

Base Briefs

LOMPOC GATE GETS A FACE-LIFT

Lompoc Gate will be closed to all in and out-bound traffic for approximately six months beginning Aug. 26. The gate and the Santa Lucia Canyon Road intersection will undergo reconstruction and reconfiguration. At times, Santa Lucia Canyon Road will be limited to one lane during the reconfiguration phase. Drivers should anticipate delays and plan accordingly. People with questions can call Master Sgt. Michael Bilicki at 605-0549.

AF RESERVE SEEKS RECRUITS

The Air Force Reserve is looking for people separating after being released from Stop Loss. Those with an interest in continuing their career in the Air Force Reserve should contact the Air Force Reserve recruiter as soon as possible. Appointments are necessary to accommodate the number of people separating from active duty. Call Master Sgt. Brenda Kartheiser, 606-2704.

AAFES GAS STATION CLOSSES

The AAFES gas station will conduct maintenance checks on vapor recovery systems in preparation for a required annual district inspection Wednesday. The maintenance and testing will prevent gasoline pumping between 9 and 10 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

POST-DEPLOYMENT PARTY SET

The chapel staff holds a Post Deployment party at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel 1 Annex. Families and friends of those deployed between June and August are welcome. Call the chapel staff, 606-5773.

CE MODIFIES BASE PLAYGROUNDS

Base civil engineers are making modifications to some base playgrounds to provide a safer and more accessible environment. People aware of injuries, accidents or near accidents that have occurred, unsafe conditions, playground deficiencies or special needs can e-mail michael.bird@vandenberg.af.mil.

BACKYARDS MAY LOSE FENCES

Throughout the remainder of this year, some east housing fences will be temporarily removed for scheduled sewer system cleaning and inspection. The fences may be removed to provide truck access to backyard manholes. Call Mike Bird, 606-2080.

SNCO COURSE PREPS LEADERS

The Senior NCO Indocination Course is Sept. 23 - 27. The course is for all assigned master sergeant selects and master sergeants. It's designed to bridge the gap in formal PME between the NCO and Senior NCO academies. Curriculum covers a variety of topics relevant

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Up, up and away!



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Airman 1st Class Stephanie Rodriguez, a 30th Weather Squadron upper air observer, leads 14th Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, to the weather balloon release area for a launch. Hamel visited the weather squadron as well as several other base agencies during a tour of Team Vandenberg Monday - Wednesday.

Vandenberg airmen earn 164 staff stripes

As the fog lifted early Wednesday, 164 members of Team Vandenberg were notified that they were selected for promotion to staff sergeant.

The senior airmen selected account for 55.22 percent of the base's 297 eligible.

A complete list of the Air Force's 19,488 staff sergeant selects is available today on the Air Force Personnel Center's Website.

Team Vandenberg's promotees are:

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Mary Straub
Jennifer Wilkins

30th RANGE SQUADRON

Joseph Church

30th WEATHER SQUADRON

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John Gregory
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Daniel Hubner
Jeffrey Hunter
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Licensing, certification info available online for military jobs

BY ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — People separating from the military can now get online help earning professional certification or licenses related to their military jobs for the civilian world before they leave the service.

"There are a lot of people who get out of the military only to find out that they are not prepared, even though they've probably gotten all the training and all the experience that they need to have those credentials," said Sandra Winborne, certification program

manager for the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support, or DANTES.

"Many military specialties require certification or licensing to perform that job in the civilian world," she said. "Some of the more common are information technology and telecommunications jobs, most specialties in the medical and aviation fields, and most types of engineers and mechanics." The DANTES Web site describes certifications or

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Base gets new ID cards next month

BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The new Common Access Card will be available at the military personnel flight here beginning Sept. 19.

The card, which replaces the current military identification card, uses new technology to include information imbedded electronically on a 32K chip.

"This card brings I.D. cards into the 21st," said 2nd Lt. Amy Garrett, 30th Mission Support Squadron, customer service chief.

The MPF's customer service here will be closed Sept. 16-18 to implement the new system.

The CAC will have many functions that combine several cards into one. In addition to replacing the existing Department of Defense identification card, the CAC will be:

- The principal card used to enable physical access to buildings and controlled areas.
- The principal card used to enable computer network and system access.

More than 600,000 new cards have been issued at nearly 375 sites.

The MPF here will have the resources to produce only 45-50 cards per day. Cards will be issued by attrition to personnel with expired identification cards or who have recently re-enlisted, as well as to individuals soon to deploy, said Garrett.

