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SENIOR AIRMAN JORGE MUNIZ

(Left to right) Capt. Gene DeHerrera, 30th Range Squadron, is the range operations commander in support of the Delta II launch March 25, with Capt. Maria Priest in second-seat. The two are evaluated by AF Space Command Inspector General Capt. Kirk Bunch. Lt. Col. Kevin Wilkerson, 30th RANS operations officer is also on hand.



STAFF SGT. PAM TAUBMAN

Airman 1st Class Anthony Uzzi, 30th Security Forces Squadron, is on a reconnaissance patrol during the ORI.

Senior Master Sgt. Keri Coleman, AF Space Command inspector general, tells Tech. Sgt. Gregory Simpson, 30th Security Forces Squadron, to act distraught over shooting and fatally wounding a simulated armed rober during the ORI.



STAFF SGT. PAM TAUBMAN

30th Space Wing rates Excellent!

BY TECH. SGT. BUZZ RITCHIE
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

More than 60 inspectors with Space Command's Inspector General Team took Vandenberg members to the limits of their mission during an Operational Readiness Inspection and Compliance Inspection of the 30th Space Wing from March 22 to April 2.

The 30th Space Wing was rated "excellent" overall. Inspectors also rated the 30th Space Wing "outstanding" in the major graded area of employment, indicating the 30th executes its mission with the highest degree of effectiveness and efficiency.

"We had to take you to the limits of your mission," said Air Force Space

Command's Inspector General Col. Richard Baldwin at the ORI outbrief held Sunday in Sesto Auditorium.

It was a busy time for Team Vandenberg, according to 30th Space Wing Commander Col. Steve Lanning. While Air Force Space Command inspectors were preparing to take a long, hard look at the wing, Vandenberg was visited by another team of inspectors on March 17. A team from the Commonwealth of Independent States arrived here to conduct a data update inspection as part of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. Six days later, the new commander of AFSPC, Gen. Ralph Eberhart, came to

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Commander lauds wing on teamwork, execution

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 30TH SPACE WING, I would like to send my congratulations to each of you for your truly outstanding performance during several key events over the past couple of weeks.

Our first challenge was the START inspection. It isn't often we have the opportunity to represent the United States Air Force to a foreign country. When we do, the 30th members always perform like true professionals.

During their two-day stay, the Russians noted once again that Vandenberg sets the standard. Well done to all for a perfect inspection – zero discrepancies.

Our second opportunity was hosting General and Mrs. Eberhart on their inaugural visit to Vandenberg. As members of the host wing, you were the key for making the trip a resounding success! You get an A+ for hosting our MAJCOM commander and his wife.

As General and Mrs. Eberhart noted, it was a perfect visit. Again, the 30th is leading the way.

The third test was our Operational Readiness Inspection. The ORI gave us all the opportunity to show the caliber of our first-class personnel performing our world-

class mission. During the inspection, you proved that the men and women of the 30th Space Wing are the best in Air

Force Space Command by achieving the highest rating seen recently.

The tremendous success of our ORI wasn't the result of good luck, chance or any one individual's efforts. Instead, detailed planning over many months, orchestrated teamwork, and superb execution were the real underlying principles of this success.

Our "Outstanding" rating in mission employment and an "Excellent" overall reflected your dedication to providing your best to the 30th Space Wing and Team Vandenberg.

No commander could wish for finer

people with a willingness to go that extra mile to make a difference. You all made a difference by exercising the power of your beliefs and values. You are the "cream of the crop".

I am very proud of all of you. Thanks for a job well done. Keep up the excellent work.

30TH SPACE WING,
Thank-you for a wonderful visit. In our view, there was no way it could have been any better.

We were very impressed with the base's appearance, the strong "customer service" operation of your club, billeting, fitness center and golf course staffs, and the mission orientation of your operators. The launch was a real highlight.

All the best,
GEN. AND MRS. RALPH EBERHART,
COMMANDER,
AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND



STAFF SGT. PAMI TAUBMAN

Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander, is the spacelift commander for the Delta II launch March 25.

30th Space Wing sweeps up in thanks, accolades

DEAR COL. LANNING, I wish to express my appreciation to your outstanding 30th Medical Group ophthalmology and optometry staff for the concern and superb care they displayed during a recent eye emergency I experienced.

On Feb. 17, I experienced very high interocular eye pressure in my left eye. I went to the eye clinic at 4:05 p.m. and informed Staff Sgt. Michael Maurer of my symptoms. He immediately reported my problems to Maj. (Dr.) Parker Plante and internist Doug Norse. They immediately conducted pressure tests on my eye, evaluated my symptoms and contacted Maj (Dr.) Paul Dickinson for guidance as he is familiar with my medical condition. I would also like to mention that Dr. Dickinson was on leave and provided his assistance over the phone.

