

Officials monitor bog smoke levels

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Vandenberg firefighters, civil engineers and residents in local communities can breathe easier now.

In early October, base and county officials stepped up air quality testing to ensure the well being of firefighters, support crews and residents in surrounding communities, according to Maj. Roger Nelson, commander of the 30th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron's Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight.

People working in the peat bog wore personal monitors to test the air they were breathing at the site of the fire, he said. Initial results from those tests show the air is safe for workers.

"Preliminary air sample results for the personal breathing zones of people working in the peat bog show that contaminants of concern were all non-detected," Nelson said.

This means that all concentrations within the workers' breathing zone were below detectable levels or below the worker exposure standards, he said.

"The results received so far show our personnel were not exposed to any measured hazardous pollutants above acceptable limits," he said.

"These results are not indicative of what the surrounding air or ambient concentrations are outside of the bog," he added.

"We are still waiting for the ambient air sample results, but those preliminary results are expected to be in any day now," he said.

Different equipment is used to monitor ambient air than is used to monitor personal breathing areas and different standards apply, according to Kathy Patton, for the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District technology and environmental assessment



SENIOR AIRMAN GEORGE MINNIZ

The bog creates its own fog when temperatures drop below the dew point.

division manager.

The APCD has also reported results from monitoring of particulate matter in the air in some of the communities around the fire area, including Vandenberg Village, Los Alamos, Santa Maria and Lompoc, she said.

Particulate matter refers to particles suspended in

the air, and is typically considered the pollutant in wildfire smoke that is of greatest concern to people, she said.

National and state standards apply to fine particulate matter, she added.

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Battle of the bog fast facts

- ◆ The bog creates its own localized weather conditions.
- ◆ The burning peat constantly puts out water vapor which evaporates during the day.
- ◆ When the night air cools, the vapors pool in the valley forming the "bog fog."
- ◆ Even small amounts of smoke mixed with fog create dangerously low visibility.
- ◆ Clear skies associated with high-pressure weather bring greater chances for reduced visibility along the one-mile

- stretch of U.S. Highway 1 near the bog.
- ◆ Barka Slough has approximately 365 acres of peat bog.
- ◆ Eighty acres are still burning.
- ◆ The peat bog is made of several layers: from the top there are 3 feet of clay, 4 to 7 feet of peat mixed with clay, 7 to 10 feet of wet clay, followed by 9 to 12 feet of water.

- ◆ There have been 150-million gallons of water pumped into the bog.
- ◆ Twenty oscillating sprinklers and 2,080 yards of 6-inch irrigation piping are being used to saturate the bog with water.
- ◆ The system delivers 3,000 gallons of water per minute to the bog.
- ◆ Red-legged frogs in the slough survived the fire.

Comment



Col. Steve Lanning
Commander,
30th Space Wing

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS AMANDA EDWARDS

Vandenberg recognizes firefighters

30th Space Wing Commander Col. Steve Lanning, presents the Commander's Award trophy to base Fire Chief Tom Stevens, at a firefighter recognition ceremony in the Pacific Coast Club Oct. 11. The trophy recognized the efforts of Vandenberg firefighters in extinguishing the Harris and Peackeeper Fires in September.

Moral courage, a test of character

LT. COL. BRAD ASHLEY
30th Communications Squadron commander

What is moral courage? Can you learn it? Can you teach it? Some say moral courage is standing up for what you believe in or what you know is right.

Some say it's telling the truth in spite of the consequences. Others say moral courage is doing what's right, in the face of adversity, when turning the other way would be much easier.

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"True tests of character come when the stakes are high... That is when our true character is exposed."

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

moral courage every day, what makes us think it will be there when the chips are down?

When the big tests of moral courage come, and

believe me they will come, there will be a moment of reflection and silence in which a decision must be made.

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Fiscal '01 goals remain retention, recruiting

By TECH. SGT. CHARLES RAMEY
Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

■ As the Air Force begins a new fiscal year, it also starts at ground zero for meeting recruiting and retention goals.

During a visit to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Oct. 19, Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste stressed the importance of meeting recruiting goals and influencing those who have already joined the Air Force to stay in.

"We still need to work on retaining our first-term, second-term and career airmen," DiBattiste said. "Our first-term retention is getting better. Our goal is

55 percent for first-termers, and we improved our numbers from 49 percent in fiscal year 1999 to 52 percent in fiscal year 2000.

"But, our numbers for second-term and career airmen are not so good," she said. "Our goal is 75 percent for second-term airmen, and 95 percent for career airmen. We stayed constant in both for 1999 and 2000, retaining approximately 69 percent and 91 percent respectively."

As a result, DiBattiste said retention would continue to remain a top priority for the Air Force in fiscal 2001.

"We are focused on retention across the board," she said. "We need the top quality people to stay in the Air Force for 20 years or more. We need to hold on to the people we have invested so much training and experience in, especially the critical skill areas like maintenance, combat control, pararescue,

communications, explosive ordnance disposal and linguistics on the enlisted side; and nursing, aviation, engineering, sciences, and mission support on the officer side.

"It is the people who do the work of the Air Force and make it great," she said. "We need them to not only come into the Air Force, but to stay."

"...(We're) returning the retirement system back to where it should have always been, with members receiving 50 percent of their base pay at the 20-year point."

Carol DiBattiste
Undersecretary of the Air Force

uniform for years to come.

"The Secretary of the Air Force, Mister Whit Peters, and Air Force Chief of Staff, General Mike Ryan, have fought for several initiatives to improve retention across our Air Force," DiBattiste said.

"First, we've seen three pay raises within a 12-month period. Last year's 4.8 percent pay raise was the largest our Air Force members saw in 20 years. Second, returning the retirement system back to where it should have always been, with members receiving 50 percent of their base pay at the 20-year point, represents yet another great compensation initiative which has a positive effect on retention."

"We are working at the highest levels of the Air Force to improve our medical care system," she said. "We are working to nationalize TRICARE so that when our people move from one region to another, they can't tell the difference in the quality of the care

they receive. We are also working on the medical claims process.

