

## Base Briefs

### COMMON ACCESS CARD ISSUE

The mobile registration unit begins its mass issue of Common Access Cards today. Appointments can be made on-line at <http://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler.htm>. Customers who require handicapped access are asked to phone the MRU 15 minutes prior to their appointment at 606-8948 so that accommodations can be ready when they arrive. For more information, call 605-4850.

### ROAD CLOSURE

Base civil engineers are repairing Utah Avenue between California and Wyoming avenues and a section of Oregon Avenue, in the Missile V area, through Nov. 27. Traffic delays will be minimal. For more information, call 605-4735.

### SENIOR NCO COURSE 5 INFO

Senior NCO Academy Correspondence Course 5 is depleted and will be replaced by Course 12 which carries updates, revisions and no longer requires an annual copyright fee. All who have materials can continue Course 5. All others who are enrolled will be sent Course 12 when it becomes available in December or January.

### CORRECTION TO DINNER ATTIRE

Attire for active-duty members attending tonight's Salute to World War II Veterans Dinner at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club is the service dress uniform. The *Space & Missile Times* incorrectly reported last week that it is mess dress.

### COMMISSARY CLOSURES

The Commissary is closed for Veterans Day Monday and Tuesday. The mini-com is also closed Monday. To offer an extra shopping day before Thanksgiving, the Commissary is open Nov. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Commissary is closed Nov. 28 and 29. The mini-com is closed Nov. 28.

### AFTERNOON SICK CALL CHANGE

Beginning Nov. 15, the Flight/Missile Medicine Clinic will no longer have active-duty sick call from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Customers can call 606-2273 for same day afternoon appointments. Morning sick call will still be available on a walk-in basis from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

### IDENTIFICATION SECURITY

All personnel are advised not to leave ID cards, restricted-area badges, etc. unattended, even in locked vehicles. There has been an increase in identification theft across the Department of Defense. Everyone must remain vigilant.

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ED BRALY

The heritage flight zooms over the crowd with an F-16 Falcon (bottom), flown by Capt. Scott Shepard from Hill AFB, Utah; an F-86 Saber (left), flown by Steve Hinton; and a P-51 Mustang (top), flown by Chuck Hall. The heritage flight was one of nearly 20 flying acts that performed over two days at Vandenberg's 2002 Air & Space Show.

## Centennial of Flight 2002 Air & Space Show wows Central Coast

By 2ND LT. JENNIFER WHITAKER  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Some of America's finest military and civilian pilots treated Team Vandenberg and Central Coast guests to thrilling performances here Nov. 2 and 3.

The sights and sounds of military recruiters, more than 30 display aircraft and food and souvenir vendors, transformed the Vandenberg airfield. Space and missile displays from NASA, Boeing, Lockheed Martin and

others filled the hangar.

The 2002 Centennial of Flight Air & Space Show drew an estimated 70,000 people from California's Central Coast and beyond.

Brutus the Skydiving dog caught the attention of national and international press alike.

"I use the attention Brutus receives to promote the concept of individuality and to show kids that real life can sometimes be even more amazing than television or

video games," said the owner, Ron Sirull, of the small Dachshund.

Brutus brought in the nation's flag along with the Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue jump team as part of the opening ceremonies Saturday and Sunday.

Later in the day, Wings of Blue exhibited their precision skydiving skills with four different jumps, including two tandem, from a C-130 Hercules.

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JEANETTE COPELAND

Members of the Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue parachute team, jump from a C-130 Hercules Nov. 3.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Sitting atop a humvee, Aaron Duke takes aim through the sights of a Mark 19 machine gun at the Marine Corps exhibit at the Vandenberg Air & Space Show Nov. 3.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ED BRALY

Jim LeRoy wows the crowd in his plane, The Bulldog, as the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter prepares for takeoff during Vandenberg's Air & Space Show Nov. 3.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ED BRALY

Cadet Brian Allen, Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachute team, brings in the U.S. Flag as Robosaurus prepares to do battle at the 2002 Air & Space Show.

## New 15-year bonus options available

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** - Airmen eligible to opt for a \$30,000 lump-sum bonus upon reaching 15 years of service now have the option to receive the money in annual installments, potentially decreasing their tax liability.

The Career Status Bonus program, which began in April 2001, gave eligible servicemembers a choice to take the "bonus" in addition to their retirement instead of choosing the current "high three" retirement plan. The "high three" retirement program pays retirees 50 percent of their highest three pay years after 20 years of service.

"Congress wanted to give servicemembers a more

lucrative option to receive their CSB payment," said Staff Sgt. Althea Bard, CSB program manager.

People who received their CSB bonus payments on or after Dec. 28, and those who have yet to make their decision may now elect from the following options:

- One payment of \$30,000
- Two annual installments of \$15,000 each
- Three annual installments of \$10,000 each
- Four annual installments of \$7,500 each
- Five annual installments of \$6,000 each

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## Chief results in

Congratulations to the following members of Team Vandenberg selected for promotion to the highest enlisted rank! The four selected were chosen out of 18 eligible. Only 561 men and women were selected out of 2,815 eligible throughout the Air Force.

- Michael Tierney**, 30th Space Wing
- Joseph Buskirk**, 30th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
- Richard Blevins**, 595th Test and Evaluation Group
- David Stoehr**, Detachment 1, Launch Communications office

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Destinations Central Coast heads for Santa Barbara and a romantic champagne cruise.  
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Weekend forecast  
Cloudy with rain showers Friday.  
Chance for showers Saturday.  
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**M**ission 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

While the action line is a great way to communicate, don't forget to use your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals first.

Thank you 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.

# U.S. honors past, present heroes each Veterans Day

By COL. ROBERT M. WORLEY II  
30th Space Wing commander

**O**n Veterans Day 2002, I encourage you all to take pause to consider and appreciate our American heroes our veterans.

In my view, Veteran's Day is about honor and thankfulness. Today we honor those courageous members of the Armed Forces, past and present who have forged the military might which today is second to none, and have so nobly defended the freedom which we hold so dear.

It's about honor because the profession of arms is a noble and honorable profession, respected widely, especially today as our nation and indeed the world relies on us to fight and win a new kind of war.

It's about honor because each generation of veterans honors those who went before by their excellence, commitment and sacrifice.

