

## Aerospace Show 2000 thrills audience

BY TECH SGT. LLOYD CONLEY  
Editor

■ More than 115,000 people converged on the Vandenberg flight line Oct. 14 and 15 for Aerospace Show 2000.

"It was a positive impression of our base, its mission and most importantly the professionals who work at Vandenberg," said Lt. Col. David Christensen, commander, 30<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron.

Christensen said that he received several compliments from the public about the appearance of the base and smooth operation of the show.

The performers consistently praised the airfield operations and transient alert professionals on how smoothly and safely the show progressed. It was by far the most organized event they had seen in a long time, he said.

"We put our best foot forward this past weekend and that will leave a lasting impression," he added.

The events actually started a day earlier. Friday's Special Needs Day was attended by more than 150 people as they were given VIP treatment. They were escorted by volunteer Air Force members from Vandenberg and were treated to an extended practice show by the Thunderbirds.

The Thunderbird pilots met with the Special Needs group and signed autographs afterward.

Additionally, local media personalities received orientation flights with the Thunderbirds or in participating aircraft such as an AT-6 "Pilotmaker" and a Marchetti F-260 "Warrior."

The next day, Aerospace Show 2000 officially opened. Saturday's show was spectacularly successful with highlights including the Thunderbirds, the Air Force STARS parachute demonstration team, B-2 stealth bomber and F-117 stealth fighter flybys, and numerous civilian aerial acrobatic acts.

Christensen said the best thing about the show was the Thunderbirds. The single most impressionable event however, was the fly-by of the F-117 and B-2 he added. A number of people commented on how those two events made them proud of their nation and brought goose bumps to their skin.

Although Sunday's aerial demonstrations were curtailed due to the encroaching marine layer,



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*The Air Force Thunderbirds held a practice performance for children of Vandenberg's local community. After the performance, Maj. Dean Wright, U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, signed autographs for children like 4-year-old Alisha Ashley.*

*Mattie Bliss tries to get a closer look at the aircraft during the aerospace show. Mattie's sister, Sydney, and her father, Ken Bliss, traveled from San Luis Obispo, Calif., to see the air acrobatics teams.*



SENIOR AIRMAN SUZANNE JENKINS

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# Comment

## Teamwork: key to aerospace show success

By COL. STEVE LANNING  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander

**A**erospace Show 2000 is in the books as the most successful open house ever held at Vandenberg. More than 115,000 of the people we work for, U.S. taxpayers, came to our airfield Saturday and Sunday to take a close look at their U.S. Air Force.

A success, the size of our aerospace show is never the work of just one person, or even one office. At the hub of Aerospace Show 2000 were our airfield operations folks, transient alert people, and handlers for the Thunderbirds and STARS in the operations group.

No organization was left untouched by this mammoth undertaking. Our transporters and security forces worked long hours to get our families and friends safely to and from the show venue. The men and

women in civil engineers worked from sun up to sun down wrapping up preparations vital to a successful show. The protocol staff made sure our community leaders were treated with class and distinction. The entire medical group worked to ensure emergency medical care was available if needed.

A show this size needs manpower and financial resources. Our mission support, contracting and comptroller squadrons met every one of our requirements for bodies and dollars. We were able to tap into every pool of people available from every group in the wing as well as the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force and associate unit such as, 381<sup>st</sup> Training Group, 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron and Detachment 9.

Simply put, there was a tremendous group of professionals at Team Vandenberg pulling as one, making our friends in the local communities proud of their Air Force and happy to



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Col. Steve Lanning, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, addresses the crowd at the opening ceremonies of Aerospace Show 2000.

be our neighbors.

An aerospace show this size is a huge public relations event. It's all about building relationships between units on base, between the base and surrounding communities, and between the Air Force and the public. Team Vandenberg, led by our public affairs office, ensured we met and exceeded those mission goals.

This show was a success, a huge success, for Team Vandenberg. We came together as a team because our people were motivated and enthusiastic. The men and women of Team Vandenberg took Aerospace Show 2000 personally because we knew this is our base and our Air Force.