After expert medical treatment, my eye pressure returned to normal at approximately 5 p.m., and I was released with some different eye drops to control the pressure until I had laser eye surgery performed by Dr. Dickinson Feb. 22.

I have been a 30th Medical Group ophthalmology patient for more than 10 years and the care provided to me by Dr. Dickinson, Staff Sgt. Maurer and Staff Sgt. Genie LaFranchise has been no less than outstanding. They are truly professionals in every sense.

Please extend my personal thanks to Dr. Dickinson and Dr. Plante, internist Norse and sergeants Maurer and LaFranchise for their exceptional care and professionalism – you can be extremely proud to have them on your staff.

Sincerely,
COL. SPENCER MCGRAW,
U.S. AIR FORCE, RETIRED

DEAR LT. COL. PRUCEY, My husband and I have been staying at the 30th Services Squadron's Family Camp on base for a couple of months now and use the main gate and the Lompoc Gate several times a week.

We have been very impressed by the security forces. I just had to write you a letter to commend these young men and women.

I have never seen such dedicated professionals as you have on this base. Each and every one of them, no matter what time of the day or night you approach them, give each and everyone who pass their gate the utmost courtesy. They are always polite, courteous and respectful. Their pride shows in their manner and in their appearance. They are sharp looking young men and women. I hope you are proud of them; I certainly am. (And I don't even know them.)

I was especially touched during the holidays. While leaving the base, each car was stopped, given a holiday greeting, a handshake and a friendly reminder to drive safely. That is a true class act. And it is something we will always remember.

Our stay at Vandenberg has been very pleasant. We have enjoyed the sights and the surrounding area. But when we come through that gate, we feel a sense of pride in those young men and women on duty; and that is not a feeling you get to experience very often.

Thank them for me.
SINCERELY,
LINDA SLOAN

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Hustle, hustle, hustle

Today's 30th Space Wing fights the way it trains

CAPT. JENNIFER DRAPER
2nd Space Launch Squadron

International and national terrorists have damaged United States assets and killed U.S. citizens at home and around the world.

In recent years, we have seen terrorist attacks directed at federal buildings, national monuments, and embassies.

No matter where we are, we must be prepared to protect Americans, American interests, and ourselves. If you were there when a bomb went off, would you know

what to do? Could you continue to focus on the mission in spite of the chaos surrounding you?

Marines at Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam recently showed that they could answer both of those questions "yes." How did they become so skilled, so focused?

Practice, practice and still more

practice. In the military, practice translates into exercises.

At Vandenberg AFB, the Inspections and Exercises Office is responsible for coordinating, running, and evaluating all exercises.

With the able assistance of the Exercise Evaluation Team, the two-person shop works to make sure that the exercises the base participates provide realistic and valuable training.

The inspections and exercises office encourages all of the major units on base to have a

representative participate in the EET. The unit representatives help CVI staff

determine the realism of proposed scenarios, set-up the scenarios, and evaluate the performance of each of the elements responding to a scenario.

Exercises serve two functions. Most important, exercises help prepare us to face deployments, natural disasters, launches, chemical accidents, and other major events. By practicing these scenarios, we will be ready to respond to incidents as they occur.

The second function of an exercise is to prepare the base for inspections. An inspection is our report card to higher headquarters and the rest of the Air Force.

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Capt. Jennifer Draper
2nd Space Launch Squadron

Inspections indicate how ready we are to accomplish our mission.

Frequently, base exercises run in conjunction with 14th Air Force, Air Force Space Command, or Air Force-wide exercises. Ulchi Focus Lens, conducted at the end of August, and Global Guardian, at the end of October, are two examples.

When we participate in larger exercises, the inspections and exercises office integrates base events with scenarios that extend beyond the boundaries of Vandenberg. For ex-

ample, AFSPC may send us a message indicating increased terrorist activity.

This message could cause Vandenberg to go into a higher state of readiness. After the wing commander sends

us into the higher state of readiness, inspections and exercises implements a scenario consistent with the increased readiness level.

Probable scenarios include a bomb threat or a hostage situation.

Four a.m. phone calls are not the most pleasant way to wake up in the morning, but a terrorist

bomb is infinitely worse.

Exercises are one of the ways to prepare for the unimaginable. An exercise tests our readiness to accomplish our mission - whether it is launching rockets, setting up tents in the desert, or responding to a crisis situation in our own backyard.

The next time you are involved in an exercise, remember the bigger picture and how you may someday be called to react to a crisis. Will you be as ready as the Marines were in Africa?