"Our people told us that in some cases they have debt collectors pursuing them to pay for treatment and services which are benefits provided under TRICARE," DiBattiste said. "So we've put collection assistance officers at every TRICARE lead agent office and military treatment facility to help Air Force members better understand the benefit process and deal with any collection issues."

Another family area senior leaders are focusing on is childcare. DiBattiste said the Air Force is currently running a pilot program at six Air Force bases extending child care hours. It seeks to validate the demand for extended hours at child care facilities.

"We have about three months left in our test program, and we're getting positive feedback," she said. "If the program is a success, it will be implemented Air Force-wide, giving us extended child care hours for all of our Air Force members."

In addition to pay and family initiatives, DiBattiste said the Air Force is also bringing back advisers to help airmen make an informed decision on the question of whether to stay or leave the Air Force.

"We will have 91 career assistance advisers Air Force-wide by the first of November," DiBattiste said. "Their whole job is to work with wing and squadron commanders, integrating one-on-one with Air Force people and talking to them about the benefits of staying in the Air Force."

"We want our people to know that the Air Force has a lot of great benefits to offer," DiBattiste said. "We want them to know that they are doing something important, making a difference for our country, and that we want them to stay."

Career path guiding light

NCO outlines Air Force benefits, career options

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg's career assistance adviser is ready, willing and able to help people who are uncertain about their career options or undecided about whether to re-enlist.

"The creation of the career assistance adviser is one of many initiatives the Air Force has implemented in response to retention issues," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney, 30th Space Wing career assistance adviser.

"The grass isn't always greener on the other side. The Air Force has a lot of great benefits to offer," he said.

There are many airmen and NCOs who are unaware of all the options and benefits available when faced with the decision to re-enlist, separate, or transfer to the Guard or Reserve, he said.

"I want to help people make an informed decision that is right for them and their families, regardless of what that decision turns out to be," he said.

The worst scenario is when someone separates based on some "barracks lawyer's" misguided advice, Tierney added.

"The emphasis on retention has brought about some great changes ranging from the military thrift savings plan to bringing back the base of preference program," he added.

"He works closely with the wing staff and myself," said Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim, 30th Space Wing command chief master sergeant. "He's the point person for commanders, supervisors and first sergeants to go to on issues such as retraining, re-enlistment, benefits and other career decisions.

"Our front-line supervisors and commanders still have the primary responsibility to mentor and provide feedback to their troops," the chief added.

Tierney was selected from a pool of four senior noncommissioned officers to fill the position here. The 91 career assistance advisers in the Air Force attended a one-week course at Randolph AFB, Texas, before embarking on their special-duty assignment.

Tierney's office is located in building 11777, room C-207. For more information, contact him at 605-9815 or visit the web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/benefits.htm



AIRMAN JESSICA RAMOS

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney, 30th Space Wing career assistance adviser, explains the benefits of an Air Force career to Airman 1st Class Heather Hoxsey, a 30th Mission Support Squadron information manager.

Air Force career offers many benefits

Retirement pay: Ranges from 40 percent of base pay and a lump sum payment to 75 percent of base pay.

Annual leave: Accumulate 2.5 days per month, 30 days of paid vacation each year.

Education: Seventy-five percent of tuition, up to \$250 per semester hour in off-duty courses.

Commissioning opportunities: Officer Training School and Airman Education and Commissioning Program are some of the programs available.

Montgomery GI Bill: Individuals enrolled in MGIB contribute \$100 per month for one year, benefits are \$536 per month for 36 months.

Clinton signs authorization act; bill affects pay, TRICARE

3.7 percent pay raise effective Jan. 1; additional raise for mid-level NCOs starts in July

BY JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON — A 3.7 percent military pay raise, TRICARE changes, military modernization and lifetime medical benefits are just some of the aspects of the Floyd Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 that President Clinton signed into law Oct. 30.

The act gives DOD permission to spend an authorized overall budget of \$309.9 billion. The fiscal 2001 appropriations act signed in August actually provided the money.

The authorization act set total military fiscal 2001 end strength at 1,382,242. The Air Force's end strength is 357,000.

The Selected Reserve end strength is 874,664 with the Air National Guard's set at 108,022 and the Air Force Reserve at 74,358.

End strength is down 3,190 from fiscal 2000 for the active force and up by 4,366 for the Selected Reserve.

In addition to the 3.7 percent across-the-board pay

raise that goes into effect Jan. 1, service members in pay grades E-5 to E-7 will receive a targeted, one-time monthly raise of \$32 to \$59 starting July 1.

Congress has added funds to the basic allowance for housing to reduce out-of-pocket expenses service members must pay if they live off base. Currently, service members living off base pay an average of 19 percent of their housing costs out-of-pocket. The money will bring that average to 15 percent in fiscal 2001. The legislation authorizes the defense secretary to raise BAH rates to eliminate out-of-pocket expenses by fiscal 2005.

The act extends the military housing privatization program. The program allows commercial firms to build and run military family housing areas.

Another pay action calls for active and reserve military personnel to be able to use the Thrift Savings Plan. The plan, long a part of the Federal Employees Retirement System, would allow military personnel to invest a percentage of their pre-tax pay toward retirement. Taxes on participants' investments and earnings are deferred while in the plan. Details remain to be worked out, but the act calls for the system to be up and running 360 days after the president signs the legislation.

The budget changes the TRICARE military medical system in several ways. For active-duty

personnel, TRICARE Prime Remote now covers family members as well as active-duty personnel. The act also eliminates co-payments for active-duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime. It also allows travel reimbursements to those who must go more than 100 miles to see a TRICARE health-care provider.

The biggest TRICARE change, however, covers Medicare-eligible retirees. The act restructures TRICARE to allow Medicare-eligible military retirees and their family members to continue their coverage beginning in fiscal 2002. Under the plan, Medicare-eligible beneficiaries would pay no co-pays, deductibles or TRICARE enrollment fees or premiums. Retirees can receive care under Medicare; also, any medical expense not covered by Medicare will be paid by TRICARE.

The act also expands the mail-order pharmacy service to cover all beneficiaries, including Medicare-eligible retirees.

