

## Hurricane Ivan

# RECOVERY

**C**reeping onto the gulf shore early Sept. 16, Hurricane Ivan wreaked havoc on the Hurlburt Field community and surrounding gulf coast areas.

Although Ivan made devastating impacts to the base and surrounding community, with sustained winds recorded at up to 130 miles per hour, Special Operations personnel were preparing for the storm's arrival days in advance.

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# Commander welcomes base home, lauds recovery efforts

By **Col. O.G. Mannon**  
16th SOW commander

Welcome home Team Hurlburt! Pre-storm preparations and recovery operations associated with the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan have made it a busy time for everyone assigned to the base. Thanks to your dedication and hard work, we managed to get through the storm without any of our people being lost or injured.

I am extremely proud of the way you responded to this natural disaster, to include your enthusiasm and determination to swiftly and safely execute post-storm recovery operations. Your resilient spirit is second to none and I'm confident we'll continue in the same outstanding manner as we executed pre-storm planning and initial recovery phases. America's premier Air Force Special Operations Wing couldn't be in better hands.

Overall, our infrastructure sustained some damage, however there were no major structural damages and zero impact to our ability to carry out our critical specialized airpower mission, due to our expeditious evacuation well before Ivan made landfall. (All assigned aircraft escaped storm related damages.) Most base facilities also weathered the storm relatively well due to our prompt and thorough pre-storm preparations.

With the exception of the ride-out team, everyone was required to evacuate the area and many sustained damage to homes and personal property during their absence. Now that you're back home, we're doing everything we can to take care of you and yours – the members of our Air Force family – in the aftermath of this storm. Repair teams are busily making repairs to our military family housing units and base facilities. Our legal team is busy processing personal property claims. Our comptroller folks are ensuring those who evacuated and filed vouchers are being compensated. Our chaplains and mental health professionals are ready to talk with anyone seeking spiritual or emotional support. Finally, our family support center personnel stood up the family assistance center, bringing all of our support

agencies under one roof to support the Hurlburt Field community during these trying times. If you find yourself in need of assistance, please contact our professionals at the FAC by calling (877) 571-7209 or stop by the deployment control center between 7a.m. and 7p.m. for guidance.

We're also working to further ensure your safety. Damage assessment and clean-up teams are still canvassing the base to ensure all potential hazards are identified and removed. In the meantime, be aware of your surroundings and report military family housing damages or safety related issues to 884-1154/3064.

As the 16th SOW commander, one of my main priorities is the safety of all assigned personnel and family members. That's why I waited until Sept. 18 to issue the "all clear" order. In many ways, it was an inconvenience for most to remain in designated safe haven areas, but it was critical that we ensured the base and our housing areas were as safe as reasonably possible before allowing you back. I ask that you understand my primary motivation in not rushing the "all clear" order was to ensure we provided the best possible environment for the safe return of our military families and assigned personnel. I also ask you to continue to make safety a priority in your day-to-day activities and keep taking care of one another.

With this said, there's still a lot of work to do, but I'm confident we'll continue carrying out operations in the exceptional fashion characteristic of our proud Air Commando legacy. The storm brought us closer together by enhancing our sense of unity and purpose. Being good neighbors and working together as a team is what will help us continue to forge ahead during these challenging times. Again, thanks for your cooperation and your fantastic efforts before, during and after Ivan. I'm proud to serve as your commander.



**Col.**  
**O.G. Mannon**

# Air Force overcomes Ivan once again

By **Col. Chuck McGuirk**  
505th CCW commander

During the past week, the men and women of Hurlburt Field have overcome some amazing obstacles. Like the Cold War – when our Air Force beat back "Ivan" the communist – Team Hurlburt has once again been victorious over Ivan!

I've watched in amazement as Airmen have reported to duty ready to lend a hand to others. Where uncertainty and apprehension would've been understandable, they performed magnificently. Instead of "running for cover," Team Hurlburt calmly and methodically prepared buildings and workspaces for the worst. Thankfully, our preparations paid off, as damage has been relatively minor.

It's times like these that I'm reminded of how deeply the core value of "Service Before Self" is ingrained in our culture. Airmen

that could've enjoyed the week at a friend's home in another state chose to rush to Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., to man our unit control center. They worked tirelessly to get information out to our members and maintain order during the chaos.

Other Airmen volunteered to stay through the storm – literally risking their lives – to make sure that our return was quick and orderly. Some of our members gave up rooms in billeting, so families affected by the storm could have a place to stay. It's not the single act of a kind individual that has impressed me the most, but the thousands of little sacrifices and gestures that our members have made to care for the entire Air Force family that have touched me.

The leadership and foresight of the 16th Special Operations Wing has been superb. Without them, all of the services we take for granted wouldn't happen. Col O.G. Mannon,

and his team have always made sure to look out for every member of Team Hurlburt...and they've done magnificently. From the entire 505th Command and Control Wing – we're deeply thankful for your support! Hurricane Ivan has helped to highlight the importance of our support organizations, such as the Air Force Association, the American Red Cross, the "Top Three" and the family support center. If your family is in need, don't hesitate to bring it to the attention of your supervisor, first sergeant or one of these organizations. They're here to help. The resources are available to make your return to normal life as easy as possible.

