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(Left) Maj. Gen. William Looney III (left), 14th Air Force commander, passes the "colors" of the 30th Space Wing to Col. Robert Worley II (right), new 30th SW commander, as 30th SW Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim awaits receipt of the wing guidon from Worley during the change-of-command ceremony Wednesday at the parade grounds. (Above) Change-of-command troop commander Lt. Col. Joe Hogler, 30th Range Squadron commander, and the Vandenberg Honor Guard approach the viewing stand for the national anthem.

Team V welcomes new commander

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

■ The former chief of the Space Superiority Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, Washington, D.C., took command of the 30th Space Wing in a formal change-of-command ceremony at the parade grounds here Wednesday.

Col. Robert M. Worley II succeeds Col. Stephen Lanning who moves to the Deputy Director of Operations position for U.S. Space Command at Peterson AFB, Colo.

"Col. Worley is the most capable, enthusiastic and energetic superstar to take over this superstar wing," said Maj. Gen. William Looney III, 14th Air Force commander, during the ceremony. "I'm confident he will find the areas to take the wing to greater heights."

Worley's early career centered on building enlisted promotion tests and constructing and analyzing enlisted and officer occupational surveys.

He was later assigned to the Pentagon as an air staff training officer and then worked in the newly

formed Global Positioning System operational phase-in office.

During Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he was director of operations for the GPS squadron and then served on the joint, U.S. Space Command staff working wartime employment issues for satellite systems.

After serving as executive officer to the vice commander of Air Force Space Command, he commanded the 12th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. Following senior service school, he was assigned as the installation commander of Thule Air Base, Greenland, where he was the senior U.S. official responsible for the 300-square-mile Thule Defense Area.

The colonel then moved on to command the 50th Operations Group at Schriever AFB, Colo., and was responsible for nearly 2,000 military, Department of Defense civilians and contractor personnel conducting command, control and launch support to over 100 satellites fulfilling missions for the National Command Authorities, DoD and other federal agencies.

Worley graduated from the U.S. Air Force Acad-

emy in May 1978 with a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He completed his master's in 1980 in industrial psychology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio Texas.

During his 23 years of service, Worley has earned the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Emphasizing the importance of Team Vandenberg's role in securing the high ground, the new 30th Space Wing commander said, "Our mission is critical, it's our reason for being here and it's what our nation expects us to carry out with excellence."

Recognizing the important role his people play he said, "I'm convinced if we take care of our people, our people will take care of the mission."

Worley carries on a military heritage inspired by his father, the late Maj. Gen. Robert F. Worley, who flew in World War II and was killed in action while flying over South Vietnam.

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New wing commander ready for challenge

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Col. Robert Worley II, the new 30th Space Wing commander, has a vision of not only continued success for Vandenberg, but building on its stellar accomplishments.

"First, let me say how honored and proud I am to be a part of Team Vandenberg and to be given the opportunity to command the 30th Space Wing, the colonel said. It's a great thrill meeting this challenge and my first task will be getting up to speed on the mission, the base, our people and the many challenges that lie ahead. So, I have a lot to learn quickly."

The new wing commander said another task will be to meet those challenges by relying on, trusting and empowering the highly capable leadership from the command chief master sergeant and the group and squadron commanders to the group superintendents and first sergeants along with all the highly talented members of the wing.

"I'll accomplish both these tasks by relying on my experience of more than 23 years in the Air Force in operational, staff and command positions," he said. "I also plan to listen a lot."

"What is truly important is the success of Team Vandenberg in performing our critical mission of delivering combat power to space," Worley said. "My job is to facilitate the success of my subordinate commanders and staff. I'll do that by creating an environment in which people can fully apply their talents and gifts to get the mission done."

While Worley has had the privilege of serving under some great contemporary space leaders like Gen. Thomas Moorman Jr., the colonel said that he doesn't pattern his leadership style after any one great military leader.

"I believe an officer's training for command starts from day one in the Air Force—you learn what works and what doesn't work from all the leaders you serve under in your career."

"I believe our responsibility to the Air Force is encapsulated well in two things; our Air Force mission statement, to defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power; and our Air Force core values; integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do." Worley said that these values are what we in the Air Force hold dear and they are, in a sense, the price of admission for being a part of the greatest, most powerful



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Col. Robert Worley II, the new 30th Space Wing commander, addresses the crowd after assuming command at Wednesday's change-of-command ceremony.

Air Force in the world.

"If we take these organizational values and apply them to ourselves personally, then I think that addresses the responsibility Team Vandenberg has to one another."

"That means respecting one another as people and professionals, serving and taking care of one another and inspiring excellence in others because that is the standard we hold for ourselves," Worley continued.

He said that in terms of taking care of one another, there is no question that deployments can cause stress and strain on families left behind as well as on the deployed member. This is where the Air Force family comes in and service to one another plays a part.

"I think this happens at several levels. First at the level of friends and extended family helping in various ways," he said.

"Next is at the unit level—I think squadrons with deployed people should stay in close contact with

the families to help address their needs or to facilitate help at the next level which involves various base agencies like our great chaplain staff, family support center and the legal office."

The colonel added that no family or spouse should feel alone or that no help is out there—there are many people and agencies willing and able to help.

Worley said that he is impressed with the base services that exist to serve and help members and their families.

Another issue dear to the commander is retention.

"I care about the future of our Air Force and the best way to secure our future is by retaining our outstanding people." Worley said he recognizes that the Air Force has worked this issue hard with various types of bonuses and quality of life initiatives and these things are helping.

"At the base-level, I think retention is largely a leadership issue," he said. "As a wing commander, I can't pay our people more, but what I can do is ensure that our people have an excellent environment in which to work and play."

Worley said that this means recognizing people for their accomplishments and making sure they understand that they are an important part of the team and crucial to the mission and, most important, leading by example.

