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Comment



Col. Steve Lanning
Commander,
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Commander's Action Line

As the wing commander, my primary focus is on the mission and I believe that our mission success will be based on how well we care for our people on and off the job.

The Action Line is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas or give your fellow base members a pat on the back. The Action Line is not a replacement for using the chain of command.

Callers are asked to leave their name and contact number in case more information is needed.

I want Vandenberg to continue to be the best Air Force base in the world. Working together, it will be.

606-7850

Handy phone numbers

Fire, Police, Ambulance.....911	Chaplain (duty hours).....606-5773
Poison Control.....800-876-4766	Chaplain (after hours).....606-9961
Clinic Appointments.....606-4077	Red Cross (duty hours).....606-1855
Healthwise Line.....888-252-3299	Red Cross (after hours).(800) 660-4272
TRICARE Services.....800-242-6788	Central Security Control.....605-2154
Law Enforcement.....606-3300	EOD (duty hours).....605-1375
Housing Maintenance.....734-5586	EOD (after hours).....606-9961
Space & Missile Times.....606-2040	Base operator.....606-1110
Launch Update Line.....606-1857	CE damage control.....606-1856
MPF Customer Service.....606-7756	Base information.....411
Pest Control.....606-1936	Telephone trouble.....611
Visitor Control.....606-7662	Public Tours.....606-3595

Parents provide extra eyes at Vandenberg swimming pool

Q I'm calling because I'm concerned. I tried to take my daughter to the pool today, and I did not want to swim. I was not even wearing a bathing suit, and I didn't want to sit in the sun either. I just wanted to be an extra pair of eyes in the pool area to make sure that my daughter was safe.

She's asthmatic. If there was an emergency, I wanted to be there.

I was told that I would have to pay for the privilege of staying in the area of the pool to watch my daughter swim.

This does not make sense to me. We have been to many other bases and, most require children under the age of 10 to have a parent with them at the pool. I was not charged then.

I feel like we need to have parental responsibility. I am con-

cerned that we are being charged for the privilege of being responsible parents.

If I can't go in and just watch her without swimming, I guess I don't get to use that facility. I'll have to find some place else for my daughter to swim. I don't feel it's safe to leave her on her own.

A I have asked our pool staff not to charge those parents coming in to watch their children. I have also asked them to get some sort of patch that children authorized to swim without parental supervision can wear on their swimsuits. We will put a policy letter together so that everyone is aware of the changes.

Commander says good old days now

BY LT. COL. BRAD ASHLEY
Commander, 30th Communications Squadron

These are the good old days. Why do I say that? When we're retired and sitting on our front porches talking to our children and grandchildren about what we did to serve this great nation – our Vandenberg days will be a highlight.

This is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs I've had since I entered the Air Force in 1979. To top that, it's also a lot of fun! I trust your job is the same as well.

Through the years, I've learned that life is what we make of it. Optimism is a force multiplier, and we consistently demonstrate there is nothing we can't accomplish as a team when we put our minds toward a common goal.

Keep those positive attitudes and remember that "these are the good old days."

It has been more than two months since I took command of the best communications squadron in the

Air Force. Why do I call us the best? It's because of the team atmosphere, talent, dedication and the rumble you feel in your chest as you watch another successful launch from the pad. Now that's air and space superiority.

All these things tell me that we are the best.

Our mission is one of the largest and most diverse in the wing and it's only getting bigger.

The partnering we have with industry is setting the benchmark for the rest of the Air Force.

Team Vandenberg is much more than a catch phrase – it's a way of life. This summer has been extremely challenging, busy, and rewarding. It takes people like you to make all the magic behind the scenes happen.

Your daily efforts are appreciated.

In the military service we don't hear the phrase "thank you" enough.

"I've learned that life is what you make of it. ... Keep those positive attitudes and remember that these are the good old days--today."

Lt. Col. Brad Ashley
30th Communications Squadron, commander

Too often, we only have the feeling of pride in a job well done. I want to take this opportunity to say – thank you! Thank you for your hard work and tireless dedication!