Let's continue to look out for one another. During the next few weeks, life on the Emerald Coast will be an adventure...but together, we will endure. Once again, stay safe and stay focused.

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## Damage reporting

Members who reside in family housing should call 884-1154/3064 if there's damage to their home.

# USSOCOM commander praises Hurlburt's hurricane response teams

By Capt. Olivia Nelson  
AFSOC Public Affairs

"The hardware's important, but the people are more important."

That was the message of Gen. Bryan "Doug" Brown, U.S. Special Operations Command commander, to the base recovery team in a visit to Hurlburt Field Wednesday. General Brown and his wife Penny toured the base to view the devastation of Hurricane Ivan and encourage Airmen and civilians restoring operational capability in the storm's wake.

"This is our only real SOF-unique base, so we take great pride in it," said General Brown. "I talk to General Jumper on a routine basis, and we're dedicated to getting the recovery effort well-funded and accomplished quickly."

The general viewed severely damaged facilities affecting every aspect of base operations, including maintenance hangars, base housing, the fuel dock and the Soundside club.

"The damage was catastrophic," General Brown said. "Quite frankly, I was devastated by some of what I saw."

While speaking with contractors and mission support personnel responsible for moving more than 140 tons of downed trees and debris since Ivan passed, General Brown expressed his appreciation for their work.

"This is about taking care of people, and these are very special people," said General Brown, "thank you for your help."

Col. John Cooper, 16th Maintenance Group commander, characterized the impact on maintenance operations as: "Are we down? No. Are we bruised? Yes."

According to Colonel Cooper, the maintenance group fulfilled overwhelming



Photo by Senior Airman Ebony Pierre

**Gen. Bryan "Doug" Brown, U.S. Special Operations Command commander, addresses members of the Hurlburt Field ride-out team, who were bunkered down in shelters on base during Hurricane Ivan.**

requirements. Wing maintainers supported the evacuation of 36 aircraft before the storm arrived and hangared others for shelter.

"It was an especially amazing story by your maintenance folks. They were able to rapidly fix things and move the aircraft out of here so our operational capability was never in doubt," General Brown said.

General Brown said he had no question about Hurlburt's ability to maintain mission capability – he concerned himself instead with families.

General Brown viewed the home of a Hurlburt family who returned from evacuating to find the dining room ceiling completely caved in and many of their belongings covered in debris.

While most members of the Hurlburt Team and their families had time to "batten down" and safely evacuate to inland locations, a few families didn't have the luxury of preparing their homes.

Base leaders shared a story with General Brown of a dual-military couple who were both TDY: Before they even returned home, members of their squadron had cleaned up their property.

## Step-by-step claims processing

Courtesy of the 16th SOW Legal Office

Claims resulting from Hurricane Ivan are being handled at the deployment control center as of Wednesday and will continue each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. These claims won't be accepted at the legal office.

As you begin to assess your home and personal property to determine whether you wish to make a claim, you must keep certain things in mind. First, if you live off base, the Air Force won't pay for any damage to your personal property. This includes food spoilage. For financial help, you'll need to turn to your insurance company, or if you don't have insurance, utilize the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Air Force may provide coverage to you if your vehicle was located on base during the storm, but only if your vehicle was on base "incident to service." This means that if you own two cars, evacuated with only one of them, and put the other car on base so that the Air Force would cover it, you are probably out of luck. If, however, your vehicle was parked on base because you were evacuated to Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., as part of the recovery team, then you'll probably be covered.

Second, if you live on base, you must file with your insurance company before filing a claim with the legal office. The only exception to this would be if your claim is for less than your deductible, in which case, you'll need to provide proof of insurance declaration.

Third, whether you live on-base or off-base, if you decide to file a claim you'll need to provide substantiation/proof of how much it costs to either repair your property or how much your property was worth, if it was destroyed. This is the same kind of proof your insurance company will require of you and will be something along the line of a repair estimate or documented proof of what your property cost. Realize, the Air Force pays at a depreciated rate, rather than a replacement rate. For example, if you bought your television two years ago for \$300, the Air Force won't pay you \$300, but rather what your television would be worth today. This system of reimbursement is identical to how permanent change of station moving claims are paid.

Finally, photograph, photograph, photograph! Your claims will be processed more easily and more quickly if you have pictures of your damaged property. If you don't have pictures, your claim will still be processed, but it may take longer.

The legal office will do everything we can to help you file and receive your claims as quickly and painlessly as possible. Just remember that we must evaluate every claim on a case-by-case basis, and we can't prejudge a claim. The specific DD Forms you will need to fill out will be available at the DCC, along with a checklist of what other forms you'll need for each type of claim.

## Family support center gears up FAC for relief efforts

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
Public Affairs

It's been a week since Hurricane Ivan hit Hurlburt Field and the family support center is wasting no time providing assistance.

FSC staff members have activated the family assistance center for members who need hurricane relief assistance, according to Barbara Weber, FSC director.

The FAC is established in times of contingency call-up, mobilization, and large-scale deployment to provide support and assistance to service members and their families," Mrs. Weber explained. "It's intended to simplify the process of accessing needed services and support for families called to active duty for an extended period of time. The primary mission of any FAC is to inform and emotionally support families so the military member can per-

form their mission."