Thanks to you, we were able to show our friends in the community why we're America's finest professionals building the best national spaceport in the world.

## Law of averages may soon catch up to you

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The following commentary was written by an airman assigned to Vandenberg who went home on leave and was involved in a vehicle accident while under the influence of alcohol.

**L**ike most of my Air Force brothers and sisters, I work in an undermanned shop, so when the opportunity to take leave arose, I jumped all over it. My 30 days of leave started with a scenic road trip across America and ended in disaster.

After my road trip, I spent the remainder of my leave at my parents' home with nothing but relaxation on my mind. I had almost finished my leave without incident when I decided to once again play the law of averages—this time I lost.

I was out late one night and found myself drunk, alone, and with a set of car keys. Although I knew that a ride was only a phone call away, I decided that there was no need to bother anyone because I was fine to drive. This was not the first time that I had made this choice and the fact that I had driven drunk OK in the past only reaffirmed my decision. Another contributing factor that night was that my parents

lived less than 10 miles from where I was and I truly believed that "it could never happen to me," so I got in the car and headed home. The grim reality of that night was that it did happen to me. I was less than a mile away from my house when I passed out at the wheel and collided almost head on with another car. It wasn't until I woke up the next day in the hospital that I found out what disaster I had caused. Not only was I responsible for the destruction for two cars, but I had also put three people in the hospital, myself included.

As I lay in my hospital bed suffering from a concussion, bruised ribs, and several other bumps and bruises, the doctor came to talk to me. With much contempt in his voice, he informed me that I was driving with a blood alcohol content of .27, almost three times the legal limit. Although the news was bad, it paled in comparison to that of the occupants of the other car. The driver had been treated for a broken leg but the passenger was much worse. She had to be air lifted to a major medical center that was capable of handling her very serious injuries. I was released two days later from the hospital but I still had

a very serious struggle ahead of me.

I was placed on two weeks bed rest but that prescription mattered little to the police. They came to my parents' home the day after I was released from the hospital and placed me under arrest. The charges were driving while intoxicated, two counts of aggravated assault, both felonies, and a slew of traffic violations. Because of my health I was not placed in jail but I did have to appear in court five days later. As the judge read me the charges it was all I could do to not break down and cry.

The charges carry a possible jail term of 10 years, but that varies on the person and the circumstances surrounding the crime. The fact that I am serving in the United States Air Force granted me the privilege of returning back to my base but my legal problems were only beginning.

Since the day of the accident I have had to appear in court twice more and I still have one more trip to make.

The next trip I make will be for the sentencing

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# Domestic violence is about control, not anger

By GREG BARISICH

30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Family Advocacy program outreach manager

**D**omestic violence continues to be a very distressing issue that affects families in a very profound manner. It is also clear that children are emotionally affected by witnessing violence in the home. Abuse such as name calling, pushing and breaking things may be viewed as minor incidents in homes, but it is still abuse and it affects families profoundly.

The Air Force defines abusive behavior as pushing, grabbing, kicking, hitting, choking, hair pulling, slapping or threatening a person's life. It's not just using a fist to hit a someone. The threshold was set low to identify and intervene early with families suffering from domestic violence.

Power and control are the major motivating factors behind domestic violence. Often misleading terms like anger management and anger control have been cited as the root of the problem needing to be addressed. The issue involved with domestic violence is not controlling ones anger, but understanding why a person uses anger or violence at all. Using violence is a choice that a person makes. The underlying

question to ask is why do people use violence, physical confrontation or assault when they interact with a family member?

The bottom line is control and power over one's partner; having one's own way, getting what a person wants, and making all the decisions exclusively. The need to control grows out of a person's own insecurities; i.e. am I a good person, am I loved, am I wanted?

Men are the primary aggressors in 95 percent of domestic violence cases. The abusers are often raised in an abusive and sometimes alcoholic home, so abusive behavior seems normal.

He is the person with the power. He uses this power to control his wife or his children in ways like; deciding how the money is spent, how to raise, and particularly, discipline the children. He determines how he will spend time with his friends and how she will spend time with hers.

