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The Pacific Coast Club weekly club card drawing is held every Friday evening. This week, the winner will get



Base News Briefs

BASE SEES INCREASE IN BEACH CITATIONS

Vandenberg's fish and game officials have issued 15 citations for violating closed areas at Surf Beach. Base officials must close public access to base beaches when citation thresholds are reached. The thresholds are: 25 at Surf Beach, 10 at Wall Beach and five at Minuteman Beach. For information about beach access, call the base fish and game office at 606-6804.

MED OPS SQUADRON HOLDS CHANGE OF COMMAND

The 30th Medical Operations Squadron will hold a change-of-command ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Pacific Coast Club. Beginning at 3 p.m., the family practice clinic will be minimally manned and only acute-care appointments will be available. For more information, call Capt. Brenda Morgan at 605-4756.

TOP LIFE DORM COUNCIL MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Top Life Dorm Council will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Vandenberg Center. All dorm residents, first sergeants and supervisors are encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information, call Airman Chaunte' Shepherd at 606-6526.

BASE GAS STATION MAY OPEN BY MID-AUGUST

Base officials anticipate system repairs and upgrades at the AAFES service station to be complete by mid-August. The work may be finished as early as Aug. 1. The tire service and retail sales area at the station remains open during regular hours.

OFFICERS COLLECT STUFFED TOYS FOR CHILDREN

The Vandenberg Company Grade Officers Council is collecting stuffed animals during Operation Care Bear. The toys will be given to children undergoing medical treatment. Donated animals must be less than 12 inches tall and free of safety hazards. Drop boxes are located at the family practice and immunization clinics. For more information, call Capt. Natalie O'Brien at 606-8217.

SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER HOLDS PROMOTION BRIEFING

Col. Steve Robinson, 30th Support Group commander, will conduct a briefing on officer promotion board procedures Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. in the base theater. The event is open to all wing and associate unit officers. For more information, call 606-1845.

MED GROUP OFFERS TIPS ON CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINTS

The base family advocacy staff has tips on the proper installation of child safety restraint systems in vehicles. They also have information available on restraint misuse, compatibility, selection and recall listings. For more information, call Valerie Anderson at 606-5338.

RETREAT SOUNDS AT 5 P.M., ALS TREATS TRAINING DIFFERENTLY

Vandenberg's retreat is sounded Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. Upon hearing the first note of the national anthem, uniformed people outside should face the flag and render a hand salute until the last note of the music is played. When in civilian clothing, the proper respect is to remove headgear and place the right hand over their heart. Drivers should pull to the side of the road, stop their vehicles and sit quietly

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30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have mostly cloudy mornings followed by partly sunny afternoons. Fog will roll in at about 8 p.m. every day.



Low/High
52/68

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.

Kill vehicle intercepts, destroys target

BMDO director deems test a success, looks forward to robust test schedule

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg successfully launched a modified Minuteman II ICBM at 7:40 p.m. Saturday in support of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Segment, formerly the National Missile Defense Program.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Office's Joint Program Office in Washington, D.C., managed the test.

This is the program's first launch of the year. The last launch took place July 7, 2000.

Termed integrated flight test-6, the missile launched with an unarmed warhead and a decoy balloon westward toward the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

About 20 minutes after Vandenberg's launch, a prototype interceptor missile carrying an exo-atmospheric kill vehicle launched from Meck Island in the Marshall Islands about 4,800 miles away.

Its mission was to destroy the target launched from Vandenberg.

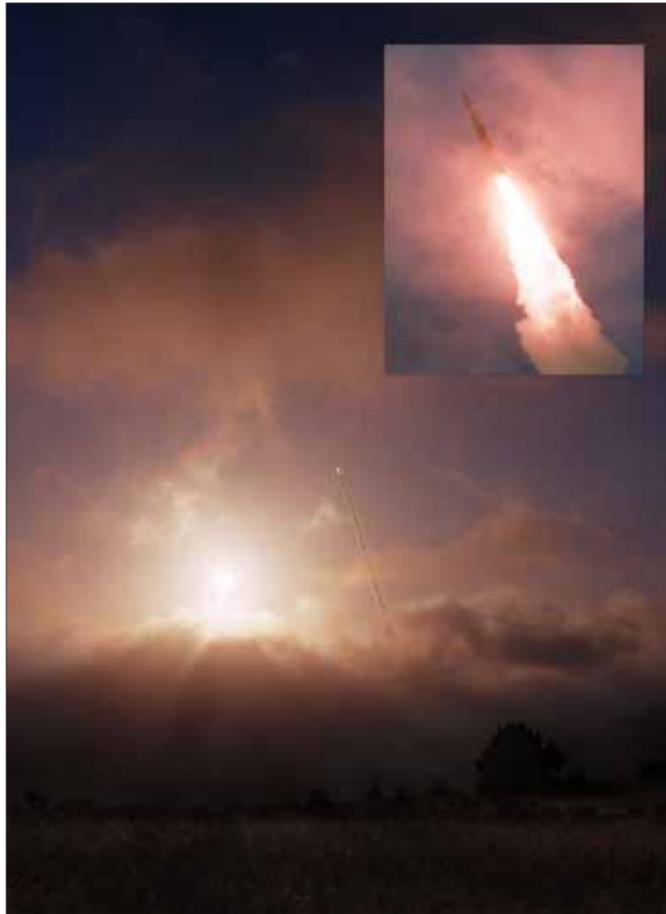
According to BMDO officials, the EKV separated from its rocket booster more than 1,400 miles from the target. The two projectiles were closing at about 4.5 miles per second, or nearly 15,000 mph.

