

Team Vandenberg welcomes GC 2000 teams, evaluators

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■ With only days until Guardian Challenge kicks off, Air Force Space Command's war-fighters are ready for action.

Guardian Challenge is Air Force Space Command's annual space and missile competition which will be held here next week.

Events will kick off May 1, as teams arrive at Vandenberg's flightline beginning as early as 5 a.m. As they disembark the aircraft, team members will be led by their mascots to their team buses as their theme music is played.

During the week, competitors will participate in the Space and Missile Forum where commanders from 14th and 20th Air Forces will explain their missions to local and visiting civic leaders. They will also answer questions about the future of space.

Teams will participate in luncheons with visiting

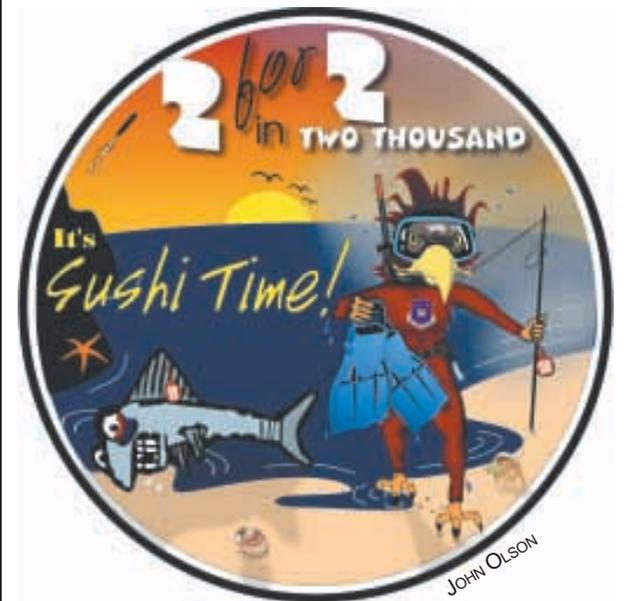
general officers and in "sister city" dinners with their adopted local area sister city members. There will be a Space and Missile Contractor Exposition and a Guardian Challenge 2000 social and awards banquet. The banquet gives competitors a chance to celebrate in a high-spirited environment which serves as the pinnacle of the week's events.

Guardian Challenge is the only space war-fighter competition in the Air Force, picking the best of space's best. In addition to operations, the competition features head-to-head competition between top AFSPC security forces, communications and food services specialists, and helicopter operations and ICBM maintenance teams.

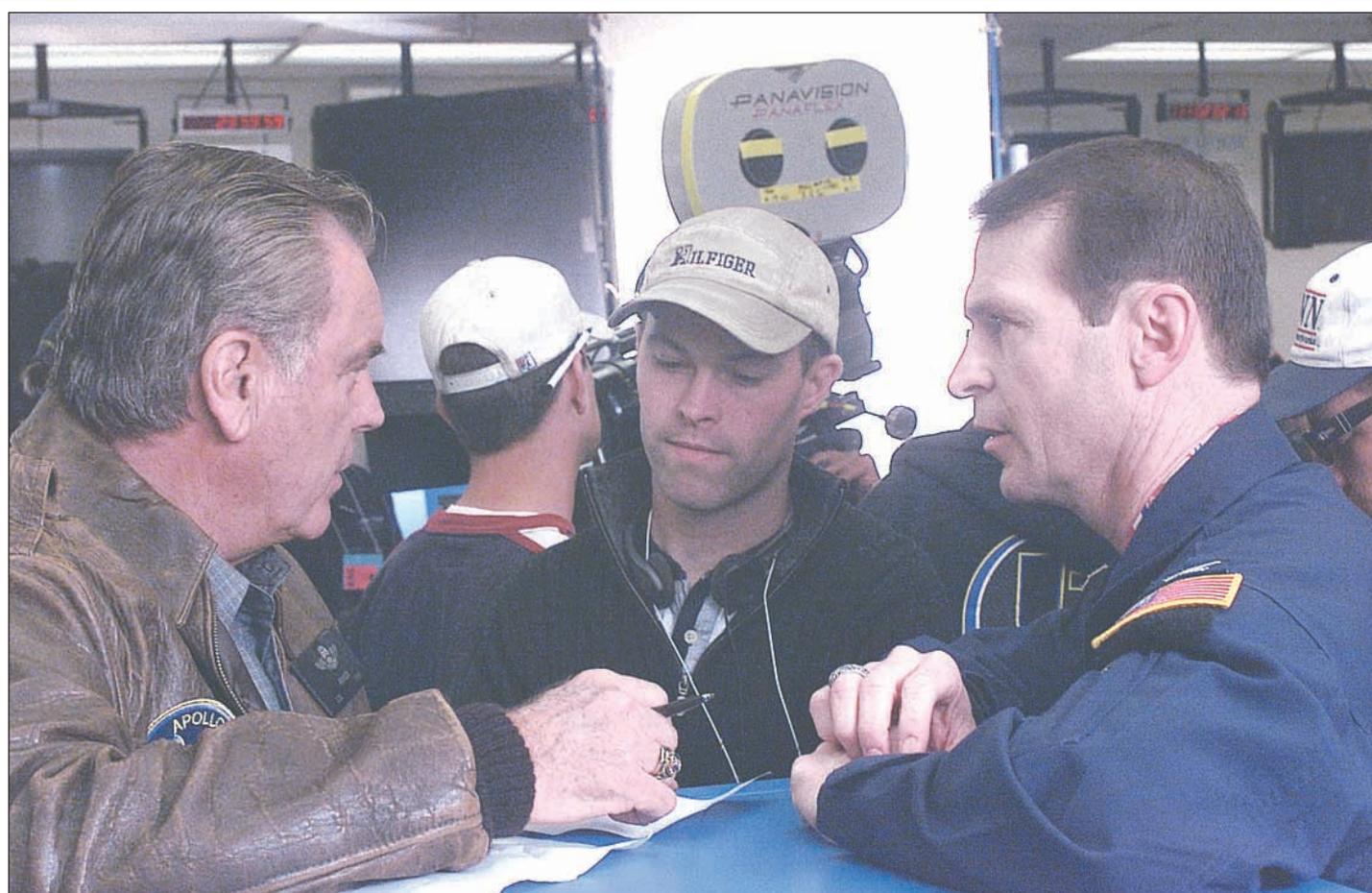
At week's end, the top space wing teams are named in their respective specialties.