People who misplace a military identification card will need a letter from their first sergeant to take to the MPF when getting the new card.

DoD officials hope the new card will be distributed to all employees by October of 2003. All previously approved versions of the identification card will remain valid until they expire or replacements are issued. Furthermore, DoD civilians and certain contractors will be eligible for the new cards, however, the CAC will not be issued to military dependents, retirees, disabled American Veterans, Inactive Ready Reserve or Inactive Guards.

For more information on the CAC and its implementation, call customer service at 605-4850, or visit the website www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/deers/.

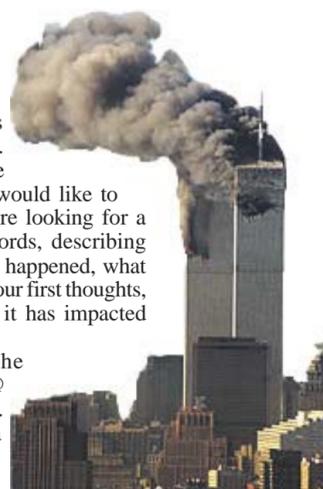
Sept. 11 feature

Team Vandenberg, here's your chance to tell your story.

For the Sept. 6 issue of the *Space & Missile Times* we would like to feature your thoughts. We're looking for a short story of 75 to 100 words, describing where you were when 9/11 happened, what you were doing, what were your first thoughts, and now, a year later, how it has impacted your life.

Send your inputs to the space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil by Aug. 26.

The chapel will also hold a Sept. 11 memorial service in Chapel 1 at 1 p.m.



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Be on the lookout for base children heading back to school. See Page 3.



Base photographers face off in monthly photo contest. See Page 6.

Weekend forecast
Low clouds in the morning and evening with clear afternoon skies.



Low/High
53/63

For a full VAFB weather report visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30gw/weather/weather_index.html

Notes from the editor's desk ...

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA
Editor, *Space & Missile Times*



Recently, Air Force News Service conducted an on-line survey on behalf of the *Space & Missile Times*. We got a lot of

good feedback and noted several areas for improvement. Over the next few weeks we'll compile the data. Then we'll run it in the paper to let you all know how you and your co-workers think we're meeting your needs. We'll also give you some ideas for helping us improve. Due to a turnover in personnel, you may also start to see some changes in the coverage and overall look of the paper.

As Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard, the previous editor of the *Space & Missile Times*, prepares to further his Air Force career with a move to Korea followed by an assignment on the lush island of Oahu, I'll be taking his place.

As the new editor, I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you all a little bit about your newspaper and how it works.

Unlike a hard-news publication like the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Space & Missile Times* is more like a corporate newsletter. It's the 30th Space Wing commander's tool to recognize the outstanding people and missions on this base as well as a conduit to getting important information out to the base. Among other things, it's a morale tool to keep families informed when their military family members are deployed. It's also a community guide to tell base members what's available to them on base and in the local area.

The *Space & Missile Times* is a weekly publication. That means we're not likely to cover late-breaking news, at least initially. We're here to do the follow-up stories, get the behind-the-

scenes scoops, tell you why and how an event happened and who made it possible.

This newspaper staff has been educated extensively, by civilian journalists and by the defense department's best communications experts. I trust their judgment. They have the training and the experience to produce a quality product.

But even with the best training, we still need your help to make it the best product possible.

For example, try incorporating news coverage into your planning. Remember, the deadline for publication is 4:30 p.m., Friday. This office receives page mock-ups Tuesday evening and goes to press Thursday morning. That doesn't leave a lot of wiggle room for sending stories back and forth between staff writers and you, the subject matter experts. You can help by letting us know about your events well before deadline.

When submitting your stories or ideas, I'd offer the following advice. As much as we're here to recognize the great works that go on at Vandenberg, we need to do it in a way that grabs readers' attention. Action gets attention. People get attention. We could run a picture of your office ribbon-cutting ceremony, but with five other ribbon-cutting photos running in the weeks prior, are you really getting the recognition you seek? Instead of running that "grip-n-grin," tell us about the young airman who used his off-duty time to plan and design your new building. Ask us to shoot photos of the captain and his wife who got the material from self-help and are putting up the drywall for your new facility. Make your story about people, not a building.

Now for some of our latest developments ...