Congratulations new majors

■ The following members of Team Vandenberg have been selected for promotion to major.

Ray Brown, 534th Training Squadron
David Carter, 534th TRS
Steven Gottschalk, 534th TRS
Sean Hackbarth,
 392nd Training Squadron
Timothy Lincoln, 532nd TRS
Rommel Villalobos, 534th TRS
Jonathan Finley,
 30th Security Forces Squadron
Shawn Francis,
 30th Operations Support Squadron
Lisa Gossett, 30th Space Wing

James Kubinski,
 2nd Space Launch Squadron
Steven Pomeroy,
 30th SW
Michael Santos,
 30th Operations Group
Peter Solie, 30th OG
Lori May, 30th SW
Derek Davis,
 614th Space Operations Squadron
Richard Koelling, Jr., 14th Air Force
Mark Curley, AF Operations Test Evaluation Center
Scott Grant, AFOTEC



Focus on child abuse prevention

By NEWT FERRIS
 Family Advocacy Office

■ There are more than 3,000,000 reports of child abuse per year. Approximately six children per minute are abused and neglected in the United States. Approximately 4,000 children die in the United States annually from child abuse or neglect. Eighty-five percent of child abuse victims know their abuser.

In north Santa Barbara County there are about 300 child abuse incidents reported per month. No one can estimate how many children's cries go

unheard, until it's too late. This year's theme for Child Abuse Prevention Month is "You Have The Power Of Prevention."

The 30th Medical Group's Family Advocacy Office offers classes in parenting and step parenting. There are support networks for new moms and families with children newborn to 5 years old. The Single Working Parent Lunch is a support group for Vandenberg's single parents. The family advocacy goal is to have happy, healthy, nurturing families. Call 606-5338 to join in meeting the goal.

Team Vandenberg members stand out during ORI

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 see the wing in action during the Delta II IMAGE launch.

"We hit a home run with the boss," Lanning said of General Eberhart's reaction to his first visit here as AFSPC commander. "Folks, the 30th Space Wing is the jewel of Air Force Space Command."

Lanning also characterized the results of the ORI as a "win" for Vandenberg. The reason behind the win, he said, was one word: team.

"We received the highest grade of any wing in Air Force Space Command," he added. "The IG evaluated us with a 'blue' in mission execution, and that's what we do."

The inspector general team also selected professional performers and teams. A list of both follows.

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS

30th Space Wing

Chaplain, Capt. Patrick Genseal
 Capt. Kerry Sawyer
 Capt. Steven Pomeroy
 Staff Sgt. Dallas McCarter
 Senior Airman Franklin Freeman

30th Comptroller Squadron

Staff Sgt. Roy Walker
 Airman 1st Class Malcolm Journic

30th Operations Group

Capt. Anthony Ricci III

30th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Jeremy Boland
 Senior Airman Johnathon Lockett

2nd Space Launch Squadron

Capt. James Kubinski
 1st Lt. Austin Holthaus
 Tech. Sgt. Joseph Purcell
 Tech. Sgt. Ben Rosen
 Staff Sgt. Vernard Furlow

30th Range Squadron

Capt. Craig Blackwell

Tech. Sgt. John Corwin

30th Weather Squadron

Capt. Joseph Kurtz

30th Transportation Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kim Mosley
 Tech. Sgt. Mark Mazzola
 Staff Sgt. Christopher Womack
 Staff Sgt. Michael Moore
 Senior Airman Natasha Sutton
 Airman Philip Labrie

30th Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Evelyn Baker

30th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Patrick Machado

Staff Sgt. Thomas Merrett

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

2nd Lt. Keith Klesner

Tech. Sgt. Raymond Walker

Staff Sgt. David Brown

Staff Sgt. Pernel Rush

Senior Airman John Ferrara

Philip Lacey

30th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. George McGarry

Tech. Sgt. Alphonso Valenciano

Tech. Sgt. Robert Vickers

Staff Sgt. Michael Charland

Staff Sgt. Darren Hylton

Staff Sgt. Daniel Jaques

Senior Airman Jared Antoni

Senior Airman Krystoffer Bowman

Senior Airman Adam Estrada

Senior Airman Paul Ordaz

Senior Airman Bruce Stohlman, Jr.