The act authorizes \$63.2 billion in procurement. The account, also called modernization, hits the \$60 billion number Defense Secretary William S. Cohen called for in 1997.

The act provides \$2.1 billion for the National Missile Defense program and \$2.7 billion for Theater Missile Defense.

Celebrating Jo Ann Reedy's life 1949-2000

■ A celebration of life ceremony in memory of Jo Ann Reedy, 51, of Lompoc, took place yesterday at Chapel 1. Pastor Art Tabor officiated the memorial service and a private burial followed at the Lompoc Cemetery.

Reedy was born Feb. 7, 1949 in Des Moines, Iowa. She worked as an administrator in childcare for 20 years. She has worked at the Child Development Center here for more than 10 years, most recently as a clerk.

Reedy came to Lompoc in 1978 from Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Music and singing were an

important part of her life, influencing her membership in the Tri-City Sound and The Lucky Ladies Quartet, both a part of Santa Maria chapter of Sweet Adelines. An avid cook, she also enjoyed crafts, home decorating and antique hunting.

She died Oct. 27 at the Lompoc District Hospital.

Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Gary Reedy, of Lompoc; mother and step-father, Phyllis and Gene Garewal, of Yuba City, Calif.; daughter, Kris Reedy, of Sacramento, Calif.; son, Jason Reedy, of Fort Lewis, Wash.; brother Bill Garewal, of Yuba City and numerous nieces and nephews.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to:

The Young Singer's Foundation, P.O. Box 470168, Tulsa, Okla. 74147-9940.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jo Ann Reedy

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BRIEFS

GUARDIAN CHALLENGE 2001 PATCH COMPETITION DEADLINE NEARS

The Vandenberg Competition Association is accepting logo designs for the Guardian Challenge 2001 Competition patch and pin until Wednesday. Send designs to Maj. Steve Henning at 30th Range Squadron operations support. For more information, call him at 605-7260.

VANDENBERG HOLDS RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

A Retiree Appreciation Day will be held at the Pacific Coast Club Nov. 16. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A full morning of briefings will address the latest news on medical benefits and other matters pertaining to military retirees and their families. Retired Maj. Gen. Richard Murray, president of the National Association for Uniformed Services, will present the latest from Washington, D.C. Call 606-5474 for more information.

OFFICIALS REQUIRE TWO INVOICES WITH VOUCHERS

Department of Defense employees must provide two copies of invoices with their travel voucher when they complete government travel. One invoice is for the airline ticket cost and the second is for the \$7.78 surcharge. The surcharge will not be reimbursed unless a copy of the invoice is provided with the travel voucher. For more information, call 1st Lt. Carmelita Chadwick at 606-4031 or Master Sgt. Jim Bryant at 606-4606 in the base finance office.

AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL CLASS 01-A GRADUATES NOV. 21

The graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 01-A will be Nov. 21 at the Pacific Coast Club. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. The attire for the evening is mess dress or semi-formal. The deadline for ticket reservations is Nov. 16. For more information or reservations, call Tech. Sgt. Neil Lynn at 606-5595.

VANDENBERG HONOR GUARD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, BUGLERS

The Vandenberg Honor Guard needs volunteers and buglers. Retirees from sister services can participate in funeral details. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Vandenberg Honor Guard should call Staff Sgt. Dalhia Shelton at 606-3654.

PA ARRANGES ON-BASE MEDIA, NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

All media invitations to on-base functions must be coordinated through 30th Space Wing Public Affairs. The *Space & Missile Times* is available to cover activities involving Team Vandenberg. To ensure the best possible coverage, include public affairs in the planning process with at least two weeks notice. Call Staff Sgt. Rebecca Bonilla at 606-3595 to arrange for media coverage or Tech. Sgt. Lloyd Conley at 606-2040 for the base paper.

SCHOOLS CLOSED VETERAN'S DAY, STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Lompoc Unified School District schools will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day Nov. 10 and for a district-wide staff development day Nov. 13. Classes will resume Nov. 14. For more information, call 736-2371 extension 271.

FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES CAN ADJUST AUTOMATED SAVINGS

The thrift savings plan open season is from Nov. 15 to Jan. 31. Federal civilian employees can use the automated system benefits and entitlements service team by calling (800) 997-2378 or visiting the web site <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass/BESTGRB/EBIS.htm>. Another web site, <http://www.tsp.gov>, can provide rates of return, guide booklets and forms.

HOUSING OFFICE CLOSING THURSDAY FOR CONSTRUCTION

The housing office will be closed Thursday due to sidewalk construction. The office will open Nov. 13 at 7 a.m. For more information, call the housing office at 606-3434.

614th commander receives leadership award

BY JANENE SCULLY

Santa Maria Times aerospace, military reporter

She was among the first women to graduate from the Air Force Academy and to help sell the benefits of space to the rest of the Air Force, but Col. Suzanne Vautrinot doesn't see herself as a groundbreaker.

Rather, Vautrinot said, she's been granted some tremendous opportunities.

"The leadership opportunities are what I like best," said Vautrinot. "Do I consider myself a leader?"

"I think I'm learning to be a leader. I think I will continue to learn to be a leader," she said.

Women in Aerospace recently gave Vautrinot an Outstanding Leadership Award, citing her as "one of the foremost senior officers in military space operations and a highly recognized Air Force leader."

It's kind of a neat surprise, said Vautrinot, who traveled in September to accept the award in Washington D.C. where she shared the spotlight with Boeing's first female test pilot and NASA's chief scientist for the space station.

"I was in the company of people I've read about, that I've heard about in my career," she said. "These are people I've admired, so to be in their company was humbling."



SENIOR AIRMAN JORGE MUNIZ

Col. Suzanne Vautrinot, 614th Space Operations Group commander, is one of the recipients of the annual Women in Aerospace award for outstanding leadership.

Vautrinot believes organizations such as Women in Aerospace serve a critical need in providing role models for girls and boys.

"I think the mentoring of all young people is great, because we don't have enough people -- kids in high school, kids in and college going into the technical fields, the sciences or even (having) the opportunity to see how exciting that can be," she said.

