

Governed by volunteers and supported by community donations, the American Red Cross is dedicated to saving lives and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Through its 1.2 million volunteers and 30,000 employees, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to families affected by more than 67,000 disasters, trains almost 12 million people in lifesaving skills and exchanges more than 1 million emergency messages between U.S. military service personnel and their families.

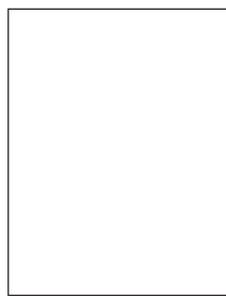
The Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and blood products to more than 3,000 hospitals across the nation and also assists victims of international disasters and conflicts at locations worldwide.

## Look who's talking: What's your plan in case of a hurricane?



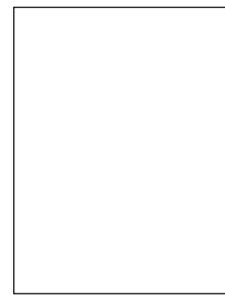
*"I'm from Texas and have never been in a hurricane, but I'd probably seek shelter."*

**Airman Crystal Mallet,**  
4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit



*"I'd evacuate to the nearest shelter fast."*

**Staff Sgt. Thomas Boyd,**  
823 RED HORSE Squadron



*"I'll go where the helicopters go."*

**Airman 1st Class Michael Tritt,**  
20th Special Operations Squadron

## News Briefs



### AF News

#### Force shaping

Air Force recruiters will be searching for about 11,000 fewer people in fiscal 2005 as a result of the service's force-shaping efforts, officials announced May 28.

Phase II of the Air Force's force-shaping program calls for enlisted accessions to drop by about 11,000 to reach authorized end strength levels by the end of fiscal 2005.

The reduction in accessions will result in an active-duty recruiting goal of about 24,000 for fiscal 2005, which runs Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2005.

Air Force officials said they expect

enlisted accession rates to return to normal levels in fiscal 2006.

Despite the reduction in accessions next year the Air Force will continue to seek people to fill jobs available in more than 150 career fields.

The Air Force continues to need America's best and brightest to fill highly technical jobs critical to the Air Force in accomplishing its mission around the world. Efforts will focus toward finding those with the qualifications needed to fill these valuable jobs.

#### Program seeks foreign language

People with international skills are becoming more valuable to many

organizations, and the Air Force is no exception.

The foreign area officer program develops line officers with certain skills used by the Air Force and Department of Defense in positions where they are needed, said Lt. Col. Mike Nolta, chief of the FAO program.

"DOD officials directed all services to develop this program...to develop officers who have international skills in foreign language proficiencies, cultural understanding, regional specialization understanding and some in-country experience," Colonel Nolta said.

This development begins when officers identify self-obtained international skills, the colonel said.

Sometimes these skills come from

heritage, like growing up speaking the language, or from a combination of college studies and an opportunity to live at an overseas location where those skills were polished.

"The Air Force program relies on these people expressing an interest in applying to the program voluntarily, and then the FAO program takes those who meet some minimum qualifications and tries to give them short-duration training they can do on a primarily permissive (temporary-duty) basis," Colonel Nolta said.

This short-duration training comes in many forms, like one-month immersion programs, he said.

Other opportunities, such as regional studies seminars, are also available.

# Total force concept to increase combat capability

**WASHINGTON** - Active-duty Airmen, guardsmen and reservists working together to support the Air Force mission in a war zone such as Iraq or Afghanistan is not unusual.

However, in a concept being studied at the Air Warfare Center, Airmen from all components will work together supporting the Air Force's RQ/MQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle mission at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The move is the latest by Air Force officials to increase combat effectiveness by leveraging one unit's capabilities off another's. While the overall concept is called future total force, implementation still defies definition, said the Air Force director of strategic planning.

"You can call them blended, integrated, merged, affiliated, associated or even partnered units," said Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Bath.

"When you say any one of those terms, it means one thing to one person and one thing to another. Whatever you call them, it's about change — looking to the future and transformation."