I also want to thank

the families for supporting all we do here at Team Vandenberg because they are an integral part of this great team. God bless you all and thanks for your outstanding support.

On behalf of the fine men and women of the 30th Communications Squadron, it is our privilege to serve, and we are proud to be members of Team Vandenberg.

Remember ... "these are the good old days--today."

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Nov. 7 election day approaches

AF goal 100-percent member registration during Armed Forces Voters' Week Sept. 3 to 9

BY MAJ. WILLIAM PRENOT

Installation Voting Officer

The presidential candidates are nominated and the conventions are over. All the political hype is now focused on the campaigns of both parties.

The media is following the campaign trails and offering sound bytes to a hungry public waiting to hear which candidate or party is the one for them.

Perhaps you have already made your selection of which candidate to vote for. Perhaps you are a member of a particular political party and will vote only for candidates from that party. Either way, great!

For those who are still undecided, this is the time to get intune with the process and make up your mind on whom to vote for. But, that's not the most important part. The most important part is actually getting out and voting.

The Air Force can help you take that first step to voting. From Sept. 3 to 9, all continental United States military installations will celebrate Armed Forces Voters' Week to register people to vote.

It's the Air Force's goal to have all members registered by the end of that week. Whatever state you claim as a residence, the base voting committee and unit voting counselors can help you register there through the Absentee Voters Program.

Each unit at Vandenberg has unit voting counselors assigned to help you with the process of voter

registration. In many cases, the process can be completed online. Contact your UVC for more assistance by calling the base operator, who has a list of all UVCs.

I'm not writing this to persuade anyone to vote for any political party. I am writing this as a plea for everyone to vote!

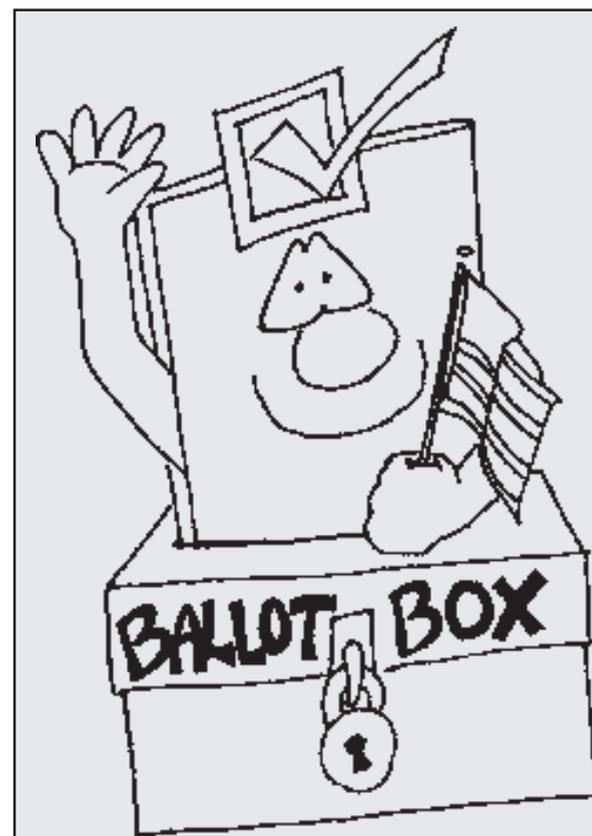
It's one of the most precious rights we have, and one of the most important rights we, as military members, defend.

We all have a voice in determining who our elected officials will be; to choose not to exercise that right is, in my mind, a terrible choice. We have the opportunity to make our choices known to our elected officials through our vote and our vote does count. There are many examples that show how one vote did make a difference. For more details, you can look at the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at www.fvap.ncr.gov or www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

There are 11 weeks before the Nov. 7 election. It is every American's right to vote, and I urge all members to exercise that right. It is not enough that we all register; we must also vote. In doing so, you will participate in the democratic process this country was founded upon.