For more information about Guardian Challenge '00, check out the competition web site at <http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/features/gc/index.html>.

Go Hawks!



Eat Shark!



SENIOR AIRMAN DAVE CLOWER

Gone Hollywood

Col. Duane Lamb (right), 30th Support Group commander, and actor Robert Wagner (left), take stage direction from writer/director Chris Bremble, while filming the movie, "Rocket's Red Glare." In the movie, Lamb plays, Col. Lamb, space-lift commander. The movie has been filming here for the past two weeks and will star Wagner and actress Marilu Henner. More than 300 base members were used as extras in the film. For the complete story on "Rocket's Red Glare," see your next week's Space & Missile Times.

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Team Vandenberg well prepared for GC 2000

BY COL. STEVE LANNING
30th Space Wing Commander

Guardian Challenge 2000 will be the best ever and Team Vandenberg is ready to showcase the "Best in the West."

The 30th Space Wing competitors and, in fact, all of Team Vandenberg, have poured themselves body and soul into the first Guardian Challenge of the 21st Century.

Go Hawks!



They've done the work to reap the fruits of competition not for the sake of trophies alone, but because they know this competition is an extension of the way we train and fight.

Our space operations team, helicopter crews and security forces have been training at an incredible pace. Their attitude and dedication certainly make them the team to beat.

"Two for two in 2000" is their rally cry and keeping the Schriever Trophy

at Vandenberg is their goal.

The challenges our teams face next week are those each of us face day-to-day carrying out one of the most aggressive launch schedules anywhere. We're America's finest professionals building the best national spaceport in the world because we train for success and demand excellence.

Guardian Challenge 2000 is a realistic test of our ability to execute our mission. Air and space superiority is the No. 1 Air Force core competency.

Next week's competition is a clear illustration of our ability to employ aerospace power to exploit that core competency.

There are six objectives Air Force Space Command has laid out for Guardian Challenge:

Create competition-tough crews;
Improve readiness and combat capabilities through preparation, innovation, and cross-talk;

Enhance esprit de corps and strengthen teamwork across all mission areas in the command;

Recognize Air Force Space Command's superior people;

Send a message: We are prepared to perform our mission;

Identify areas for standardization to enhance readiness and efficiency.

All six objectives serve more than the needs of the Air Force's only space and missile competition.

By exceeding the standards set by Guardian Challenge 2000, Team Van-

denberg advances its stature as the best national spaceport in the world.

When our team of Hawks win the Schriever Trophy for the second year in a row, we will have more than a coveted prize in our possession. We will also assure the defense of our nation and the promise of a greater future.



Col. Steve Lanning
Commander,
30th Space Wing

"By exceeding standards, ... Team Vandenberg advances its stature as the best national spaceport in the world."



SENIOR AIRMAN LEE OSBERRY

Team drawing

Representatives from each unit participating in Guardian Challenge 2000, draw names to determine the order in which their units will enter the the hanger the night of the competition banquet. (Left to right) The representatives are: Lt. Col. Dave Christensen, 90th Space Wing; Lt. Col. Robert Keyser, 21st Space Wing; Lt. Col. Doug Moore, 45th Space Wing; Lt. Col. Joe Hogler, 30th Space Wing; Capt. Mike Donahue, 50th Space Wing; Maj. Don Adams, 341st Space Wing; Lt. Col. Henry Mitnaul, 91st Space Wing and Capt. Mary Watson, 310th Space Group. The units will enter in the following order: 45th SW, 30th SW, 50th SW, 341st SW, 21st SW, 90th SW, 310th SG and 91st SW.

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Stakes high for restricted beach trespassers

Beach areas are closed through Sept. 30 to protect nesting Western Snowy Plovers

BY MAJ. JEFFREY PALMER

30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate's Office

To many people, active duty and civilian, the closure of the beaches is not only inconvenient, it seems downright excessive.