It's about honor because the service and sacrifice of the veteran bring honor to our nation, our democratic principles and our American way of life.

Veteran's Day is also about thankfulness as it is a day that all Americans can say "thanks" for the service to our country to all those who have worn the uniforms of the U.S.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Armed Forces.

Truly we should all be thankful for the blessing of freedom, and more than ever we realize today that the cause of freedom must constantly be defended from those who seek to destroy it.

While our world is dramatically changing before our eyes, one thing remains—our nation owes a debt of gratitude to all its veterans who have worked and sacrificed for freedom's call. God Bless America!

## The 30th Space Wing

### Mission:

To defend the United States through launch, range and expeditionary operations.

### Vision:

America's finest professionals building the best spaceport and test range in the world.

## Heroes fell to keep America free

■ Veterans Day was originally the anniversary of Armistice Day, the recognition of the end of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918. In 1921, the U.S., France, and England performed ceremonies interring unknown soldiers in memory of Armistice Day in each nation's highest place of honor—in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe; and in the U.S., Arlington National Cemetery. 'Armistice Day' received its name in America through a Congressional resolution made in 1926 although it did not become a national holiday until 12 years later.

Although World War I was called "the War to end all wars," a few short years after Armistice Day was declared a national holiday, war

erupted in Europe. Nearly 17 million Americans fought in World War II; of those, 407,000 died—more than 292,000 in battle.

Although Armistice Day was primarily to honor World War I veterans, Congress amended the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954, because of overwhelming requests from many veterans' service organizations.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead—from World War II and the Korean War—were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. In 1984, an unknown serviceman, later identified as 1st Lt. Michael Blassie, from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Honor Guard keeps vigil day and night.



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## Veterans give freedom by sacrifice, courage

By DR. JAMES ROCHE  
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Secretary of the Air Force  
and Air Force Chief of Staff

Some 84 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice was announced that silenced the guns of what was known throughout the world as the Great War.

A war-weary American private described his unit's observance in a letter home: "We stood up and didn't say a word. It felt as if I had dropped my pack after a long hike and straightened out my back, I was twice as light as any bird. But all we did was stand and stare and stare. I stood up and stared and never said a word."

Sadly, World War I was not the war to end all wars, and the Armistice Day of that era is known as Veterans Day, in salute of all those who have served, fought and died for their country in the years since.

On Veterans Day we pause to reflect on those who, like that young private, have given so much to our nation. Through sacrifice, dedication, and courage they gave each of us the gift of freedom.

It is also a time to recognize the men

and women who continue to serve today in America's armed forces around the world. Men and women who are standing watch on foreign soil, bringing food and medical supplies to people in distress, serving as peacekeepers in strife-filled areas of the world, or fighting our war on terrorism.

If history has taught us anything, it is that Americans will bear any hardship, overcome any obstacle and conquer any foe in their pursuit of liberty and justice for themselves, their children, their countrymen, and for those whose faces they'll never see.

Today we are a different nation - challenged, yet stronger; less sheltered, yet more courageous; more appreciative of life; and, for those who serve our country, even more willing to risk our life for a greater cause.

To all who have worn our nation's uniform - America is better for your service.

Words fail to adequately express your contribution to our nation.

To each of you, our military men and women who we honor today - whose dedication and loyalty are the strength of our military and exemplify the spirit, courage and patriotism that makes America great - we proudly salute you.

## Major recounts father's battle at Falaise Gap during World War II

By MAJ. STEPHEN TUELLER  
30th Medical Group

Lives changed forever Aug. 10, 1944, for young men flying P-47 Thunderbolt aircraft of the 9th Army Air Forces, 404th Flying Group, 508th Squadron.

Barely two months earlier Allied forces had gutted their way onto the beaches of Normandy to usher in the hellish task of driving back the Nazi war machine.

On this particular August day, German and Allied armor were locked in battle and furious ground fighting was well under way near the small town of Falaise, France.

My father, Jack Tueller, then a young 22-year-old captain, responded with his squadron of Thunderbolts to the frantic calls for close air support by an allied tank column that was being attacked by German armor.

The weather was miserable.

As the aircraft bore down through the fog to near treetop height, what emerged ahead would leave scarring impressions and shortly bring to bear the full horrors of war.

It was a desperate setting.

Smashed and burning vehicles and armor were strewn everywhere from the relentless Allied air and ground attacks. Dead animals and soldiers littered the roads. Nearing the struggling tank column, they were met with a scene that would test the most battle-hardened veteran. The enemy had placed French women and children as human shields on their tanks in an attempt to thwart the attacking allied aircraft.

These young men made enormous decisions on a dreary day in France far from home. Despite their own personal horror and subsequent anti-aircraft fire, the devil tanks were silenced, the carnage complete.

After expending all munitions on previous passes and nearing the end of their own fuel supplies, the squadron continued to respond to requests for air support by making low-level strafing runs. They were defenseless but continued counterattacking. They kept the German tanks from overrunning an Allied infantry division.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MAJ. STEPHEN TUELLER

In May 1944, Capt. Jack Tueller shows off his P-47 Thunderbolt, Rosanne, in Winkton, England.

The aircraft held the enemy at bay until reinforcements arrived.

It was a long, silent flight home for the young men of the 508th Squadron. The battle at Falaise Gap in the early weeks of August 1944 resulted in the greatest destruction of German armor in World War II.

Like thousands of veterans before and since, these men answered the call to arms, left their families and the comforts of home, and stared down the enemy.

What was the reward?

Victory!

Men and women alike, through all service branches, have plunged headlong into the abyss of battle to preserve our ideals. I am personally grateful for those who have gone before, and those who will press forward in the future to defend liberty.

May we all devote our thoughts to veterans and awaken and renew our own commitment to preserving that which many fought and died to provide.

Freedom's price tag will always be high.

*This Veterans Day, as we think about those who paved the way, we must always remember*

## Freedom has never been free

By MAJ. TOM REPPART  
30th Services Squadron commander

Freedom is not free, four words we hear a lot these days. Four words that have a stronger meaning since that tragic September day a little over a year ago.

Those four words are engraved in the granite wall at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. as a constant reminder of the price of freedom.