The partnership at Nellis Air Force Base came

about because the base had a shortfall in manning, and the closest pool of guardsmen to the base was in California.

"In order to get those California guardsmen down to help the Nellis AFB shortfall, we had to come up with a creative plan that would build a blended unit," General Bath said.

The California Air National Guard Airmen would cross state lines to serve in Nevada. That plan involved reconciling laws governing the federal government's operation of its military with laws governing the states' operation of their militias. Future total force being considered at Nellis A.F.B. represents one of the three pillars of transformation under the Air Force's transformation flight plan, General Bath said.

"The Air Force identifies transformation as three things: technology, concepts of operation, and changes in organization," he said.

"Future total force is a conceptual framework for how to increase combat capability by using active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces in a different way."

Another example of transformational organizational change under the future total-force concept is occurring at Robins A.F.B., Ga.

Less than two years ago, the Air National Guard's 116th Bomb Wing and Air Combat Command's 93rd Air Control Wing merged to form the 116th ACW.

The merger increased the combat effectiveness and organizational efficiency of the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System at the base, the general said.

That increase in effectiveness became the push for the Air Force to look for new ways to apply the future total-force concept.

"The Robins issue became the catalyst for coming up with new ideas," General Bath said.

"We needed to come up with new ways to (use) the forces we will still maintain as the iron and missions shift."

There are some places where it may be possible to put active-duty members into what was exclusively a guardsman's world, General Bath said.

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# Duke firefighters train to save lives

By 2nd Lt. Marnee Carlson  
919th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

**DUKE FIELD, Fla.** — There are many dangers that aircrews face when in a deployed location or even at home station, but perhaps the biggest threat to aircrew members' lives is fire.

"An aircraft can evade small arms fire; however, you can't get away from a fire inside the aircraft — if we can't put it out while in flight, there is nowhere to go," said Senior Master Sgt. Dale Berryhill, a 711th Special Operations Squadron radio operator here.

"The first priority is to extinguish the fire, and the second priority is to get the aircraft to the ground safely so the crash and fire personnel can deal with the aircraft fire and ensure that aircrew personnel are evacuated.

This is where the 24 firefighters of the 919th Civil Engineer Squadron here help to save the day.

Up to 80 percent of aircraft fatalities are smoke related, according to fire statistics.

This is why Master Sgt. Pete Webb, 919th CES

fire training facilitator, takes his job seriously.

"My responsibility is ensuring that supervisors and their troops have the necessary training to get everyone 100 percent prepared to go to war, provide fire protection, save lives and save Air Force Reserve assets," said Sergeant Webb, who has been a military firefighter for 15 years.

Sergeant Webb is also a civilian firefighter for the Dothan, Ala., Fire Department with seven years experience.

The 919th CES isn't a fully-manned fire-station type operation; that is the job of Station 4 and the 96th Civil Engineer Squadron, headquartered at Eglin Air Force Base.

However, the 919th CES firefighters do use 96th CES assets to train for their mission. They provide fire protection in deployed locations and ensure the safety of personnel and wartime assets, said Sergeant Webb.

They also support the 919th CES Prime Basic Engineering Emergency Facilities mission at bases without infrastructure at deployed locations as well, he said. **(AFPN)**



Courtesy Photo

**919th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters prepare to hose down a fire.**

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# Special operations prior to Normandy

By Master Sgt. Jeffrey Michalke  
16th Special Operations Wing History

June 6 marks the 60th anniversary of Operation OVERLORD, the Allied invasion of Normandy, which is remembered as the beginning of the end of Adolph Hitler's "Thousand Year Reich."

The stories of how the Allies landed on the Normandy beaches often omit mention of the special operations forces, although their actions ensured the invasion's success.

The earliest Army Air Force special operations missions involved the Special Flight Section of the 12th Air Force's 5th Bombardment Wing in North Africa.