Vautrinot recalls staying up late as a youngster to watch the lunar landing on a black-and-white television.

"To this day I remember the excitement I felt," she said.

"Most of our young people don't have that sense of excitement about the technology and the opportunities in those technical fields," she said.

The colonel is director of operations and director of plans for 14th Air Force,

as well as commander of the 614th Space Operations Group.

"I'm triple-hatted," said Vautrinot, who assumed those positions at Vandenberg in June.

The second of five children, she's the only one to follow her dad's footsteps into the military.

Vautrinot graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1982 -- the third class allowing women, and she holds a master's degree from the University of Southern California.

Her first assignment her at Los Angeles AFB, where she worked in the acquisition of classified space systems.

"The breadth of experience that I gained very early, particularly in the aerospace industry, was just great so I was hooked. I have been pretty much hooked ever since," said Vautrinot, whose husband, Lt. Col. William Keller, is deputy support group commander at Cheyenne Mountain, Colo.

Other assignments have taken her to U.S. Air Forces-Europe, where she worked in a variety of fields, and to the Pentagon, and then Peterson and Falcon Air Force bases in Colorado.

Vautrinot said she didn't originally intend to make the service a career.

"I think at this point it's in my blood," she said.

"I just can't imagine doing anything else, enjoying anything else so much."

Lieutenant's TDY taps French-language skills

BY MASTER SGT. JANET NEUBECKER

30th Transportation Squadron

It was a dream come true for 2nd Lt. Angelo Sommer, who recently spent 30 days in Tunisia, as one of two officers selected to participate in the Language and Area Studies Immersion program. Sommer lived and breathed the French language, and experienced an Arab culture under the tutelage of native Tunisians.

The LASI program was developed in 1997 as a DOD initiative aimed at ensuring 10 percent of all Air Force officers are proficient in languages by the year 2005. It was the result of a directive issued by CORONA 96, a military senior leadership task force. Currently there is a dire need for about 80 languages in the areas spanning military diplomacy, coalition building and partnership for peace programs.

The lack of adequate language skills among the federal government is an issue of U.S. national security, according to Richard Riley, National Security Education Program director. The Air Force vision of Global Engagement emphasizes Full Spectrum Dominance through global awareness and in-country experience allows us to develop that awareness.

Master Sgt. Stephen Taylor, LASI program superintendent, said that because officers live life as the locals live, they become culturally enriched, and attuned to the local environment. Sommer said that he agrees. "I learned more in one month than I did in one semester of college," he said.

Sommer has been in the Air Force for one-and-a-half years, and is currently filling the role of traffic management officer.

Although he enjoys his job, he has a passion for languages, and hopes to one day apply his training in the best interest of Team Vandenberg and the United States Air Force.

"I've loved the French language since I was in the third grade," he said.

Fourteen years later, Sommer still holds onto this enthusiasm, and is thrilled to be given an opportunity to serve his country in the most essential capacity.

The LASI program is one of the Air Force's top priorities, according to "Inside the Pentagon," a local publication. For more information, check out the Foreign Area Officer Branch's web site at www.hq.af.mil/af/saf/ia/afao/fao. This could be your dream come true.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS AMANDA EDWARDS

2nd Lt. Angelo Sommer, 30th Transportation Squadron vehicle operations officer, resumes his duties after a 30-day deployment to Tunisia.

Court sentences airman

*Speed kills career
in ill-advised
weight-loss scheme*

BY 2ND LT. KAREE GREENE
30th Space Wing Legal Office

■ An airman assigned to the 30th Communications Squadron pleaded guilty Oct. 17 to smoking rock methamphetamine to lose weight before leaving Vandenberg for an assignment to Germany.

Senior Airman Joseph Hopewell pleaded guilty to two counts of wrongful use of methamphetamines, a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 112a. The wrongful use occurred in December 1999 and January 2000.

The court-martial panel, comprised of three officers and four enlisted people, sentenced Hopewell to three months hard labor without confinement, reduction in grade to E-1, forfeiture of \$250 for three months, and a bad conduct discharge.

According to the record of trial, Hopewell was originally enthusiastic when he found out that he had an assignment to Germany because it was an important move that would reflect positively on his career. However, Hopewell was concerned about his weigh-in.

He was already in the weight management program, but feared he would not be able to lose weight before his weigh-in.

Instead of attending any mandatory workout sessions, Hopewell purchased \$120 of rock methamphetamine.

He smoked the drugs in a pipe over four days and lost enough weight to pass his weigh-in.

In the meantime, the 30th Communications Squadron had an unannounced unit urinalysis sweep. Hopewell provided his sample, then prepared for a temporary duty assignment to Fort Meade, Md., enroute to his permanent change of station.

In his billeting room at Fort Meade, Hopewell smoked another \$60 of rock methamphetamine using a glass pipe. About this time, agents from Vandenberg's Office of Special Investigations were notified of Hopewell's positive urinalysis results.

The agents contacted OSI agents at Fort Meade to question Hopewell about his positive drug test.

At first, Hopewell said that perhaps the positive test was caused by his ingestion of diet pills.

After OSI agents told him that was not possible, he admitted to his illegal drug use.

He informed OSI agents that he took the drug to lose weight so that he could PCS to Germany.

"This case demonstrates the superb reliability of the urinalysis program at Vandenberg. If you try to beat it you're going to lose."

Capt. Dennis Kaw
trial counsel

Hopewell's dream assignment was cancelled, and he was brought back to Vandenberg to await his court-martial.

During the trial, the defense counsel initially made a motion to the military judge to exclude the urinalysis sample.

Counsel argued that the container could have dropped into drugs on the bathroom floor during the unit sweep, which would have brought into question the integrity of the base's urinalysis program. The motion was denied.

"This case demonstrates the superb reliability of the urinalysis program at Vandenberg," said Capt. Dennis Kaw, trial counsel on the case.

"If you try to beat it, you're going to lose."

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia join high-threat areas

BY GERRY GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON — Kuwait and Saudi Arabia join Bahrain and Qatar as having the highest level of threat against U.S. military in the Middle East region, said Pentagon Spokesperson Kenneth Bacon, Oct. 31.