"I've known a number of people who have gotten out of the Air Force for a bigger pay check, but most of them miss the sense of mission, the camaraderie and the integrity of the people in our Air Force." Worley said.

I see a big part of my job as doing things in a way that proves to people that they're part of a great organization and they made the right choice to join and stay."

Worley praised the success that Team Vandenberg has experienced and he's sure there's more on the horizon. "I see a lot of pride in the base, our mission and the Air Force," he said. "The 30th Space Wing has a lot of momentum considering the fantastic win at Guardian Challenge, the winning of the Moorman Trophy for best space wing in AFSPC and many other sterling accomplishments."

"We're going to keep that momentum going and build on these many successes as we face the challenges that lie ahead," he said. "I'm ready for the challenge and I know Team Vandenberg is."



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Accident kills senior NCO enroute to Vandenberg AFB

■ A former Patrick AFB, Fla., master sergeant was killed in a single-vehicle accident near Lake Havasu, Ariz., May 11.

Traveling to her new assignment at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., Master Sgt. Elizabeth Bolin died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Immediately prior to the accident, her vehicle began drifting into the right lane. Accident investigators stated that she overcorrected to the left causing her vehicle to leave the highway at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle rolled over in the soft shoulder of the median, ejecting Bolin who was not wearing a seatbelt at the time.

Her three children were asleep in the vehicle when the accident occurred. They were also unrestrained and sustained minor injuries.

Highway patrol officers stated that the accident was survivable had Bolin worn a seatbelt.

Bolin is survived by her husband and three children.

The accident is still under investigation.

Minor error equals major consequence

By WILLIAM STARK

14th Air Force chief of safety

It's been one year since the practical value of buckling up was dramatically reinforced for me. It began with a minor error that ended with major, but not deadly, consequences.

It was May 24, 2000. I was a passenger during the routine commute to work when another car blew a red light at 55 mph, entered the intersection, and collided with us. Both cars were totaled.

Because of seatbelts and airbags, everyone involved walked out of the emergency room, albeit somewhat stiffly, later that morning having learned a valuable lesson of being better aware of other vehicles.

The practical value of occupant protection was indelibly reinforced as well. I still can't get over how at the moment of impact, the airbag literally vaporized the newspaper I was reading. No joke - turned it into dust. And the belt left a nifty bruise across my chest that hurt like the dickens weeks later. But the airbag and seatbelt did their jobs.

My wreck was the result of a simple human error with major consequences. Well-designed restraints kept it from being a fatality. As long as humans operate automobiles, minor errors will continue to result in close calls, fender-benders, total losses, and for nearly 32,000 Americans each year — death. Statistics show that number could be about 10,000 less if seatbelts are used.

Most of you already know the value of buckling up. Air Force seatbelt surveys routinely record base-wide usage rates nearing 100 percent compliance. This is not so in the rest of the United States

where the usage rate is about 71 percent and it's estimated that 60 million adults and children ride unbuckled every day.

Now, it may seem the Air Force's safety education efforts need only focus on our new recruits - those younger folks joining the loving embrace of the Air Force's mandated use of protective devices at work, at play, in your car, motorcycle, bike, anytime, anywhere. However, that assumption is wrong.

Last year 26 Air Force people were killed in traffic mishaps and half of them weren't wearing their seatbelts. All new recruits? Most were younger folks, but it would surprise you how many were old enough to have known better. The Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M., tracks so many mishap statistics they literally put the "numb" in number. Data distilled from their records tells us the Air Force traffic fatality rate is half that of the national average of 15 fatalities per 100,000 people — but then you'd expect our rate to be much lower.

Like America at-large, traffic mishaps are the leading cause of preventable deaths to Air Force members. Can we improve our chances for survival? You bet.

Remember the Safety Center's statistics? It all boils down to this - without a seatbelt the chances are 1-in-3 you'll be killed when involved in a major mishap. The simple act of buckling up improves the odds to 1-in-18. Whether a national statistic, or, closer to home, an Air Force statistic, the common denominator is that a minor error equals a major consequence.



Maj. Gen. William Looney III
Commander,
14th Air Force

"I want to stress to everyone—wearing seat belts can dramatically increase the chances of surviving an accident. There is absolutely no reason why you shouldn't buckle up. So take the extra second and buckle up, it could save your life, the life of a loved one, and prevent a never-ending family tragedy."

New housing alternative for Team Vandenberg singles

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Affordable off-base housing is getting harder and harder to find for Team Vandenberg's unaccompanied NCOs, senior NCOs and officers.

The shortage has driven the military family housing office and the unaccompanied housing flight to forge a new partnership to find an alternative. They found their answer in the East Housing area.

"Currently, we have 75 four-bedroom apartments available for people to move into," said Master Sgt. Brian Joseph, 30th Support Group chief of unaccompanied housing. Each apartment will house two people of comparable rank.

"We're offering these on a first-come, first-served basis," he said.

Thirty-three units are currently occupied, he said. When those residents leave, whether by change of station or housing reassignment, the number available to unaccompanied members will rise to 108.

Built in 1969, the two-and-one-half bathroom

units are equipped with the standard amenities of a stove, refrigerator and dishwasher, said Deborah Buck, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron military family housing office.

"Plumbing and electrical hookups are available if the new occupants decide to install a washer and dryer," she said.

Joseph added that if the residents choose to have cable TV and telephones installed, they will be responsible for the installation costs.

Residents moving into the quarters from off base will have to "foot the bill" for their move, he said. Inbound personnel may move into the quarters at government expense.

"Right now, we're compiling a waiting list to see how much interest is out there," Joseph said. Members can choose their roommates or be assigned one from the waiting list. Roommates must be of the same gender.

Eligible members may call Tech. Sgt. Hannah Garcia at 605-2048 for information and to join the waiting list.