The FAC will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the deployment control center and will be available until services are no longer needed.

Volunteers are needed and welcome to help out at the FAC, Mrs. Weber said. Agencies such as legal, finance, TMO, chaplain, behavioral health, Air Force Aid, American Red Cross, family housing and others will be available during this time so people can get on the spot assistance.

"It's a one-stop shop for families to get the resources they need from several different agencies at once," Mrs. Weber said. "We hope to facilitate the process for families to get back on their feet after experiencing something of this nature. "We do ask that people bring with them, copies of their insurance policies and forms of identification."

The last time the FAC was activated at Hurlburt was after Hurricane Opal in 1995. For more information on available services call (877) 571-7209.

# Childcare issues arise from town hall meeting

By **Jamie Gries**  
16th SVS

Two pressing issues arose at the Town Hall meeting Aug. 2-3, regarding the availability of childcare at Hurlburt Field: challenges faced in obtaining childcare for children under the age of 2 and availability of childcare to support squadron physical training.

Childcare at Hurlburt Field is provided by the 16th Services Squadron at the child development center, family childcare homes and the School Age Program. The following is a closer look at how the 16th SVS family member programs flight is working to resolve these important issues.

The CDC completed a survey shortly after the town hall meeting in August to determine how many patrons needed additional childcare hours to support squadron P.T.

The results were 10 out of 155 surveyed requested additional support beyond the current hours of operation at the CDC/SAP. Currently, the existing family childcare extended duty care can handle this requirement.

Extended duty care is a free program in place to support patrons needing additional hours of care beyond the hours of operation of their full-time care or outside of normal duty hours. As part of this program, EDC providers transport children to and from their full-time care arrangements. For example, if a

parent needs care at 5:30 a.m. for PT, the parent drops off the child at an extended duty care home at 5:15 a.m. for free child care. The EDC provider then transports the child to the CDC/SAP/off-base program at 6:15 a.m. for full day care, and at the end of the day, the parent picks up their child as they normally do.

For patrons requiring care in support of squadron P.T. that can't be accommodated at the CDC/SAP hours of 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., call Carol Carter at 581-1207 to learn more about the EDC program. The other issue of concern was finding childcare, particularly for children under the age of 2. The mission and goal of the CDC and FCC is to assist military and civilian personnel with children under the age of 6 in locating affordable, quality, full-time childcare.

The CDC provides 172 spaces daily for full-time childcare (16 spaces for six to 11 month-olds, 30 spaces for 12-23 month-olds, 42 spaces for 24-35 month-olds and 84 spaces for 3 to 5 year-olds).

FCC provides 126 spaces daily for full-time childcare - 21 licensed homes that may care for up to six children each. However, according to *AFI 34-276*, FCC homes can only care for two children under the age of two. Since 18 (86 percent) FCC homes accept children under the age of two, there are 36 spaces for infants 2 weeks to 23 months old. Although care is being provided, the need at Hurlburt Field is still not met. The current waiting list numbers for children under the age of 6 fluctuates around 195 children.

The family member programs staff is working hard to resolve the need for childcare within their financial and regulatory restraints. One key solution

is the Resource and Referral employee who assists families needing care. The R and R places children in on-base CDC or FCC, including EDC, and off-base centers or homes when on-base care is unavailable. The R and R actively works with families to find permanent and temporary solutions for childcare needs. For more information about family member programs resource and referral, call Trish Barrett at 884-4300.

The base is also working toward other solutions that include the construction of a new CDC, which is projected for fiscal year 2007. However, this depends on future funding of the installation Military Construction Program. The CDC will provide 246 more childcare spaces for full-time care (24 spaces for six weeks to six month-olds; 30 spaces for six to 11 month-olds; 40 spaces for 12 to 23 month-olds; 42 spaces for 24 to 35 month-olds; and 108 spaces for 3 to 5 year-olds).

Our most promising solution is to create more childcare spaces by expanding the FCC program. Currently, nine new FCC homes are in the licensing process (projected 18 more spaces for two-week-olds to 23 month-olds).

Additionally, the Air Force funded the Growing Spaces Initiative to be piloted at Hurlburt Field, which will provide 150 more spaces, to include 50 spaces for two-week-olds to 23 month-olds. This program will license/monitor civilian FCC homes off base. At least 25 homes should be licensed by Jan. 1. These homes will be subsidized, families will pay the same cost our CDC customers pay based on the income category.

For more information, call Jaime Gries at 884-2953.

## The importance of voting power of your vote

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

Around the world, the Airmen of our U.S. Air Force make a difference. From the collapse of the Soviet Union and Desert Storm more than a decade ago to our global planning and execution of air and space power today, Airmen have done more than their part for our nation.

In the coming months, we need to make a difference in another way. We all need to exercise the privilege only enjoyed by free nations - the privilege of voting.

Most of you have been deployed in an Air Expeditionary Force since you've been in the Air Force. You have seen our way of life compared to others in troubled parts of the world.

While we as Americans aren't without our problems and issues, if all the borders of all the nations of the world were open to all people, where do you think most would choose to reside? There's little doubt that it would be in the Land of the Free.