Bacon said Threat Condition Delta, the highest threat rating, was declared Oct. 30 in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia “due to credible threat information involving unspecified targets” in the regions. The two countries each host about 5,000 U.S. service members, he said.

The military’s five threat levels — normal, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta — each carry a set of increasingly restrictive security precautions, officials said. They noted Threat Condition Delta is

normally declared as a localized warning when a terrorist incident has occurred or intelligence indicates likely terrorist action against a specific location.

The alert means commanders are expected to implement mandatory security measures tailored to local scenarios.

They also are authorized and encouraged to supplement the mandatory measures as necessary, based on their knowledge of the area.

Both Bahrain and Qatar were put on Threat Condition Delta Oct. 24 in the wake of the Oct. 12 terrorist bomb attack against the Navy destroyer USS Cole that killed 17 sailors and wounded 39. About 1,100 U.S. personnel are in Bahrain and about 60 are in Qatar, officials said.

Officials continue air monitoring

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“The smallest particles can stay in the lungs, diminishing lung function and aggravating respiratory illness,” Patton said.

Referring to the APCD’s ambient air readings, she said, “Hourly levels of particulate matter have been somewhat elevated at times. However, state and federal standards are based on 24-hour average levels, and to date, no health standards have been violated.”

County officials issued a health advisory Sept. 18, stating that if there is smoke in the area, people should try to stay inside and avoid outdoor activity. This is considered especially important for people with existing lung or heart problems, she said.

“Due to the potential for elevated hourly levels, however, APCD’s health advisory will stay in effect as long as there is smoke in the area,” Patton cautioned.

“When the fire broke out, APCD worked with the California Air Resources Board to monitor for particulate matter in the communities around the base,” Patton said.

In early October, they were joined by two teams. One team came from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Air Quality Surveillance Program at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. The second team came from the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis at Brooks AFB, Texas.

The final report on the tests will be complete in mid-November, Nelson said.

Base and county officials continue to monitor air quality on a daily basis with permanent and portable testing equipment, he said.

Military members can participate in savings plan

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military members will be able to create their own retirement nest egg by using the Federal Employees Thrift Savings Plan beginning next year, Department of Defense officials said.

A portion of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal 2001 that President Clinton signed Oct. 30 allows service members to participate in the civilian retirement plan, said Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, DOD's director of military compensation.

The Thrift Savings Plan offers federal civilian employees the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under so-called "401(k)" plans. Money invested in the TSP comes from pre-tax dollars and reduces taxable income; investments and earnings are not taxed until they are withdrawn.

The plan has been in place since 1986.

The authorization act would allow active-duty and Ready Reserve service members to invest up to 5 percent of their basic pay in the plan and all of any special and incentive pays they may receive — including bonuses — up to a total \$10,500 annual limit.

Civilians in the current Federal Employees Retirement System receive matching government funds in the TSP program. The investment benefit for the bulk of the military force, however, will resemble that of workers in the old Civil Service Retirement System. Those employees also have a 5 percent ceiling and receive no matching funds.

Service members may be eligible for matching funds in limited instances. Under the Special Retention Incentive portion of the legislation, members in certain critical

specialties may receive matching funds based on their contributions from basic pay. In return, the member would have to agree to spend at least six years in the specialty.

"The match is discretionary by the service secretaries," Bloxom said. "We will be meeting with the services to determine how the services want to implement this. I would envision at this point that the services would offer the match similar to the way they offer the selective re-enlistment bonus."

Bloxom said the services might offer TSP matches instead of a selective re-enlistment bonus, but nothing in the law says service members cannot receive both.

The legislation calls for the plan to be implemented within 360 days of the signing of the legislation. "Of course, the critical date will be determined by when the (Federal Retirement) Thrift Investment Board is able to provide timely and accurate services to our members," Bloxom said.

Participation is optional and not automatic. Service members who want to sign up or change their investment levels generally would do so during designated "open seasons" — the same as civilian employees.

"Actual cash contributions would not start until after that open season," Bloxom said. He estimated service members would actually begin investing by January 2002.

For more information on how the program works for civilian employees, visit the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov. The site includes a range of forms and publications, news releases, frequently asked questions and investment calculators, and it offers online account access. Information on TSP for the Uniformed Services should also be available at the site soon.



SENIOR AIRMAN JANETTE COPELAND

(Front row left to right) Col. Richard Strathearn, 30th Space Wing vice commander; Denise Prucey; Tech. Sgt. William Gardner; Senior Airman Brett Fincher; Master Sgt. William Schmeiser; Gina Martin; Maria Palmer; 2nd Lt. Carmelita Chadwick; Chief Master Sgt. Richard Vassaur, Detachment 9 SMC; (Back row left to right) Staff Sgt. Chris Cothran; Airman 1st Class Darryl Lyles; Senior Airman Romeo Orio; Airman 1st Class Timothy Debie; Master Sgt. Charles Gerard; Master Sgt. Rocky Belmontes; Tech. Sgt. Walter Peoples.

Vandenberg's best take center stage

More than 350 people attended the quarterly awards luncheon to recognize some of the top active-duty and civilian members of Team Vandenberg at the Pacific Coast Club Oct. 26.