Over the last few weeks, you should have seen that your paper is now arriving at your home in a bag instead

of simply rolled up. That's because we've received extensive feedback from readers who were getting soggy papers, whose papers were being swept away or who simply weren't getting their papers. We've discussed it with our publisher, *The Lompoc Record*, and they've worked the issue with their delivery people. From now on, your newspaper should land at your house by 6 p.m. Friday. It should be rolled neatly and wrapped in plastic. Occasionally it will include a slip of paper telling you who your delivery person is and how to get in touch with them. If these things aren't happening at your house, please call *The Lompoc Record's* circulation department at 737-9024.

And speaking of our publisher, did you know that the Air Force doesn't pay one cent to print or distribute the *Space & Missile Times*?

That's done through a commercial enterprise contract with *The Lompoc Record*. The Record publishes the paper on their presses and uses their delivery staff to get it to you. The way the Record makes money is by selling advertising. Local business owners know that you're going to travel downtown. You're going shop in their stores and eat at their restaurants. Those business owners buy ad space in the *Space & Missile Times*. The Record makes money, we get our paper published for free and you get to find out what's going on around you. It's also available on-line at www.vandenberg.af.mil.

I hope this gives you a little insight into how the news gets to you. As I said, the paper is a commander's tool, but they're your stories. If you have an idea or want to see more on a particular topic, give me a call, drop me an e-mail or, better yet, stop by and see me.

This paper is only strong if you're reading it so let me know what you want to see. By the way, stay tuned for our new feature, Destinations Central Coast!



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.

Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

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 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 in case more information is needed.

Call 606-7850 or e-mail actionline@vandenberg.af.mil



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Retreat sounds at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. When driving, **stop**, pull your car to the side of the road and sit quietly until the end of the national anthem. When walking, **stop**, face the base flag or the music and render a hand salute.

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Duty: Chief, training and development for Space Based Infrared Systems

Time on Vandenberg: 3 years

Time in Government

Service: 11 years

Hobbies: Woodworking, photography and helping others become better public speakers and leaders by serving as president of Titan Toastmasters here.

Why he likes his job: At the 533rd Training Squadron, I'm fortunate because I am part of a highly skilled team that develops and provides the most technologically advanced training in the world.

Supervisor's Comments: "I'm fortunate to have Bruce as part of my flight, said Capt. Levern Curry Jr., flight commander. "He's an outstanding asset and I depend on his experience."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KARA MCCORMICK

Team V Spotlight Bruce Henderson 533rd Training Squadron

JOBS: DANTES web site gives military members info on civilian jobs

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licenses required to take a job in a wide variety of civilian career fields. Servicemembers can search based on their occupational specialty or service code. The site describes how well training and experience in military jobs prepare people for the tests and what added work they might need to do.

The DANTES site also contains links to information from the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics on what civilian jobs correspond to military specialties.

She explained that DANTES has agreements with more than 50 organizations that provide professional licensing and certification.

Many of the tests can be taken at the 580 DANTES testing centers on military bases worldwide.

In many cases, financial assistance is available. DOD officials have signed agreements with some licensing or certification boards to cover the cost of tests given to military people. Many other tests are covered under the Department

of Veterans Affairs' Montgomery GIBill.

Wilborne said the Air Force Reserve now reimburses members for some tests associated with licensing and certification. Individuals can contact their nearest DANTES testing representative or military education center for more information.

BRIEFS: Raves still banned, Minuteman Beach has three violaions

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to senior NCO duties like: military budget, manpower authorization, package writing and more. There will be panel discussions with airmen, NCOs, CGOs, the Chief's Group, group commanders and two former Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force. The Senior NCO induction ceremony is Sept. 27. E-mail Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney, base career advisor, michael.p.tierney@vandenberg.af.mil.

COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS SHADOW COMMANDERS

The 30th Space Wing Shadow Program offers Team Vandenberg company grade officers the opportunity to shadow senior officers, colonel and above, throughout the course of a duty day. Call 2nd Lt. Henry Heren, 606-3388.

DISTRICT ISSUES BUS PASSES FOR 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

In preparation for the 2002 - 2003 school year, parents must register their children for bus passes prior to the first

day of school. Registration continues through Aug. 21, 8 a.m. - noon in the 30th Transportation Squadron, Bldg. 10728, Room 115. Parents whose children require bus transportation to other district schools should call the Lompoc Unified School District, 736-2371.

RAVES STILL OFF-LIMITS FOR TEAM VANDENBERG

The 30th Space Wing Commander has re-issued his order prohibiting military members assigned to the 30th Space Wing and tenant organizations from attending raves and rave-like events. The new order is effective August 2002 to July 31, 2003. It applies at all times, including while personnel are on leave or temporary duty.