Many books have been written in recent years about our founding fathers - the men who wrote the powerful words that forged a new nation. In our Declaration of

Independence, Thomas Jefferson penned a phrase that's the cornerstone of our democratic institutions and makes us unique among nations. He wrote, "...Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed." It's this idea of the "Consent of the Governed" that empowers each of us in the form of our vote.

Many of us have experienced some obstacles to voting while serving in the armed forces. The absentee voting system has traditionally been fraught with challenges, but we've been working hard to minimize the red tape. With Airmen and their families serving around the globe, many suffer from delays in mail service - another obstacle to registering and voting.

Our leadership in the Department of Defense has worked with the U.S. Postal Service to give priority to voting materials in the mail system. To facilitate the voting process, we have also created a user-friendly voting link called "Airmen Votes" on our Air Force Link Web site for you and your families to use. The "Airmen Votes" icon on the Air Force Link Web site, [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil), will guide you to all the information you need to register to vote, file an absentee ballot request and send

in an absentee ballot.

In most cases, all you need to do is fill out a postcard and mail it.

Guidance is available for all states and territories and for those Airmen living overseas. Your family members who are eligible to vote can use this Web link as well, including children away from home attending school.

The Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James Roche, and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. As Airmen we have all taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution that guarantees our right to vote.

As a nation, we accept divergence of opinion and candidates with different views. I encourage you to avail yourself of the right to vote for candidates and on the issues of your choice. No other single act is so fundamental to our form of government.

I urge you to exercise your right to vote. If there was any doubt that every vote counts, past presidential elections have proved that it does. Just a few votes can decide the outcome of an election. As we pave the way for democratic governments in Afghanistan and Iraq, it's only fitting that we provide an example of democracy in action by engaging in the democratic process at home.

We protect democracy through our military duty and service to our country, but we also protect democracy when we vote. Democracy only works when people fulfill their obligation to cast their ballot.

This year, Americans will have the opportunity once again to exercise that right by going to the polls to vote for the president and vice president, members of Congress, as well as thousands of local officials. Even if you're stationed far from your home of record, you can vote through the absentee ballot process. This is true whether you're stationed one state away or deployed to another country.

The absentee voting process isn't without problems, but we're working to minimize them. As a result of America's global posture, many of our Airmen deployed in combat environments and other locations don't receive timely mail services. The DOD has coordinated efforts with the U.S. Postal Service in order to better serve these members and their voting needs.

Secretary Roche and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. Historically, Airmen lead the public at large in exercising this fundamental right and duty of citizenship. As members of the world's greatest Air Force, we labor so that others may vote; let's make sure we exercise that same right. See you at the polls!

# Keep your vehicle hurricane-ready

By Master Sgt. Theodore Millard II  
AFSOC headquarters

In the midst of hurricane season, Hurlburt Field personnel are advised to keep their vehicles well-maintained in case of another emergency evacuation.

It's clear to see why it's important to us as individuals for our vehicle to be ready for a long trip, but it's even more important to keep our vehicle in shape to prevent contributing to the already high rate of accidents we see on our local roads.

You can do your part to be a safer motorist by checking the operation of your vehicles headlights, taillights, and stop and turn signals at least once a month. Replace burned-out lights as soon as possible. Working lights make you visible and tell other drivers what your intentions are. Are you going to stop, turn left, turn right, etc?

Something as simple as cleaning dirty headlights may sound silly, but dirty headlights can cut your night vision by one-half.

If safety isn't enough reason to sway you to regularly check your vehicle, *Florida title XXIII Motor Vehicles, chapter 316 codes 316.220-316.222*, requires vehicles to have two functional headlights, taillights and stop lights.

If any of your vehicles' lights are inoperable, you may be stopped by police and issued a citation for a non-moving violation, which will cost you \$71.50. Along with checking and replacing lights, other safety checks should be regularly accomplished.

Another vehicle safety check you can make to prevent accidents from ruining your day deals with your vehicle's braking system. Check to ensure the brake pedal stays well above the floor when you step on it.

If your car pulls to one side when applying the

brakes, or if you hear scraping or squealing noises, your brakes may need to be repaired.

Don't forget about your vehicle's windows and windshields. Keep them clean, inside and out to reduce glare. Windshield wipers need to be in working order. Did you know mirrors are a must? Your car must have at least one rearview mirror to provide you a view of at least 200 feet off the highway to the rear. If your rear windows are covered or treated with material that makes the rear window non-transparent, then you must have two side mirrors.

The most overlooked part of your vehicle is the tires. Is there enough air in them? Are they worn? Tires should have visible tread of at least 1/16 of an inch across the base with no worn spots showing the ply. Smooth tires on wet roads contribute to thousands of serious crashes, and in our area wet slippery roads are pretty common.

For more information on Florida motor vehicle safety, visit [www.hsmsv.state.fl.us](http://www.hsmsv.state.fl.us).