Vandenberg's associate units and 30th Space Wing quarterly award winners are:

AIRMAN

Associate unit

Senior Airman Brett Fincher,

533rd Training Squadron

30th Space Wing

Airman 1st Class Timothy Debie,

30th Transportation Squadron

NCO

Associate unit

Tech. Sgt. Walter Peoples,

576th Flight Test Squadron

30th Space Wing

Tech. Sgt. William Gardner III,

2nd Space Launch Squadron

SENIOR NCO

Associate unit

Master Sgt. William Schmeiser,

614th Space Operations Squadron

30th Space Wing

Master Sgt. Rocky Belmontes,

30th Range Squadron

COMPANY GRADE OFFICER

Associate unit

Capt. Trevor Hazen, 576th FLTS

30th Space Wing

2nd Lt. Carmelita Chadwick,

30th Comptroller Squadron

CIVILIAN

Category 1-

Maria Palmer, 30th Logistics Group

Category 2-

Gina Martin, 30th Contracting Squadron

HONOR GUARD

Rookie

Airman 1st Class Darryl Lyles,

30th Security Forces Squadron

Airman

Senior Airman Romeo Orio,

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

NCO

Staff Sgt. Chris Cothran,

381st Training Support Squadron

SECOND TO NONE Team Vandenberg Winners

AIRMAN



Brett Fincher

NCO



William Gardner III

SENIOR NCO



William Schmeiser

CGO



Trevor Hazen

VOLUNTEER

Active duty or DoD civilian

Master Sgt. Charles Gerard, 2nd SLS

Civilian or family member

Denise Prucey, 30th Medical Group



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Nov. 4, 1981- Shuttle Astronaut Robert Crippen visits Vandenberg.

Nov. 6, 1988- The last Titan 34D from here successfully launches. A total of seven 34Ds were launched from here between 1983 and 1988.

Nov. 6 to 8, 1983- Space Shuttle Discovery visits for fitting checks at the Orbiter Lifting Frame.

Nov. 7, 1967- The final launch of an Atlas D goes from here. A total of 91 Atlas D's were flown from Vandenberg between 1959 and 1967.

Falcons unlucky against Irish with overtime loss

BY DAVE KELLOGG

U.S. Air Force Academy Athletic Department

■ **SOUTH BEND, Ind.**— Notre Dame's Glenn Earl was supposed to guard against a fake as Air Force's Dave Adams lined up to kick a game-winning 28-yard field goal with three seconds left in regulation. Instead, Earl jumped and got a hand on Adams' kick that set up a subsequent Irish touchdown in overtime to beat the Falcons, 34-31, Oct. 28.

The winning score came on a nine-yard reverse by Notre Dame's Joey Getherall.

"I wasn't really supposed to leap," Earl said, "but I got a little excited. I hope they don't dock me for blocking that kick."

Adams was surprised by the block. He kicked a 34-yard field goal with 1:56 left to play to tie the game and cap an 18-point fourth quarter comeback for Air Force. "When it came off my foot, I thought I hit it straighter and higher than any of my previous kicks. I felt real good and was actually stunned when I saw a guy get a hand on it."

Adams' teammates and coaching staff were just as stunned. A disappointed head coach Fisher DeBerry put it in perspective. "I am heart-broken for my team, particularly since we didn't play very well (against New Mexico, Oct. 21), he said. "But for them to come

back, I think we demonstrated the pride that we have in Falcon football. We had the opportunity to win the game, but unfortunately we didn't take advantage of it. We didn't execute or make the play whenever we had the opportunity. To beat a top 20 team, when you get the opportunity you have to be able to take advantage of it."

At the half, Air Force held a 10-7 lead thanks to a 23-yard touchdown pass from Mike Thiessen to Leotis Palmer, and a 27-yard field goal.

Notre Dame came out in the third quarter and scored 21 unanswered points. Getherall and quarterback Matt LoVecchio teamed up for two touchdowns. The first a 37-yard pass play and the second a 68-yarder giving the Fighting Irish a 28-10 lead at the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter was all Air Force. The Falcons gained 258 yards in total



Air Force's quarterback Mike Thiessen has a career-high 265 yards passing in the 34-31 overtime loss against Notre Dame's Fighting Irish, Oct. 28.

STAFF SGT. BEN BLOKER

offense in the quarter to Notre Dame's nine yards and had 14 first downs. Thiessen, who finished the game with 55 yards rushing and a career-high 265 yards passing started the comeback with a 30-yard pass play to tight end Chris Jessop. Scott Becker fumbled in the end zone after a six-yard run, but teammate Bert Giovanetti recovered it for the second score. Adams then tied the game with a field goal.

Falcon wide receiver Ryan Fleming, who has been playing with a separated shoulder since the second game of the

season, beat the Irish secondary for a career-high 163 yards. His one-handed catch of a 42-yard Thiessen pass set-up Adams 34-yard kick. He also set up the potential game-winning field goal with a 46-yard reception that gave the Falcons the ball on Notre Dame's 18-yard line.

"Ryan Fleming proved today he's one of the best receivers in the country," DeBerry said. "He's a guy you cannot keep off the field."

The Falcons finished the game with 471 yards in total offense to Notre Dame's 383 yards. Defensively, Air Force linebackers Matt Pommer and C.J. Zanotti combined for 21 tackles. Pommer had a team-leading 11 tackles, including two quarterback sacks for 14 yards and Zanotti had 10 tackles.

Now the Falcons must focus on service academy rival Army tomorrow, at West Point. At stake is the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. The CIC trophy is the national championship of service academy football. Air Force defeated Navy earlier this season so a victory over Army on Saturday would give the Falcons their 14th trophy title.

The Falcons come into the game with a 21-12-1 series edge over the Black Knights, including a 28-0 victory last season in Falcon Stadium. Air Force is riding a three-game winning streak over Army.



SENIOR AIRMAN JORGE MUNIZ

Looking Deep

Eric Holcomb looks for an open receiver with Scott Cooper, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, in his face. The 2nd Space Launch Squadron won the game 16-6 during a five-on-five flag football tournament Saturday. The 567th Test Flight Squadron's number two team won the seven-team tournament over the 2nd SLS 30-8.

INTERSERVICE BOXING TOMORROW

The fitness center staff has scheduled the second annual Interservice Boxing Invitational Saturday at 7 p.m. in the base gym. The event is free. Vandenberg will put fighters in the ring against Marine, Army and Navy boxers. Call the fitness center staff at 606-3832 for more information.

OVER 30 SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
576th FLTS	8	1	.889
NRO	8	2	.800
U.S. Penitentiary	8	3	.727
30th MSS	7	3	.700
Det 9	7	4	.636
30th CES	5	4	.556
30th SFS	8	7	.533
381st TRG	5	5	.500
614th SOPS/14th AF	4	5	.444
30th CS	3	9	.250
30th LG	2	10	.200

As of Thursday.