Indeed, freedom is not free. Its costs are measured, not only in terms of lives lost and sacrifices made, but also in terms of a commitment freely given by those who have defended our way of life.

With the Veterans Day weekend upon us and Retiree Appreciation Day next week, I'd like to spend a few moments honoring those Americans, past and present, who've answered the nation's call.

While every American has been exposed to the holiday, there remains some confusion about just whom we honor.

Clearly, we take this opportunity to honor those veterans who fought in our nation's wars. They've earned our nation's deepest admiration. But a veteran is also that soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman who served during peacetime, either on active duty or in the reserve components.

Our veterans represent those who were drafted and those who voluntarily signed up. Some served their initial tour and returned to civilian life while others made a career of being in uniform.

This holiday also rouses thoughts of those same veterans we honored on Memorial Day, those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

And finally, on this day, we appreciate those men and women serving in today's military - those who will be tomorrow's veterans.

They've inherited the defense of the nation

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MAJ. TOM REPPART

30TH SERVICES SQUADRON COMMANDER

and stand guard in the shadow of their predecessors.

I once heard a story about a young captain who was approaching the base medical facility when she noticed a veteran walking toward her.

The captain barely gave the old man a second glance because coming up immediately behind him was a full colonel. When it was time for the captain to render a salute to the colonel, the old veteran was only a few paces away.

"Good morning, sir," the captain said, saluting sharply. The veteran immediately came to life, totally transformed by the captain's greeting. Thinking the salute was intended for him, the veteran straightened up, returned her salute and exclaimed with vigor, "Good morning, captain."

Meanwhile, the colonel was in the process of returning the salute when he realized what was happening. The colonel

stopped mid-salute, remained silent, exchanged glances with the captain, and continued on his way unobserved by the veteran.

Even a small amount of recognition can go a long way. I hope that most Americans think about the importance of our nation's military and its veterans more than just one day each November. But even this one-day reflection means a great deal to those who have worn the uniform.

In the 30th Services Squadron, we rely heavily on our retiree populace. They make up a huge portion of our business at the Pacific Coast Club, the golf course and the FamCamp. At Vandenberg, retirees also eat at the Breakers dining facility.

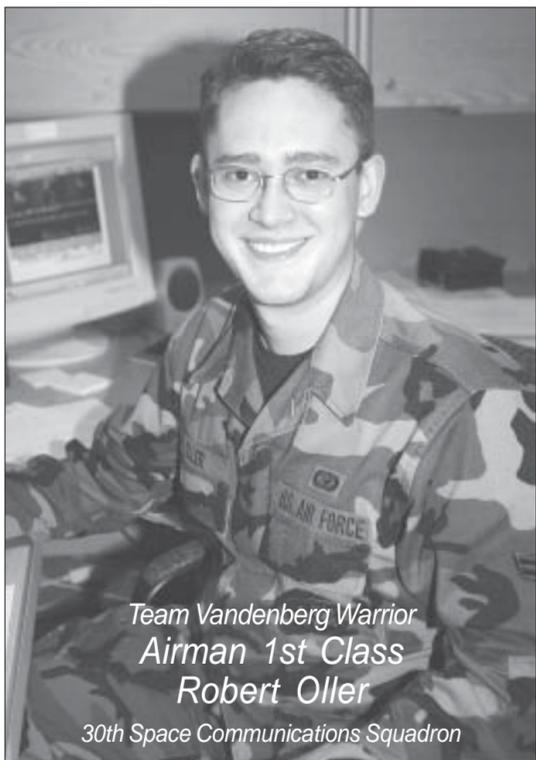
That's one of the things that make being a Services Squadron commander so interesting. Unlike most of my fellow commanders, I get to interact on a daily basis with my heritage - those who paved the way for me.

These same patriots are the primary reason we have an Honor Guard on base - to pay final tribute to our fallen comrades.

I think about it every time I hear Staff Sgt. Chad Smith, 533rd Training Squadron, sing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA." I get a tingle down my spine when I hear the words, "And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me."

So I ask you, please honor their sacrifice. Pay tribute each day to their irreplaceable gift to our nation. And take a moment to thank each other - today's warriors and tomorrow's veterans.

It's never too early to recognize the passionate commitment it takes to keep America safe.



Team Vandenberg Warrior  
Airman 1st Class  
Robert Oller

30th Space Communications Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

**Duty:** help desk technician

**Hometown:** Springfield, Ill.

**Time in service:** just over 1 year

**Time on station:** 1 year

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing and painting

**Educational goals:** complete a degree in networking and switch management

**Favorite part of the job:** "I like being able to create database programs."

**Supervisor's comments:** "A1C Oller is a great benefit to this office," said Tech. Sgt. Eduardo Almanza, 30th SCS Requirements Processing. "He shares in the work we do processing more than 1,500 work orders since he arrived ... and he does a very professional job for us."

## OPSEC safeguards sensitive information

By TECH. SGT. DOUGLAS MILES  
14th Air Force Information Warfare Flight

As Operations Security Month continues throughout 14th Air Force, units keep OPSEC in the foreground by educating base personnel on the intricacies of sensitive information.

Because it deals primarily with sensitive information, Operations Security can cover a great deal of territory when it comes to security concerns.

But how are troops supposed to

recognize what's considered sensitive during day-to-day operations?

That's where the Critical Information list, formerly known as Essential Elements of Friendly Information file, comes into play. That list should be near every telephone in the workplace. It covers items of interest that practitioners of good OPSEC should avoid discussing over unsecured phone lines and in casual conversations away from the workplace.

Items on CI lists vary from base to base. Examples of those items can be

anything from the number of personnel or Air Force Specialty Codes at a given site, to the location of fire evacuation points or emergency generator stations. Some points of sensitive information at Vandenberg are specific launch times, dates and locations, Random Antiterrorism Measures, manning levels and hazardous cargo movements.

This type of information, while not classified in nature, should be protected and kept out of casual conversations. Everyone should consider OPSEC before they act, and use CI lists to guide them.

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Each choice includes the 40 percent "Redux" retirement. Those who decline are automatically entered under the "high three" retirement program.

"A potential decrease to the amount a member is taxed and greater participation in the Thrift Savings Plan are advantages to taking the installments," said Master Sgt. Mike Hall, superintendent of the Air Force Personnel Center's requirements branch here.