Their first combat mission occurred in October 1943, long before the first Air Commandos went into combat. This small unit operated highly modified and mission unique B-17, B-24, and B-25 bombers from North Africa into France and other parts of occupied Europe. They later became known as the 885th Bombardment Squadron.

The 801st Bombardment Group, nicknamed the "Carpetbaggers," conducted the largest Army Air Force effort in Europe from their base in England. The Carpetbaggers specialized in delivery of supplies, agents, and leaflets behind enemy lines, using highly modified, mission unique, black painted B-24s.

Special operations crews became proficient in night low-level, long-range navigation, usually conducted in poor weather, and in mountainous areas.

During early June 1944, six teams dropped into strategic locations in Brittany, France, where they relayed vital intelligence data critical to the success of the Normandy invasion.

Prior to and during OVERLORD, the Carpetbaggers' north African based units dropped specially trained three-man Jedburgh teams behind enemy lines in France. Jedburghs or "Jeds" as they called themselves consisted of volunteers specially trained to conduct guerrilla warfare in conjunction with the French Resistance in support of the Allied invasion of France. The Jedburgh teams coordinated Free French and partisan "Marqui" operations.

Once the invasion launched on June 6, 1944, the German Wehrmacht found it difficult to reinforce the Normandy beachhead with its forces from the interior. Allied fighters ruled the sky while the partisan forces on the ground ambushed and sniped at the Germans at every turn which hampered their military movements.

While the German units were forced to move only at night, and Hitler's refusal to release certain units for a counterattack, Operation OVERLORD proved successful. Within 10 months, the Third Reich was destroyed, and Europe was freed from Nazi tyranny.



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# Groups arrange foster care for military pets

**WASHINGTON** -- Deploying overseas means leaving friends and loved ones behind. For service members with no one to take care of their beloved pet, it once meant having to abandon or turn the pet over to a shelter -- never to see it again.

Thanks to two nonprofit groups -- the Military Pets Foster Project and Operation Noble Foster -- service members can now arrange foster care for their pets while they're gone.

The Military Pets Foster Project, a nonprofit group founded by animal lover Steve Albin, has placed about 15,000 pets in foster homes throughout the United States while their owners serve in Iraq and Afghanistan. Operation Noble Foster, which specializes in foster homes for cats, has

found temporary homes for about 25 military cats a month since shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, founder Linda Mercer said.

Founders established the groups shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. That's when they learned that thousands of service members had been forced to give up their pets when they deployed to Operation Desert Storm more than a decade earlier.

Since launching his group, Mr. Albin estimates that it has saved as many as 150,000 pets from being abandoned or turned over to shelters, where pets not quickly adopted often are euthanized.

Mr. Albin said he matches pets in need of foster

care with appropriate foster homes and requires those involved in the arrangement to sign a foster agreement.

"People are opening up their hearts and their doors to help the military," Mr. Albin said.

Mark Delman from Parker, Colo., signed up through Operation Noble Foster to provide a foster home for five cats owned by a military family currently stationed in Germany.

Mr. Delman said he encourages others to open their doors as well.

"These people are keeping us safe and free, and shouldn't have to give up their beloved pets to do so," he said. "Offering a foster home is a way of saying 'thanks.'" **(AFP)**

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## Community

### Changes of command

#### 16 Security Forces Squadron

Maj. Richard Neal Jr. is scheduled to assume command of the 16th Security Forces Squadron from Maj. Michael Reiner at 10 a.m. Thursday behind The Soundside. For more information call 884-4476.

#### 8th Special Operations Squadron

Lt. Col. Daniel Zook is scheduled to assume command of the 8th Special Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Douglas Galipeau at 9 a.m. today at the Fuel Cell Hanger, building 3087, Duke Field. The ceremony is open to the base. For more information, call 883-6446.

### Junior enlisted scholarship

The Focus 56 is sponsoring two junior enlisted academic scholarships of \$100 for E1-E6's. Application is due June 30. For more information and for eligibility requirements visit <http://intranet.hurlburt.af.mil/local/proforg/focus56/links.htm> or call Tech. Sgt. Herbert Passmore at 884-5563.