Ten minutes later, at more than 140 miles above the earth, the EKV intercepted and destroyed the target during the midcourse phase of the target warhead's flight.

"The early indications we have is that everything worked in a nominal mode," said Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, BMDO director.

"These tests take several weeks to (interpret) the data, but we believe we have a successful test in all aspects at this time," he said.

The full details of the test won't be



(Above) A modified Minuteman II streaks skyward into the sunset during the July 14 launch from Vandenberg. (Right) At 7:40 p.m. the rocket erupts out of its silo carrying an unarmed warhead to its destruction during the test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense segment. The \$100-million test opened the door to more testing.

available for about two months.

The test successfully demonstrated, for a second time, EKV flight test performance and "hit-to-kill" technology to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile target.

In the past, officials have described the IFT hit-to-kill technology as "hitting a bullet with a bullet."

The IFT-6 launch is the second of

four missile defense tests termed successful for the EKV.

"This test is one stop on a journey," Kadish said. "We have a long road ahead in all the missile defense activities."

The general said Saturday's test is part of a robust and on-going testing program. The next test launch is scheduled for October.



DANA HEIGESSEN, SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORY

LAUNCH SEQUENCE BY JAMES BAUER

A Kern County Sheriff shackles a Greenpeace activist who attempted to thwart the July 14 launch. Four men were apprehended by 30th Security Forces members on north Vandenberg. All four ended up at the Kern County Jail facing trespassing charges. Two of the trespassers came ashore in the closed area of Minuteman Beach. They face charges for violating the Endangered Species Act.



SAFE SGT. PAW TAUBMAN

Action gets dicey at VAFB as launch nears

July 13

■ Three protesters gather at VAFB's main gate and erect an inflatable missile.

Saturday

■ Twenty-five media representatives arrive at the main gate.

■ Less than an hour before launch, a Greenpeace watercraft approaches VAFB's shore.

■ Near Brown Beach, two men dive into the frigid water and wash up on shore.

■ VAFB security forces nab the trespassers.

■ The Zodiac boat continues its southward trek through 10-foot swells.

■ Two more men dive into the water

■ They reach shore in the area of Minuteman Beach that is closed to protect the snowy plover's habitat.

■ VAFB is assessing the potential impact to the species.

■ Base cops detain the Greenpeace

activists on Minuteman Beach.

■ The two detainees exhibit symptoms of hypothermia and are transported by the 76th Helicopter Flight to Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria.

■ Launch team recalculates a new T-zero for a 7:40 p.m. lift off.

■ IFT-6 successfully launches.

■ The U.S. Coast Guard tracks a Greenpeace vessel to Port San Luis Harbour in Avila Beach.

■ The hypothermia victims are treated and released to U.S. Marshals.

■ FBI agents arrest 13 Greenpeace members at Port San Luis Harbour.

■ The U.S. Marshal's Service transports 16 arrestees to Kern County Jail in Bakersfield, Calif. One arrestee is booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail in Santa Maria. Each face felony charges with maximum penalties of 11 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Base preps for Peacekeeper launch

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ An unarmed Peacekeeper missile is scheduled for launch Thursday from north Vandenberg. The launch window opens at 1:01 a.m. and closes at 7:01 a.m.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Vernon Defreese, a 29-member task force from the 400th Missile Squadron at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., will launch the missile. Warren's munitions crews spent 12 days in June preparing the vehicle for launch. The majority of the task force and its leadership arrived here June 19. Missile combat crews and facility maintenance teams arrived July 15.

The 400th MS team has worked closely with about 100 people from the 576th Flight Test Squadron here to get the missile ready for launch. About 60 people from the 576th will work the

launch operation. Capt. Geno Rapone, from the 576th FLTS, is the launch director for the mission.

The Peacekeeper missile, randomly selected from operational missiles at F.E. Warren is part of a routine Follow-on Operational Test and Evaluation program used to verify the accuracy and reliability of the Peacekeeper force.

Using pressurized gas, the 70-foot long and 198,000-pound vehicle is ejected 50 feet out of the silo before the first of four boosters ignite.

Reaching speeds approaching 13,500 mph, the missile will streak toward Kwajalein Missile Range about 4,800 miles away.

It will carry nine unarmed re-entry vehicles to their predetermined target in about 30 minutes.

The Air Force successfully conducted the first test flight of the Peacekeeper June 17, 1983, from Vandenberg.

Air Force staff sergeant promotions soar to all-time high

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ There are 263 Team Vandenberg senior airmen walking around with their heads in the clouds—they just found out they were selected for promotion to staff sergeant.

The Air Force has selected 20,793 of 32,170 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for the 01E5 cycle, an overall 64.63-percent selection rate. Air Force Space Command's rate is 61.86 percent.

Vandenberg topped both with 67 percent of its eligible airmen being selected.

"It is especially gratifying to see the base do so well," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. "I'm happy to see our great airmen moving up to the NCO ranks."

According to Air Force Personnel Center officials, this is the highest promotion rate in the 30-year history of the Weighted Airman Promotion System. The selection rate represents a 13.89-percent increase from last year's previous

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Vandenberg's U.S. Savings Bond drive ends soon

The annual payroll U.S. Savings Bond campaign ends Wednesday. To sign up for a bond, call Maj. John Riggins at 606-9750 or talk to a unit representative.