VANDENBERG GUIDELINES

■ Here is some additional information for people who are looking to move into the apartment complexes. These guidelines will properly blend accompanied and unaccompanied housing rules to enhance quality of life and offer residents a friendly home environment.

- ◆ Officers will receive partial basic allowance for housing (ranges from \$13.50 for second lieutenants to \$33 for majors).

- ◆ Residents are responsible for upkeep of their lawn and yard.

- ◆ No waterbeds are allowed on the second floor.

- ◆ No pets allowed except fish.

- ◆ Overnight guests may stay up to one week without approval from the 30th Support Group vice commander.

- ◆ Residents may not enter into sublease agreements.

- ◆ Inspections may be conducted with 24 hours notice.

- ◆ No loud music or noise.

- ◆ Temporary storage of excess household goods will be at the resident's expense.

- ◆ Trash services will be provided at no cost to the resident.

- ◆ Base housing funds will cover maintenance costs.



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Dianna Duncan

Assignment: 30th Services Squadron, accounting technician

Hometown: Lompoc

Time on Vandenberg: 18.5 years

What she likes about her job: "The diversity. I get to crosstrain in a lot of different positions so I am always being challenged."

Supervisor's comments: "Dianna is a superb employee and we are lucky to have her as part of our team," said Rita Romine, 30th Services Squadron resource management flight chief. "In the absence of an office manager she has excelled by taking on extra responsibility, by training others and by keeping a positive attitude. Her work in the nonappropriated funds accounting office is truly appreciated."



Group donates items to Vandenberg food pantry

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Members of the 381st Training Group gathered to celebrate Memorial Day a little differently this past weekend.

Saturday and Sunday, 20 people collected food outside the commissary entrance.

They collected three truck loads of food totaling 3,000 pounds and more than \$500 in cash donations for the Vandenberg Food Pantry.

"The Vandenberg Federal Credit Union gave us \$500 to help buy more supplies," said Airman 1st Class Kevin Vigil, 392nd Training Squadron.

The commissary management has agreed to give a small discount on the additional items bought with the money from the credit union for the food pantry, he added.

"I used the pantry in the past," Vigil said, who coordinated the food drive for the training group. "This was a way to give back to a base service that helped me during a time of need."

Vigil made up shopping lists for the training group members to hand out to commissary shoppers.

"The list had non-perishable items that the pantry needed," Vigil explained.

"I can't thank them enough," said



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Airman 1st Class Kevin Vigil (left), 392nd Training Squadron, takes inventory of the items being off loaded by Master Sgt. David Maes and Airman Sara Wesley, 392nd TRS, at the VAFB food pantry.

Master Sgt. Andrea Spencer, 30th Mission Support Squadron.

"We have 50 families on Vandenberg that use the pantry and these shelves are cleared monthly," she said.

For more information about the Vandenberg Food Pantry, call Darlene Horn at 606-2960.



VANDENBERG KICKS OFF ATWIND TODAY

■ The 30th Services Squadron has scheduled an ATWIND kick-off party today at the services center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Team Vandenberg participants can get their first game piece at the kickoff. Representatives from 30th SVS will show people how to log onto the ATWIND web site and start logging miles. Participants can visit an official ATWIND location during specific days and times to get more ATWIND pieces.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE CLOSING TODAY FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTION

The 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office will close at 1 p.m. today. For emergencies, contact the on-call PA by calling the command post at 606-9961.

COMMISSARY HOLDS BULK ITEM SALE TODAY, TOMORROW

The commissary has scheduled a sale today and tomorrow. Sale items will be sold by the case. For more information, call 734-3354 extension 225.

LEAD-BASED PAINT DISCLOSURE FORMS ARE PAST DUE

A second notification was sent by mail to base members who haven't complied with the environmental policy. The disclosure form must be signed and returned ASAP to the housing office from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Compliance with the contents of the package is mandatory. If members lose packages or the disclosure forms, additional copies can be made available at the housing office. For more information, call 734-1660.

VANDENBERG GAMERS MEET JUNE 16 FOR PC SMACKDOWN

Vandenberg personnel computer gamers have scheduled a local area network Smackdown June 16 at 10 a.m. in the Vandenberg Center. The group will play just about any computer game. For more information or to attend, call Staff Sgt. Jack Martin at 605-2706.

ENLISTED ACTION TEAM SCHEDULES MEETING JUNE 18

The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team has scheduled a meeting for June 18 at 3 p.m. in the garden room at the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Richard Bugbee 606-9236.

MEDICAL GROUP CLOSING JUNE 15

The 30th Medical Group will be closed (including pharmacy) June 15 at noon for official

functions. They will also have minimal staffing June 20 from 8 a.m. to noon for the 30th Medical Group change-of-command. The clinic will re-open the next duty day after each closure. Should people need urgent or emergency care, go to the nearest emergency room and call the toll-free number on the back of your TRICARE card for assistance.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the services center. The committee organizes events to educate and recognize the Hispanics who have contributed to American culture. Everyone is welcome to participate, regardless of heritage. For information, call Master Sgt. Pablo Mendez at 606-6504.

30TH MSS HOLDS FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR FIRST SERGEANT

A farewell luncheon honoring Master Sgt. Brian Robertson, 30th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, is scheduled for Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call your office POC to RSVP today.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BANQUET

Tickets are on sale for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Banquet Saturday at the Pacific Coast Club. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15.50. Call your local Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee representative to sign up. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

ALS CLASS 01-D GRADUATES JUNE 12

A graduation ceremony for Airman Leadership class 01-D is scheduled for June 12 in the Pacific Coast Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The attire is mess dress or semi-formal. For information, call the ALS staff at 606-5595 no later than Thursday.