The major reason people stay with an abusive spouse is fear. Homicidal and suicidal behavior perpetuates itself in the relationship when there is the possibility of separation or divorce.

Perpetrators of domestic violence feel insecurity, embarrassment and frustration in life and in a marriage.

Excessive jealousy is a sign that the partner is insecure about whether or not the marriage will last. He is afraid of his partner leaving him or meeting someone else. He becomes angry, controlling and more jealous.

Domestic violence is used when communication is not going the abuser's way. The frustration and resentment grow as feelings of desperation increase in a need to get his wife to agree with him.

Fights are sometimes started to communicate clearly to a wife, "I'm in charge, don't mess with me."

If you or someone you know is involved with a spouse who uses intimidation or physical aggression to communicate his desires, call family advocacy at 606-5338.

People can call with questions or make arrangements to talk to someone.

Domestic violence will not just go away. The more control can be used, the more will be used.

The result is more fear and intimidation leading to depression and more severe abuse.

Domestic violence briefings and information tables will be set up at the library today and the 30<sup>th</sup> medical group main entrance to the clinic Thursday.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS AMANDA EDWARDS

*Lt. Col. John Venable, commander of the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, conducts a reenlistment ceremony for six Team Vandenberg members, (right to left) Staff Sgt. Jaun Contreras, Master Sgt. Brian Joseph, Senior Airman Jason Payne, Tech. Sgt. Delores Speller, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Boyd and Master Sgt. Michael Tierney.*

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Vandenberg's Aerospace Show 2000 was a rousing success Christensen said.

He stated emphatically that the hub of the show was the airfield operations staff, the people at transient alert, the operations group and the Thunderbirds and Air Force STARS' handlers.

"I had a tremendous group of professionals working with me to ensure we put on a great show," he said.

"Security forces squadron members protected our base and ensured safe arrival and departure of our guests. Transportation squadron members worked the buses and protocol ensured community leaders were

well taken care of.

Civil engineer preparations included setting up structures and installing powerlines before dawn and they were still on the job after dusk.

Christensen said, "Our mission support, contracting and comptroller squadron members worked hard to make sure all of our requirements were met. We tapped into every available manpower pool from every group in the wing and our associate units like the training group and the 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron."

"We are looking forward to Vandenberg Aerospace Show 2002," he concluded.

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portion of the trial. This trip will surely end with me being placed in jail.

I am currently facing a jail term of anywhere between six and 14 months.

There is a slight possibility that I may be granted a minimal sentence of three months in jail but the flip side of that coin is that I could possibly be sentenced to 17 months.

**"...it is such a shame that all of it could have been avoided with a simple phone call."**

In any case my future is uncertain and dim.

Since the day of the accident my life has been difficult, to say the least. I have to live the rest of my life knowing that I have injured two innocent people, shamed my family, and put my career in serious jeopardy.

The financial strain this incident has put on me has also been tremendous.

Not only do I face punishment from the civilian authorities, but I have also been punished by the Air Force.

I once had dreams and aspirations to do great things with my life, but that has all been put "on hold" because of my poor decision-making.

I regret nothing more in my life than this, and it is such a shame that all of it could have been avoided with a simple phone call.

# Court finds airmen guilty of drug charges; face confinement, discharge

*One offender guilty of use, distribution, introduction of controlled substance on base*

BY 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. KAREE GREENE  
30th Space Wing Legal Office

■ A student from the 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron brought her Air Force career to an end Sept. 11.

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amber Kunselman became a convicted drug dealer and user at a general court martial here.

The 19-year-old student, was convicted of use, distribution, and introduction of the drug ecstasy into a military installation in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 112a.

At the general court-martial, court members sentenced her to a reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement to base for 75 days, and a bad conduct discharge.

Between Jan. 26 and April 15, Kunselman attended numerous rave parties in Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, and Pomona, Calif. A rave is an all-night dance party. She attended six raves with

other military members and consumed ecstasy at each of these parties.