Airman 1st Class John Cruz-Cortes

Airman 1st Class Mindy Kruty

Airman 1st Class Darryl Lyles

Airman 1st Class Nicholas Marzan

Airman 1st Class Danny Twyman

Airman 1st Class Jerilyn Watson

Airman Walter Domanski

30th Services Squadron

Capt. Patrick Yanke

Tech. Sgt. Steven Grim

Sheila Carroll

Frederick Money

John Pellay

30th Medical Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Wendy Grossi

30th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jenni Deylius

30th Medical Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Marnina Queen

Senior Airman Timothy Alexander

PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

30th Space Wing

Mission Flight Control Operations

Manual Development Team

Wing Voting Assistance Team

Pad Safety Section

Ground Safety Section

30th Comptroller Squadron

Commercial Space and Government

Spacelift Full Cost Accounting

30th Operations Group

Range Control Officer/Range Operations

Commander Evaluation Team

30th Operations Support Squadron

Airfield Operations Flight

2nd Space Launch Squadron

Facilities Section

Operations Support Flight

30th Range Squadron

Range Operations Guide Development

Team

Part-Task Trainer Development Team

30th Weather Squadron

Launch Weather Team

30th Contracting Squadron

Contingency Contracting Team

30th Transportation Squadron

Commander's Support Staff

Maintenance Control and Analysis Team

Vehicle Maintenance Material Control

Team

30th Communications Squadron

Wing Information Assurance Office

Meteorological and Navigational Aid

Maintenance

Visual Information Section

Motion Media Section

Military Construction Management

Team

30th Mission Support Squadron

Military Personnel Flight Career

Enhancement Element

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Power Production Utility Recovery

Team

Hazardous Materials Team

Liquid Fuels Maintenance Section

Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force

Rapid Runway Repair Team

Spill Response Team

30th Security Forces Squadron

Military Working Dog Section

Installation Gate Guard Section

Physical Security/Sensor Management

Team

Fish and Wildlife Management Team

Combat Arms Training and Maintenance

Team

Launch Security Team

Confrontation Management Team

Security Forces Administration Reports

Branch

30th Services Squadron

Combat Support Flight

30th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Public Health

BEST PRACTICES

30th Contracting Squadron

Shared Simplified Acquisition of Base

Engineer Resources Project Database

30th Comptroller Squadron

Job Order Cost Account System Time

Keeping

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Fire Safety House

30th Mission Support Squadron

Awards and Decorations Tracking

System

Medical group strives to provide members better access to care

By MAJ. P.K. WHEELER

30th Medical Support Squadron

■ Healthcare professionals at the 30th Medical Group are changing the system at the family practice clinic to provide patients better access to providers while expanding enrollment.

The group, in conjunction with the Air Force Surgeon General's Office, is implementing Primary Care Optimization, "the key to the future of military medicine," said Lt. Col. Scott Dawson, 30th Medical Group administrator.



Members of Vandenberg's new primary team: (Left to right) Lt. Col. Thomas Carter, Kim McCarter, Senior Airman Jason Payne, Staff Sgt. Marnina Queen, Staff Sgt. John Pahnke, Capt. Laura Polito, Airman 1st Class Nicole Aly, Senior Airman Marilyn Griffitts and Hyde Jamorabo.

"Primary care is becoming the backbone of the medical system," Dawson said. "The mission of medical groups within the Air Force is medical readiness. Our main function is to support the readiness of the wing. Above and beyond that," he added, "we provide health care for eligible dependents and retirees. The Primary Care Optimization will allow us to perform these functions better than ever before."

To do that, the medical group has shifted to the Primary Care Team concept. Each team is made up of two physicians, one nurse, four medical technicians, and two administrative technicians. Patients are assigned by name to a team, and, with few exceptions, entire families will be assigned to the same primary care team, Dawson explained. Base members will be notified by mail over the next several weeks what Primary Care Team they will be assigned to.

"By adopting this new model of health care delivery," he said, "patients will know who their primary care team is, and each team will know their patients." The goal of the primary team

concept is to increase the satisfaction of patients with their health care, increase the availability of providers, expand enrollment in the health care system, and ultimately improve the health of the individual and community.

The roles and responsibilities are expanding for every member of the primary care team, Dawson said. The medical technicians will play a key role in health education. Nurses will assist not only in education, but will also spearhead the case management and disease management programs. That will give the patients who most need attention increased access to the primary care team, he explained.

Administrative technicians will shoulder the majority of the clinic's administrative duties. That, in turn, will smooth the way for patients who need timely consults, prescriptions and appointments.

"All of these actions will lessen the number of extraneous tasks placed on the providers themselves," the medical group administrator said. "It allows them to concentrate on providing the high quality medical care available today."

The shift to primary care teams is the result of recent restructuring at the 30th Medical Group that has been months in the making.

"It began with the idea that we could be, and should be, providing health care more efficiently," Dawson explained. Capable health care includes increased access to care and integrating the latest research proven medical information into the day-to-day health care delivered in Vandenberg's clinic.