For Lompoc residents, it severely impedes on one of the few "no-cost" recreational outlets in the immediate area. This is especially true for people with no base affiliation, since they only have access to the one-half-mile strip at the Surf Beach Railway Station. The other two open beach areas are inside the gates of Vandenberg.

For whatever reason, people are violating the closure restrictions at an alarming rate. To date, more than 50 citations have been issued to people who have either ignored the signs or otherwise wandered into the "off-limits" areas. The stakes, however, are a lot higher than most violators probably realize. Fortunately, none of the violators have been affiliated with Vandenberg Air Force Base.



Western Snowy Plover

People caught in the restricted areas are potentially subject to enormous fines and possible jail time. The maximum penalty for criminally trespassing onto a closed beach is a \$5,000 fine and 6 months confinement. Trespass is a separate violation from killing, harming or harassing a snowy plover. The maximum penalties for disturbing a snowy plover or its habitat are even greater: a \$50,000 fine and one year in prison. That's a penalty that shouldn't be taken lightly.

Under the Endangered Species Act, one of the violations is what is known as a "take" of the protected animal. A "take" is not just the hunting or trapping of the particular creature, but also includes harm or harassment of that species. In the case of the snowy plover, a kite that lands near a nest and

spooks the chicks from their nest might be considered a "take." The definition of "harm" under this act has been expanded to include the "degradation of the habitat." This implies that an ATV or horse, which tears up the nesting area, without actually injuring a bird, could also be considered a "take." Each "take"

can be considered a separate violation, which bears the maximum punishment described above.

Is this just a case of the Air Force arbitrarily drawing a line in the sand between the "haves" and the "have-nots?" On the contrary, the Air Force has very little to do with where the lines have been drawn and the subsequent penalties associated with crossing those boundaries. People who think these penalties don't apply to them because they're not part of the military are grossly mistaken. Everyone, military or not, is subject to these federal laws. Civilian violators are not tried in a military tribunal or courts-martial, rather, they are tried by the U.S. Attorney's Office under authority of the Department of Justice. The cases are presided over by a civilian judge from

the federal court system.

Whether you're an advocate of environmental protections or not, Congress has taken these serious steps to ensure the protection of threatened species and their habitat. The Air Force, as the landowner in this case, is merely complying with those mandates. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service originally proposed all beaches be closed during the nesting season. After lengthy negotiations, they agreed to leave certain parcels of beach, less frequented by the nesting plovers, open for use by humans. According to an environmental attorney at the 30th Space Wing, that concession was made on the promise by the Air Force that they would vigorously police the restricted areas for violators.

The first violators of the beach closure restrictions will be arraigned in May. One has to wonder if any of them seriously considered the potential cost of ignoring the signs and fences as they took that stroll or hike down the beach. The impact of a Federal conviction on employment applications, lease agreements, and bank loans, not to mention a possibly financially devastating fine and/or confinement, should make one think twice about the seemingly innocent act of "beachgoing" on a closed beach.



SENIOR AIRMAN DAVE CLOWER



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STEPpin' up

(Left) 30th Space Wing Commander Col. Steve Lanning (right), and 30th SW Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim (left), tag new stripes on Staff

Sgt. Jan-Pierre Malboeuf, 30th Contracting Squadron, who was STEP promoted April 14. (Right) Master Sgt. Tier Williams, 2nd Space Launch Squadron support flight superintendent, was also STEP promoted April 14.

Air Force steps up effort to combat child abuse

BY CAPT. PAULA HANSEN
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

■ The effects of child abuse and neglect do not end with the physical trauma. The resulting emotional damage can stunt a child's emotional, intellectual and behavioral growth.

"Child abuse is not an isolated event in a child's life," said Donna Rathbun, Victim Witness Coordinator for the 30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate's Office. "It has long-term, devastating effects. Children naturally believe adults are right, so abused children may grow up believing they are bad, that they deserve the abuse, and that violence is the appropriate way to settle conflict."

A child who believes they deserve to be abused is unable to develop healthy self-esteem, which can result in a variety of problems later in life, Rathbun said. They may be unable to appropriately express their feelings, understand the feelings of others, or develop trust, causing meaningful relationships to become difficult or impossible.

One of the common signs of abuse is a sudden decline in school performance. The child may withdraw, act out, or have such anxiety they are unable to concentrate. These reactions to abuse may significantly impair the child's education.

Studies that examine the effects of child abuse, routinely observe a connec-

tion between maltreatment and delinquency, including violence, theft, property destruction and drug or alcohol abuse. "Their acting out may also take the form of sexual promiscuity, especially in children who have been sexually abused," Rathbun said.

Reporting abuse and neglect not only serves to protect the child from further harm and to help the family return to healthy functioning, a report also helps to ensure the child receives treatment to mediate these long-term effects. To develop healthy self-esteem, it is important that children understand that they never deserve to be abused, that they do not cause the abuser's behavior and that they have worth as individuals.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the 30th Medical Group's Family Advocacy Office at 606-5338 during duty hours. After duty hours, call the command post at 606-9961 and ask for the on-call mental health provider. If the abuse is in progress, call the 30th Security Forces Squadron's Law Enforcement Desk at 606-3911.