Local military personnel flight officials will notify people who received payment after Dec. 28 of their eligibility.

Those who switch to one of the installment options will be required to repay all but the first installment and then begin drawing one of the annual installment options. The deadline to switch to a payment plan is Nov. 15.

Officials will also contact people who were previously notified of their CSB eligibility and declined participation to afford them the opportunity to take part in the installment options.

For more information, people can contact their local MPF career enhancement section or call the Air Force Contact Center at DSN 665-5000, or toll free at (866) 229-7074.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

**Warrior spirit!**

(Left) The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron runs the 30th Security Forces Squadron's obstacle course here Thursday as part of their readiness training. (Above) Staff Sgt. Brian Ellis, 30th CES Readiness Training, defeats the belly-buster on the obstacle course.

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**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IN HOUSING TRASH**

The base's household trash service cannot be used for disposal of hazardous or dangerous materials. Recently, a live grenade was discovered in the housing trash collection. Fortunately, the situation was contained without injury or incident. All hazardous materials must be turned in to the Consolidated Accumulation Point in building 6830. For more information, call 606-8438.

**LOCAL SCHOOL CLOSURE**

All Lompoc Unified School District schools are closed for Veterans Day Monday and closed Tuesday for a district-wide staff development day. For more information, call Debra Bradley at 736-2371, Ext. 201.

**OKC VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

This year's Operation Kids' Christmas Party is Dec. 7 at the Pacific Coast Club from 10 a.m. to noon. Approximately 400 people are needed to set-up and teardown, serve food, pack food and deliver it, and escort children. Spanish speaking escorts are always in high demand. Escorts must attend at least one briefing at 9 a.m. in the 381st Training Group auditorium. Briefings will be held Nov. 12, 14, 21, 26, and 27. In an emergency, the briefing will also take place Dec. 5. Escorts must be active-duty military and will wear the service dress uniform. Call Master Sgt. Richard Czap at 606-6287, Master Sgt. Kenneth Lucia at 606-3663 or Capt. Melissa Reidy at 606-0155 to volunteer.

**ALCON: Charlie**

A DUI or alcohol related incident has occurred resulting in injury or property damage

Days since last DUI **4**  
Saves by AADD **67**  
DUI totals for the Year **28**

Operations Group	<b>0</b>
Maintenance Group	<b>3</b>
Mission Support Group	<b>9</b>
Medical Group	<b>0</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Space Wing Staff	<b>1</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force	<b>0</b>
381 <sup>st</sup> Training Group	<b>3</b>
576 <sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron	<b>3</b>
Detachment 9	<b>1</b>
Others	<b>8</b>

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Capt. Scott Shepard treated crowds to a tactical demonstration in an F-16 Fighting Falcon, and Navy Lt. Andrew Kiss showed off the capabilities of the F/A-18 Hornet. If the crowd's reaction was any indication, they were amazed by the three F-15s precision flying and the F-117 Nighthawk was a definite favorite.

Heritage and legacy flights made history here as they demonstrated the progression of military aircraft from past to present, in aircraft that have never before flown together. The historic T-6 Texan, used by the Tuskegee Airmen, made its sunset flight over a museum display.

Civilian pilots pulled incredible stunts in small aircraft. A top example was the Bulldog, a modified Pitts S-2S piloted by Jim LeRoy.

"People want to see low, wild and seemingly out of control (flying), but at the same time they want discipline, precision and complete control," LeRoy said. "You've got to take all of those elements and fuse them together in just the right way."

The Squirrel Cage performance kept spectators on the edges of their seats. An unprecedented six pilots flew circles around each other in clear afternoon skies Saturday.

Robosaurus ended the show both days by crushing model missiles and out-of-commission cars in his powerful robotic jaws. Children and adults strained for a better view of Robo's fire-breathing antics. NASA sponsored the 40-foot dinosaur robot.

Many members of Team V pulled together to make the show possible.

"After all is said and done, we will have had about 1,000 people who worked toward making this show happen," said Lt. Col. Lee-Volker Cox, 30th Operations Support Squadron Commander and Air & Space Show director.

"All of the performers and guests were very happy with the show. I keep getting comments on how friendly the base is," Cox said. "Col. Worley (30th Space Wing commander) was also pleased with the show and is appreciative of all the hard work that went into planning this event."

The next show is expected in 2004.

## National-level exercise ends in Wyoming

By CINDY MCGOVERN  
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

■ **F.E. WARREN AFB, Wyo.** - One of the most comprehensive U.S. nuclear-accident response exercises held in recent times finished Oct. 25.

Exercise Diligent Warrior 03 kicked off Oct. 22 at a remote location on the Wyoming prairie for more than 700 participants. Diligent Warrior was a nuclear weapon accident response field training exercise held at Wyoming Army National Guard Facility at Camp Guernsey, Wyo.

The exercise was an Office of the Secretary of Defense-directed, Joint Staff-coordinated and Defense Threat Reduction Agency-sponsored event.

The 90th Space Wing at F.E. Warren near Cheyenne, Wyo., was the operational unit whose assets were involved in the simulated accident.

Ten months in planning, the exercise involved both carefully orchestrated injects and free play. The injects were designed to ensure that the exercise stressed certain areas such as command and control, public affairs, health and safety, security, legal and weapons recovery. The free play allowed for real world issues which could not be controlled such as the travel distance (about 90 miles) between F.E. Warren and the simulated

accident site on Guernsey.

What also couldn't be controlled was the Wyoming weather. By the start of the exercise, it was roughly 35 degrees with a stiff breeze. Interstate 25, which runs from Cheyenne to Guernsey was covered by a thin sheet of a ice/rain/snow. Based on the road conditions, the 90th Space Wing commander declared that no military vehicles or personnel associated with the wing were permitted to travel.

While exercise play slowed due to the real world weather conditions, they added a harsh sense of realism to the first day's events.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Gregory Powers, Response Task Force commander from the Air Force's Air Combat Command, said the weather placed an added burden on the security force personnel who were at the accident site.

"The safety of exercise participants is our number one priority," he said. "We're making sure our personnel have hot meals and opportunities for rest."