VANDENBERG BEACH RULES

The following activities are prohibited on all Vandenberg beaches during the snowy plover and least tern nesting season through Sept. 30:

Overnight camping, littering, recreational off-road vehicles, fireworks, beach fires, pets, horses, and kite flying.

SENIOR NCO SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD CONVENES

The next Senior NCO Supplemental Promotion Board is scheduled to convene July 30. Suspense for receipt of fully documented cases is June 19 due to the promotion office at Building 11777 Room C-209. If you have questions call 605-3854 or 606-2902.

Vandenberg announces June promotions

■ The following team Vandenberg members will be promoted during June.

Airman

Timothy Blackwell, 392nd Training Squadron
Jessica Huber, 345th Training Squadron, Det. 1
Matthew Pallo, 345th TRS
Todd Robinson, 392nd TRS
Justin Selepack, 345th TRS
Seth Scott, 532nd Training Squadron

Airman 1st Class

Jennifer Eason, 30th Mission Support Squadron
Derrick Fok, 30th Security Forces Squadron
Neal Orczyk, 30th SFS
Larry Robertson, 30th SFS
Nancy Wall, 30th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Senior Airman

Chris Andrews, 576th Flight Test Squadron
John Averitte, 30th SFS
Kelly Dehler, 30th SFS
Angela Gastelum, 534th Training Squadron
Johnny Hankle, 30th SFS
Jeffrey Hunter, 30th SFS
Matthew Mcginnis, 30th SFS
Kenisha Miles, 30th Medical Support Squadron
Shaun Pumphrey, 30th Communications Squadron
Allan Ulloa, 576th FLTS

Staff Sergeant

Agnes Alisch, 2nd Space Launch Squadron
Angelic Biehl, 614th Space Operations Squadron
Dustin Funkhouser, 576th FLTS
Kenneth Hudson, 534th TRS
Erwin Ocampo, 576th FLTS
David Smith, 532nd TRS
Jeffrey Solomich, 576th FLTS
Fred Tobias, 30th SFS

Technical Sergeant

Jeffrey Cerasano, 576th FLTS
Frank Hudluman, Det. 9, Space and Missile Systems Center
Derrick Mann, 576th FLTS
John Spry, 345th TRS
Bryan White, 2nd SLS

Master Sergeant

John Barnes, 576th FLTS

Lloyd Conley, 30th Space Wing
Smelvin Nerling, 576th FLTS
Edward Palacios, Det 9, SMC
Martin Reynolds, 576th FLTS
Ben Rosen, 2nd SLS
Keith Smith, 532nd TRS
Mark Vlahos, 30th ADOS

Senior Master Sergeant

Steven Wilson, 30th Range Squadron

1st Lieutenant

Kris Barcomb, 2nd SLS
Ehren Carl, 2nd SLS
Nigel Crisp, 392nd TRS
Benjamin Dahlke, 392nd TRS
Kevin Eastler, 392nd TRS
Jeffrey Efron, 30th RANS
Erick Fonseca, 2nd SLS
Robert Giles, 392nd TRS
Jason Glynn, 30th Civil Engineering Squadron
Robert Mattivi, 30th Mission Support Squadron
Jason McMahon, 2nd SLS
Richard Otton, 30th Contracting Squadron
William Robinson, 30th Comptroller Squadron
Lee Sanderson, 30th CES
Jared Shaw, 30th CS
Angelo Sommer, 30th Transportation Squadron
Dominick Young, 2nd SLS

Captain

Edgar Arguello, Det 9, SMC
Cary Belmear, 534th TRS
Tung Dao, 30th ADOS
John Devincenzo, 532nd TRS
Christopher Li, 30th SFS
Melissa Reidy, 392nd TRS

Major

Timothy Shadid, 14th Air Force

GS-07

Martin Silva, 30th CES

GS-11

Bruce Massey, 30th CS
Susan Zielinski, 30th Logistics Group

GS-12

Karen Dacus, 30th LG
Susan Dickson, 30th CON
Donald Hensell, 30th LG
Mary Hymon, 381st TRG

GS-13

Beatrice Kephart, 30th CES



No one comes close

(Top) Elliott Sadler, driving the No. 21 car, battles Steve Park during the early stages of the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. Sadler went on to finish 19th in the race. His car is sporting a new blue paint job with a rendering of an F-22 on the hood and prominent Air Force advertising. (Right) Gen. John Jumper, commander of Air Combat Command, inducts new recruits before the race at Lowe's Motor Speedway May 27. (Photos by Larry McTighe)



Family liaisons assist grieving family members

By TECH. SGT. R. BECERRIL
Air Force Print News

■ WASHINGTON—The Air Force's survivor assistance program puts family members affected by tragedy in touch with one person who is a liaison between the family and base agencies.

Called a family liaison officer, his or her primary role in the survivor assistance program is to ensure information is provided to surviving family members.

"The program is geared toward everyone who is impacted by a tragedy, whether it be an aircraft accident, a car or motorcycle accident, or suicide," said Col. Harry Mamaux, chief of the Air Force Survivor Assistance Program.

The survivor assistance program has a two-fold mission.

"One is to raise awareness of commanders at all levels so that they are prepared for a potential tragedy and, more importantly, they are prepared and sensitive to take care of the needs of family members," Mamaux said. "Secondly, we provide training and assistance to our family liaison officers."

The FLO program formally kicked off in 1998 and has expanded since then across the service. Mamaux said he briefs the program throughout the year to incoming wing and group commanders. In turn, many go back to their installations and review their plans and make advance preparations, and, if accidents or deaths occur, they may have appointed FLOs already in place.

"The program has worked extremely well," he said. The FLOs are volunteers

and report directly to the wing commander. They can be either officer, enlisted, reserve, guard or civilian.

"In many cases, family members may not be really familiar with the military, so the FLO will assist them in conducting benefits-related business with various agencies, such as personnel, family support center or veterans affairs," he said.