Some of the effects of child abuse are outlined below.

HEALTHY CHILDREN:

- Understand that each person is responsible for his or her own behavior.
- Are nurtured and allowed to develop physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally.
- Learn to appropriately express

anger and resolve conflict. They learn that conflict does not have to end in violence.

- Are more likely to develop a sense of self-worth, self-esteem and pride in their successes. Their parents are supportive of their successes and failures.

ABUSED CHILDREN:

- Often believe the violence is their fault, that they cause it. They feel guilt, helplessness and a sense of failure. They don't express their needs for fear of causing conflict, and eventually withdraw.

- Often fall behind in development. They don't receive the nurturing necessary to build trust. Anxiety can contribute to difficulty in school and in forming positive relationships with peers and adults.

- Learn that the way to handle conflict is to be aggressive and physically abusive. Some are very passive and eager to please any adult, trying to be "extra good" to avoid violence. In adulthood, they tend to become abusers or victims of abuse.

- Develop poor self-esteem. They are often fearful and lonely. Achievement is not encouraged to promote self-esteem, but to protect the family from an unacceptable image or to avoid rage and abuse. They feel a need to escape from a scary environment, leading to a high risk for alcohol and drug abuse.

Is your home healthy?

■ If you can answer yes to these questions, your child is probably getting what he or she needs to grow up safe and confident.

I do not hit, kick, bite, slap, burn, or shake my child.

I do not belittle, scream at, threaten, or humiliate my child.

I do not engage in, or allow others to engage in physical or non-physical sexual acts with my child (indecent exposure, peeping, fondling or intercourse).

I provide adequate nutrition and supervision for my child.

I provide medical and dental care for my child.

I encourage my child to express ideas and feelings. I set an example for open, honest communication.

I know my child's likes and dislikes.

I support my child's creativity.

I praise my child often.

My child has a clear sense of what is right and wrong.

My child feels it's safe to disagree with me.

I express my affection by words and actions.

I offer my child unconditional love, warmth, approval, encouragement, guidance, and a degree of personal freedom which is age-appropriate.

**NEWS
BRIEFS**
BASE MEMBERS SCORE BIG ON CDC END-OF-COURSE

■ Congratulations to the following base members who scored a 91 percent or better on their career development course end-of-course evaluations:

Master Sgt. Jason Heggie, 614th Space Operations Squadron;

Tech. Sgt. Larry Burnett, 30th Communications Squadron;

Senior Airman Jeffrey Fields, 30th Security Forces Squadron;

Airman 1st Class Ferdinand Rivera, 30th SFS;

Airman 1st Class Harry Meyer, 30th SFS;

Airman Monica Pence, 534th Training Squadron.

COMMANDERS MEET FOR BASE SAFETY ISSUES

■ The Commander's Quarterly Air Force Occupational Safety and Health Council will meet at 2:30 p.m., May 10 in the building 7000 theater. All commanders are required to attend. Unit safety representatives and other interested parties are welcome to attend. To have an issue addressed by the council, send requests to Florence Pangelinan in 30th Space Wing Safety by today. Requests must be e-mailed or hand-carried on disk.

AIRMEN, FAMILIES GRADUATE AF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

■ The Community College of the Air Force spring graduation is set for today at 1 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Eileen Berning at 606-0420.

MEO OFFICE MOVES, SERVICES STILL AVAILABLE

■ The Military Equal Opportunity Office is moving to building 7015 room 104. Phone numbers will remain the same. Staff will still be available for assistance during the move which is set for Tuesday - Thursday. For more information, call Staff Sgt. CeeJay Brown at 606-0370.

PLAYGROUND CLOSES FOR MORE UPGRADES

■ The playground at Cocheo Park will be closed for construction May 1 through Aug. 15. For more information, call Marty Diamond at 605-2863.

VANDENBERG'S NCOA SELECTED BEST IN REGION

■ The Noncommissioned Officers' Association's Pacific Surf Chapter at Vandenberg AFB has been selected as the 1999 Regional Large Chapter of the Year for the Western Region. Presentation of the award will be made during the annual convention July 7 in Atlanta. Selection for this award places the Pacific Surf Chapter in the running for the 1999 Outstanding Large Chapter of the Year Award.

AFSA PLANS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

■ The Air Force Sergeants' Association will hold its next membership meeting May 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Active-duty members, retirees and their family members are welcome. Planning will begin on the group's participation in the Lompoc Flower Festival held in June, and other community activities set for this year. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mike Zirkle at 060-2154 or Staff Sgt. Glenn McAlister at 606-6621.

FINANCE CUSTOMER SERVICE PREPS FOR TOP DOLLAR

■ Customer service areas within the base financial services office will experience periods of reduced or limited manning through May 12 in preparation for the upcoming Top Dollar competition. Customers who need the special actions section for separation, retirement or debt matters, should call 606-9754 or 606-4607 to schedule an appointment. Customers can also call Paycall for routine pay inquiries at (800) 755-7413 or DSN 926-1281.