### Children's bible camp

The Hurlburt Field Protestant Chapel will be having a children's bible camp Monday through June 11 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. For more information call Danny Sullivan at 884-5487.

### Records audit of personnel

The military personnel flight records section will be conducting a records audit Wednesday through June 11. All Unit Personnel Record Groups must be returned to the records section no later than 1 p.m. Tuesday. During the audit the records section will be closed and UPRGs cannot be checked out, copies won't be produced, nor will the UPRGs be available for review.

### DIFM turn-ins

The 16th Logistic Readiness Squadron Flight Service Center will collect turn-ins from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Due-in-from maintenance turn-ins will not be accepted after 2 p.m. The Flight Service Center will also pick up DIFM assets from shops once a day. If assets aren't ready at the time of pickup, they'll be picked up the following day.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Margie Lusher at 884-1198/5887.

### MSG dining out

The 16th Mission Support Group is holding a dining out Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Cost is \$15 for Airmen, \$25 for E5-E6, \$35 for E7 and above. For more information, people should contact their squadron representative.

### Smiles across the miles

The Hurlburt Field Family Support Center along with the assistance of the family support volunteers is 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.

### Motorcycle safety course

Hurlburt Field offers the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Beginners Rider course. The class is scheduled for June 15 and 16 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 schedule, call the 16th Special Operations Wing Safety office at 884-2614.

### Lost debit or credit cards

People who lose their automated teller machine card, debit or credit card shouldn't panic. Federal laws and bank policies limit your liability for unauthorized charges, as long as you quickly notify the bank or card issuer of the loss or theft.

If a credit card is lost or stolen and people act quickly, they won't be out much money. As long as the card issuer is notified within a reasonable time after the loss or theft, usually 30 days, people aren't responsible for any charges made after the notification. For charges made before the notification, people are normally liable for only \$50. However, if the card issuer isn't notified within a reasonable time, people may be responsible for all unauthorized charges made before notification.

Check with individuals banks to determine liability. For more information or questions, call Tom Snyder at 884-6100.

### Free resort stay

Vail Resorts is offering 1,000 complimentary room nights at Breckenridge and Keystone Resorts in Colorado for service members who've served in Iraq and Afghanistan in the last few months. Operation Freedom Lodging is going on now through Dec. 16. For more information, call 832-3694 for Breckenridge and 270-4690 for Keystone.

### Alabama ANG

The 280th Combat Communications Squadron in Dothan, AL, has traditional Air National Guard vacancies in 2E1X1 and 2E2X1.

There are great educational benefits available such as the Montgomery GI Bill, MGIB kicker, and Student Loan Repayment Program that repays up to \$20,000 in student loans. For more information call or e-mail Judy Bush at (800) 291-9263 or [judy.bush@almon.ang.af.mil](mailto:judy.bush@almon.ang.af.mil).

### NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter is holding its monthly meeting June 19 at 6 p.m. at J.R. Rockers Destination Room. For more information call, Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-5787.

### Toastmasters meeting

Hurlburt Toastmasters meets Wednesdays at noon in the education center, building 90220, classroom J. Toastmasters is designed to help individuals develop and improve their speaking, listening and leadership skills through a positive learning environment. For more information, call Marty Mears at 884-9130 or e-mail [marty.mears@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:marty.mears@hurlburt.af.mil). More information is also available at [www.hurlburt.freetoasthost.org](http://www.hurlburt.freetoasthost.org).

### 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](http://www.af.mil/news) and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.

### Hurlburt Field Chapel



#### Catholic Mass

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

#### Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship)  
11:30 a.m. (traditional)  
12:45 p.m. (Gospel)  
Religious Education: August - May  
Youth and Singles groups available

#### Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center  
Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., chapel annex

#### Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumu'ah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795

## At the movies



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

### Hurlburt Field 884-7648

**Friday** - (PG-13) *Hellboy*, starring Ron Perlman and John Hurt - A demon, Hellboy, raised from infancy after being conjured by and rescued from the Nazis, grows up to become a defender against the forces of darkness. When Rasputin returns to plan the destruction of mankind, it's up to Hellboy and his friends to stop him.