Monday's games

576th FLTS vs. 381st TRG 5:30 p.m. on Field 1
 30th CES vs. 30th SFS 5:30 p.m. on Field 2
 USP vs. Det9 6:30 p.m. on Field 1
 30th LG vs. 30th CS 6:30 p.m. on Field 2
 30th MSS vs. NRO 7:30 p.m. on Field 1
 614th SOPS/14th AF vs. 2nd SLS 7:30 p.m. on Field 2

SPORTS

BRIEFS

FLAG FOOTBALL STANDINGS

American League

	W	L	Pct.
30th OG	2	0	1.000
30th SFS No.1	2	0	1.000
576th FLTS	1	0	1.000
30th MSS	1	1	.500
Det 9	1	1	.500
614th SOPS/14th AF	0	1	.000
30th MDG	0	2	.000
392nd TRS No.2	0	2	.000

As of Thursday.

Monday's games

American League
 30th MDG vs. 30th SFS No. 1 5:30 p.m.
 392nd No. 2 vs. 30th MSS 6:30 p.m.
 30th OG vs. 576th FLTS 7:30 p.m.
 Det 9 vs. 614th/14th AF 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games

National League
 533rd TRS vs. 30th CES 5:30 p.m.
 381st TRG vs. 30th TRANS 6:30 p.m.
 392nd TRS No. 1 vs. 30th SFS No. 2 7:30 p.m.
 All games played on the base football field



Top chefs

(Left to Right) Bob Dunn, Scott VanSant, Scott McLean and Kate Busarow won the people's choice award for their chili at the Air Force Association's charity chili cook-off Saturday at Cocheo Park. The Connor family team of Beki, Dylan, Chad, and Tyler received the Judge's Choice for Best Chili award.

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

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FRI

The **American Red Cross** staff is looking for donations to support troops as the holidays approach at various operations and exercises throughout the world such as Kosovo, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 17 at the Red Cross office on the 3rd floor of the base hospital. Items needed are: greeting cards, writing paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, Christmas items, wrapped hard candy, gum, cookies, pre-sweetened Kool-Aid, sweetened iced tea mix, hot chocolate mix, cider mix, tea bags, coffee, sugar, powdered creamer and microwave popcorn. People also need toiletry items such as foot powder, body powder, chap

Chapel services

CATHOLIC

- ◆ Sunday Morning Mass, 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1
- ◆ Saturday Evening Mass 5 p.m., Chapel 2
- ◆ Daily Mass 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- ◆ Confessions Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., Chapel 2

PROTESTANT

- ◆ Contemporary Worship Service 8:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- ◆ Traditional Worship Service 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1
- ◆ Inspirational Worship Service 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2

For more information, call the Chapel Office at 606-5773.

stick, deodorant, shampoo and soap. The Red Cross will accept movie videos, music compact discs and cassettes, small board games, paperback books, puzzles and letters or holiday greetings addressed to "any service member" Financial donations for shipping costs will also be accepted. For more information, call 606-1855.

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TUE

The chapel staff is holding a **commanders' and first sergeants' luncheon** Tuesday at 11 a.m. All commanders and first sergeants are invited to the Tri-tip barbecue with all the fixins' luncheon. To make reservations, call the chapel at 606-5773.

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WED

A **Native-American Heritage month luncheon** is scheduled for Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Margaret Jackson, elder of the Navajo Nation, will be the guest speaker. Also the Chumash Tribal Dancers will perform. Cost is \$9 for club members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Carolyn Brown at 605-5069, Tech. Sgt. Juno Hopkins at 606-5957, or Jennifer Brown at 606-3100.

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FRI

The Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce staff will hold its **22nd annual Veterans Day Celebration** Nov. 9 to 12.

The 76th Helicopter Flight will conduct an aerial demonstration at noon Nov 10. An annual band

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review begins at 9:30 a.m. Nov 11. with Col. Suzanne Vautrinot, 614th Space Operations Group commander, and Col. Alan Newton, 30th Medical Group commander, presiding as judges. A memorial service on the Pismo pier will start at 9 a.m. Nov.12, with Maj. Gen. William Looney III, 14th Air Force commander, presenting a wreath and speaking. The Vandenberg Honor Guard will present the colors. For more information call the Pismo Beach Chamber staff at (805)773-4382.

12 SUN The congregation at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene is holding a **Military Appreciation Day** Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. during the morning service. The guest speaker will be Col. Ken VanSickle, 381st Training Group commander, and soloist Major John Cherry, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs director will perform. There will be a free barbecue following the service. The church is located at 500 E. North Ave. in Lompoc.

14 SUN The **officers spouses' club** is holding a dinner at the Pacific Coast Club Nov. 14 at

6:30 p.m. The theme for the dinner is crafts. People may bring a craft of their choice to make. Tickets cost \$12 per person and wine will be offered for \$3 a glass. People with last names beginning with the letters A through K can call Dana Babb at 734-5567 for reservations. People with last names beginning with the letters L through Z can call Beki Malone at 734-2668. Reply by Tuesday.

15 MON The Air Force Sergeants Association, Lompoc Chamber Military Aerospace Committee and the Lompoc Police Department are looking for families to host an airman for Thanksgiving Day. The deadline to volunteer as a host is Nov. 15. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Lisa Antoni at 605-2633 or Tech. Sgt. Juno Hopkins at 606-5957.

19 SUN Vandenberg's base chapel staff is holding an **Ecumenical Thanksgiving** worship service and meal Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. The traditional Thanksgiving meal will be following the service in the Chapel annex.

The Central Coast/Vandenberg **Tuskegee Airmen Inc.** Chapter is conducting a membership drive. Membership is open to active-duty members of all ranks. The organization is dedicated to preserving the legacy established by the group's namesake. For information call Capt. Kevin McCluney at 605-4753 or Capt. Darryl Terrell at 606-6961.



Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name/Rank: Master Sgt. Rosie Fail
Assignment: 30th Operations Support Squadron, superintendent guardian programs information management.
Hometown: New Orleans, La.
Time on Vandenberg: Two years and two months.
Time in service: 19 years and nine months.
 "Master Sgt. Fail epitomizes the Air Force's core values. She has character beyond reproach, she is a mentor to airmen, NCOs and officers ... and has an infectious great attitude," said Maj. Charles Mowery, 30th OSS operations officer.