The purpose of the exercise is to validate the plans, policies and technical procedures currently in place to respond to real-world events involving nuclear resources, and to heighten the coordination and cooperation between federal, state and local response agencies. Federal teams include the DTRA, the Federal

Emergency Management Agency, Department of Energy, Air Force Space Command, Air Combat Command and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the state and local level, the Platte County Sheriff's Department, Platte County Emergency Management Office, Wyoming Emergency Management Agency and the Wyoming National Guard integrated their response efforts with the federal response. In addition, five command and control sites including the National Military Command Center, played in the exercise.

"This was a very large, significant exercise," said Air Force Col. Michael Arnold, deputy exercise director from DTRA. "This was a DoD-mandated exercise that is done to ensure that all units within DoD with a nuclear weapons mission are capable of responding to a nuclear accident or incident."

Arnold added that the various units involved in the exercise actually exercise all the time. What makes an exercise such as Diligent Warrior unique is the number of people involved and the high pressure, high stress environment.

"We want to put together a functional team as fast as possible to be effective and minimize the impact on the local populace," he said.

## Chief of Staff: 'It's time for a new way of thinking'

■ **WASHINGTON** - Saying "it's time for a new way of thinking," the Air Force's highest-ranking airman says significant change has already begun and more is on the horizon for how the Air Force will "focus on the unique development of every individual."

"We call it Force Development and it applies equally to all of us: officer, enlisted, and civilian, across all specialties in our Air Force," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper.

The new personnel development concept will "focus on training, education and experience, especially how you are assigned to get that experience," Jumper said. "We intend to open the aperture on what is considered beneficial education and training experience."

For example most officers will no longer be required to have an advanced academic degree in order to be competitive for promotion to lieutenant colonel, the general said.

"Just like many of you, I too spent many hours in night school to earn a master's degree. Why? So I could get promoted," Jumper said.

Today there is a "career path choice" that encourages development of specialists with a deep perspective in a particular area, the general said. Up until now the focus was on competency skills in a single Air Force Specialty Code. Career development was often left to chance.

"Day after day you demonstrate that your expertise is our greatest asset, and I truly believe your continued training and development are our wisest investment," he said. "Our goal in implementing our new Force Development construct is to make that investment in all career fields and all ranks more deliberately than we do today."

Most importantly, he added, the new emphasis reflects a sincere approach by the Air Force to ensure airmen have time

for other priorities such as family.

Each person's career development will be managed through professional development teams, officials said. Over the next six months the Air Force will redesign how the Air Force Personnel Center assigns people to schools and jobs. Rather than having assignment officers think about filling vacancies, there will be teams dedicated to "developing" individuals.

First up: some officers waiting for the fall announcement of Intermediate Service School attendees may get welcomed but unexpected news. Many majors on the ISS list will focus on packing their bags for traditional courses in Alabama, Rhode Island, Virginia or Kansas. Others, however, will be surprised to find out they are heading for a master's degree program through the Air Force Institute of Technology in Ohio, Naval Post Graduate School in California or the Joint Military Intelligence College in the Washington, D.C., area.

"Our team reviewed every candidate's record and tried to send the right people to the right kind of development course, and not just to the cookie-cutter courses," said Lt. Gen. Richard "Tex" Brown, deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon. "There are some cases where it just makes more sense, for the officer and for the Air Force, to send these folks to get a different kind of master's degree than is offered at traditional PME. The new educational opportunities will be considered equally valuable to an officer's professional growth. This is the way of the future."

Jumper said there will not be one "set solution" for success in all cases.

"We will examine each individual based on credibility, depth of experience, breadth of exposure, and potential to serve the AF in higher positions of responsibility," the chief of staff said. (Courtesy Air Force News Service)

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## Iraq remains a threat to no-fly zone pilots, aircrews

By KATHLEEN RHEM  
American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON - Iraq continues to threaten coalition forces patrolling that country's northern and southern no-fly zones, top defense officials said today.

Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers showed Pentagon reporters three video clips taken in the northern no-fly zone.

Two show Iraqi forces firing on American aircraft in late October. The third clip shows two American F-16 fighters dropping 500-pound laser-guided bombs on Iraqi air defense artillery sites Oct. 30.

Iraqi air defense measures have largely been ineffective against coalition aircraft.

Myers attributed this to several different things. "In some cases it's cautiousness; in some cases it's probably luck; and in some cases it's good tactics on our part," he said.

He noted the Iraqis routinely fire surface-to-air missiles without using guidance systems, "because if they turn on the radars then we can hit the radars."

Myers also stressed that just because the Iraqis haven't shot down coalition aircraft, that doesn't mean they're not a threat to American pilots.

"Every mission that our pilots go on is considered a combat

mission for obvious reasons," the general said.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said such threatening behavior is typical of the Iraqi regime. "It seems to me that it tells a great deal that today at the very time that the United Nations is debating and discussing a new U.N. resolution in Iraq that the Iraqi regime continues to attack coalition aircraft and crews," he said.

Myers also said that maritime operations against Iraq have been particularly successful. Officials estimated last week that coalition naval forces have cut off up to 90 percent of Iraq's smuggling activities.

In the past week, coalition naval forces have diverted at least 73 dhows - small, local vessels - carrying illegal shipments of oil and dates from Iraq, Myers said.

The secretary also offered some words of wisdom on tomorrow's U.S. elections. He said elections are a good reminder of why this country is fighting a war on terrorism.

"Terrorists attacked us because of the fact that we are free people," Rumsfeld said. "And we're determined to do what is necessary to defend that freedom and our way of life." (Courtesy Armed Forces Information Service)

## Civilian health care program open season starting soon

By 1st Lt. BRANDON LINGLE

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

■ RANDOLPH AFB, Texas - Air Force civilian employees will have the opportunity to review and update their health care plan during the Federal Employees Health Benefits program open season, Nov. 11 - Dec. 9.

Program changes could affect more than 7,000 employees - 11 health plan carriers are dropping out of the FEHB and many others are drastically changing their services in 2003, said Janet Thomas of the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team here. But carriers will still offer 188 enrollment choices.

"Even though insurance carriers leaving the FEHB or making significant service changes are required to notify their customers, we send letters to those affected too," said Ms. Thomas, "but it is still the employee's responsibility to ensure their plan is in order."