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# Important phone numbers

## Federal Emergency Management Agency

1-800-621-3362

TTY: 1-800-462-7585

## State of Florida Emergency Information 24-hour hotline

Call for road information, airports, etc: 1-800-342-3557

## State Volunteer and Donations Hotline

1-800-354-3571

## Elder Affairs

1-800-963-5337

## Florida Power and Light

1-800-468-8243

## Department of Financial Services Insurance Claim Hotline

1-800-227-8676

## Attorney General's Price Gouging Hotline

1-800-646-0444

## Agricultural and Consumer Services Price Gouging Hotline

1-800-435-7352

## Agency for Workforce Innovation Unemployment Claims

1-800-204-2418

## Salvation Army Donation Helpline

1-800-725-2769

## American Red Cross

1-800-435-7669

# Post-hurricane safety tips

- When entering any building or home use precaution, items may be loose
- If traffic lights are down, treat every intersection as a four way stop
- Watch out for downed power lines, broken glass and snakes
- Unless you're part of an official recovery operation, stay out of damaged areas and debris piles
- If stopped by local authorities while traveling to and from Hurlburt Field during local curfew hours, present military or DOD identification and identify yourself as being assigned to Hurlburt Field
- On-base members can call the survival recovery center at 884-1154 to report storm damage
- Headgear is necessary when working outdoors and while operating two-wheeled vehicles
- Use caution when clearing brush and debris from homes, as snakes are prevalent after hurricanes
- Wear gloves and eye protection, as applicable, when clearing debris, etc.
- Run water for 15 minutes only once upon returning home

# Temporary facility hours

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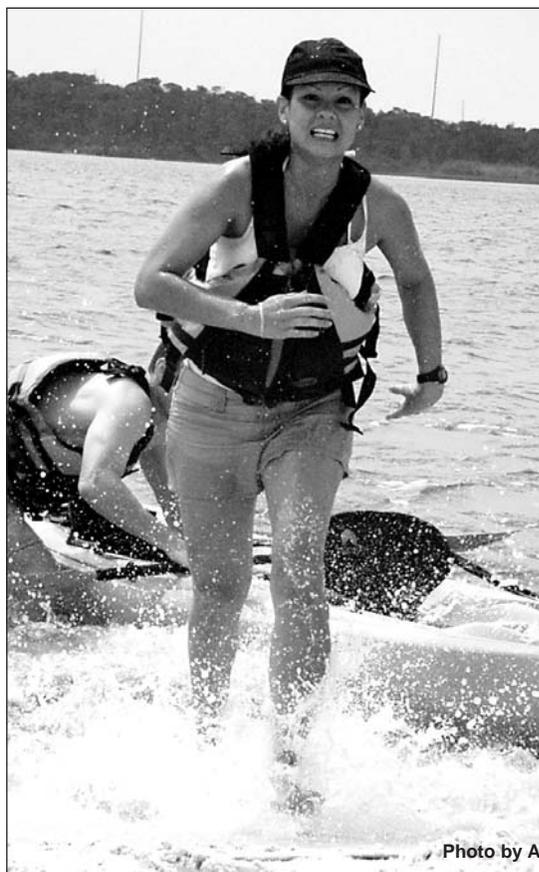


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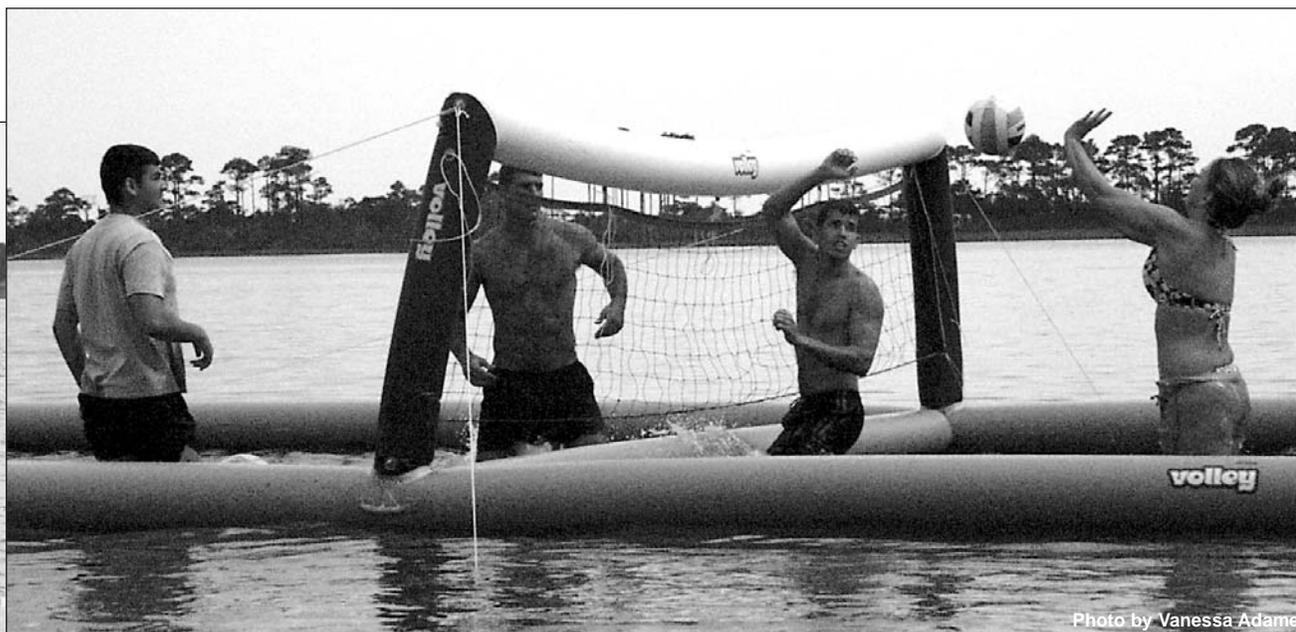


Photo by Vanessa Adame

# Squadrons go head-to-head in H2Olympics

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

On Sept. 10, approximately six squadrons gathered at the Hurlburt Field Marina for some friendly competition in the H2Olympics.