BEACH HOTLINE OFFERS UPDATES ON VIOLATIONS

The Minuteman Beach violation total is at three and there are 20 at Surf Beach. The maximum limit at Surf Beach is 40 violations. The maximum at Minuteman is five. If the limit is reached, the respective beach will close until Sept. 30, the end of

the Western Snowy Plover nesting season. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials will issue citations to people who enter closed areas. Normal beach hours for Wall, Minuteman and Surf beaches are Friday - Monday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. For news regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline, 606-6804.

AAFES EXTENDS BUSINESS HOURS AT SHOPPETTE

Vandenberg's Shopette, Service Station and Anthony's Pizza in the BX mall extended their hours of operation July 27. The 30-day test program will help determine customer needs. The following hours of operation are in effect: *shopette* — Monday — Friday, 6 a.m. — midnight; Saturday, 8 a.m. — 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. — 10 p.m. *gas station* — Monday — Friday, 6 a.m. — 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. — 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. *Anthony's Pizza* — Monday — Saturday, 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

School's in Thomas DeAnda, Cub Scouts Bear Den 4, collected school supplies for the Hope Center in Lompoc with his fellow scouts. The den gathered boxes, folders, notebook paper and notebooks for the center which provides the items to local school children in need. Supplies are still needed. Drop off contributions at the optometry clinic.

Check out the **SPACE & MISSILE** online at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news

Around the Air Force

Air Force announces OTS selections

■**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The Air Force is giving 92 enlisted members the chance to trade in their stripes for gold bars after being chosen to attend Officer Training School.

Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service conducted OTS Selection Board 0207, which met here June 25 to 28. The board considered 654 total applications, selecting 287 for a 41 percent selection rate.

OTS is only one of the avenues the service uses to commission new officers. The Air Force will also send more than 1,000 young men and women to its service academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and award more than \$60 million in ROTC scholarships. In addition, the service continues to need qualified officers, including doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and engineers.

As part of the selection process, board members review both objective and subjective factors. Objectively, the board considers each applicant's academic discipline, grade point average, and Air Force Officer Qualifying Test scores. Subjectively, board members evaluate work experience, accomplishments, adaptability, character, leadership ability, potential for future growth and other recommendations. For active duty enlisted members, performance reports and commander's recommendations are also evaluated.

A minimum of three Air Force colonels reviews every application. The selection process is similar to an Air Force officer promotion board. According to OTS selection officials, no single factor leads to an individual's selection or nonselection.

Individuals selected for OTS can expect class assignment information approximately eight weeks af-

ter their physical is certified for commissioning. The OTS boards meet about every six weeks at Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service. For more information concerning OTS and the application process, active duty members should contact their local education services office; civilians should contact the nearest Air Force recruiter.

A full listing of people selected for OTS is available at the Air Force Recruiting website. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Dyess NCO nets \$10,000 for idea

By SENIOR AIRMAN ZACHARY WILSON

7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

■**DYESS AFB, Texas** — ADyess senior noncommissioned officer is \$10,000 richer thanks to his suggestion which will save the Air Force more than a quarter of a million dollars annually.

Master Sgt. Stephen Schwartz, NCO in charge of the 7th Component Repair Squadron's engine shop here, submitted his suggestion through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program while following a technical order to repair an aircraft engine.

Schwartz noted the technical order contained two wear-through limits dealing with liners in the engine's turboframe. If one liner segment is worn away more than .002 inches, the engine had to be repaired at a cost of up to \$23,000, he said.

"I suggested the maximum wear-through limits be waived and that we allow the part to be worn through before it was replaced," Schwartz said. "I called (the engine's logistics center at) Tinker (AFB, Okla.) and told them about my idea. The individual there who approves changes to our (technical order) told me to submit the

change to the IDEA program. He thought it sounded good and said he would approve it even before I submitted it to him.

"I wasn't even thinking about

(a reward)," Schwartz said. "I just wanted to help us get the job done (better and faster)." (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

Stolen laptops found, suspect in custody

By MAJ. MIKE RICHMOND
Office of Special Investigations
Public Affairs

■**WASHINGTON** — Agents of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations recovered two missing laptops containing highly sensitive U.S. military information Aug. 9.

A week earlier, the laptops had been reported missing from a secure location at U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill AFB, Fla., triggering the influx of 46 OSI agents to investigate their disappearance.

OSI agents recovered the laptops from a private residence in the MacDill area after identifying the suspect and learning the location of the laptops.