Senior Airman Jason Payne and Kim McCarter attend to Airman 1st Class Josh Farmer during his Preventive Health Assessment.

Dawson said that while demands on physicians are increasing with the demand to provide the highest quality health care, administrative details are eating away at time that could be spent caring for patients.

NEWS**BRIEFS****COMMAND BRINGS BACK FAMILY SUPPORT**

■ Effective April 1, Air Force Space Command's Community Support Centers returned to the original name, Family Support Center. Space Command conducted a two-year test to determine if changing the name of Family Support Centers to Community Support Centers would increase the use of services by single military members. CSCs did experience an increase in single member customers during this time frame. However, the name change resulted in loss of name recognition and confusion with other community activities. The Vandenberg Family Support Center is located at 723 Nebraska Ave., in building 10525.

SELF-HELP BEGINS SUMMER HOURS

■ Vandenberg's Self-help Store will increase its hours for the summer. Beginning this Saturday, the store will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other Saturday in addition to its regular store hours.

TECHNICAL LIBRARY HAS OPEN HOUSE

■ The Vandenberg AFB Technical Library will celebrate National Library Week with an open house Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available. There will be a demonstration of new equipment and software and a library tour. The technical library is on the first floor of building 7015 on 13th Street.

DRUG RECALL MAY AFFECT BASE PEOPLE

■ The 30th Medical Group advises base members of a drug product recall. Products affected by the recall are: Vanceril 42 mcg Inhalation Aerosol and the Warrick brand of Albuterol Inhalation Aerosol 17 gm. Vanceril batch numbers affected are: 8-AMA-208 through 8-AMA-703 and 9-AMA-200 through 9-AMA-404. Warrick batch numbers affected are: 7-BBS-303 through 7-BBS-642, 8-BBS-500 through 8-BBS-826 and 9-BBS-500 through 9-BBS-832 except for those already opened albuterol inhalers that patients are currently using with good

results. For more information, call the pharmacy at 606-7440.

COMMANDER HOLDS POST ORI PARTY

■ 30th Space Wing members and their families are invited to a post ORI party at Cocheo Park today at 11 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Vandenberg Top 3, the Company Grade Officer's Council and the Air Force Association's Goddard Chapter.

BASE DONATES BLOOD, SAVES LIVES

■ There will be a Tri-counties Blood Drive Monday from 8 a.m. to noon in the 30th Medical Group Auditorium. Base members can also schedule a personal appointment for the drive by calling Marcia Reyes at 606-8475.

COMMANDERS MEET TO DISCUSS SAFETY

■ The Commander's Quarterly Combined Hazard and Injury Council will meet at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the building 7000 theater. All commanders are required to attend. Unit safety representatives and other interested parties are also welcome.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS STILL NEEDS HELPERS

■ Volunteers are still needed for the Northern Santa Barbara County Special Olympic Games which will kick off here Saturday. Call 1st Lt. Stacy Huser at 605-6496 or Capt. James Joyce at 606-2312 to volunteer.

QUARTERLY CGO NOMINATIONS DUE

■ Nominations for Company Grade Officer of the Quarter are due by Wednesday. Packages should be hand-carried to the drop box in building 10577 room A-105. The board is scheduled for April 18 in the 30th Space Wing conference room. For more information, call Capt. Matthew Stevens at 606-5003.

AFSA HOLDS MEETING AT PACIFIC COAST CLUB

■ The Air Force Sergeants' Association will hold its monthly membership meeting Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mike Zirkle at 605-2154 or Staff Sgt. Glenn McAlister at 606-6621.

Base units serve members non-judicial punishment

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

JACKLYN RAIMONDI

Military Justice Paralegal

■ During January, Vandenberg incurred several incidents of financial misconduct among its enlisted members.

A senior airman from the 30th Operations Support Squadron was given non-judicial punishment for misusing her Government Travel Card, and then failing to pay the debt. Her action was a violation of Article 92 of the

Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The airman accumulated approximately \$2,000 of unauthorized purchases on her government card, and then did not pay the debt. She was

given a suspended reduction in rank to airman first class, restriction to base for 30 days, and 30 days extra duty.

Jan. 4, a senior airman from the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron was found guilty of failing to maintain sufficient funds, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.

The airman wrote two checks to AAFES and did not have the money in his account to cover the checks. He was given an Article 15, reduced to the rank of airman first class, and received 30 days extra duty.

An airman basic from the 30th Transportation Squadron received non-judicial punishment for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

The member was scheduled to attend a safety briefing at 7:30 a.m. When he missed the briefing, he stated that he thought he could stay at home until the next scheduled briefing, which was at 3 p.m. The airman received an Article 15, with a forfeiture of \$500, restriction to base for 30 days and 15 days extra duty.