You will have your voice heard through your vote. By choosing not to vote, I believe you forfeit the right to complain about the election results.

Get out there and vote!



GRAPHIC BY 2ND LT. CHRIS WATT

Make your mark; vote Nov. 7

■ Vandenberg members can exercise their right to vote during the 2000 general election Nov. 7. People can register to vote at the base exchange, commissary and several other locations throughout the base during Armed Forces Voter Registration Week Sept. 3 to 9. People can also call the base operator at 606-1110 and ask for their unit voting representative.

532nd teacher AETC instructor of the year

Instructor has taught more than 600 Air Force people in five years

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

■ The ability to teach someone has its rewards.

For one base member one of those rewards was being named the civilian instructor of the year for 1999.

John Palmer, 532nd Training Squadron training instructor was named Air Education and Training Command's Civilian Instructor of the Year.

Palmer has taught nearly 600 Air Force members on Minuteman missile maintenance during his five years with the squadron. That equals more than 1,500 instruction hours per year.

Palmer said the most rewarding thing for him is seeing young people come into the school with the decision that they are going to do something with their lives.

"They come in so raw and then, after 52 days of hands-on training, they walk out with refined skills and a lot of confidence," he said.

"John takes his job very seriously and puts his all into it," said Master Sgt. Richard Eckert, 532nd Training Squad-

ron NCOIC of the Minuteman training apprentice course. "He is very enthusiastic and charismatic. This makes the students energized to learn."

Palmer has worked at three different jobs on Vandenberg since 1986.

He first arrived as an active-duty airman working as a missile maintenance specialist for the 394th Test and Evaluation Squadron, which today is the 576th Flight Test Squadron.

After a four-year commitment with the Air Force, Palmer worked for the Air Force Logistics Command operating location, now known as Detachment 41. There he did depot-level maintenance on Peacekeeper and Minuteman missiles.

In 1995, he became an instructor with the 532nd TRS.

"Missile maintenance has been around for 30 years and a lot of pride has been built in the career field. I like seeing that pride passed on to other generations," he said.

Palmer said that the students will follow the instructor's actions. "If the instructor's actions are good and honorable, the students will honor you."

Sometimes the best reward for a teacher comes from the students.



STAFF SGT. JANICE CANNON

John Palmer, Air Education and Training Command's Civilian Instructor of the year, instructs Air Force students on missile maintenance in a state-of-the-art class room.

Team Vandenberg completes 1,800th launch

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Thousands of onlookers gathered here to watch Team Vandenberg complete its 1,800th launch with a Titan IVB blasting off from Space Launch Complex 4 East Aug. 17.

The 2.2-million pound rocket lifted off at 4:45 p.m. carrying a National Reconnaissance Office satellite into orbit after a 24-hour delay in the countdown.

Launch operations stalled Aug. 15 when a problem was discovered during routine pre-launch testing of the automatic destruct system batteries.

"We determined that the out-of-tolerance readings were from the monitoring equipment, not any on-board systems," said Lt. Col. James Hyatt, 2nd Space Launch Squadron commander and Air Force launch director for this mission.

"Everything on the booster was functioning properly. It was a problem with the ground equipment," he said.

Air Force and contractor technicians corrected the problem Aug. 16 and the countdown resumed.

"The 30th Space Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, NRO and Lockheed Martin Aerospace have worked together to build upon our legacy of success,"

said Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing and spacelift commander for the mission.

"We have built a solid foundation for government and commercial space launches from here for years to come," he said.

The strap-on solid rocket boosters sparked two fires, one on the launch pad and a brushfire near SLC-4 East. Fire crews extinguished the pad fire at 5:44 p.m. and moved on to the Spring Canyon Fire.

According to Tom Stevens, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief, 11 fire units responded to the Spring Canyon Fire. The combined force of brush trucks, water tenders, fire engines, a Hotshots crew and two helicopters from the 76th Helicopter Flight cleared the 15-acre blaze by 8:48 p.m.