Additionally, Kunselman discussed her use of ecstasy and the raves she frequented with a fellow training student from the 392<sup>nd</sup> Training Group.

When her fellow airman expressed an interest in trying ecstasy, Kunselman went with other military members to the home of a civilian drug dealer, purchased the drug for her friend, and then brought the drug back to base.

The events constituted the illegal introduction of a controlled substance on Vandenberg and also constituted wrongful distribution of a controlled substance.

Kunselman also obtained ecstasy for two other military members and one civilian. While at a rave party in Pomona April 15. One of military members was Airman Steven Frappier, 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron student. Her action constituted wrongful distribution of a controlled substance.

Frappier attended many of the same rave parties

as Kunselman between Jan. 26 and April 15. He pleaded guilty Oct. 5 to a violation of the UCMJ, Article 112a in a general court martial here. The case was presided over by Lt. Col. W. Thomas Cumbie, who was also the sentencing authority.

***“These cases signify that the Air Force community has its own sets of values independent of the civilian society; values which do not tolerate such drug use.”***

Capt. Christopher Morgan  
trial counsel

Following his guilty plea, Frappier was convicted of using ecstasy on multiple occasions. He was sentenced to reduction in grade to airman basic, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for five months, and a bad conduct discharge.

“Obviously, the Air Force population is a smaller segment of society in general where ecstasy is being consumed in alarming proportions, said Capt. Christopher Morgan, trial counsel. “These cases signify however, that the Air Force community has its own sets of values independent of the civilian society; values which do not tolerate such drug use.”

Kunselman and Frappier are both serving the confinement portion of their sentences at Vandenberg’s correction facility.

**NEWS****BRIEFS****VANDENBERG IMPLEMENTS THREATCON ALPHA**

The 30th Space Wing Commander, Col. Steve Lanning, has directed real world implementation Threatcon Alpha for Vandenberg Air Force Base as a result of the threat assessments in response to the terrorist bombing of the U.S. Naval vessel, the USS Cole in Yemen.

**SQUADRON OFFICER SCHOOL UNDERGOES REVISION**

The squadron officer school non-resident program is undergoing a major revision.

New course materials will be available within a few weeks. Course 00025a-d was deactivated and will be replaced with course 00027a-e.

Course 00024a-d will remain active until all materials are exhausted from the inventory. When the inventory is exhausted it will be replaced with course 00026a-e. All students are advised to curtail enrollments in squadron officer school until the activation of courses 00026/27.

For more information visit the web site at [soc\\_dcx@maxwell.af.mil](mailto:soc_dcx@maxwell.af.mil) call

DSN at 493-2334 or commercial line (334) 953-2334.

**NOV. 16 IS RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY**

A retiree appreciation day will be held at the Pacific Coast Club Nov. 16. Registration is 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A full morning of informative briefings will address the latest news on medical benefits and other matters of importance. Call 606-5474 for more information.

**NOVEMBER IS OPENSEASON FOR HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**

The annual federal employees health benefits program open season runs from Nov. 13 to Dec. 11. Eligible members can enroll in a health insurance plan for the first time, or make changes to current enrollments by calling the benefits and entitlements service team at (800) 997-2378, or visit the web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass/BESTGRB/EBIS.htm>.

**FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES CAN ADJUST SAVINGS**

The thrift savings plan open season is 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.

**AIR FORCE NEEDS MILITARY TRAINING INSTRUCTORS**

The Air Force needs top-notch performers, senior airman through master sergeant, who have what it takes to mold recruits into tomorrow's airmen.

Interested people can visit the following website to find more information:

<http://www.lackland.af.mil/737trg/737web/mtis/mti.htm>.

**MEDICAL GROUP SCHEDULES TRICARE DENTAL BRIEFINGS**

A special presentation by the United Concordia representative has been scheduled in the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group commander's conference room. The presentations will be Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 9 and 10 a.m. The presentation will address enhanced benefits of the TRICARE Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan.