COLORADO AIR GUARD HAS PART-TIME POSITIONS

■ The Colorado Air National Guard has part-time openings for members in the following Air Force Specialty Codes: 1C6X1, 4N0X1, 3E0X2, 2T1X1, 2E1X3, 2A7X3, 2A6X6, 2A1X1, 2A0X1B, 2A3X3B, 2F0X1, 2A6X1A, 1N051, 3E351, 2W1X1, 2W0X1, 2S0X1, 3P0X1, 2A646, 2A6X2, 1W0X1 and 3M0X1. For more information, call Master Sgt. Don Pipkin at (800) 491-0028, DSN 877-6508 or (970) 350-9008.

Civic leaders taste Air Force life on whirlwind tour

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Twenty-eight central coast civic leaders joined Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander, for a 36-hour tour of Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, Peterson AFB, Colo. and Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colo., April 3 and 4.

The tour is designed to increase the awareness and understanding of community leaders about the Air Force's role in national security. Groups gain first-hand knowledge of the Air Force mission by visiting Air Force installations.

The civic leaders arrived on base at 4:30 a.m. April 3. They were all set to take-off at 6:05 but were delayed by a shroud of fog descending over Vandenberg. Once airborne in a KC-10A Extender from the 6th Air Refueling Squadron at Travis AFB, Calif., members got the opportunity to go down into the boom operator pod and

see how a refueling mission would be conducted.

After the three-hour flight, the group landed at Sheppard AFB and was met by Brig. Gen. Sharla Cook, 82nd Training Wing commander. Cook gave Lanning and the civic leaders a whirlwind tour of the mission at Sheppard. Sheppard is the Air Force's largest training base and the most diversified in Air Education and Training Command. Cook has the overall responsibility for the technical training of some 40,000 airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines. At Sheppard, tour members got their first taste of military dining facility food.

For the day's second leg of flying, the group flew in a Navy C-9 Skytrain from Norfolk Naval Air Station, Va.



Central Coast civic leaders got a two-day look at life in the Air Force during the civic leader tour April 3-4.

SENIOR AIRMAN SUZANNE JENKINS

tional missions.

The following morning, after a 6 a.m. wake-up call, the civic leaders visited Building One at Peterson AFB and received an AFSPC mission brief from Looney. From there, members were whisked away to Cheyenne Mountain Air Station for a tour of the operations conducted there 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year. Many of the civic leaders declared the "mountain" as the best part of the tour.

After departing Cheyenne Mountain, the group boarded another Navy C-9 and flew the final leg of their tour back to Vandenberg.

Lanning took that opportunity to thank the civic leaders for joining him and made them all honorary members of Team Vandenberg.

After a chance to freshen up, the group reconvened and had dinner at the Peterson Officer's Club with Maj. Gen. William Looney III, director of operations for Air Force Space Command. Looney is responsible for overseeing and developing policy and guidance to conduct the command's space and intercontinental ballistic missile opera-

Base members recognized by Air Force Association for outstanding performance

■ The following members of Team Vandenberg received awards at the Air Force Association Robert H. Goddard Chapter's 2000 Awards Luncheon.

Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Alicia Robledo, Outstanding Civil Air Patrol Cadet

Lt. Col. Michael McNeeley, Aerospace Teacher of the Year

Staff Sgt. Steven Corey, 532nd Training Squadron, Outstanding Community Service

392nd Training Squadron, Outstanding Community Service Organization

Ellie Anderson, 30th Contracting Squadron, Space and Missile Support

Capt. Dave Rondeau, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, Space and Missile Support

Master Sgt. Steven Wilson, 30th Range Squadron, Space and Missile Support

Peter Hedges, 30th RANS, Space and Missile Operations

Capt. Kimberly Montcrieffe, 30th Operations Support Squadron, Space and Missile Operations

Tech. Sgt. Edward Palacios, Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center, Space and Missile Operations

BD Systems, Outstanding Contractor Team

Rick Cote, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, Civilian Engineer

Capt. Scott Payne, 2nd SLS, Military Engineer

Staff Sgt. Walter Boyle, 533rd Training Squadron, Technical Trainer

1st Lt. Stacey Huser, 534th Training Squadron, Technical Trainer

30th Range Squadron, Outstanding Small Unit

30th Operations Group, Outstanding Large Unit

Base superstars take quarterly awards

■ The following members of Team Vandenberg received base-level quarterly awards during a luncheon held at the Pacific Coast Club Tuesday.

Airman of the Quarter, **Airman 1st Class Amber Ruiz**, 30th Weather Squadron.

Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, **Tech. Sgt. Timothy Moore**, 2nd Space Launch Squadron.

Senior NCO of the Quarter, **Master Sgt. Mark Connelly**, 14th Air Force.

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, **Capt. Robert Kolb**, 392nd Training Squadron.

Honor Guard Winners

Rookie of the Quarter, **Airman 1st Class Danny Twyman**, 30th Security Forces Squadron.

Airman of the Quarter, **Senior Airman Jonathan Boyer**, 576th Flight Test Squadron.

NCO of the Quarter, **Staff Sgt. Richard Freeland**, 30th Communications Squadron.

See more winners next week.