"We had two additional units out there with us. There were two engine companies from the U.S. prison and one engine company from Lompoc that worked the fire with us," he said.

Hotshots crews returned to Spring Canyon Aug. 18 to remove unburned brush from within the fire perimeter, Stevens said. "Members of the 10-man Hotshots crew worked the fire just days after returning from the 75,000-acre Manter Fire in the Sequoia National Forest. They were up there 21 days."



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The Titan IVB lifts off from Space Launch Complex 4 East Aug. 17.

The next scheduled launch from Vandenberg is a Titan II from SLC-4 West.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration payload will primarily provide long-range weather forecasting.

NEWS**BRIEFS****COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN 2000 RUNS SEPT. 11 TO OCT. 20**

The Combined Federal Campaign runs from Sept. 11 to Oct. 20. CFC is an opportunity for federal employees to donate, through payroll deduction or lump sum, to national or local charities of their choice. CFC is one of only two times per year when federal employees can be solicited on duty. For more information, contact unit CFC representatives, call Capt. Scott Koopman at 605-7231, or email him at scott.koopman@vandenberg.af.mil.

TEAM VANDENBERG HOLDS AEROSPACE SHOW 2000

Vandenberg Air Force Base will host the Aerospace Show 2000 Oct. 14 and 15. The main attractions for this year's show will be the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team and the U.S. Air Force Special Tactics and Rescue Specialists Parachute Demonstration Team. Other attractions include a B-2 stealth bomber and F-117 stealth fighter/bomber fly-by, modern day and vintage airplane aerial acrobatics, and a variety of military and commercial spacelift static displays. Admission to the event is free and open to the public. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. For more information, call the 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office at 606-3595 or visit the website at www.Vandenberg.af.mil.

CHIEF'S GROUP LAUNCHES PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The chief's group is sponsoring a pancake breakfast Tuesday from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at the chapel 1 annex. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased from unit chiefs or designated representatives.

COMMISSARY, MINI-COMMISSARY CLOSE FOR LABOR DAY

The commissary will be closed Sept. 4 and 5. The mini-commissary will be closed Sept. 4 and open Sept. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

COMM SQUADRON STAFF OFFERS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Dynamic Concepts Incorporated and the 30th Communications Squadron staff have developed a Quick Reference Guide for the Vandenberg community. The guide includes telephone numbers and hours for most agencies on base. The guides are available at the following locations: the Pacific Coast Club, the FAMCAMP check-in desk, the golf course, the Vandenberg Lodge, the base clinic, the commissary, Retiree Activities Office, Vandenberg Federal Credit Union and the family support center. For more information, call Karen Dean at 606-5678.

SECURITY FORCES SPONSOR RIFLE, PISTOL COMPETITION

An "Excellence in Competition" pistol and rifle match is scheduled for Sept. 28 and 29 at

the combat arms firing range. The competition is open to all active duty and reserve Air Force members. Contestants can sign up at the firing range Sept. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ammunition is limited; the first 100 people for each match will compete. Call Staff Sgt. Erik Skrudland at 605-5025 for more information.

AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL NEEDS PME INSTRUCTOR

The Vandenberg Airman Leadership School is looking for a sharp, enthusiastic staff sergeant to fill the position of professional military education instructor. A formal application is required. Specific instructions and requirements can be found on the equal-plus listing at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/procedures/specat.htm>. See index No.106. Applicants must have a Community College of the Air Force degree or be within one year of attaining it. For more information or to submit a package, call Tech. Sgt. Jeff Sherrill at the PME center at 606-5595.

REQUIREMENTS CHANGE FOR OFFICIAL AIR FORCE MAIL

The base information transfer center will no longer accept handwritten letters beginning Oct. 1. The U.S. Postal Service requires that addresses on all parts of an envelope on official Air Force mail be typed in order for the character readers to sort the mail electronically. Rubber stamps will not be accepted for outgoing addresses but may be used for return addresses. This helps ensure letters and boxes arrive at their destination in the shortest amount of time. Mail that is not addressed correctly will be returned to the sender. Call Janet Leininger, mail manager, at 606-7028 for more information.