Col. Robert Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

Commander's Action Line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Action Line: 606-7850 actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

EMERGENCY.....	911
Information.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-2273
After-hours urgent care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Law enforcement.....	606-3300
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Fitness center.....	606-3832
Chaplain (after hours).....	606-9961
Red Cross (duty hours).....	606-1855
Red Cross (after hours).....	800-660-4272
EOD (duty hours).....	605-1375
EOD (after hours).....	606-9961
Pest Control.....	606-1936
Base operator.....	606-1110
Public tours.....	606-3595

ORI prep: Train as we fight

By MAJ. REGINALD WILLIAMS
30th Space Wing Inspections

Here we are, exactly four months from showing Air Force Space Command inspectors what we already know—we are the best wing in Air Force Space Command.

Command inspectors have slated an operations readiness and compliance inspection Oct. 29 through Nov. 9.

As your installation inspector general of inspections, I've witnessed the best and worst in our performance during base exercises.

I share in the enjoyment of the outstanding performances and I'm motivated to identify and facilitate better performances in our weak areas.

Recently, I read an article written by Lt. Col. Wright in the inspector general of the Air Force's magazine "TIG Brief." Written by Lt. Col. John Wright, director of plans, exercises and evaluations, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La. The piece vividly portrayed "war-stories" from the recent

ORI that his unit had completed.

Wright's article illustrated his wing's outstanding performances and benchmarking operations.

But it wasn't his descriptions of events that caught my eye. Instead, it was the three areas that he believed set the tone for their success.

First, he said, "Read it."

My Exercise Evaluation Team Chief, Ed Rambus, and I build exercise objectives directly from the documents our wing uses to go to war and accomplish our daily mission. Then, we add inputs from base EET members.

When someone is explaining his operating procedures to us, the first question we ask someone is, "Show me the reference." We must know both the how's and the why's of our mission—published guidance gives us that support. If you're directed to deviate from that guidance, find out why.

The second message Wright emphasized was, "Work at it."

IG offers 10 tips for ORI prep

■ Using this 10-step checklist, everyone can prepare for an inspection.

DOC statement – Thoroughly understand your designed operational capabilities statement, applicable operating plans, and unit type codes.

Reporting – Review your status of resources and training system report and understand every portion.

Directives – Build a reference list of applicable directives to review over a

few months as the foundation of what the IG will evaluate regarding your unit.

Training – Review formal, ancillary and upgrade training to ensure you have combat-ready personnel ready when their mobility position is tasked.

IG directives – Read Air Force Instruction 90-201 and the command supplement to understand inspection requirements.

Crosstalk/Crossfeed – Review past inspection reports, Air Force Audit Agency reports, higher headquarters messages, staff assistance visit reports and anything else that will give you more information on previous and

current problem areas.

Self-Inspection Program – Review your unit's semiannual self-inspection program.

Local exercises – Pick your EET wisely and ensure everyone in your unit is trained.

AFSPC Communication – Make good use of your HQ AFSPC counterparts to answer open issues before your inspection. If possible get responses in writing.

Agreements – Review your host base-tenant unit agreements to ensure everyone understands, agrees and is ready to perform those functions.



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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Peter Brinkerhoff, one of the Vandenberg Hotshots, reacts to a spot fire set behind him and the other hot shots during a controlled burn training exercise in the Off Road Vehicle area behind the obstacle course Tuesday. The training is conducted to keep firefighters ready to respond to wildland fires.

It's important to remember that the majority of Vandenberg's wildland fires can be prevented by exercising a few basic precautions:

- ◆ Never discard smoking materials carelessly.
- ◆ Keep all flame producing devices out of the reach of children.
- ◆ Do not operate vehicles on unimproved roads.
- ◆ Always report the sighting of a wildland fire immediately by calling 911 or 734-4117 for people using a cell phone in the vicinity of Vandenberg.

Are you ready for Vandenberg fire season?

By TIM JOHNSTON
30th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector

In 1977, a 10,000-acre fire swept across South Vandenberg and claimed the lives of the base commander, fire chief, assistant fire chief, and a dozer operator. The Harris Grade Fire consumed 11,000 acres in September last year. Thankfully, no lives were lost and no structures suffered serious damage. But, had the winds not been in our favor the fire could have damaged or destroyed the base's east housing and Vandenberg Middle School.

With those two incidents in mind, and at the risk of sounding cliché, everyone at Vandenberg should understand how fires are started and what we need to do to prevent them.

We're in the middle of fire season, which normally runs from May through December. There has been little or no rain in months and the high winds make the wildland vegetation even drier. Coastal sage, chaparral, manzanita, chamise and scrub oaks enable a fire spread rapidly in this area.

Although vegetation is green, it can still be ignited easily and burn. An example of that is the manzanita bush. Its sap burns with the intensity of kerosene once it's ignited.

To better combat wildland fires, the National Fire Danger Rating System was created to alert the base and general population of the current fire potential.

The NFDR is a complex system of calculating how variable conditions, like weather and moisture, can be used to gauge how easily a fire could start and the speed at which it may spread.

The fire danger rating signs on Vandenberg and Highway 1 reflect the current rating.