"I look on the FLO as an interpreter or gatekeeper," he said. "The officer can be beneficial in setting up appointments and ensuring the family gets in touch with the appropriate experts. The FLO also relays information about the accident to the families throughout the investigation to its conclusion.

"We want to make sure we take care of these families over the long term," Mamaux said. "All too often, accidents happen, a memorial service is held, the family leaves the base and goes to 'hometown, America' and they're forgotten. We don't want that to happen.

"So part of the FLO's challenge is to maintain contact with the family, throughout the accident investigation and through the one-year memorial period, helping ensure the family has everything they need," he said.

"The briefings and responsibilities still remain with the experts in the agencies. All the FLO should know is there are some people and agencies that can help

the family and it is (his or her) job to ensure the family gets the information they need," Mamaux said.

Once an FLO is appointed, he or she completes a training course and is briefed by representatives from various base agencies and services.

For Master Sgt. Paul King, a fighter aircraft superintendent at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, the biggest challenge of being a family liaison officer is keeping the emotions under control, which he says is especially difficult "if you know the deceased."

The senior NCO said he volunteered to serve as a FLO.

"A chief master sergeant that I worked with was the FLO for our organization and told me more about the program," he said. When the chief left, King volunteered for the position.

For King, the call to service came all too soon.

"A coworker in my office was tragically killed in a motor vehicle mishap while our unit was on temporary duty.

"My role started as family members arrived from out of town," King said, "to ensure their needs were met. I introduced them to the different individuals on base who would take care of all the arrangements such as casualty and mortuary affairs. I coordinated meetings and took notes to help the family digest the

information in order to make the multitude of decisions that they were required to make.

"My whole focus was to be there for the family in whatever capacity they needed. I coordinated with the family for the memorial service and communicated their desires with the base chaplains. I even went to the residence and fixed a front door lock," he said.

King said the most rewarding part of his duties was knowing he touched the lives of other people. "You are the last impression families have of the Air Force and the military of our nation," he said. "Many families consider the military as the member's second family as (the member) spends most of (his or her) career away from home. It's very gratifying to see how the two come together to deal with a tragedy and show how special every Air Force member is."

"The bottom line is this is the right thing to do ... for the Air Force to do as an institution to assist family members who have lost loved ones," Mamaux said.

"The right thing to do is provide family members with a single person they can go to instead of trying to figure out who on base to ask. They can call the FLO and it is the FLO's job to take care of them and get them to the right person who can provide the assistance they need. And it's working out really well."

Mamaux said family members may also go online to <http://survivorassistance.afsv.af.mil/> or call the survivor assistance program's toll-free number at (877) 872-3435 for assistance.

FLO TRAINING TUESDAY

The 30th Services Squadron is holding a Family Liaison Officer training class Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the 30th Support Group conference room.

Call 1st Lt. Sandra Quinones at 606-3653 for more information.

Former aviatrix recounts tales from lifetime of flying, service

By 2nd Lt. Mike Tkacz

30th Space Wing Public Affairs Transition Student

At nearly 80 years old, the silver-haired 30th Civil Engineer Squadron office administration assistant doesn't seem like the type of person who'd throw a fighter plane into a barrel roll. The slightly built lady doesn't look like someone who'd shuttle bombers and fighters from their assembly lines to port calls across the nation.

Today Alma Genovese doesn't do barrel rolls or shuttle planes, but she looks back on her flying days with fond memories.

Her love and fascination for flying began at a very young age.

"I rode my bike several miles to the local airport just to watch the aircraft fly," she said. By age 21, those trips had led to her taking flight lessons.

Her second training flight in a Piper Cub Cruiser heightened the 21-year-old's adventurous spirit.

"The instructor's control stick had come completely out," she said. The plane's mechanic had failed to install a pin.

"I didn't know what had happened at the time," she said. Her instructor told her to land the plane.

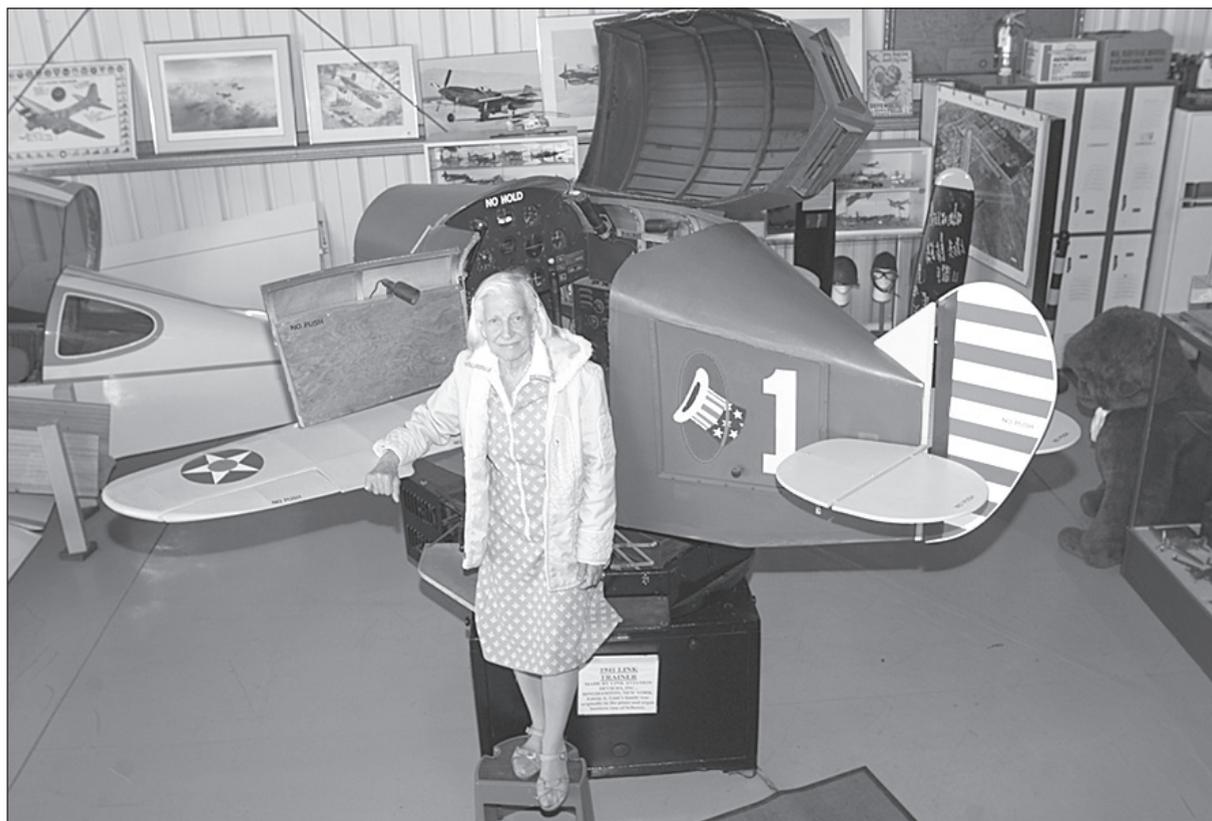
"I landed the plane without incident," Genovese said. After she'd landed, she found out the instructor had no control of the plane.