"It's a great opportunity to let off some steam in a fun, competitive spirit," said Col. Mike McKenna, former 16th Mission Support Group deputy commander. "The 16th Services Squadron has so much to offer. This is a chance to get out and enjoy that equipment."

The H2Olympics was composed of nine competitions: Canoe race; kayak race; turbo tube relay; swimming relay; tube, canoe, kayak race; flipper race; water tug-o'-war; water volleyball; and the wave runner race.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

Each competition was divided into three heats, with the best times taken from each to compete in the fourth heat.

This was the second year for the H2Olympics. Services intends to make it an annual event to allow squadrons to get out and exercise, said Jerry Romano, 16th SVS Community Support Flight chief.

The 23rd STS took first place, MSG took second and 16th CMS was third.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

## Sports shorts

### Doolittle golf tournament

A two-day tournament open to all players is scheduled Oct. 14-15 at the Eglin Golf Course. The entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, refreshments on the course, door-prize tickets, lunch for both days and a hors d'oeuvres party ending each day.

Registration forms are available at local golf courses, or for more information, call Dave Andrews at 651-1314.

### Bocce tournament

A bocce tournament will be held Oct. 23 begin-

ning at noon at 625 Lovejoy Road NW in Fort Walton Beach. Cost is 440 for a four-man team and \$10 for individuals. Trophies and prizes will be given out, and drinks and food will be available. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. William Oravetz at 884-2094.

## Community

### Comptroller closure

The 16th Comptroller Squadron will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in support of an official function. For emergencies, call 803-3324. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Kavanagh at 884-4054 or Twanna Connors at 884-6419.

### NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association Chapter 44 and Auxiliary 248 hold their monthly meeting Saturday at 6 p.m. at J.R. Rockers' Destination Room. Members are invited to attend and bring a friend. Topics to be discussed include: upcoming base/community events and other general discussions on membership and the chapters' focus. The NCOA is also undergoing a membership recall for all past and current local area members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-5787 or Master Sgt. Charles Glotzbach at 884-7964.

### Sixth SOS anniversary

The 6th Special Operations Squadron announces the 10th anniversary of the squadron's activation. The current members would like to acknowledge the contributions made to the unit by past and present members during the last 10 years Oct. 1-2. Interested personnel need to RSVP today with the number of guests attending, meals each guest will be purchasing (Evening of Oct. 1: \$11 per person, Lunch Oct. 2: \$7 per person), and whether or not each guest will be playing in the golf tournament Oct. 2 (\$23 per person for green and cart fees). For more information and a schedule of events, call 2nd Lt. Tara Brown at 884-3251 or e-mail tara.brown@hurlburt.af.mil.

### Football Frenzy correction

In the Sept. 10 issue of the Commando, it was reported that the 16th Services Squadron Football Frenzy would be giving away NFL tickets. They have actually purchased the NFL Ticket, a system that will allow guests to view multiple games at one time – even those not showing in the local region. Bottom line: 16th SVS won't be giving away tickets to NFL games.

### REDHORSE haunted house

The men and women of the 823rd REDHORSE Squadron won't be hosting the annual haunted house this year, due to mission requirements.

### Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month through Oct. 15. Meetings are Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MEO conference room. The following is the current heritage month calendar of events:

- Today:** Dance lessons – 5 to 7 p.m. at the 823rd REDHORSE Squadron auditorium
- Oct. 1:** Prayer breakfast – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the base chapel
- Oct. 5:** Hispanic Kick-Off Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Soundside club
- Oct. 7:** Youth Cultural Day – 1 to 2 p.m. at the child development center
- Oct. 8:** Dance lessons – 5 to 7 p.m. at the 823rd

REDHORSE Squadron auditorium  
**Oct. 15:** Family Festival – 3 to 9 p.m. at the Soundside grounds

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

### 16th LRS support

The customer service section, located in Building 90710, is the primary point of contact for all supply-related problems or complaints. Customers can reach the office at 884-3531. Customer service is the issue call in point for all non-aircraft related organizations. For C-130 maintenance units, call the flight line support section at 884-1906. For helicopter maintenance units, call the Helo Parts Store at 881-4101.