Some changes include maximum family payments, orthodontics entitlements and the new dental payment plan. Seating is limited, so make reservations by calling 606-7483.

**VANDENBERG HONOR GUARD NEEDS NEW MEMBERS**

The Vandenberg Honor Guard needs volunteers and buglers. In addition, retirees from sister services are needed to participate in funeral details.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Vandenberg's honor guard should call Staff Sgt. Dalhia Shelton at 606-3654.

**TRAVELERS MUST PROVIDE TWO INVOICES WITH VOUCHERS**

Department of Defense employees need to provide a copy of two 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 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Carmelita Chadwick at 606-4031 or Master Sgt. Jim Bryant at 606-4606 in the base finance office.

## COMMUNITY

## CALENDAR

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FRI

Team Vandenberg members who have been promoted to airman, airman first class or senior airman and need stripes sewn on their uniforms, are invited to a **Stitch in Time party** today at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex. The party is being held by the Protestant Women of the Chapel and Catholic Women of the Chapel. There will be pizza, games, and fellowship. For information, call 606-6720.

The **Lompoc Civic Theater productions** will hold its opening night tonight of "Frankenstein" at the Calvert Center on 112 1/2 North H Street at 8 p.m. Ticket price is \$10 at the door or \$8 for military and seniors. The production is also scheduled for Saturday, Oct 27 and 28, and Nov. 3 and 4.

The 30th Transportation Squadron will hold its fourth annual **haunted trail**.

There will be many returning scenes and brand new attractions this year. People may experience the element of surprise, feeling of terror, and see special effects.

The trail is located on Washington Road past Ocean Avenue. The dates and times are: tonight, Saturday and Oct. 27 and 28 from 7 p.m. to midnight and Oct. 29 to 31 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Price for the trail is \$3 for 12 and up, \$2 for ages 6 to 12, and children 5 and under are free.

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SAT

The 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron's second annual **Pumpkin Patch** starts Saturday. A variety of pumpkins can be bought at the patch during that time. Additionally, security forces volunteers will be on hand to paint pumpkins. Volunteers will also be dressed as clowns and scarecrows. Pictures can be taken with the scarecrow.

The Pumpkin patch will be located in the grassy area between the Commissary and the security force's squadron building. It is open weekdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends until Halloween. Free field trips are available by appointment and special requests are welcome. Call Tech. Sgt. Christopher Mohr at 605-0770, for field trips or information.

The Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce is holding a **veterans and active-duty military walk** Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. The walk will begin at Santa Maria City Hall and end at the youth building on Miller Street, which is the site of a proposed veteran's memorial. Active-duty members who participate must wear civilian clothes. For more information, call Cheree Ramirez at 928-7777 extension 2700.

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MON

The **Lompoc Pops Orchestra** is holding a concert Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Church of the Nazarene

on 500 E. North Ave. The 35-member orchestra will present an international composition titled "Around the World in 80 minutes." Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and teens, and \$5 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Santa Barbara Bank and Trust, Owens Music, Lompoc Museum, Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce, Longs Drugs, Lompoc Valley Florist, Café Monet and Village Coffee shop. Call 733-5102 or 736-5557 for more information.

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THU

The Peacekeeper Association will hold the 10th annual **Vandenblood Manor Haunted House**. The manor is located in building 11154, on Iceland Avenue between Midway and Guam avenues.

Tour hours are Oct. 26, 7 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 27 and 28, 7 p.m. to midnight; Oct. 29 and 30, 7 to 9 p.m.; Halloween, 7 p.m. to midnight.

Price is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under. Oct. 30 is children's night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call Staff Sgt. Gregory Myers at 605-0272.

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TUE

**Trick-or-treating** hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. Housing residents wishing to participate should leave porch lights on and give only wrapped or sealed treats. The 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron will have extra people in the housing areas to ensure a safe and secure environment.



## At the Movies

**Tonight**

**Bring It On**  
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

**Godzilla 2000**  
(PG) 3 p.m.

**Bring It On**  
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday**

**Hollowman**  
(R) 7:30 p.m.