Later, while working at the Air Reserve Center in San Jose, Calif., she had another heart-stopping malfunction in flight.

"I was giving the commanders son a ride when the engine quit during landing," she said. "I remember how concerned I was at the time, flying the boss's son during an aircraft malfunction." Again, she landed the aircraft without incident.

"I was very surprised after the landing," she said. "Col. Jordan's son thought it was so much fun that he wanted to do it again." He went on to become a Naval aviator.

When World War II struck, men of all ages rushed to volunteer to serve their country. That exodus left Gen. Hap Arnold, Army Air Corps chief of staff, searching for a way to move new fighter and bomber aircraft to port calls across the nation where they would be shipped overseas to support the war. His answer was the Women's Air Force Service Pilot program. They were mothers, secretaries, waitresses, socialites, and even actresses. Under the leadership of Jacqueline Cochran, founder



Alma Genovese, 30th Civil Engineer office administration assistant, stands next to a flight training simulator at the Santa Maria Museum of Flight. She served with the Women Air

and director of the WASPs and a famous female pilot, they flew many different missions including flying targets that were shot at by ground artillery for practice.

Genovese answered the call and put her passion for flying to the test as a WASP.

One day in March 1943, her unit took a break from training because the Army Air Corps chief of staff was visiting. "We were all standing at attention waiting for Gen. Hap Arnold to arrive and inspect our unit," she said. Standing on the tarmac for more than an hour, the women endured temperatures exceeding 112 degrees.

"We were then given the order to march but

no one could move because our shoes were stuck to the melting tar on the tarmac," she said. "We discovered that day that Gen. Arnold had a great sense of humor as he began to laugh uncontrollably."

Before they earned their wings, they went through six months of intense training at the 318th Army Air Force Flying Training Detachment at Avenger Airfield in Sweetwater, Texas.

Comparable to the training their male active-duty counterparts received, the women learned flight theory, Morse code, flight instrumentation and physics.

Because they trained and worked under many hazardous conditions—safety was paramount.

"In those days of flying, many safety features that are incorporated into today's aircraft were nonexistent,"

Force Service Pilots during World War II. WASPs fulfilled a critical need to ferry aircraft to port calls across the nation where they were shipped overseas to support the war.

ent," the former pilot said. "We faced many more dangers every time we went up in flight."

One of those hazards was a defect in the seat restraint on the PT-19A training aircraft. That problem caused many deaths during the war, including one of the WASP pilots who had slipped free of the restraints during flight.

"The instructor pilots became increasingly concerned about our safety and kept a close watch over us," she said.

"During one of my training flights, my headset began to fall off while we were upside down," the former WASP said. "The instructor thought that I was falling out and did a split maneuver to put the aircraft in an upright position." Following the daring maneuver, Genovese awaited her instructor's next command unaware that he had passed out during the move.

Eventually, she left the WASP and married in February 1944. She had met her former husband, Wallace, at Avenger Field. As it turned out, he owned his own airplane.

This gave her more than enough time for flying, so in 1952 she joined the Civil Air Patrol in Fort Worth, Texas, where she flew search and rescue missions. "Our squadron had an air-sea rescue mission and I was able to rescue two injured boaters one day while on patrol," she said.

Through the CAP, she kept her love of flying alive. "I continued to fly at different aeronautical clubs whenever I had the opportunity," she said.

While she hasn't flown in years, she still looks to the skies with fond memories. "The last time I flew was in 1986 after coming here to Vandenberg Air Force Base," she said. "Since then, there hasn't been a time that I see an airplane and don't miss flying."



As a pilot with the WASPs during World War II, Genovese flew a P-19A trainer like this one.

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FRI

University of La Verne summer registration

is today through Friday for graduate and undergraduate students. Classes meet once a week starting June 11 and are open to military and civilian students. For more information, call 734-1306, 605-5917 or fax 734-1158. The university will have a tuition increase from \$205 to \$215 per credit hour effective Aug. 20 and an increase in the application fee from \$35 to \$40 effective July 1.

The **base library now has Internet** access. Call 606-6414 for more information.

The **58th Annual Elks rodeo and parade** will run from today until Sunday in Santa Maria on the fair grounds at 1309 Bradley Road. Call (805) 925-4125 for tickets and specific event times.