SENIOR AIRMAN DAVE CLOVER

Free money

Gary Williams (right), vice president of Union Bank, hands over a check in support of Guardian Challenge to Capt. Scott Van Sant, Vandenberg Competition Association, during the GC 2000 mixer in Lompoc, April 18.

Russians ratify START II

MAJ. LEWONNIE BELCHER

AFSPC Public Affairs

■ PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- Although both houses of the Russian parliament recently ratified the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II, there won't be an immediate reduction in the number of nuclear weapons that make up our nation's land-based nuclear arsenal, according to Air Force Space Command officials.

Under the treaty, commonly referred to as START II, the number of deployed strategic warheads on both sides was limited to no more than 3,500 nuclear warheads. To comply with the treaty, the U.S. will deactivate and remove the 50 Peacekeepers currently on alert and assigned to the 90th Space Wing at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

However, before START II enters into force, several steps must be taken, according to Michael Jennings of HQ AFSPC's arms control policy office.

"First of all, the U.S. must sign off on all modifications associated with the original START II treaty. In other words, we must ratify the version of the treaty the Russians just signed off on," Jennings said. The modifications Jennings refers to include implementation date changes because of the delayed Russian ratification and a deactivation

provision that was not included in the original treaty. The U.S. has already ratified the original, unmodified START II.

The original START II called for parties to complete the final reduction phase no later than Jan. 1, 2003.

At their March 1997 meeting in Helsinki, Presidents Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin agreed to extend the elimination of strategic nuclear weapons delivery vehicles under START II to Dec. 31, 2007. Additionally, during that meeting the two presidents added a stipulation that upon START II entry into force, the sides will agree on procedures for deactivating by Dec. 31, 2003.

"For AFSPC, that means the removal of all nuclear warheads on the Peacekeeper or other jointly agreed steps," Jennings said.

The treaty's terms provide that it will enter into force on the date the parties exchange their ratification documents but this can not occur until after the United States Senate approves the new implementation date and deactivation provisions.

Once START II enters into force, the U.S. and Russia will begin negotiations on START III. According to the agreement at Helsinki in 1997, START III will limit each side to no more than 2,500 deployed strategic warheads by the end of 2007.

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The Operation Kids Christmas committee

is sponsoring a **used book sale** today, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the base exchange. Money raised will be used to support this year's Christmas party.

A **going-away lunch** is scheduled for Col. Sam Fancher today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course club house. Lunch costs \$7 a plate and includes a barbecue ball-tip sandwich, beans, salsa and a bag of chips. For reservations, call Master Sgt. Craig Coleman at 606-8700.

The **Company Grade Officers' Council** will hold its monthly meeting today at 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Col. Dale Elliott, 14th Air Force vice commander.

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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. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Services Center. For more information, call Tymme Mitchell at 606-8780.

The Health and Wellness Center staff offers a **Take Off Pounds Sensibly**, or TOPS, class every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. The class is a weight reduction support group for people who want to lose weight and meet with others who have similar goals. Call Clarissa Watson at 740-4970

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for information. Staff members at the 30th

Medical Group will hold **Operation Baby Launch** May 8 at 5 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Operation Baby Launch is a program for pregnant women and people planning a family who need information about local hospi-



At the Movies

Tonight

My Dog Skip (PG) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

My Dog Skip (PG) 3 p.m.
Final Destination (R) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Final Destination (R) 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Here On Earth (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

May 5

Here On Earth (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

tals, TRICARE, Vandenberg's pediatric and family practice clinics, and more. Those who attend will also be able to meet staff members from local hospitals and civilian obstetricians. Parents and mothers-to-be will also receive a free formula kit and gifts.

Operation Baby Launch is open to everyone and no registration is required. Call Capt. Gretchen Smith at 605-2123 or Nancy Sias, 606-8217,

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for information. The Health and Wellness Center staff