"Open season is the best time for people to review their health care coverage," she said, "not only to make desired changes, but to ensure their plan hasn't been altered or discontinued."

FEHB premiums are expected to increase an average of 11 percent in January. Health maintenance organizations will increase an average of 13.6 percent and fee-for-service plans will increase 10.5 percent, according to Ms. Thomas. Studies show health care premiums nationally will climb as much as 20 percent in 2003, according to the Office of Personnel Management.

Employees with 'self-only' coverage will pay about \$4.45 more and those with family coverage will pay about \$10.21 more per pay period, she said. The government will continue to pay an average of 72 percent of FEHB premiums.

OPM officials attribute these premium increases to the health care providers' rising costs, advances in medical technology, and an aging population, said Ms. Thomas.

More FEHB information including guides, rates and plan descriptions are available on the OPM web site at <http://www.opm.gov/insure> or the BEST homepage at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>.

All Air Force-served civilian employees must make their open season changes by one of two methods:

- AFPC's Employee Benefits Information System web site at [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm). Employees with self and family coverage or other insurance can use the BEST web automated system to make their elections and avoid having to transfer to a counselor to complete their transaction.

- The BEST automated phone system at (800) 997-2378 or 527-2378 if calling within San Antonio. Hearing impaired employees may call the TDD line at (800) 382-0893, or 565-2276 within San Antonio. Overseas employees may use the toll-free direct access number for the country that they are in. Counselors are available weekdays, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Central Time.

## U.S., coalition forces respond to enemy fire

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON - Coalition bases continue to receive sporadic fire from Taliban and al Qaeda sympathizers, Defense Department officials said Nov. 4.

Three rocket-propelled grenades were fired on the coalition base near Shkin. Commanders alerted the local quick reaction force, and soldiers discovered the launching site about six kilometers inside the Afghan border. Defense officials noted the force did not find any suspects.

In another incident, someone

fired two rockets at the coalition firebase near Orgun-e. The rockets landed about one kilometer from the base. Again, a quick reaction force went to the area, but did not find any suspects, officials said. The QRF did, however, discover numerous arms, which they confiscated and destroyed.

Near Khowst, coalition forces swept the area and confiscated arms, records and Taliban literature. Soldiers also took six Afghans to another forward-operating base for questioning. The cordon-and-search operation is part of Alamo Sweep. U.S. Central Command

officials called Alamo Sweep "the primary focus of conventional operations in eastern Afghanistan." Paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division make up the majority of the U.S. contribution to the operation.

Officials caution that mines continue to be a danger in Afghanistan. In one recent incident, a small Afghan child brought a land mine to his home, where it exploded and wounded the child and his parents. U.S. officials evacuated the family and treated them at the U.S. forces hospital at Bagram air base. Two are in stable

condition and one is in serious condition.

More than 23 years of war has made Afghanistan into one of the most heavily mined countries on Earth. "Almost as soon as we began operations in Afghanistan, we started warning the population of the danger of mines," said a Central Command spokesman. U.S. and coalition planes have dropped leaflets and local radio stations play public service announcements on the dangers of mines.

Coalition partners such as Spain, Romania and Norway have worked with U.S. soldiers and non-governmental agencies from around the world to rid the country of these weapons. But U.N. officials said millions of these weapons have been emplaced, and it will probably take deminers years to render even a portion of the country safe. The first U.N. humanitarian demining team operated in Afghanistan in 1990. Today, the program employs some 3,000 Afghan de-miners on 48 clearance crews, along with 16 mine-awareness teams.

For more DoD News, go to [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil)

# Pumpkins beat Hawks 6 - 13 in Arena soccer

By Coach McKinney

Team Vandenberg's coed soccer team has concluded its inaugural season of arena soccer. A cold November night, which began with nervous anticipation, quickly turned into an uphill battle.

Competing in the first round of the 2002 Coed Arena League playoffs against the aptly named Pumpkins (orange jerseys), the Hawks got behind less than a couple minutes into the game, 0-2. From there, things went from bad to worse, in a hurry. By halftime, the score was 3-7 in favor of the Pumpkins.

The primary culprit in the first half was Angelo Dolida of Santa Maria. A 27-year veteran of soccer, Dolida seemed to be playing at warp speed, tallying three of his team's seven first half goals. However, it was not a one-man show.

"They have players from Lompoc to Arroyo Grande on their squad," said Team Vandenberg's coach Scott Vincent. "Overall, they probably have a better balance of experience and technically-sound players. They have strong women players with good skill as well as skillful men. We have our share, but overall they are a little ahead of us."

Coach Vincent also pointed out that the Pumpkins were keenly aware of the Vandenberg side being a bit undermanned.

"Our number one goalie has



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

The Hawk's Mark St. Onge, passes the ball up the field.

not been able to play with us much, and therefore has not fully assimilated with the team," said Coach Vincent. "We also have a player currently competing to be on the Air Force team. No one player is going to win or lose any of these games for you, but a player good enough to be on the Air Force team can make a big difference."

Early in the second half, the Pumpkins were determined to make a statement that the game was theirs.

Brazilian-born player-coach Alan Brafman scored a couple of quick goals in the first two minutes of the second half to push the advantage to 3-9. Although the Vandenberg side

kept trying to pick away at the Pumpkin lead, they never quite got rolling.

The Hawks were scheduled to immediately play again in the third-place game after their 6-13 defeat.

"After starting out as a team with not a lot of high hopes, we had enough depth to keep fielding teams and we were able to win some good games," Vincent said. "This was a good start for us in this new arena league. Beginning next week, Vandenberg will field three teams, a women's team, coed and men's teams. There are a lot of quality women soccer players on this base and hopefully they'll come out for the team."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Base champions!

The National Reconnaissance Office team defeated the 30th Security Forces Squadron 21 to 7 in the Over 30 Softball Championship game Nov. 1.