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MON

The annual open house for Take off

Pounds Sensibly is scheduled for Monday, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the health and wellness center conference room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TOPS weekly weight loss support group meets every Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Laura Bonneau at 733-1724 or Amy Rickel at 734-1542.

A free, non-credit class in the ancient arts of **t'ai chi, chi gung and relaxation exercises** will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the services center. The class will focus on improving balance, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, stress management, and emotional well being. For more information, call Steve Dunlap at (800) 338-8731 extension 3209.



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

STEPing up

Tech. Sgt. Roger Habermann, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, was recently STEP promoted to his current grade by Maj. Gen. William Looney III, 14th Air Force Commander.

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WED

Weekly nutrition classes

are held at the health and wellness center Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics to be discussed include; Heart Smart for Cholesterol Control, Diabetic Meal Planning with carbohydrate counting and Prenatal Child Nutrition or Nutrition for Health. Call 606-2221 for information.

A **Resume Writing Workshop** at the Family Support Center is scheduled for Wednesday at 9 a.m. People can learn how to write a winning resume or update an old one. Participants can also learn current formats and styles, effective words and power statements.

The class is open to all active duty people and their family members and retirees. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for information.

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THUR

The Hispanic Heritage Month

planning committee meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the services center. 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.

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FRI

A Mutual Funds seminar

will be held Friday at 11 a.m. In the Family Support Center.

People can learn how to make their money work for them and the basics of investing in mutual funds in this informative class. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

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FRI

A College Level Examination Program

English with Essay testing for military only is scheduled for June 15 at 8 a.m. in the base education center, building 14002. The

test will be held if enough people are scheduled. For an appointment, call Debbie 605-5902.

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MON

Allan Hancock College

four-, six- or eight-week summer classes begin June 18. Day, evening and Saturday classes will be offered at the Santa Maria, Lompoc Valley and the Vandenberg campuses and the Solvang center. A typical class is three units and the enrollment fee is \$11 a unit; other fees may apply. People can register by appointment June 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and June 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at any Allan Hancock College location. For information, call the Santa Maria campus at (805) 922-6966, extension 3248; the Lompoc Valley center at 735-3366; the Vandenberg campus at 734-3500 or 605-5915 or the Solvang center at (805) 693-1543. Appointments must be made at the campus people plan to attend.

AT THE MOVIES

TODAY

Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles,

Starring Paul Hogan and Lisa Kozlowski.

Mick Dundee, his partner, Sue, and their young son, Mikey, have traveled from their Australian town of Walkabout. Sue has been temporarily assigned to head the Los Angeles bureau of her father's newspaper after the original bureau chief died under suspicious circumstances. Mick, who wants to expose Mikey to the world outside Walkabout, decides that he and Mikey should accompany Sue to California together. Rated PG for some language and brief violence.

SATURDAY

Along Came a Spider,

Starring Morgan Freeman and Monica Potter.

A congressman's daughter under Secret Service protection is kidnapped from a private school by an insider who calls Det. Alex Cross, sucking him into the case even though he's recovering from the loss of his partner. Rated R for violence and language.

SUNDAY

One Night at McCool's,

Starring Liv Tyler and Matt Dillon. It all started one night at McCool's. Three unsuspecting men and one woman with a dream are brought together. Before the night was over, she had become all the three men could talk about: she moved in on one, made the other forget his living wife, and made the third forget his dead wife. She was more trouble than these three men were worth, and what she wanted was bigger than all of them. Rated R for violence, sexuality and language.

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



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Spike it

Mark Rische of the 576th Flight Test Squadron volleyball team serves up a shot to the 533rd Training Squadron team. The 576th team won the double header with a score of 15 to 4 and 15 to 8.

Are you raising a heart healthy active child?

BY TYSON GRIER
Vandenberg Exercise Physiologist

The two-decade trend of obesity in children continues to grow.

Today, approximately 13 percent of children ages 6 to 11 are overweight and 14 percent of teenagers 13 to 19 are overweight.

These percentages have doubled since the early 1980s and will probably continue to increase unless we take action now.

Children in the U.S. are less physically active than they were a generation ago putting them at a higher risk for coronary artery disease.

Why is obesity in children continuing to grow? Some of the reasons are: television, computers, fast food, slow metabolism, genes, little to no physical education classes offered in school and sedentary lifestyle.

A National Children and Youth Fitness Study showed that less than 36 percent of elementary schools offered daily physical education classes and the study indicated that at least half of youth do not participate in physical activity that promotes long-term health.

Regular physical activity increases an individual's capacity for exercise, decreases their risk for cardiovascular disease, helps to control blood lipid abnormalities, diabetes, obesity, blood pressure, as well as improving an individual's psychological well-being.

Some general physical activities could be walking, bicycling and outdoor play; use of gymnasiums and playgrounds and interaction with other children.

Parents can improve their children's health by:

- ♦ Putting a limit on the amount of time spent watching television, movies and or playing computer games.

- ♦ Find out what sports and activities appeal to your child and get them involved.

- ♦ Have them walk or ride their bike to places rather than being driven.

- ♦ Give them household chores that

require some stamina, like mowing the lawn, raking leaves and taking out the garbage.

- ♦ Discourage homework immediately after school to allow children to find some physical activity before dinner.

- ♦ Give your children fitness gifts such as a tennis racquet, basketball, jump rope or baseball bat.

- ♦ Check out what the city's recreation department has to offer such as hockey leagues and fun runs.

- ♦ When your children are bored suggest something active like playing catch. If you would like more information, call the Health and Wellness Center at 606-2221.

"Why obesity in children? ... television, computers, fast food, slow metabolism, genes, ... sedentary lifestyle."

Tyson Grier
Vandenberg Exercise Physiologist

A FITNESS TESTING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

■ A fitness testing program sponsored by the Chrysler Fund Amateur Athletic Union which tracks fitness among 9.7 million youth between the ages of 6 to 17 found the following results:

- ♦ Children are getting slower in endurance running and are getting weaker strength-wise.