In simpler terms, the signs reflect a low rating during the wet winter months when the vegetation is moist and not likely to burn. A moderate rating indicates the wildland fuels are starting to dry out and the green grass is starting to tan.

A high rating is the norm throughout the fire season at Vandenberg because a fire can easily ignite and spread rapidly.

An extreme rating signals that all the variables are right for a fire to ignite, spread and quickly surpass the fire department's initial attack efforts.

Additional fire fighting measure, the Santa Barbara County Red Flag Alert Plan is used to warn the public of extreme conditions. The plan raises public awareness when hazardous wildfire conditions occur or fires in neighboring counties have reduced the total emergency response forces of the region.

The alert plan is activated in four stages. In the first or warning stage, a watch is activated when the weather forecast indicates hazardous wildfire conditions. The alert stage may be activated when extreme conditions are present. Access to public and private lands may be limited or denied.

The cancellation stage occurs as the weather or the suppression resource situation changes.

These public awareness measures were adopted because of the devastation wildland fires can cause. The devastation was evident during the Painted Cave Fire in 1990. That fire destroyed more than 600 homes in the city of Santa Barbara.

Breakers makes changes

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ People who regularly dine at the Breakers will notice a few changes in the upcoming months.

One of the first, and most revolutionary, changes is that meal card holders will start using their military ID card to pay for their meals, said Staff Sgt. Dalhia Shelton, 30th Services Squadron food services manager.

"The customers just swipe their ID card through a card reader and their meal is paid for."

"This new procedure is part of the Air Force Services Agency's continuing initiative plan to improve benefits to dining facility customers," Shelton said.

"The new computer based-system and procedures can cut down on paper work for facility staff and, more importantly, the time our regular customers spend waiting in line to sign for their meals," Shelton said.

She said that one aspect of the initiative cuts the staff's 28-day menu pattern in half.

"What that means to our customers, is that they will begin to see a wider variety of menu items available in the Breakers."

In addition to the wider variety of food choices, the grab-and-go concept will begin in the near future, Shelton said.

Grab-and-go will allow the customer to eat a sit-down meal in Breakers and grab another meal to go.

The current Breakers policy limits a customer to either eating his meal in the facility of getting it to go, but not both.

Another change is that BAS customers will be charged a flat rate for their meal. The only difference will be the price of breakfast, lunch or dinner.

"These are immediate changes dining facility patrons will notice," said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Krueger, chief of the food service operations at the Air Force Services Agency in San Antonio, Texas. "But they are only a small part of the Air Force Services Agency's continuing effort to improve benefits to customers of dining facilities Air Force-wide.

"Air Force wide-changes in food service management allow managers to spend more time working with their people and improving operations rather than trying to maintain inventory and work their prices," said Shelton.

"Now they can spend more time on food quality."

She added that continuing improvements are more in line with the Air Force services transitioning to a buffet style in its dining facilities.

"The bottom line is that our customers can expect better food products, less waiting time and an expanded menu variety," Shelton said.

Krueger said, that it is important that customers understand that these changes will not take place over night. He ask that customers bear with the food service staff as they adjust to the new system and concepts.

The food service chief stressed that customers can get involved in the process by sharing their comments with the dining facility management and staff to help them produce the best product possible.

President nominates Jumper for Air Force chief of staff

■ WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The president announced his nomination of Gen. John P. Jumper July 16 as chief of staff of the Air Force.

Jumper, currently the commander of Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, Va., has been serving in the Air Force since 1966, and has commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings and a numbered air force and two major commands.

Some of Jumper's previous Pentagon assignments include serving as deputy chief of staff for air and space operations. He also was the senior military assistant to two secretaries of defense and was a special assistant to the chief of staff for roles and missions.

Completing two tours of duty in Southeast Asia, Jumper is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft. He has received numerous awards for his military service including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters. Jumper earned his undergraduate degree from the Virginia Military Institute in Virginia, and completed Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He received a Master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University in California, and then attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington.



SAFEGT. DAVID MCCARRISON

Gen. John Jumper was nominated by the president Monday to be the next Air Force chief of staff. Jumper is currently the commander of Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, Va.

Vandenberg airmen ready to pin on beginning in September

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record of 50.74 percent. The average selectee this year has 1.95 years time in grade and 4.73 years in service.

In June, 110 staff sergeants and 60 technical sergeants were selected for promotion here.

"During the drawdown in the early mid-'90s we just weren't able to promote people because there were limited vacancies," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief at AFPC. "Now that the force has settled and end-strength numbers have leveled off, we've got vacancies."

The complete list of selectees will be posted on the AFPC home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> by July 21. (AFPC News Service contributed to this story)

Team Vandenberg's staff sergeant selectees are:

30th Space Wing	Kristofor Saunders
Drew Brown	Ryan Stephenson
Rebecca O'Connor	Donna Vargas
30th Comptroller Squadron	Jamie Williston
Jeremy Bush	Orion Wirick
Elisa Delgado	Rachel Zink
Paula Funderburk	30th Contracting Squadron
Luis Gomez	Alvina Andrews
Dawn Journic	Brent Goe
Malcolm Journic	30th Transportation Squadron
30th Operations Group	George Andreozzi
Kelly Williams	Yared Abegaz
2nd Space Launch Squadron	Angela Agcaoili
Amy Blount	Lloyd Allison
Rhodora Ostil	Johndrea Bishop
30th Operations Support Squadron	Kim Danser
Denise Fongchung	Adam Dutcher
Jeremy Miller	Howard Goins
30th Weather Squadron	Joshua Gonzalez
Jessica Abling	Travis Goodman
Patrick Brennan	Marcus Jankowski
Randi Facenda	Tonya Jones
Amanda Johnson	Deborah Roberts
Tori Temple	Cassie Whitcomb
76th Helicopter Flight	30th Aeromedical-Dental Operations Squadron
Steven Perez	Angelica Chica
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Pedro Jimenez	Paola Moore
Scott Jones	Franco Villamor
Jason Lemieux	30th Medical Support Squadron
Joann Montoya	Ernest Martinez
Michael Moore	Tamlyn Starley
Jorge Muniz	