## Base intramural sports scores

<b>FLAG FOOTBALL</b> 30 CES 1 defeated 533 TRS 20-13 30th OG defeated 30 CES 2 25-0 614 SOPS defeated	<b>30 SFS 2</b> 26-0 <b>ROLLER HOCKEY</b> 534 TRS defeated 30 LRS 8-6 The Mutts defeated 576 FLTS 5-2	<b>30 OG defeated 30SCS</b> 13-4 <b>WOMENS SOFTBALL</b> 30 SCS defeated 30 SFS 16-10 Det. 9 defeated 30 SVS Win by forfeit
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# 576th Ammo retains No. 1 position in intramural bowling

## LEAGUE STANDING SHEET

Results for Week No. 7 of 30 10/28/2002

### INTRAMURAL LEAGUE - Vandenberg Bowling Center

Sanction No.: 125550  
League President: Patrick Terek  
League Secretary: Tracey Gowins  
Lane: 14  
Phone: (805)-735-7714  
Phone: (805)-734-1961

Pos	Tm#	Team	Won	Lost	Pct	-----Handicap-----			Ser
						TotPins	Ave	Gm	
1	4	576 FLTS AMMO	44.0	12.0	78.6	16187	770	838	2381
2	14	30 COMM	42.0	14.0	75.0	17047	811	911	2622
3	7	30 SFS	42.0	14.0	75.0	16757	797	882	2534
4	11	AAPES	40.0	16.0	71.4	16813	800	933	2552
5	12	576 FLTS MEC	38.0	18.0	67.9	16512	786	879	2492
6	1	576 FLTS #1	36.0	20.0	64.3	16659	793	865	2457
7	9	30 CES	36.0	20.0	64.3	16514	786	890	2509
8	17	30 MDG	28.0	28.0	50.0	15970	760	847	2421
9	10	30 TRANS	27.0	29.0	48.2	15955	759	883	2484
10	15	14 AF/614 SOPS	24.0	32.0	42.9	16233	773	866	2440
11	16	30 CONS	24.0	32.0	42.9	15723	748	841	2436
12	18	30 OG	22.0	34.0	39.3	15914	757	853	2443
13	2	30 SVS	22.0	34.0	39.3	13968	776	859	2483
14	13	595 SG	19.0	37.0	33.9	15880	756	864	2370
15	8	381 TRG	18.0	38.0	32.1	16120	767	849	2418
16	6	NRO	18.0	38.0	32.1	15846	754	883	2498
17	5	576 FLTS MMT	12.0	44.0	21.4	16188	770	870	2414
18	3	BYE TEAM	10.0	14.0	41.7	4477	746	788	2239

Lane No	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12	13 - 14	15 - 16	17 - 18
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--- Last Week's High Scores (Week of 10/28/2002) ---

High Scr Game-Team	Score	High Scr Series-Team	Score
30 CES	748	576 FLTS #1	2234
High Hop Game-Team	Score	High Hop Series-Team	Score
NRO	883	30 COMM	2622
High Scr Game-ABC	Score	High Scr Series-ABC	Score
Gil Lujan	249	Danny Schanick	670
High Hop Game-ABC	Score	High Hop Series-ABC	Score
James Long	277	Pat Terek	770
High Scr Game-WIBC	Score	High Scr Series-WIBC	Score
Cassie Mullen	188	Kim Saheim	522
High Hop Game-WIBC	Score	High Hop Series-WIBC	Score
Weston Howland	216	Diana Johnson	660

----- Year To Date High Scores -----

High Scr Game-Team	Score	High Scr Series-Team	Score
576 FLTS #1	811	30 CES	2350
30 TRANS	751	576 FLTS MMT	2095

# SPACE & MISSILE

## FEATURES

### Destinations Central Coast @ Santa Barbara Harbor

By 2ND LT. KELLY GABEL  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

My husband and I desperately needed a night out. I know it may sound absurd, but we have an 8-week-old puppy that's rambunctious during the day and wakes us up throughout the night for potty breaks. We've been exhausted.

Every night is a repeat of the last. After work, with Smokey happily gnawing on the chew-toys our hands have become, we sit collapsed on the couch wondering by 7:30 p.m., if it's too early to go to bed.

"We've got to get our life back," my husband pleaded. "Let's go do something, anything."

One of my co-workers

suggested a harbor cruise in Santa Barbara. The idea was appealing for many reasons. It gave us something beyond dinner and a movie. It was also a way for us to be outside and involved in an activity without requiring too much from our weary minds and bodies. Plus, we found one on the Internet with the Santa Barbara Sailing Center advertising a champagne

sunset cruise, which struck our romantic, newlywed chord.

For two hours, at \$30 a person, it was not only within our budget, but just the right amount of time to give us a break from our routine.

We hired a 13-year-old puppy-sitter so we could really relax and enjoy ourselves, then set off for the Santa Barbara Harbor.

The website, at [www.sbsailctr.com](http://www.sbsailctr.com), gives a brief description of the two-hour tour which includes one drink. The site also provides directions to get there. Be sure to look closely, because you have to know which way to go once you turn into the harbor parking lot.

Maybe it's my military mindset, but I'm a stickler for details. Our 5:30 p.m. cruise didn't leave until 5:45. And the promised two-hour cruise lasted almost exactly one hour and fifteen minutes. If I had known times were approximate and flexible, I would've been okay. But unprepared, it was hard not to feel cheated.

The trip, barring the time, was a lot of fun. The men running the show on the catamaran were friendly and relaxed. They had plenty of interesting local tidbits of harbor and shore information.

Make sure you layer, layer, layer your clothing.

Some of the people on the trip



COURTESY PHOTO

The Santa Barbara harbor offers an affordable, local, picturesque get-a-way option for Team V members.

even brought hats and gloves and looked snug and happy. But if, like us, you don't layer enough, wonderful warm wool blankets are available to help fight off the chilly sea wind.

The sunset was magnificent. We sailed away from the setting sun, and its soft glow gave us a beautiful background for a picture one of our fellow sailors happily took of us.

My husband took advantage of the complimentary glass of champagne included with the trip. I opted to pay an extra dollar so I could indulge my affinity for red wine.

The night was clear and

beautiful. The water was fairly calm, with just enough waves to make it interesting. We shared the evening with several pelicans, cranes, seals and a stray dolphin or two.

We capped off the evening with a well-spent \$2, which bought us a cup of hot cocoa and some cream-filled cookies for dunking.

The bracing air and time together away from the house did wonders for us. This is an evening geared mostly toward couples. So if you're looking for a unique first date or need to squirrel away a little time together, this could be the outing for you.