- ♦ 12.8 million boys and 14.2 million girls age 19 and under have serum cholesterol levels of 170 milligrams per decaliter or greater.

- ♦ Children are spending an average of 17 hours a week of watching television in addition to the time spent watching videos and playing computer games. Thirty percent of these children are watching an average of more than five hours per day of television.

- ♦ 3,000 American youth begin smoking every day.

SPORT

SHORTS

SOFTBALL SEASON STARTS

Vandenberg softball season starts Monday. Call the fitness center at

606-3832 for more information.

VAFB HOLDS GOLF CLASSIC

The Space Country Golf Classic is June 8 at Marshallia Ranch. Call at 606-0372 for information.

S 30th Services

Vandenberg Information, Tickets & Tours

Universal Studios Trip



JULY 21



\$35.00

transportation only

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



For more information, call **606-7976**.

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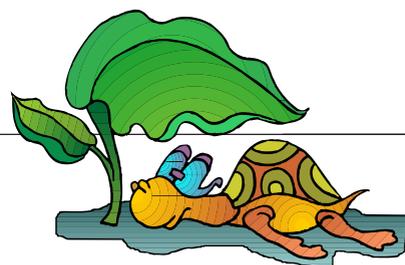
Located at the Services Center

STYLES of MASSAGE available:

- *Swedish Massage*
- *Deep Tissue Massage* by appointment

Father's Day Gift Certificates are available!

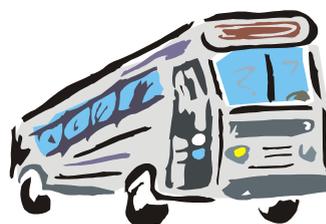
Call **Mary**
605-4748 or 717-9088



NEWS

SERVICES CENTER

Getty Museum



June 24

\$35 per person

Leave Services Center at 7:30 a.m., return 8 to 9 p.m.
Call 606-7976 for more information.

TRIP

LIBRARY

INTERNET SERVICE is now available at the Library.

OUTDOOR REC

KERN RIVER RAFTING TRIP -
June 23 or June 24 (these are 1-day trips.)
June 15 sign up deadline. \$55 per person.
Minimum age, 16 years. Call 606-5908 for more information.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Why Be A Family Child Care Provider?

- ♦ A good way to provide playmates and companionship for your own children.
- ♦ A way to add to the family's income without having to work outside the home.
- ♦ You provide care for military and Department of Defense families.
- ♦ You have the satisfaction of self-employment in your own home.
- ♦ Because you enjoy children and having them in your home.

For more information on becoming a licensed Family Child Care provider, please contact Evelyn Holmes or Gwen Jones at 606-3255/606-4639.

YOUTH SPORTS

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION -

Registrations will be held at the Youth Center Monday through Friday until June 29 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for players ages 5 to 14.

- Age 14 and under is a coed team that will be playing Saturdays in the Orcutt League.
 - Boys and girls teams age 11 to 14 will also play in the Orcutt League.
 - Players league age is determined by the age of the player on Aug. 1.
 - Cost: \$40 (\$35 for Youth Center member).
- Call 606-2152 for more information.

GOLF

FRIDAY -
381st Shotgun Tournament
12:30 p.m.
Open Play Shotgun
7:30 a.m.



EVERY SATURDAY -
Junior golf lessons, 1:30 p.m.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE - CLOSURE OF ENGRAVING SERVICE
Due to much needed repairs and upgrades, our metal engraving service is closed. Look for future information on reopening.

ROD & GUN

HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE -
June 7 and 8, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required prior to first night of class. Cost: \$10 per person.
Call 606-4560 for more information.

BOWLING

BONANZA BINGO - is going strong at the bowling center! You can play all day, every day for \$1 per card. Win up to \$1,000. Over \$21,688 paid out to date.

THUNDER ALLEY/ROCK 300 is now on Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost: \$8 per person, \$6 with youth center ID card.

BOWLING CENTER - will be closed Sundays until Sept. 2.



ATWIND Begins Today!!!



Kick Off Party at the
Services Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
FREE Food, Drinks and More!! FREE!

THIS WEEK'S PLACES TO PLAY:

- Today- Golf at the Marshallia Ranch, **all day!**
 Today- Yoga at the Services Center, 9 to 10 a.m.
 Today- Lunch at the Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Today- Karaoke, 5 p.m. in the Officer's Lounge at the Club
- Saturday- Youth Bowl and Youth Golf, **all day!**
 Saturday- White Water Rafting, meet 6 a.m., Bldg 11238
- Sunday- White Water Rafting, meet 6 a.m., Bldg 11238
 Sunday- Protestant Parish Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Cocheo Park
- Monday- Newcomer Spouse Orientation, 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the Club
 Monday- Lunch at the Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Monday- Step/Upper Body Aerobics, 5 to 6 p.m., Services Center
- Tuesday- Airmen E-4 and below, Bowling Day, **all day!**
 Tuesday- Lunch at AETC and Breaker's Dining Facilities
 Tuesday- Stress Management Class, 2 to 4 p.m. at the HAWC
 Tuesday- Family Night at the Club, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday- ATWIND Fitness Day at the Fitness Center, **all day!**
 Wednesday- ATWIND Library Day, **all day!**
 Wednesday- Men's Bible Study, 6 a.m., Chapel Annex
 Wednesday- Resume Writing, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Family Support Center
 Wednesday- Water Aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Base Pool
 Wednesday- Lunch at the Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday- ATWIND Bowl Day, **all day!**
- June 8- ATWIND Golf Day, **all day!**
 June 8- Exploring Mutual Funds, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Family Support Center
 June 8- Lunch at the Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

Today-
August 31

You can get an ATWIND
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ber of base activities.
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