At the Movies

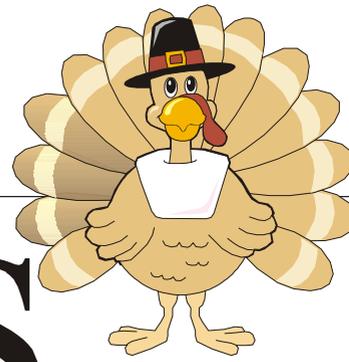
Tonight and Saturday
The Watcher

(R) 7:30 p.m.
 Rated for language and violence.

Sunday
Way of the Gun

(R) 7:30 p.m.
 Rated for violence, language and sexuality

S 30th Services



NEWS

☆☆ Pacific Coast Club
 ☆☆ *Membership Appreciation*

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 Nov. 11

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* *Plus 'The Bud Girls'*

SERVICE CENTER

Knott's Berry Farm Free Days
 Veterans' Week
 Saturday through Nov. 12
 Call VITT at 606-7976 for more information.
 The Service Center is available for conferences, meetings or parties.
 Call Kim at 605-4729 for rates and advance reservations.

OUTDOOR REC

REC CHECK-OUT/OUTDOOR REC
 Saturday Hours are:
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

RV Storage Lot Fees
 Active duty and retired \$15 per month. DoD civilians \$30 per month
 Pay 11 months - get the 12th month FREE!

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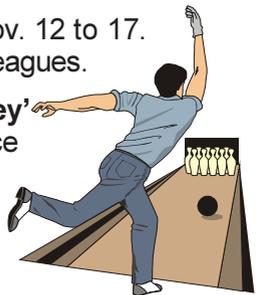
Twilight Rates start at 1 p.m.
Simi Hills Home and Home Match
 Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.
Ladies Priority
 every Wednesday, 8:30 to 9 a.m.
 Golf Course open **Veterans' Day**

BOWLING

9-Pin No-Tap!
 Saturday, check-in at 6 p.m., bowling starts at 6:30 p.m.
 the cost is \$10 per person.

Turkey Shoot Nov. 12 to 17.
 for all bowlers in leagues.

'Roll for a Turkey'
 Receive a chance for every open game bowled
 Nov. 12 to 18.



FITNESS CENTER

Boxing Clinic
 For amateur boxing officials Saturday at 10 a.m. in the services center. Call Don Green at 733-2245 or 606-2878 for information.

ROD & GUN

Bullseye Pistol Shooting, Nov. 11 at 8:30 a.m. Three classes with turkey for the winner of each class. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$4 for non-members.

New Store Hours:
 Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Wednesday and Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Tuesday and Thursday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Closed Monday

Reminder...

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Saturday
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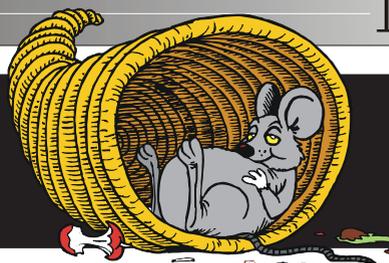
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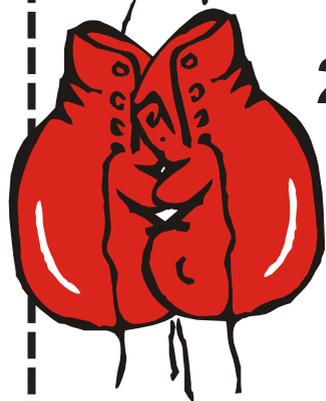
30th Services

NEWS

BOXING TOURNAMENT



BOWLING



VANDENBERG
2nd Annual Interservice

Boxing Invitational

Saturday
at 7 p.m.
in the
FITNESS
CENTER



S p e c i a l !

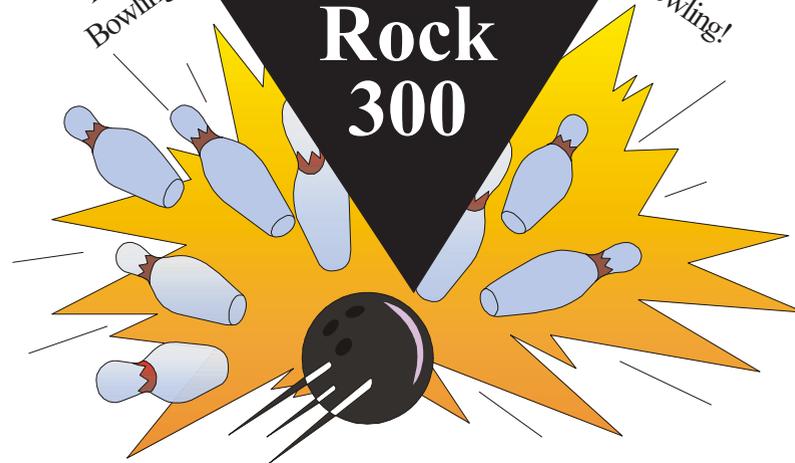
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\$6 per person

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Price includes 3 hours of bowling with THUNDERALLEY and includes rental shoes.

Come join the fun as a family!

YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB Little League Board Election

Tuesday, 5 p.m. at the youth annex, building 16156.

The meeting is open to the general public.

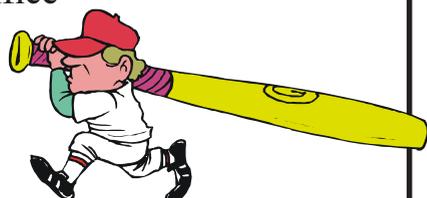
All board seats are open to volunteers.

Call the youth sports office

for more information at

606-9374

or **606-2152.**



DINING FACILITY

Home Recipe Program

Submit your mom's 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 grandma's recipe and bring it to the AETC Dining Facility supervisor, and we'll make it for you!

DIAL-A-MENU phone number for the AETC Dining Facility is 605-2595.