**Saturday** - (PG-13) *Walking Tall*, starring "The Rock" and Johnny Knoxville - After returning from serving his country overseas, Chris finds his high school rival has infested his hometown with drugs and crime. With the help of his pal Chris gets elected sheriff and shuts down the operations.

**Sunday** - (R) *The Girl Next Door*, starring Emile Hirsch and Elisha Cuthbert - Matthew Kidman is a straight-arrow over-achiever who has never really lived life, until he falls for his new neighbor. When he discovers this perfect "girl next door" is a one-time porn star, his sheltered existence begins to spin out of control.

### Eglin 882-1066

**Friday** - (PG-13) *Johnson Family Vacation*, starring Cedric the Entertainer and Vanessa Williams, Invited to a big family reunion in Missouri, Nate sees it as an opportunity to reconnect with his estranged wife and growing children. He imagines a leisurely drive but between his wary wife, arguing kids, angry police officers, bizarre hitchhikers, bad diner food, and an unfortunate run-in with a cement mixer, getting from point A to point B proves to be just short of a nightmare.

**Saturday** - (R) *The Punisher*, starring Thomas Jane and John Travolta - FBI undercover agent, Castle, is finally moving into a safe desk job, to the delight of his wife and son. But when his family is executed after witnessing a mafia hit, Castle dons a black battle suit, arms himself with a ton of guns, and seeks swift revenge.

**Sunday** - (PG-13) *Connie and Carla*, starring Nia Vardalos and Toni Collette - Two struggling Chicago dinner theater performers accidentally witness a mafia hit and hit the road running for their lives. They go undercover as drag queens and much to their surprise, they inadvertently become the toast of the cabaret circuit.

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

## 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 US Postal Service is also providing a display to hold and present the envelopes. Envelopes and displays should already be at your stores now.

## Dental service

The Eglin Air Force Base Dental Service is currently accepting applications for the American Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant Training program. The training program is six months long and the next class starts today. Pick up an application at the Eglin or Hurlburt Field Dental Clinic or call Master Sgt. Mary Lugent for more information at 883-8180.

## Classes

## 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.

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OKE  
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COMM/YOUTH SUMME  
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2 X 2.00**

**130TH RECRUITING  
COMM/NAT'L GUARD  
552990  
2 X 2.00**

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

**Eating Heart Healthy** - Tuesday at 10:30 a.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.

**Diabetic Nutrition** - Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Lean and Healthy Eating** - Wednesday at 3:30 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.

**Employment Orientation** - Monday at 10 a.m.

**Sponsorship Training** - Monday at 1 p.m.

**Resume Workshop** - Monday at 1 p.m.

**Bundles for Babies** - Wednesday at 9 a.m.

## Sport Shorts

## 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.

## Extramural hockey league

Join the draft for the roller hockey extramural summer league June 11 at 6 p.m. at the hockey rink beside the tennis courts. For more information call, Staff Sgt. Jason Davis at 884-7660.

## Golf tournament

Hurlburt Field's Top Three council is sponsoring their annual golf tournament at Gator Lakes June 18 at 9 a.m. with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. String and mulligan's will also be available for purchase. For more information or to register, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-5787 or Master Sgt. Eric Hanson at 884-8562.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Carlos Rivera

The Colonels bow up and take the Chiefs down in their first ever win in tug-of-war. (top) Base squadron teams paddle it out (right) in the canoe races held at the Beachside.



Photo by Airman James Dickens

Two roller hockey players battle it out for the puck during a game on Super Day.

# Colonels out-tug Chiefs

By Colonel "Griff" Griffin  
16th MSG Commander

The Colonels and Chiefs met again in a gigantic clash of the titans for athletic prowess on the softball diamond and tug-of-war pit. Pride and honor weren't all that was at stake, a \$200 donation to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation was also on the line for the softball game.