### Jewish services

The following services will be held in celebration of the Jewish High Holiday at Eglin Air Force Base:  
**Today:** Kol Nidre, 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel Center

**Saturday:** Yom Kippur Day, 10:30 a.m. at the Eglin BOP Training Center  
Yom Kippur Yizkor/Nilah, 4:30 p.m. at the Eglin BOP Training Center

### HOSC bazaar, silent auction

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club will host its 17th Annual Holiday Charity Bazaar and Silent Auction Oct. 16 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The bazaar will feature more than 60 local and state vendors and the silent auction will feature certificates for items such as salons, restaurants, movies and weekend get-aways. The HOSC is looking for volunteers to help organize a bake sale and man the concession stand at the bazaar. All proceeds from the HOSC booths will benefit the club's Welfare Fund, which provides support to local charities, including Bob Hope Village and the Air Force Village. For more information, call Shelley Berke at 862-6685 or Kimberly Rensel at 936-5049.

### FSU home games

Information, tickets and travel is offering day trips to Florida State University home games in Tallahassee. Cost is \$55 per person for a game ticket and round-trip bus transportation. Full payment is required at booking. For more information, call ITT at 884-7848.

### Order of the Sword

Air Force Special Operations Command enlisted Airmen will induct Gen. Paul Hester, former AFSOC commander, into the Order of the Sword Nov. 5 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The general will be recognized for his contributions to the enlisted men and women of AFSOC. Tickets will go on sale for the induction ceremony, which is an enlisted-only event, Wednesday.

### AFROTC board move

The Air Education and Training Command moved the Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps 2005 candidate board from September to November 2004. AETC also has made five additional universities available for colonels and colonel selects to compete for AFROTC detachment commanders in 2005. For application information, visit <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmocom>.

### 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. (Traditional worship)  
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)  
**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  
**Jumuah:** 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 and Sunday** – (PG-13) **The Village**, starring Judy Greer and Bryce Dallas Howard – The village seems picture-perfect, but this close-knit community lives with the frightening knowledge that creatures reside in the surrounding woods. The evil and foreboding force are so unnerving that none dare venture beyond the borders of the village and into the woods. But, when curious, headstrong Lucius Hunt plans to step beyond the boundaries of the town and into the unknown, his bold move threatens to forever change the future of the village.

**Saturday** – (R) **The Manchurian Candidate**, starring Denzel Washington and Meryl Streep – During the first Gulf War, two U.S. Soldiers are taken prisoner and brainwashed into becoming assassins by the enemy. They return as heroes, though Marco is troubled by dreams and vague memories of his brainwashing. Eventually, Marco remembers what has happened to him and tries to get to Raymond Shaw, who is running for office, to convince him of what he's remembered.

### Eglin 882-1066

**Friday** – (R) **Collateral**, starring Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx – A struggling comedy writer named Max, who drives a cab in Los Angeles to earn a living, gradually realizes the passenger he's been driving around all day is a hit man who has been rubbing out people at every stop. Max has to figure out how to prevent the killer from knocking off his last victim and how to come out of the situation alive.

**Saturday and Sunday** at 2 p.m. – (PG) **Yu-Gi-Oh!: The Movie**, an animated film – After the conclusion of the Battle City Tournament, deep below the sands of Egypt, an ancient evil has awakened. Anubis, who was defeated centuries ago by Yugi's mysterious alter ego – the ancient Pharaoh – has returned for revenge. Wielding the power of the Eighth Millennium Item, Anubis is determined to destroy Yugi and take over the world.

**Saturday and Sunday** – (G) **The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement**, starring Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews – Princess Mia is ready to begin her duties as princess of Genovia alongside Queen Clarisse, but she soon learns that Clarisse needs her to take over as queen. According to Genovian law, all queens must be married. So, the search for the perfect groom begins.

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

## Veteran's Day parade

The City of Mary Esther will host its sixth annual Veteran's Day parade Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Its one-mile route begins in front of Santa Rosa mall and proceeds to a short portion of U.S. Highway 98, ending at the Target department store. There's no entry fee to participate. For registration information, call Laura Aldrich at 243-3566, ext. 11.

## Native American History

November is Native American History Month. The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing, and supporting events for the observance period. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dexter Coburn 884-2631.

## Classes

### HAWC classes

- To reserve a seat in the following health and wellness center classes or for more information, call 884-4292. All classes are free of charge and held in Building 90232.
- Healthy Living Workshop – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Fitness Improvement Program Follow-Up – Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
  - Body Composition Improvement Program – Tuesday, 1 p.m.
  - Total Fitness Enhancement – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Prenatal Fitness – Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
  - Prenatal Nutrition – Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
  - Fitness For Kids – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.
  - Healthy Weight For Kids – Wednesday, 4 p.m.

# Trash to cash: Recycling earns big bucks

Courtesy of the 16th CES

Recycling at Hurlburt Field pays. Not only does it have the obvious benefit of conserving natural resources, but it also makes money for you.

There are essentially two parts to Hurlburt Field's Qualified Recycling Program: The Recycling Center operations with which most people are familiar and the many other areas where recycling occurs. What began as a one-man/one-van operation has evolved into a recycling empire.

Proceeds from direct sale of recyclables over the past year were distributed as follows:

- Junior Golf Camp – \$ 5,000
- Linens for Clubs to Loan – \$ 2,500
- Family Fest – \$ 1,000
- Annual Egg Hunt – \$ 1,000
- Super Day/Commanders Challenge – \$500
- Sound of Independence – \$10,000
- National Kids Day – \$1,000
- Family Fall Festival – \$2,000
- Total – \$23,000

Although the fiscal rewards of recycling are apparent, benefits that aren't so obvious are the monies the program saves the Air Force each year in disposal fees (more than \$77,000 so far in fiscal year 2004 and more than \$107,000 in fiscal year 2003) as well as the amount of waste that was kept out of local landfills.