The suspect is a military member who had access to the area within CENTCOM from which the laptops had been taken. He was placed in the MacDill detention facility Aug. 9.

"Recovery of the laptops was a huge triumph for all the OSI agents and support personnel who applied their skills and resolved this case in short order," said Special Agent Jeffrey Vent, who led the investigative team. "This was an extremely important investigation, and I couldn't be more proud of everyone involved."

The laptops remain in OSI's possession and will be examined by agents specially trained in computer forensics to determine whether any of the sensitive data has been manipulated or compromised, Vent said.

Beyond examination of the laptops, more investigative work remains to be done to corroborate elements of the suspect's story, Vent said.

Officials are withholding the suspect's name, rank, and branch of service in accordance with Uniform Code of Military Justice rules that prohibit identifying a person suspected of a crime prior to the referral of charges. Similarly, the suspect's expressed motive is not releasable until and unless it is revealed in court proceedings.

Airmen help local Citizen Corps Council

By CAPT. CHRISSY CUTTITA

355th Wing Public Affairs

■**DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB, Ariz.** — Tucson is one of the first cities to create a local version of the president's Citizen Corps Council and among its leaders are volunteers from Davis-Monthan AFB.

Since President George Bush announced the Citizen Corps in his 2002 State of the Union address, local leaders in cities and counties around the country have been starting the process of bringing the

Citizen Corps to their communities.

In Tucson, the CCC is composed of five sub-corps: Neighborhood Watch Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, Medical Reserve Corps, Operation Terrorist Information and Prevention System, and Community Emergency Response Team.

The co-chairmen of Tucson's Neighborhood Watch Corps are Tech. Sgt. Fred Spano, the base's anti-terrorism and force-protection noncommissioned officer, and Staff Sgt. Jeffery Bradley, Spano's alternate in the anti-terrorism position.

"We bring to the community someone trained in anti-terrorism to help them set up a program to educate citizens," Spano said. "Citizens need to know how to recognize and report incidents, including who to report to."

The Tucson CCC has adopted Davis-Monthan's "Eagle Eye" program as its model for Operation TIPS.

For the first time, the need for homeland security has changed the focus of existing neighborhood watch programs from crime prevention only to include education on preventing terrorism, Bradley said. Together with Tucson leaders, Davis-Monthan people shared emergency-preparedness plans and checklists they use to create the best model for Tucson's CCC.

Making up the council are leaders from emergency management, law enforcement, fire and emergency-medical services, businesses, volunteer and faith-based organizations and other interested parties, including schools, places of worship, health care institutions and the transportation sector.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, CCCs will offer citizens opportunities to help make their communities safer, stronger and better prepared for preventing and handling threats of terrorism, crime and other emergencies and disasters.

"We are proud of the collaboration and excited about having the expertise of D-M personnel on our team," said Christine Harvey, chairman of Tucson's CCC.

"It's ideal to have the city, the county and the Air Force working together," she said.

Tucson city officials plan to start up the CCC in September. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

Sunset over freedom



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. WILLIAM GREER

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — Staff Sgt. Tara Miller, a loadmaster from the 71st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, signals an HH-60G Pave Hawk for refueling from an HC-130P King on July 28 during an air refueling mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Like a fish

PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT WAGERS

Blake Edwards completes the final lap of a half-mile swim before transitioning to a 15-mile bike circuit and 4.5-mile run during the annual San Luis Obispo triathlon. The photo placed second in the 30th Communications Squadron sports photo contest.

Intramural Sports

Softball final standings

American League

TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
30 th SFS No. 1	14	4	.778
30 th SFS No. 2	14	4	.778
381 st Training Group No. 2	13	5	.722
National Reconnaissance Office	11	6	.647
30 th Transportation Squadron	10	7	.588
30 th MDG	10	8	.556
30 th OG No. 2	8	10	.444
576 th FLTS No. 2	3	12	.200
30 th CES No.2	3	15	.167
30 th MSS	1	15	.063

(Standings as of Tuesday)

National league

TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
576 th FLTS No. 1	18	2	.900
30 th CES No.1	16	4	.800
30 th CS	13	6	.684
30 th OG No. 1	13	6	.684
381 st TRG No.1	13	7	.650
14 th Air Force	8	12	.400
Det. 9	5	13	.278
533 rd Training Squadron	4	16	.200
534 th Training Squadron	4	16	.200
76 th Helicopter Flight	3	17	.150

(Standings as of Wednesday)



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