FIRE PROTECTION FLIGHT CONDUCTS TRAINING IN FAMILY HOUSING

The Fire Protection Flight will conduct live fire training through Sept. 5 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The fire training will take place at buildings 609, 612, 614, 615, and 617 located on Elm Street in the military family housing area. Smoke will be visible for several miles but should dissipate after the buildings have burned to the ground. For more information about live fire training, call Phillip Bennie, fire protection flight training and safety officer, at 605-2816.

RECRUITER TEAMS ARRIVE HERE LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED AIRMEN

The Recruit-the-Recruiter Team will visit Vandenberg Thursday. The team will give a one-hour briefing at 9 a.m. in the Professional Military Education Center. Staff sergeants through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service are eligible to apply. Senior airmen with three to six years of total active federal military service are also eligible.

People will spend the rest of the day processing their application. For more information, call Master Sgt. Jeanette O'Keefe at 605-0289 or 605-4678.

'Mr.' Joe sees kids eye-to-eye

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

In another place and another time, Joe Barnes was an undefeated middle-weight prizefighter.

That division in the 1950s was the most ferocious in professional boxing. Fighters like Sugar Ray Robinson and Jake LaMotta rattled teeth and bloodied faces. Young Joe Barnes stepped inside the violence of a boxing ring 20 times. He never left the ring a loser.

Nearly half a century later, his hands still connect Joe Barnes to people. But now they hold storybooks, puzzles and the small hands of children who laugh and call him "Mr. Joe."

Barnes spends his days working and playing with pre-schoolers. A child development program technician, he is also the only man among 40 women working at Vandenberg's Child Development Center.

That's important, said Bonita Jones, CDC assistant director.

"Mr. Joe helps kids see that women are not the only nurturing providers in a family," she explained.

About 100 children come daily to the child development center, where staff members help children develop social and self-help skills. Joe works with preschoolers, ages 3 to 5.

"We try to motivate the children," Barnes said. Activities are child-directed. "That's how children build character and discover the world outside," added the retired Army first sergeant. "They learn by doing things."

So does Mr. Joe. From boxing, Barnes learned discipline and built his self-esteem. As an Army first sergeant in



STAFF SGT. JANICE CANNON

Joe Barnes plays with Ali Grinnals (left) and Alyssa Cambra at the child development center.

Germany, he learned the value of organized sports for children. Later, working with Goodwill Industries and the YMCA, he discovered that work can be play.

"Kids learn about their outside world through their senses," Barnes said. "It builds their character."



Joe Barnes, circa 1976

"When we eat at the center, we have family-style dining," he continued. "Each teacher sits at a table with the kids, and the kids serve themselves. They talk to each other and

laugh. It prepares them for life."

Joe's work at Vandenberg began 10 years ago when he was a supply specialist with the civil engineers. Now he supplies children a safe place to learn and play at their own pace.

"Kids learn by playing," Barnes explained. "Each kid is different. One kid runs real fast, and one runs slow. Some are good at putting together puzzles. They all learn at a different pace."

But for Joe and the other adults at the center, developing

creative and cognitive skills in children is not work at all. It's play.

"There's no hard part to this job," Barnes said. "Each caregiver plays with the kids. When you're making them happy, it's not hard."

While 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds lay down for naps, Joe sits in a small chair built for a child and reads from a storybook. The children smile listening to Barnes read, then nod off to sleep.

"I like their happy faces," he said. "You begin to love them like they're your own, especially in the morning when they run to you and give you a hug."

Kaitlin Bonilla is a 4-year-old at the child development center. Bright and quick to laugh, Kaitlin attends ballet classes every week. Barnes often engages her in questions about her class. The open-ended questions are intended to make the children think and develop their cognitive skills.

"Mr. Joe says 'Can I go to ballet with you?'" Kaitlin said. "But he can't 'cause he's a boy."