Hurlburt Field personnel have recycled over 1,976 tons so far in fiscal year 2004. In fiscal year 2003, the base recycled 2,746 tons.

There are dozens of items recycled every day on this base. Many

of these items are handled at the base recycling center; a few are collected at other locations. All of them save the base and Air Force money. Items recycled include the following:

*At the recycling center*

- Lead acid batteries
- Scrap metal (everything from ammo casings to appliances)
- Cable and wire (coated or bare)
- Cellular phones (with or without the battery)
- Paper products, including: strip shred, newsprint, bond/computer paper, colored paper, magazines/catalogs, junk mail, books (hard and soft cover), telephone books, wrapping paper, moving paper and brown shopping bags
- Cardboard (except wax coated)
- Other boxes/paper (such as from cereal, crackers, soda carton, file folders, dividers, etc.)
- Aluminum cans/bottles
- Steel/tin cans
- Toner/printer cartridges
- Drained oil cans
- Styrofoam peanuts
- Wooden pallets
- Clear, brown and green glass (separated by color)
- Plastic bottles (numbers one and two only)

*At other locations*

- Used oil/off spec fuel
- Fluorescent lamps
- Tires
- Wood/yard waste
- Nickel cadmium/lithium batteries
- Plastic media (from paint stripping)
- Solvents
- Sludge from wastewater treatment operations

For more information, call Norman Ben-Maor at 884-7577.

*The following illustrates how the Hurlburt Field Recycling Center operations have grown the past four years:*

Cy	Pounds Processed	Income
2000	1,819,899	\$104,104
2001	2,884,814	\$81,914
2002	3,110,647	\$131,741
2003	3,231,543	\$132,617.67

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# Hurricane

## No match for Hurlburt Field

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

The 16th Special Operations Wing commander (left) secures a gate at one of the little league ball fields after declaring Hurlburt Field in a base lockdown Sept. 15.

Hurlburt Field hasn't seen a hurricane that matches Hurricane Ivan's intensity since Hurricane Opal hit the coast in 1995.

Nevertheless, base personnel were readily preparing for its arrival far before it reached the Gulf of Mexico and were recovering the base the same day it hit.

Once notified of the severity of the approaching storm, base personnel worked steadily to fill sandbags, nail up storm shutters and prepare aircraft for an abrupt evacuation if necessary.

"It's because of the work done before the storm that the base wasn't damaged more than it was," said Col. Skip Day, 16th Mission Support Group commander. "Now that the storm has passed, let's work together to get back to the way we were. Getting the base up and running is the first priority."

Colonel Day and Lt. Col. William Kolakowski, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, performed an initial assessment of the damage, beginning with the houses on the Soundside by way of jet skis.

"Following our assessment," Colonel Day said, "we established security to protect assets from looters. Later, a base videographer and photographer were driven on base in a duce-and-a-half truck to videotape the base's condition."

Once the water subsided to a safe working condition, a plan of attack was formed by the group commanders. "The most damaged areas would be recovered first," Colonel Day said.

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"Watch for l cores," he said. lurking in pile area, stay away

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Three Airmen on the ride-out team (right) sleep in the available space they found in the Deployment Control Center Sept. 15.



Counter-clockwise from left: The Hurlburt Field Marina's storage area is swamped with water as Hurricane Ivan creeps over the sound shores. The Hurlburt Field Air Park lost two of its planes to Hurricane Ivan Sept. 16. Hurricane Ivan's 130 mile-per-hour winds sent waves plunging into the Soundside housing area.

## Devastation Sept. 16



# Ivan

## recovery teams

were returning from the evacuation, housing  
st priority – Soundside first, then the  
llage and finally main base housing.  
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ht have nothing to come home to," he said.  
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entire base cleanup would be implemented."  
s put into action almost immediately after  
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g companies to remove the larger pieces of  
n a majority of the base to allow personnel to  
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ce Base, Ga., HVAC/R technicians (heating  
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ling on base has an air-conditioning unit –  
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base personnel are working steadily to clear  
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to 16th CES, 16th Security Forces Squadron  
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Recovery  
begins  
Sept. 16



Airmen (above) work with bulldozers to remove tree branches from the top of base dormitories. 16th Civil Engineer Squadron personnel (left) cut into the trunk of a tree, which was uprooted from the 16th Communications Squadron grounds. A 23rd Special Tactics Squadron member (below), clears large debris Sept. 16.



## Hurricane Ivan assessments

- After an initial assessment by base officials, estimated damage is more than \$50 million.
- Approximately 30 percent of the base facilities were damaged – 70 percent of those were in the Soundside housing area.
- Approximately 20 tons of rubbish were removed from the base the first day of cleanup, Sept. 16, and more than 140 tons have been removed total.
- Fuel usage thus far is estimated at 303 gallons of Bio-diesel, 8,568 gallons of diesel and 112 gallons of unleaded.
- Workers have stumbled upon nearly 20 poisonous/non-poisonous snakes.