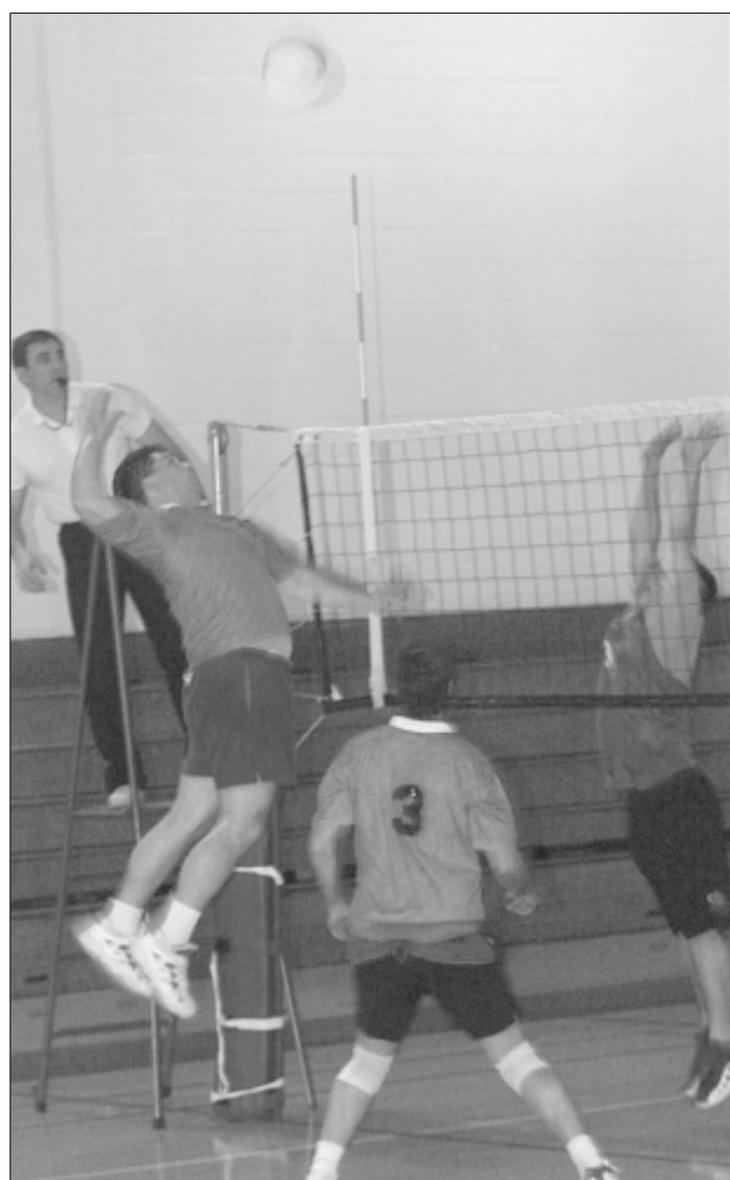
offers an evening **Sensible Weigh Class**, 6 to 7:30 p.m., beginning May 10. The class will be held

Wednesdays for four weeks. Call 606-2221 for reservations

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or information. The 30th Space Wing

Public Affairs staff is looking for **volunteers to serve as tour guides or speakers** during Armed Forces Week, May 15 to 19. For information, call 606-3595.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DAVE CLOWER

Rob Lustig, Det. 9, slams a spike past the 2nd Space Launch Squadron during intramural volleyball action Tuesday. Det. 9 blanked the SLS 2-0.

FITNESS DAY

■ Vandenberg's Fitness Day is set for May 12 at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies will take place at the base track.

Volunteers are needed to help with Fitness Day. Participants can sign up for events at the Fitness Center or with their unit sports representative. For more information, call Senior Airman Jessyca Castillo at 606-3832.

FUN RUN

■ The staff at the base fitness center is holding a 5- and 10-kilometer fun run May 5 at 11 a.m.

The start/finish line is in front of the fitness center's main entrance. Call Castillo at 606-3832 for more information.

CRUD TOURNAMENT

■ The 2000 Space and Missile Championship Crud tourna-

ment is Monday at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club Officers' Lounge.

Prizes will be awarded and the first 12 teams to register will receive free crud shirts, coins and pint drink glasses. For entry forms, call Peter Dettelis at 606-2286.

WHITewater RAFTING

■ The Vandenberg Whitewater Team is looking for people who would like to be whitewater guides for the upcoming rafting season.

New guides will be trained on trip preparation, logistics, guiding techniques for Class I through IV+ rapids, whitewater rescue, CPR and first aid. After new guides complete training, they will help plan and run Outdoor Recreation rafting trips this summer on the Kern

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S 30th Services NEWS

Vandenberg Rafting Team 2000 Season

Schedule

May 20 & 21 - Kern River

Jun 11 - Kern River

Jun 23-25 - American River

Jul 7-12 - American River

plus 3-day climb of Mt Shasta

Jul 28-30 - American River

Aug 12 & 13 - Kern River



- **Cost:**
- **\$55- Kern Day-Trips**
- **\$80- 2-Day Kern Trips**
- **\$115- 2-Day American Trips**
- **\$250- 5-Day American/Shasta Trip**

Call Outdoor Recreation 606-5908 for reservations



BOWLING CENTER

April is the "Month of the Military Child" – There is a 10% discount on any bowling equipment purchased during the month of April for any Vandenberg Bowling Center Authorized Youth Bowler. Also, half price bowling for all youth bowlers up to the age of 17. If a parent brings a child and bowls with them the youth bowls free.

FITNESS CENTER

Women's Volleyball Try Outs – Saturday, at the Fitness Center main gym, 1 p.m. All players are welcome to try out. Only basic volleyball skills are required. Try outs are open to military, dependants and civilians. For more information call Lt Otton at 606-2169 or 734-2213.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Paintball trip - Santa Margarita Central Coast Paintball Park, Saturday, \$5.00 per person (transportation only). Pay at the park, \$24 (includes equipment) or \$15 (with your own equipment). For details call Michael J. Renner at 606-5908.

Scuba Diving Classes - Outdoor Recreation will sponsor the classes beginning on May 3 at the base pool. Cost is \$150.00 per person and includes, all books, materials, certification and most equipment. For details call instructor Bob Johnson at 735-5320 or Outdoor Recreation at 6-5908.

LIBRARY

Closed - The Base Library will be closed May 17 & 18 for computer maintenance. Call 606-6414 for more information.