The emotion of promotion overcomes Senior Airman Cassie Whitcomb, 30th Transportation Squadron, when she hears the news that she was selected for staff sergeant Thursday.



Moments later, the soon-to-be NCO shares her joy with coworker Staff Sgt. Crystal McAlister. Whitcomb is one of 263 senior airmen here who received the good news from their commanders.

PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

30th Services Squadron

Sean Forney
Daniel Miller

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Michael Arzabal
Joseph Babcock
Robert Boyer
John Crook
Stephen Deen
Jason Effron
John Ferrara
Jonatha Fredrikson
Jason Hall

Solano Hernandez
James Johnson
Matthew Mccloskey
William Mccomas
Kenneth Mccray
Justin Moffatt
Roderick Moore
Jason Munn
Fortune Murray
Romeo Orio
Matthew Rucker
Trevor Scott
Dante Sengstack
Dale Tompkins
Ruben Ulibarri
Joshua Wennberg
Phillip Young

30th Mission Support Squadron

Thomas Aguilar
Kathryn Brady

Yvonne Cook
Shannon Doerr
Michael Klemm

Jason Miller
Kerry Onaka
Michael Plante
Kristen Tombs
Javie Torres Rivera
Tonnetta Turner
Singkran Walker

30th Security Forces Squadron

Christopher Miguel
Daniel Albert
Victoria Ambrose
Ryan Barkman
Frank Beeler
Jason Bodine
Philip Bokodi
James Braley
Ryan Collins
Sheryl Corbin
Steven Coulter
Anthony Creazo
Jacob Delauter
Mitchell Dotnik
Kelly Elijah
James Eselgroth
Rebecca Faalzadeh
James Gardner
Ryan Gilbert
Sadie Gorchess
Steven Goss
Benjamin Graver

Walter Johnson

Marcus Jones
Mindy Kruty
Tammy Lamotte
Thomas Lepetri
Brian Losee
Rebecca Losee
Darryl Lyles
Frank Mamea
Daniel Martin
Jessica Martin
Andrew Matthews
Christophe Mattson
Heather May
Damion Mcelroy
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Kelli Root
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Scott Suzadail
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Neil Vadnais
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Carolina Vasquez
Nathan Whalen

576th Flight Test Squadron

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Aimee Dacus
Michael Eggleton
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Wallace Frost
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Kevin Golden
David Goodnight
Jon Griffin
Joseph Hiner
Steven Hugenell
Hiram Kirkland
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Joseph Merica
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Homero Salinas
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Nichole Sneed
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Christophe Tietjen
Phillip Tucker
Benjamin Wooten
Amy Wallace
Alan Ward
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14th Air Force

Rubendante Mercado

614th Space

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Mitchell Retzlaff
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381st Training Support Squadron

Christopher Hollis
Kevin Williams

532nd Training Squadron

Jason Baldwin

Jesus Garcia Ruiz

Travis Marks

Ransom Oswald

Tracey Riddle

Jason Robinson

Jeffrey Woods

533rd Training Squadron

Elizabeth Eckert

Jeffrey Holmes

Alexander Rodriguez

Valerie Switzer

534th Training Squadron

Glendon Kirkham

George Rankin

Detachment 1, 345th Training Squadron

Jeremy Funk

James Nelson

Community Calendar

20 FRI The Air Force Association will hold their **annual charity golf tournament** today at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Players may check-in for the event between 10:30 a.m. and noon. A putting contest will be held between 11:15 a.m. and noon. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The \$75 entry fee includes a lunch, greens fees, a cart and beverages for the day. Several prizes will be given away at 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit AFA programs. To sign up, call Dick Kline at 733-0720, Larry Gooch at 347-9987 or Col. Mark Owen at 606-8856.

A seminar addressing **money management for young adults** will be held today at 10 a.m. in the family support center. Young adults can learn how to develop good spending plans, money management, checkbook and credit maintenance. Lunch will be provided. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

23 MON People can learn the **fundamentals of financial planning** principles and how to create a financial plan Monday at 11 a.m. in the family support center. People can learn information to help them make decisions about their future. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

A **sponsorship training** class will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in the family support center. Participants can learn sponsorship responsibilities, relocation resources, and tips to assist newcomers to Vandenberg. Call the relocation assistance office at 606-0801 to register.

24 TUE The **Aerospace Engineering Department at Cal Poly** will offer courses this summer to students at Vandenberg. The second summer session starts Tuesday. Students already accepted into the program can go to www.power.calpoly.edu to register. New students can go to www.ess.calpoly.edu/_admiss/ to apply for admission. For more information, call the base education office at 605-5904.