Despite her contention that Mr. Joe and ballet don't mix, Kaitlin and the soft-spoken child care provider do share common ground.

"My Mr. Joe plays puzzles with me," the 4-year-old said. "I love my Mr. Joe."

Split disbursement makes paying TDY expenses easier

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Air Force Space Command

■ Since travelers in Air Force Space Command are now required to charge all official travel on their Bank of America government travel cards, figuring out how to quickly pay off these costs is a problem for some.

Split disbursement is a convenient and little known way for travelers to pay off government travel cards. The payment is automatic and can eliminate unnecessary hassles or delays.

“Using split-disbursement to pay government travel card bills would help members avoid delinquent payments,” said 2nd Lt. Carmelita Chadwick, 30th Comptroller Squadron. It’s easy to use as well, she added.

Chadwick said that instead of waiting for the bill from the Bank of America to arrive in the mail and then paying it, the amount is deducted from the member’s pay and electronically charged to the person’s travel card account.

Travelers can use split disbursement by checking block 1 of the travel settlement voucher and filling in the amount they want sent to their Bank of America account.

After calculating the amount owed to the traveler, the base finance office electronically transfers the split amount requested to Bank of America and the rest to the traveler’s financial institution.

“Split disbursement really aims to help folks pay off their travel card quickly, conveniently and safely,” said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Jewell, AFSPC government travel card program manager. “You don’t have to worry about sending a check to the bank because it’s all done electronically, which is a plus since there’s an automatic record of the transaction.”

Overdue bills should be a thing of the past with split disbursement and the on-line access being provided to travelers. “Travelers can now obtain access to their own Bank of America government travel card accounts through the Bank of America website, EAGLS,” he said.

Travelers can simply contact their unit agency program coordinator to have access set up. The Vandenberg program coordinator is Master Sgt. Jim Bryant, 30th Comptroller Squadron chief of customer service. He can be reached at 606-4608.

“Statement and transaction information is now at the traveler’s fingertips, 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” Jewell said.

Travelers continue to have the option of calling Bank of America customer service at (800) 472-1424 for assistance.

Use of split disbursement is highly encouraged for everyone. “The government travel card is for official business only,” said Chadwick, “and bills need to be paid upon receipt,”

For more information on split disbursement, call the base finance office at 606-4606.

Customer service hours are now Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Financial tip of the week:

■ Members need to make sure all changes in their family’s status is promptly reported to the customer service section at finance. Examples of a status change include birth of a child, marriage, divorce or legal separation.

AF Chief of Staff endorses nineteen uniform changes

Ten recommendations require additional study

■ WASHINGTON — Development of an optional polyester uniform for people sensitive to wool and an athletic cut uniform for body builders were some of the uniform changes recommended by the 95th Air Force Uniform Board and approved by Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Aug 10.

Nineteen recommendations were approved, 47 were disapproved, 10 were referred for additional study, and eight were addressed, but require further staffing.

Some changes require uniform design modification, or development and testing, and evaluation by senior leadership before they can be implemented.

The following recommendations were approved by the chief of staff:

Implementation guidance is pending.

- ♦ Standardization of the all-weather coat by removing the gun-flap on the current issued coat.
- ♦ Requirement to wear all ribbons, including devices, when wearing ribbons.
- ♦ Tabs will be added to the maternity jumper.
- ♦ Female officer mess dress shoulder boards will be resized.
- ♦ Gortex parka will be available in military clothing sales stores as an optional item.
- ♦ Wear of flight gear authorized for Phoenix Raven personnel.
- ♦ Development of an optional 100 percent acrylic or an acrylic and wool blend pullover sweater.
- ♦ Development of badges proportioned between the miniature and regular sized badges.
- ♦ Development of an optional polyester uniform for people sensitive to wool.
- ♦ Development of an athletic cut uniform.
- ♦ Investigate a fire resistance uniform for fire fighters.
- ♦ Changing language in Air

Force Instruction 39-2903 to read: Fingernail length must not interfere with duty performance or hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items.