An airman from the 30th Security Forces Squadron was found loitering on post, a violation of Article 134. The member was posted at building 3000, and was found by two other security forces members, in a horizontal position with an A-bag placed under his head. Due to his misconduct, the airman received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman basic and a forfeiture of \$150 per month for two months.

When members are temporarily assigned to other bases, the 30th Space Wing Legal Office receives completed actions against its members so that the "home base" can be made aware of any misconduct.

Finally, three members from the 30th SFS received Article 15s from their Temporary Duty Assignments. Two airmen first class who were temporarily assigned in Ahmed Al

Jaber, Kuwait, received non-judicial punishment for violating Article 113 of the UCMJ, when they were found sleeping on post. One airman received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, and a forfeiture of \$500 pay. The second airman was punished with a forfeiture of \$500 pay.

The third airman was temporarily assigned at Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Senior Airman was issued an Article 15 also, for violating Article 113. He wrongfully left his post before being relieved. He was reduced to the grade of airman first class.

When members are temporarily assigned to other bases, the 30th Space Wing Legal Office receives completed actions against its members so that the "home base" can be made aware of any misconduct. Actions are also sent so that the appropriate actions may be taken, such as an Unfavorable Information File, forfeitures, reduction in rank or discharge initiation if applicable.



Academy grads

Goodfellow NCO Academy Class 00-3 of the NCO Academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, graduated March 30. Class members from Vandenberg were (front row, left to right) Tech. Sgts. Lee Lawson, Thomas Clary, Kevin Schnicker, Mary Schopper, (back row) Robert Kabrel, Keith Ward, Gregory McNeill and James Jasiuski.

Mission support gets more efficient with new flight

BY RICHARD DAVIS

Base Education Services Officer

■ The 30th Mission Support Squadron added a new flight to its command April 1.

The Education Services and Human Resources Flight will combine into one flight the functions of education services, base training, military and civilian formal training, military and civilian awards and decorations, Air Force testing programs including the Weighted Airman Promotion System, and management of the Uniform Personnel Record Group function.

"All of our personnel will be multi-skilled and will be better equipped to provide more efficient service to our customers," said Barbara Bennie, branch chief in the new flight.

The new flight is the result of a competitive outsourcing and privatization study, said Lt. Col. Michael Brice, 30th Mission Support Squadron commander.

"The study was conducted by Air Force Space Command over the last two years with the Air Force winning the contract," Brice said. "Our customers will not suffer any loss of service with this realignment. In fact, our

"... our personnel will be better equipped to handle customers' needs by combining several functions under one roof ..."

Lt. Col. Michael Brice
commander,
30th Mission Support Squadron

personnel will be better equipped to handle customers' needs by combining several functions under one roof to create a more efficient organization."

The new flight will operate in the education building, at 144 Wyoming Ave., across from the commissary. Air Force testing and UPRG will remain in the 30th MSS Military Personnel Flight in building 11777.

Base members who have questions should call the appropriate office at the following numbers: education services, 606-5933; military and civilian formal training, 605-4671; military and civilian awards and decorations, 606-5933; base training, 606-1214; and military testing at 606-4572.

... taking the mission to its limits



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS STEVE SCHESTER



STAFF SERGEANT PAUL TAUBMAN

(Above) Members of the 30th Security Forces Squadron take away Lee Osberry, a simulated protester, during a mas demonstration at Vandenberg's main gate. (Left) Members of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron roll into the mobility processing line during the start of the deployment portion of the 30th Space Wing's operational readiness inspection.





STAFF SERGEANT PAM TAUBMAN

(Left) Firefighters battle smoke while wearing protective gear during a scenario engineered by Air Force Space Command's inspector general team.



STAFF SERGEANT PAM TAUBMAN

(Left) During a confined space scenario, Airman 1st Class Trevor Scott plays the role of a victim with a broken ankle trapped underground. Senior Airman Michael Ewer, left, and emergency medical technician Brad Brandon responded to the call for medical assistance.



(Above) Tech. Sgt. Gregory Simpson, 30th Security Forces Squadron, takes down a simulated gunman from the base shoppette robbery.



Simulated protesters swarm the main gate and sit arm-in-arm while chanting at security forces during the ORI.

SPORTS SHORTS

MARLINS SWIMMERS MAKE WAVES ON BASE

■ The Vandenberg Marlins Swim Team is open to all base children ages 5 to 18. Practice times vary according to ability. For information, call the family aquatic center at 606-5381.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

■ The Santa Barbara County 2000 Special Olympic Games are scheduled for Saturday on Vandenberg at the base track and bowling center. More than 300 volunteers are needed to make the games a success for more than 180 athletes. Call 1st Lt. Stacy Huser at 606-6496 to volunteer or simply come out to the field to cheer on the athletes.