The **single parents support group** will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Pacific Coast Club. Topics of discussion will be issues regarding single parenting as well as self care. For more information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

25 WED A **VA home loan workshop** is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the family support center. People can learn



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Chow Down

Airman 1st Class Jason Atkins, 30th Transportation Squadron, and Senior Airman Rachael Zink, 30th Communications Squadron, enjoy some free food at the airmen's barbecue at Cocheo Park July 13. The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce

Military Aerospace Committee, local merchants and the Non-commissioned Officers' Association sponsored the free barbecue for all senior airmen and below. Active-duty members were encouraged to bring their families and favorite music to the event.

the basics of the VA home loan process like applying for loans, understanding the entire VA escrow procedure, and more. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 to register.

The **Mid-State Fair** in Paso Robles starts Wednesday and runs through Aug. 5. The event will feature fun and entertainment for the entire family as well as a selection of the hottest acts in music today. For more information, call (805) 238-0506 or visit the website at www.midstatefair.com.

An **interviewing and dress for success** workshop will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the family support center. People can learn interview behavior tips and career dressing for men and women. Call Roy Caldwell at 606-0039 for registration.

26 THUR The women's, **infants and children's** office visits the family support center the fourth Thursday of each month for Team Vandenberg members who meet program requirements. WIC is a nutrition education program that provides supplemental food to promote good health for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and

children up to age five. The next visit is Thursday. For more information regarding appointments or enrollment contact the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470 or the family support center at 606-4636.

The **Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee** meets in the services center Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People do not have to be Hispanic to participate. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pablo Mendez at 606-6504 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, extension 3718.

Titan Toastmasters group meets every Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the services center. People can learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure and supportive environment. Participants can also learn how to run a meeting. Anyone interested is welcome. Call Loretta Williams at 605-3001 or Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, extension 3627, for information.

27 FRI An **individual retirement account** seminar will be held at the family support center 11 a.m. July 27 in the family support center. People can learn how

IRAs offer greater flexibility and incentives for savings. Participants will learn the differences between the Roth and traditional IRAs, and how to determine the best ones for their needs. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

28 SAT The United States Air Force world renowned **Tops In Blue** musical showcase takes center stage at 7:30 p.m. July 28 in Cabrillo High School in Vandenberg Village for only one performance. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Call Lynn Warner at 605-8974 for more information.

30 MON A **financial basics** class will be held at the family support center July 30 at 10 a.m. Participants can learn financial management basics such as checkbook maintenance, credit spending, choosing a financial institution, credit pitfalls, decoding financial terminology, and making payday count.

Call **Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491** for registration.

At the movies

Today
MOULIN ROUGE
Starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor.

Christian, a young wannabe Bohemian poet living in 1899 Paris, defies his father by joining the colorfully diverse clique inhabiting the dark, fantastical underworld of Paris' now legendary Moulin Rouge.

In this seedy but glamorous haven of sex, drugs and newly-discovered electricity, the poet-innocent finds himself plunged into a passionate but ultimately tragic love affair with Satine, the club's highest paid star and the city's most famous courtesan.

Rated PG-13 for sexual content

Saturday
THE ANIMAL

Starring Rob Schneider and Colleen Haskell.

Marvin doesn't have what it takes to fulfill his lifelong dream to be a cop. But his luck changes when he's critically injured in a car accident and a deranged scientist secretly uses animal organs to rebuild him. Energized by his new parts, Marvin leaves his weakness behind and achieves instant fame as a supercop. Now a hero, life is going great for Marvin until his animal instincts start taking over his body at all the wrong times.

Rated PG-13 for crude sexual humor.

Sunday
EVOLUTION

Starring David Duchovny and Julianne Moore

In Glen Canyon, Ariz. Wayne, practiced for his his fireman's exam when he witnessed the impact of a meteorite. The next day, biology teacher Dr. Ira Kane and geology teacher Harry Block take a sample and discover a slimy blue fluid coming out of the meteorite.

A little later, Kane finds out that myriads of single-celled life-forms dwell in the fluid and evolve at an incredible rate.

Rated PG-13 for crude sexual humor and sci-fi action

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

S 30th Services

Pacific Coast Club

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MEMBERS SPECIAL!

Monterey Chicken \$9.95
Salmon Teriyaki \$10.95



VANDENBERG YOUTH SUMMER Sports Program

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Basketball fundamentals offered for youth 8 to 13 years.
Location: Youth Center gym Clinic Date: Monday to July 0
Registration: Final is today Cost is \$15 per player
for players going into 3rd through 9th grade (\$10 for Youth Center members)

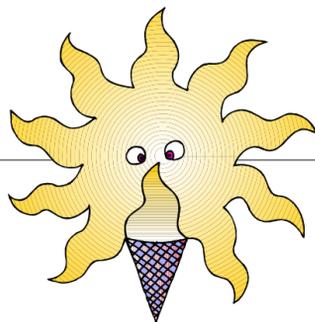
YOUTH SOFTBALL CLINIC

Fundamentals of fast pitch softball for girls 8 to 14 years.
Location: youth softball field # 1 Clinic Date: July 23-27
Registration is Monday through July 22 Cost is \$15 per player
for players 8 to 13 years (\$10 for Youth Center members)

YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC

Fundamentals of baseball for players 8 to 12 years.
Location: youth baseball fields Clinic Date: July 30-Aug 3
Registration: Now through July 27 Cost is \$15 per player
for players 8 to 12 years (\$10 for Youth Center members)

Registrations will be taken Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more, information call 606-2152. Fees are nonrefundable.