Pacific Coast Club

Would like to thank the
Boston Beer Co.
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Crud Championship

No Federal Endorsement Intended

MAY REMINDERS!

Skills Development Center

Craft Fair

Crafters reserve your tables early, \$15.00 per table. Call Frank Gomez at 606-9487 for more information. The Fair will be held on May 25 at the Services Center.

Skills Development Center



Guardian Challenge T-Shirts and coins are available for purchase at the Skills Center.

Pacific Coast Club
Sorry no evening dining or BINGO during...

Guardian Challenge
WEEK

Evening dining returns May 5th
BINGO returns May 8th

May 1-5

Pacific Coast Club

5 16 **Play** 49 71

10 **Lunch Time**

BINGO

Every weekday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

30th Services

NEWS

Pacific Coast Club



Chips & Salsa

Beverage Specials

Celebration

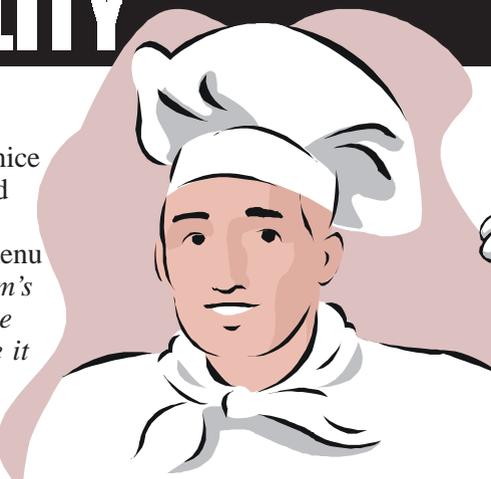
Friday, May 5
with the NEW guy, DJ Miguel,
in the Hawk's Nest Lounge
10 p.m.-2 a.m.



DINING FACILITY

"Home Recipe Program". Submit your mom or grandmother's awesome home recipe and you could be eating a nice "home cooked" meal that you've missed since Basic Training! If your recipe is chosen, your name will appear on the menu board by the meal item. *Grab your mom's or grandmas recipe and bring it to the AETC Dining supervisor. We'll make it for you!*

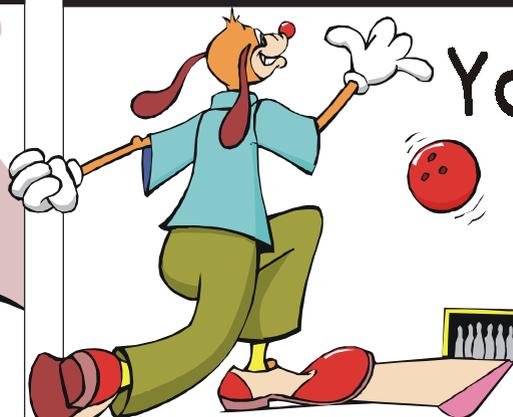
"Dial-A-Menu" phone number for the AETC Dining Facility is 606-2595.



BOWLING CENTER

Youth Bowlers

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and American rivers. Whitewater guide school is scheduled for May 7 to 13 on the Kern River.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a military member, dependent or Department of Defense employee assigned to Vandenberg. For more information call T.J. Lincoln at 606-2724.

SPACE COUNTY GOLF

■ The Space County Golf Classic will be held May 26 with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course.

The tournament fee is \$55 plus

greens fees. Entry fees include a cart, a chance to win \$1 million for a hole in one at a yet-to-be selected hole, and a Santa Maria-style barbecue. Golfers can sign up by calling the American Red Cross at 606-1855.

FLAG FOOTBALL, CHEERLEADING

■ Registration for youth flag football and youth cheerleading is being held at the Vandenberg Youth Center from May 1 to 26 or until teams are filled.

Registration is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for children who have recently completed grades one through six.

The cost to register is \$35 for youth center members and \$40 for non-

members. The season begins in June after baseball season ends. Call Kristi Bonneau at 606-9374 for information.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

■ Vandenberg's Youth Center staff will hold youth volleyball registration from May 1 to 26 at the youth center, Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost of registration is \$35 for youth center members and \$40 for non-members. The season begins in June and ends in August. Call Kristi Bonneau at 606-9374.

**IMVOLLEYBALL SCORES
NATIONAL LEAGUE**

April 19
30th SFS 2, 30th SVS 1

30th CES No. 1 2, 30th TRANS 1
30th LG forfeits to 30th CS No. 1
576th FLTS 2, 381st TRG 0

Monday
30th SVS 2, 30th LG 1
392nd TRS 2, 30th CES No. 1 1
30th TRANS 2, 30th CS No. 1 1
576th FLTS 2, 30th SFS 0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

April 20
30th MSS 2, 533rd TRS 0
30th WS 2, 30th MDG 0
Det. 9 2, 30th CES No. 2 0
2nd SLS 2, 614th SOPS 0

Tuesday
30th CES No. 2 2, 30th MDG 0
Det. 9 2, 2nd SLS 0
30th WS 2, 533rd 0
30th MSS 2, 614th SOPS 0

10 MON