BASE SOCCER TEAM HOLDS PRACTICE

■ The Vandenberg men's varsity soccer team holds tryouts and practice at field No. 1 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Players of all levels are welcome. For information, call Airman 1st Class, Fitzroy Munroe at 606-1846 or 2nd Lt. Brad Warnick at 606-8957.

RED CROSS OFFERS LIFEGUARD TRAINING

■ The Red Cross is offering a life guard course April 17 through 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the aquatic center. The course includes first aid and CPR for the professional rescuer. Participants must be at least 15 years old. All class attendance is mandatory and the first day will include a practical water skills test. The cost of the class is \$50 and includes materials, fees and books. For more information, call Jennifer Espino at 606-3581.

YOUTH KICK OFF BASEBALL SEASON

■ The Vandenberg Little League baseball opening day is scheduled for Saturday at the youth sports complex on the major league field at 10 a.m. Season games are scheduled to begin immediately after the ceremony. Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander, will throw out the first pitch.

FITNESS CENTER OFFERS BOXING

■ The fitness center is spon-

soring free boxing classes at the aerobic center, building 14019, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 606-3832 or Don Green at 733-2245.

SERVICES CENTER STAFF OFFERS KA- RATE CLASSES

■ Free Japanese Shotokan Karate instructions are offered at the services center, building 10122, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Men, women and children 10 years and older may join at any time. Beginners are welcome. The Wednesday class is held at the fitness center. For more information, call the fitness center at 606-3832.

AFA HOLDS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

■ The Robert H. Goddard chapter of the Air Force Aid Society has scheduled its 31st annual charity golf tournament for May 12 at the Marshallia Ranch golf course at 12:30 p.m. There will be prizes and an all-you-can-eat buffet. The event is limited to 140 players for more information, call Dick Kline at 733-0720 or Col. Ken Cinal at 606-8856.

WHITewater RAFTING TEAM SEEKS GUIDES

■ The Vandenberg whitewater rafting team is seeking new members who would like to be trained as whitewater guides for the upcoming rafting season. Guides will be trained on trip preparation, logistics, guide techniques, whitewater rescue, CPR and first aid. They will help plan and execute outdoor recreation rafting trips this summer on the Kern and American rivers. Whitewater guide school is currently planned for May 7 through 13 on the Kern River. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, military members, dependent or DoD civilian assigned to Vandenberg. Call Capt. Timothy Lincoln at 606-2724 for more information.

CANCER SOCIETY HOLDS RELAY

■ The American Cancer Society and Lompoc Valley will host Relay for Life May 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Lompoc High School. For more information on the event, call 1st Lt. Patricia Teran-Dick at 734-1279.

Air Force boxers prepare for national tournament

AIR FORCE ACADEMY NEWS SERVICE

■ The Air Force boxing team looks to defend its national title today and Saturday at the Academy's Clune Arena, as twelve Falcons will compete at the National Collegiate Boxing Association championships. Opening rounds will be held today at 7 p.m., while the championship bouts will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Falcons have won 13 national titles in the past 20 years. The team is coming off an impressive win at western regionals, where seven boxers won championships and four others were runners up. It was the teams' 21st consecutive western regional championship. The strong showing allowed the Falcons to qualify a boxer in each of the 12 weight classes for nationals. They will be competing against boxers from Nevada, UNLV, Army, Navy, Lock Haven, Penn State, Michigan, Santa Clara, Cal-Berkeley, Kentucky, VMI, Georgia, Shippensburg, Xavier and Miami of Ohio.

"We will face some of the toughest collegiate boxers in the country, but the

team has trained well and is prepared for nationals," said head coach Eddie Weichers Jr. "The team is in awesome shape and everyone is healthy. This will be an exciting tournament, and with twelve participants, we have an excellent chance of winning the title."

The team is led by a trio of seniors - Mark Sletten, Mark Porcella and Mike Benza. All three are defending national champions.

Benza, boxing at 139 pounds, is a four-time Wing Open champion and a four-time regional champion. He has also won three national championships and has been named all-American three times. Benza will attempt to be only the second boxer in Academy history to win four Wing Opens and four national titles. Ricky Graham, who accomplished this feat from 1980-83, will be at the event.

"Benza is an outstanding boxer-puncher," Weichers said. "He is thrilling to watch and combines everything that epitomizes collegiate boxing."

Sletten, boxing at 185 pounds, is a three-time Wing Open champion and a

three-time regional champion. For the past two years, Sletten has won national titles and has been selected as an all-American. He will be going for his third straight title.