NEWS

Vandenberg Information, Tickets & Tours

Universal Studios Trip

JULY 21, 2001

\$35.00 transportation only

Buy your discount ticket at VITT in the Services Center Building: \$28.50 Adults, \$25.50 Children 6-11 years.



For more information or reservations, call VITT at 606-7976.



Located at the Services Center

STYLES of MASSAGE available:

- Swedish Massage
 - Deep Tissue Massage
- by appointment

Gift Certificates are available!

Call Mary 605-4748 or 717-9088

OUTDOOR REC

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE - Thursday, 5 p.m. Cost: \$5, register at Outdoor Rec. Bikes are available for rental with prior arrangement. **ATWIND EVENT!**

KERN RIVER RAFTING TRIP - July 21 OR July 22, (one-day trips) Cost: \$55 per person. Register by Wednesday. For more information, call 606-5908.

FITNESS CENTER

FREE RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT - Friday, 11 a.m. at the Fitness Center.

FREE SOFTBALL ALL-STAR GAME - Friday, 6 p.m. field #1.

TRIATHLON is COMING! Start training now for August 11 5K run, 20K bike, 400m swim! Registration deadline, July 23. Call the Fitness Center for more information, 606-3832. **ATWIND EVENT!**

GOLF

FRIDAY - Retired Military Tournament, 12:30 p.m. Open Play Shotgun is at 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY - Military CARGO Tournament, Sat, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sun, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SUNDAY - SCGA 4-Ball Qualifying Tournament, 8 to 9 a.m.

ROD & GUN

HUNTER'S SAFETY CLASS - Thursday and Friday, (Thursday and July 20) 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. Course is required by California law before receiving a first-time hunting license. Preregistration required prior to first night of class. Course taught by Sam Cintron, state certified instructor. Call 606-4560 for information.

BOWLING

EVERY FRIDAY - 'Eat and Bowl' special for July, 5 p.m. until closing. Cheeseburger, fries, beverage and three bowling games, including rental shoes for \$7.

SWIMMING POOL

SATURDAY - Family Fun Swimming Night 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$1, age 14 and younger, \$2, age 15 and up or use family swim pass. Call 606-3581 for information.

LIBRARY

BOOK-A-TRIP SUMMER READING PROGRAM For ages 4 to 16. Fun! Adventure! Excitement! Registration ends July 28. Call 606-6414 for information. **This is an ATWIND EVENT!**



Play **ATWIND** at these activities!

THIS WEEK'S PLACES TO PLAY:

- Friday-Friday** - ATWIND Golf Day, all day!
Mutual Funds, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday-Saturday-Saturday** - Youth Bowling at the Bowling Center, all day!
Youth Golf at Marshallia Ranch, all day!
Skills Auto Hobby Shop, all day!
- Monday-Monday-Monday** - ATWIND Fitness Day, Fitness Center, all day! (minimum 30 min. workout)
Newcomer's Spouse Orientation, Pacific Coast Club, 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday-Tuesday-Tuesday-Tuesday** - Lunch at the Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lunch at Breakers and AETC, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Stress Management Class at the HAWC, 2 to 4 p.m.
Family Night, Pacific Coast Club, 6 to 8 p.m.
Protestant Adult and Youth Bible Study, Bldg. 16113, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday-Wednesday-Wednesday-Wednesday-Wednesday** - ATWIND Library Day, all day!
Tickets, VITT, all day!
Total Body Conditioning, Services Center, 9 to 10 a.m.
Resume Writing, Family Support Center, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Water Aerobics, Family Aquatics Center, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Manage Your Move, Family Support Center, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday-Thursday-Thursday-Thursday-Thursday-Thursday** - Skills - Arts and Crafts, all day!
ATWIND Bowling, Bowling Center, all day!
Lunch at the Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Personality and Temperament in Your Children, Family Support Ctr., 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ATWIND Golf Day, all day!
5K/10K Fun Run, Fitness Center, 12 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

June 1 to August 31

You can get an ATWIND game piece by participating in a number of base activities.

For a detailed list of these events, go to www.30svs.com and click on the **ATWIND ADVERTISEMENT!!**

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SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHNEIDER

Will he make it?

Apparently he did. Alex Amavisca, with the 30th Medical Group softball team, rounds second base on his way to third scoring the only run for his team. But it

wasn't enough. They avoided a shut out, but couldn't stave off the loss as they were soundly defeated by the 381st Training Group team 16-1.

Program helps prepare separating military members for civilian life

By MASTER SGT. MICHELE BURK

14th Air Force

■ A military career presents many challenges, not the least of which is the transition to civilian life.

The family support center's transition assistance program prepares separating members to meet the challenges of civilian life.

Highlighting the steps for a smooth transition, TAP is recommended for everyone who is nearing separation or retirement.

During the three-day seminar, participants learn about Veterans Administration benefits, civil service employment opportunities and financial planning.

They also learn to write resumes and prac-

tice interview techniques.

Joining the FSC staff, members of the military personnel flight, education center and others help participants prepare for the move to a civilian career.

Part of the preparation is the development of an individual transition plan.

A well-developed ITP identifies steps to take to help ease stresses that accompany the lifestyle shift from military to civilian employment.

The plan enables participants to identify their areas of employment interest and to create an identity for the civilian work force.