♦ Attache cases, gym bags, backpacks and women's purses may be carried in either hand as long as they do not interfere with rendering proper military courtesies.

♦ When current supplies run out, the women's handbag will no longer be issued in basic training.

♦ Plain dark blue or black ropes, silver or plastic small-link chain and clear plastic chain attachments may be worn for access badges.

♦ Center excellence-in-competition badges on the welt pocket of the service dress jacket.

♦ Pharmacy technician certification badges may be worn on the white utility uniform one-half inch above the nametag.

♦ Camel pack water containers may be worn as part of the standard hot weather uniform.

♦ Improve alignment of women's tie tab with collar.

Items referred for additional study are:

- ♦ Use of the same non-roll elastic in the maternity blue pants that is used in the maternity BDU pants.
- ♦ Resizing women's tall-sized uniforms.
- ♦ Resizing tall-sized mess dress uniforms.
- ♦ Develop brown or black thermal underwear to be worn with BDUs.
- ♦ Upgrade Air Force BDU cap.
- ♦ Increasing the circumference of maternity BDU sleeve by 2 inches.
- ♦ Redesign the maternity BDU slacks by either adding an adjustable drawstring or adjustable shoulder straps.
- ♦ Review optional purses, available through the Army and Air Force Exchange, which meet Air Force requirements.
- ♦ Review Space/Missile badge.
- ♦ Review sleeveless BDU shirt and shorts.



STAFF SGT. JANICE CANNON

Tending mother earth

Diane Gilmore takes a break while her husband, 1st Lt. David Gilmore, 533rd Training Squadron, works on their July main base yard of the month. Gilmore is an instructor supervisor of the Phased Array Warning System training. Tech. Sgt. David Vasquez, 381st Training Group, and wife, Josephine, were the main base runners-up. 2nd Lt. Damon Willie, 381st TRG, and his wife, Karen, were the east housing winners for July. Senior Master Sgt. David Drury, 30th Operations Group, and his wife, Shirley, were the east housing runners-up.

COMMUNITY

25 **FRI** A monthly cooking class is scheduled at the Health and

Wellness Center today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the HAWC and learn to prepare vegetarian cuisine as a healthy addition to life. Call Beverly Calderon at 606-2221 for more information.

30 **WED** A base-wide blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Minuteman Theater. All donors will receive free doughnuts, cookies, coffee and juice as long as the snacks last. Tri-county Blood Bank members will conduct the drive. For information, call 606-9701.

The family support center is offering a **Step-Parenting Class** on Wednesday at 2 p.m. The class is designed to help couples address the unique issues of building a marriage and blending a

family. Call Linda Bastine at 606-9958 for details or to sign up.

3 **SUN** The San Luis Obsipo Symphony Pops will present "By the Sea 2000" Sept. 3 at the Avila Beach Resort. Gates open at 2:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Children 12 and under enter free. The concert features music from the films: "Goldfinger," "Live and Let Die," "Mission Impossible," and other spy and private investigator movies. People can bring a picnic basket or eat at the resort. Call (805) 543-3533 for information.

8 **FRI** The Santa Maria Museum of Flight has scheduled their **11th annual Warbird Roundup** Sept. 8 to 10 at the Santa Maria Public Airport. Gates open Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. Historical

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airplanes will be on display. A radio controlled aircraft demo is scheduled. Food and display booths will also be open. General admission is \$6. Tickets for children 7 to 12 years old cost \$4. Children 6 and under enter free. For more information, call the Santa Maria Museum of Flight at 922-8758.

15 FRI **Danish Days** is scheduled for Sept. 15 to 17 in Solvang. The event is a celebration of the Danish heritage in Solvang since 1936. Danish folk dancing, music, parades, food and entertainment are scheduled throughout the weekend. Call the Solvang Conference and Visitor's Bureau at (805) 688-6144 for more information.