PHOTO BY DAN GABEL

Many boating and sailing options are available no matter what you're looking for or where your skill-level lies. Everything from chartered cruises to sailing lessons can be found. For more information log onto [www.santabarbaraca.com](http://www.santabarbaraca.com).

**Vandenberg Thrift Shop**

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Call 606-3128 to find out more.

The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. They always need volunteers.

**SPACE & MISSILE TIMES WANTS YOUR Destinations Central Coast**

Have you visited a Central Coast destination lately? Share it with the rest of Team V! Send in a 400 - 600 word rough draft about your adventure! Send submissions to: [space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil)

## Community Calendar

- 8 FRI** Scholastic grant -- applications due today to Chief Master Sgt. Velma Hunt, 605-6416. **Volunteer needed** -- at the food pantry. The 50-hour-per-month position includes obtaining, stocking, inventorying and distributing food via scheduled appointments. For more information or to volunteer, call Sally Galligan at 606-0039. **Free car seats** -- available for single-income families E-4 and below. Call family advocacy at 606-5338. **Craft show vendors** -- call Brandie Moorhead, 734-5621 to sign up for a space at this year's Crestview Elementary School craft show and sale. Spaces are \$20. The show is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 16.
- 8 FRI** **Military care packages** -- the family support center staff is accepting donations to support deployed troops. Call 605-8553. **Sculpture exhibit** -- through Dec. 6, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays --
- Thursdays; 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Allan Hancock College art gallery in Santa Maria.
- 9 SAT** **Dinner at the library** -- 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Lompoc Library. Cost is \$45.
- 2002 Needle Arts Festival** -- Saturday at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. The Allan Hancock College educational bus tour leaves Santa Maria at 7 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. Cost of the bus tour is \$78 and includes the \$25 festival entrance fee. Meals are not included. Register by Oct. 30 by calling (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3209.
- Tennis Camp** -- Beginning or advanced lessons for children ages 7 to 12 years at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. The next session begins Saturday and runs through Dec. 14. Cost is \$50. To register, call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3209.
- Relaxation Room** -- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the
- Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221.
- Varsity Basketball tryouts** -- 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 15 at the fitness center. For more information, call Coach Calvin Tucker at 606-3653.
- Financial basics** -- 11 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the family support center. Topics include checkbook maintenance, credit spending, choosing a financial institution, credit pitfalls, and making paydays count. For more information, call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491.
- Pre-separation Briefing** -- 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. This is a required briefing at least 90 days prior to leaving the service.
- Native American Heritage Craft Day** -- 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Youth Center.
- Single parents support group** -- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the services center. Call 606-9958.
- 12 TUE** **North County Computer Club** -- 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the City of Paso Robles Senior Center. For more information, call 237-2604.
- 13 WED** **AL-ANON** -- 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the family support center. Call 734-0784.
- AFSA Chapter 1356 General Membership Meeting** -- 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Services Center. The meeting is open to all active-duty and retired enlisted military. For more information, call 606-8700.
- Retiree Appreciation Day** -- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Pacific Coast Club. TRICARE, legal services, medical services, family support center, security forces, services squadron, the commissary and AAFES will be covered. The event is open to all military retirees and their authorized dependents. For more information, call 605-0289.
- National Society of Military Widows**
- Meeting** -- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Retiree Activities Center. For more information, call 606-5474.
- Native American Heritage Story Telling** -- 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday in the Base Library.
- Pumpkin bread bake off** -- 10:30 a.m. Nov. 15. Bring bread entry and recipe to the commissary by 10 a.m.
- Native American Heritage 5K Run** -- noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 15 at the base gym.
- Vandenberg Spouses Club** -- is collecting bags of individually wrapped candy through Nov. 15 for the November Service Project. For More information, call 734-2782.
- Santa Barbara Master Chorale** -- gives performances at the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara, Calif. Nov. 16 at 8:00 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 3:00 p.m. General admission is \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors, students and disabled persons. For more information, call 805-967-8287.
- 14 THU** **Healthcare Consumer Advisory Council** -- 10:30 a.m. Nov. 18 in the 30th Medical Group Commander's Conference Room. For more information call Lt. Col. Angela Thompson at 606-3308.
- 15 FRI** **Native American Heritage Month Luncheon** -- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Alvina Andrews at 606-2436.
- 16 SAT** **Top Three meeting** -- noon Nov. 21 in the services center. Call 605-6200.
- Vandenberg Spouses Club** -- Desert cook-off and recipe exchange Nov. 19 at the Services Center. Cost is \$3 a person.
- Heart Link Spouse Orientation Program** -- Nov. 21 at the Pacific Coast Club. The program is open to active-duty spouses who have been married five years or fewer. Licensed childcare will be provided. For more information, call Sally Galligan at 606-0039.
- 18 MON**
- 19 TUE**
- 21 THU**

## Chapel Services & Events

For other denomination worship services and events, call the chapel at 606-5773.

**G.I. Java needs cookies.** The all-volunteer coffeehouse is open 5 to 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday in the Delta Dormitory. To volunteer, call 606-5773.

**CCD classes are underway** - 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the religious education administration building. Call 734-3070.

**Catholic Women of the Chapel** - meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Chapel 1 Annex. Nov. 13 is a craft night. Call 606-5773.

**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 1  
10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1  
11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2

**Monday - Friday**  
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

**Saturday**  
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

**Protestant Chapel Community Night** - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sundays in the religious education classrooms.

**Protestant Choir** - practice is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Chapel 1. Call Michelle Urban at 734-2305.

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ** - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sundays in the RE classrooms. Call 734-1360.

**Protestant adult and youth Bible study** - 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call 605-7564.

## At the Movies

Today **Ballistic: Ecks vs Sever**  
FBI manhunter Jeremiah Ecks is blackmailed back into service to track down an ex-DIA operative who has kidnapped the young son of the head of a secret committee of international security agencies. Rated R. Saturday **One Hour Photo**  
Sy Parrish is the manager of the photo-printing department of a large Wal-Mart-like emporium. Sy harbors a secret fantasy. Having developed the pictures of a model American family with their two kids, for years, he has begun to see himself as part of it. The fantasy begins to blur with reality. Rated R. Sunday **No Showing**  
All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.