For more information or to sign up for the next TAP, call 605-0134.

Hunting starts with basics

By TECH. SGT. GREG FROST

2nd Space Launch Squadron

Many people, young and old, enjoy the stealthy sport of hunting. Some hunters got their start in the field with a relative at their side and others had friends who hunted. Regardless of how hunting was introduced to them, each hunter started with the basics before they began pursuing their quarry.

The first item on the prospective hunter's checklist should be education.

Hunters must pass a state certified hunter education course and test before they can buy a license. Classes in other states may also fill this requirement.

The Vandenberg Rod and Gun Club holds hunter safety education classes periodically throughout the year. During the 10-hour course, volunteer instructors teach hunting safety, proper hunting ethics, wildlife biology, conservation and survival. The two-day class costs \$10.

Once a hunter is armed with knowledge, he has to arm himself with a weapon.

Rifles and shotguns can be purchased at local sporting goods stores. California law mandates background checks for anyone who buys a weapon. The check takes two weeks. Buyers don't have to have a hunting license in order to buy a weapon.

For those who've never fired a gun, the base rod and gun club or commercial firing ranges can offer guidance. The local parks district and police or sheriff's departments have lists of suitable shooting ranges that are open to the public.

Not all hunters choose to use firearms—some prefer archery.

Most gun dealers and sporting goods stores also sell archery tackle. Experts agree that the best place for a beginner to get outfitted for archery is at an outlet that specializes in archery tackle.

Normally, such locations have indoor archery ranges and offer classes.

There is no waiting period to buy the equipment. Target archery season is open year round. Many archery ranges are associated with clubs or state and national bow hunting organizations.

Hunting, while seemingly simple, is bound by complex regulations at all levels.

Local sporting goods stores carry state pamphlets that outline rules, restrictions and hunting areas. The base fish and game office has maps and a copy of the wing hunting instruction.

Once a hunter has picked his weapon of choice and knows the laws of the land, it's time to

select the right location. Hunters have three types of land to hunt on. To hunt on public lands, those managed by state or federal agencies, all that's required is a valid hunting license and tag.

Privately owned lands and hunting clubs have the same licensing requirements and the hunter must obtain permission to hunt. In addition to the normal hunting seasons, the California Department of Fish and Game sponsors several special hunts throughout the state. Special waterfowl and pheasant hunts are offered to youth between September and January. These hunts are available by reservation only. For more information, call the base game warden at 606-6804, the base rod and gun club at 606-4560 or the state fish and game department at (916) 653-7664.

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Tech. Sgt. Greg Frost
2nd Space Launch Squadron

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during retreat. When the national anthem is played at the base movie theater, people should remove headgear, if worn, and place the right hand over their heart. If in uniform at the base theater, simply stand at the position of attention until the last note is played. During Airman Leadership School retreat training sessions, only those participating in the ceremony need to respond.

MEO OFFICE NEEDS VOLUNTEER TO HEAD COMMITTEE

The Military Equal Opportunity office needs a volunteer to chair this year's Native-American History Month Planning Committee. Committee members are also needed. Native-American History Month is held in November. For more information, call Staff Sgt. CeJay Brown at 606-0370.

VANDBERG TOP THREE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vandenberg Top Three will award two \$300 scholarships during the Aug. 16 general membership meeting. The scholarships are targeted at the base's active-duty enlisted members. Candidates must submit a two- to three- page essay featuring an important aspect of enlisted military history. You may find specific format requirements online at https://intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/top3/htmlfiles/2001_Scholarship_Program.htm. The deadline for submission is Aug. 9. For information, call Master Sgt. Jeff Sherrill at 606-5595.

CAPTAIN CENTRAL SELECTION BOARDS CONVENES AUG.27

The captain central selection boards are tentatively scheduled to convene on Aug. 27 at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas. The following is the tentative eligibility criteria for the board:

- ◆ Above the promotion one and date of rank line of the Air Force line officers and Chaplains, Dec 31, 1999 or earlier with a previous non-selection. Medical service corps, biomedical science corps and nurse corps, June 30, 2000 or earlier with a previous non-selection.

- ◆ In the promotion zone date of rank for line of the Air Force officers and Chaplains, Jan. 1, 2000 through Dec 13, 2000. In the zone date of rank for medical service corps, biomedical science corps and nurse corps, July 1, 2000 through Dec. 31, 2000.

- ◆ Extended active duty date Aug. 26, 2001 or earlier.

- ◆ Date of separation, if any, Nov 25 2001 or later.

- ◆ The most senior and junior officers in the promotion zone as of March 1.

Call the 30th Mission Support Squadron career enhancement element at 606-2902 for more information and names of junior and senior officers eligible in the promotion zone.

BASE BOAT HOUSE, DOCK CLOSE MONDAY FOR CONSTRUCTION

Vandenberg boat house dock construction activities are scheduled to start Monday. The construction is scheduled to be finished Nov. 16. The dock, beach area and Coast Road, south of the railroad tracks, will be off-limits to normal activities and usage. The boat house and dock will still be available for scheduled activities. The driveway from the boat house to the dock will be closed. People can call 606-6366 for more information.

WALL, MINUTEMAN AND SURF BEACHES OPEN CERTAIN DAYS

Vandenberg's Wall and Minuteman beaches are now open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Surf Beach will be open 8 a.m to 6 p.m. Friday through Monday.