The Colonels were still seething over their double dip defeat last year and thirsting for revenge. Chiefs' Tim "The Hatchet" Hulme tried to catch the Colonels off guard and quill their adrenaline rush by pulling out the coin check trick. But the ploy backfired because the Chiefs' third baseman "Coinless" Paul Desarkisian missed a memo and cost the Chiefs both a round of libations and more importantly the momentum.

The Colonels led by pitcher "Win-One-For The Griffer" Griffin took advantage of the situation, shortstop play by "Flash" Bartley, slick fielding by "Stretch Armstrong" Glausier combined with timely hitting by Lt. Col. "Why am I in the Outfield" Lynn and "Man, I'm Fast" Killgore helped the Colonels jump all over the Chiefs rusty defense and took a 7-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth.

Then the Chiefs oiled their knee braces and tightened their defense

behind their pitcher "Run Forest Run" Dillon to shut down the Colonels onslaught cold with stellar glove work from Chiefs' Zell "Hoover" Graham and John "Pretty Boy" Herman.

Then the Chiefs' bats woke up with "Black Jack" McMullan, "Mouth of the South" Fields and "Babbling" Brooke McLean helping put nine runs on the board in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead for good and then cruise to a 14-8 victory and the \$200 donation to the Warrior Foundation.

The Colonels' last chance for redemption was the tug-of-war. This event was traditionally a cakewalk for the Chiefs due to their cunning, teamwork and girth...ok mostly their girth.

But thanks in part to the new FIT Program the Chiefs have slimmed down this year, which proved to be there down fall against the Colonels' finely tuned muscles.

The Colonels anchored by Colonel "I'm really not that Big" Anderson, quickly vanquished the Chiefs in less than five seconds.

Incidentally, this was the Colonels first tug-of-war victory ever in recorded history.

The Colonels' victory squared hotly contested competition for the day giving both groups reasons to boast for the next year.



Photo by Airman James Dickens

## Super Day challenge top placings

### Large Squadron

	Points	
16th Civil Engineer Squadron	650	1st Place
16th Logistic Readiness Squadron	625	2nd Place

### Small Squadron

720th Special Tactics Group	618	1st Place
19th Special Operations Squadron	480	2nd Place

# Super Day 2004

## Base-wide fitness competition draws large crowd

This year's Super Day event was a huge success with about 1,000 participants competing in 25 sporting events, according to event officials. Also, three new events, the 4 X 400 yard relay, one-mile race, and bull's eye golf were added to this year's program.

A new Hurlburt Field record was established in the one-mile run by 2nd Lt. Mike Lilly, 505th Exercise Control Squadron, with a blistering 4:44 time.

For the fourth consecutive year, the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron captured the Super Day trophy, large squadron category. The 16th CES totaled 650 points. The 720th Special Tactics Group was first in small squadron, with 618 points.

There were eight food booths and a disc jockey that kept the festivities lively.

Staff Sgt. Tamara Rosa, a fitness center event coordinator,

said continued support from several Hurlburt units was key to the day's success.

"The communications, security, civil engineer, safety and medical group folks keep this event running smoothly year after year," she said. Also, dedication of the individual unit sports representatives was a huge boost, Sergeant Rosa said.

The Commander's Challenge award is an award based on esprit de corps. Teams get points for cheering on their team and competing in as many events as possible.

Super Day was started more than 20 years ago with the intent of giving military members and their families a fun day to promote morale through friendly competition.

"This year we had 14 large and 13 small squadrons compete for first and second place," Sergeant Rosa said.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

Jennifer Stamaris, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, tries to stay on her feet during the dizzy bat goofy game.



Photo by Airman James Dickens



Photo by Airman Danielle Morrow

The 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron tug-of-war team, (top) tosses all the competition out of the way in their first place finish in the large squadron tug-of-war competition. (left) A team races back to flag to end their canoe race. The teams had to race around buoys and race back to the flag after reaching the shore.