Mark Porcella, boxing at heavyweight, completes the trio of senior champions. He is a two-time Wing Open champion and a two-time regional champion. Last year, Porcella won his first national title. He looks to win his second title and gain all-American status for the second straight season.

While the trio of defending national champions anchors the team, they are not the only Air Force boxers looking to bring home a national title. Nine other boxers will step into the ring with their sights set on bringing home a trophy.

Seniors Lincoln McLeod (165) and Zak Munn (156) were impressive in their victories at regionals, and both looks to carry momentum to nationals. Dustin Brown (195) and newcomer Chris Robinette (119) also won regional titles and should compete for a national title. Other Air Force boxers who qualified for nationals include Adam Roberts (112), Joel Rivera (125), Paul Gabriel (132), Dave Pugh (147) and John Pantages (175).



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DAVE CLOWER

Slam it

Christopher Anderson of the 30th SFS goes up for a spike during intramural volleyball action Monday night. The 30th SFS defeated 30th LG two sets to none in the season opener.

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SAT

Learn to identify birds in their native habitats

while enjoying the great outdoors in a fast-track class offered at Allan Hancock College from Saturday to May 6 at the Lompoc Valley Center. Biology 199, "Field Identification of Birds," meets on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can learn to identify birds by sight and song. Students can register up to the day before the first day of class at the Santa Maria campus, the Lompoc Valley Center or at the Vandenberg AFB Center. The cost for the class is \$11 plus a \$10 health services fee. For more information, call the Lompoc Valley Center at 735-3366, extension 5200.

The Health and Wellness Center has scheduled a **Rape Aggression and Defense Class** Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the gym annex. The class will instruct students in basic self-defense principles. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes and bring water. Call 606-2221 for information.

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MON

Staff members from the Family Support

Center and Health and Wellness Center are offering **stress management classes** at both locations Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants learn to identify and manage things that cause stress. Call Linda Bastine at 606-9958 or Newt Ferris at 606-5338.

The aerospace engineering department at **California Polytechnic State University** is offering three classes for the spring quarter at Vandenberg. The classes are: elements of rocket propulsion, design project/thesis and spacecraft dynamics and control. Late registration dates are now until Monday. For more informa-

tion, call Barbara Bennie at 606-5933.

Kindergarten registration for the 2000-2001 school year is scheduled for Monday at **Los Padres Elementary School**. Times are from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for students with the first letter of their last name "A" through "M" and 10 to 11:30 a.m. for registering students with the first letter of their name "N" through "Z."

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TUE

The Single Parents Support Group

meets Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Call Linda Bastine at 606-9958 for information or to register.

The staff at the Health and Wellness Center is holding two **tobacco cessation classes**. The lunch-time course begins Tuesday and is held every Tuesday at noon for six weeks in the HAWC. An evening course began Thursday and will run for six weeks every Thursday at 4 p.m. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

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WED

A four-week "Parenting a Teen" class

begins Wednesday at 2 p.m. Call Linda Bastine at 606-9958 for details or to sign up.

Registration at Crestview Elementary is scheduled for Wednesday. Times are from 8:15 to 11 a.m. to register students with the first letter of their name "A" through "M" and 1 to 3 p.m. for registering students with the first letter of their name "N through "Z." For more information, call the central attendance office at 736-2371, ext. 301. Parents must bring proof of immunization or the child will not be registered.

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THUR

The Health and Wellness Center has scheduled a

Prenatal Nutrition and Exercise Class Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The class will address proper dieting and

exercise during and after pregnancy. Call 606-2221 for more information.

The **College Level Examination Program**, English exam, with essay, is scheduled for military people Thursday at the education center at 8 a.m. Call 606-5933 to make an appointment.

The **Younger-Older Americans Conference** is Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 1600 Berkeley Drive in Lompoc. The conference includes inspirational speakers, workshops, continental breakfast and lunch for \$3. For more information call Domenic Signorelli, Lompoc Adult School, at 735-8937.

The Officers' Spouses' Club is holding a **silver and crystal bingo and Mediterranean buffet** dinner April 18 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$14.50. Call Karen at 734-9629 or Glenda at 734-2528 by Thursday.

The **Vandenberg African-American Association** is in need of volunteers to help in the production of this year's talent and fashion show this fall. For more information, call Tymme Mitchell 606-8780.



At the Movies

Tonight

Boiler Room (R)

Starring Giovanni Riblisi and Vin Diesel. 119 min.

Saturday

Scream 3 (R) Starring David Arquette and Neve Campbell. 116 min.

Sunday

Scream 3 (R)

Thursday

Down to You (R)