17 SUN Vandenberg Leisure Tours has scheduled a trip to

Catalina Island Sept. 17 to 20. Price of trip is \$210 per person. The price includes bus and ferry transportation, three-nights lodging at a hotel with continental breakfasts and two island tours. Call 606-7976 for more information.

22 FRI The **Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee** wants Hispanic appetizer recipes. The committee is planning a show for Sept. 22 featuring Team Vandenberg's finest appetizers. The groups are also looking for any artifacts to place on display during the exposition. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kitty Noles at 606-0366.

28 THU **Family Advocacy and the Family Violence Prevention and Intervention Partnership** are

sponsoring a conference on family violence called "Building Bridges to Peaceful Families." The one-day conference is scheduled for Sept. 28 at the Marriott in Buellton from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The conference is designed to provide up-to-date information on family violence issues as they relate to practitioners, law enforcement, medical professionals and attorneys in the field of family violence. Costs are \$65 prior to Sept. 15, and \$75 after Sept. 15, and include a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, call Teri Zuniga at 347-9994 or Valerie Trewren at 606-5338.

The HAWC has a **relaxation room** that is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sit in a massage chair, listen to soft music and let the stress melt away. Call the HAWC at 606-2221 to schedule a 30-minute session.



At the Movies

Tonight
In the Crowd
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
The Kid
(PG) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday
The Kid
(PG) 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 1
The Patriot
(R) 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 2 & 3
Pokemon 2000
(G) 3 p.m.
The Patriot
(R) 7:30 p.m.

Golf champions crowned here

Marshallia Ranch hosts 62 golfers for 3-day competition

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■ The annual Marshallia Ranch club and base championships were decided at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course Sunday.

Sixty-two people competed in the tournament that started Aug. 12 and finished during the weekend.

The club championship is open to all eligible patrons of Marshallia Ranch golf course and the base championship is open only to Vandenberg active-duty members. The format is set up with two flights, "A" and "B" each having a gross and net winner. "A" flight tees off from the championship tee box and the "B" flight tees off from the middle tee box.

Dave Jarrel is the "A" flight gross winner and Marshallia Ranch club champion. Jarrel squeaked out the club championship over Mark Mikus by one stroke 225 to 226 gross.

Jack Barfield from the 30th Security Forces Squadron is the "A" flight's net and base

champion shooting a 249 gross in the three-round competition to win the base championship, and a 216 net to win "A" flight net. Rik Blanchette is second place in "A" flight net with a 221. Tom Seward from the 2nd Space Launch Squadron is second place in the base championship with a 255 gross.

Herb Smith is the "B" flight gross winner at 250, and second is Len Peverieri, 253. Tim White is the "B" flight net winner is scoring 209, and second is Shirley Price, 212.

Base champion Barfield, only in his third tournament, said "It was a great experience. I had the chance to play with three of the best golfers at the club during the second day.

"I was nervous and that can make a three-foot putt feel a mile long during the tournament," he added.

The next big tournament at Marshallia Ranch is the Marshallia Masters Sept. 15 to 17. Call the course at 606-6262 for more information or to sign-up.

SPORTS BRIEFS

VARSIY BASKETBALL TRYOUTS HELD

Varsity basketball tryouts are scheduled Sept. 11 to 15 at the fitness center from 6 to 8 p.m. Active duty, dependents and Department of Defense civilians can try out. Call Staff Sgt. Thomas Merrett at 606-9876 for information.

LOMPOC VALLEY DISTANCE CLUB HOLDS RACE

The Lompoc Valley Distance Club has scheduled a Park-to-Park eight-mile run Sept. 17 in memory of Dr. John Trettin. Trettin was a Lompoc resident who was active with Cabrillo High School athletics. He was a nationally rated marathon runner having competed in the Boston marathon more than 20 times. Registration starts at 7 a.m. The race begins at 8 a.m. at Miquelito Park and finishes at the La Purisima Mission State Park. Miquelito Park is located on South I Street in Lompoc. The entry fee is \$10. Awards will be given to placings first through third in age groups 17 and under, 18 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59 and 60 and over. Call 736-0677 for information.