

Base Briefs

HUNTING, FISHING SUSPENSION

Due to mission requirements, all outdoor recreational activity is suspended until Monday. Call 606-6804 for details.

MANDATORY BRIEFING

All 30th Space Wing personnel are required to attend a Holiday Safety Campaign briefing Tuesday. The briefings will be held in the base theater at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

30TH SPACE WING HOLIDAY PARTY

The theme for the 30th Space Wing Holiday Party Dec. 13 is an old town classic holiday celebration in the style of Charles Dickens.

There will be a family-style sit-down dinner, live music, entertainment by the Cabrillo High School Madrigals and brass band, a DJ, dancing, and door prizes. There will also be a presentation to honor members of Team Vandenberg deployed throughout the year.

Dress is semi-formal civilian attire. For more information, call Capt. Nicole Salas at 606-2188.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West brass quartet is available here to add Christmas music to workplaces and office functions Dec. 16 and 17.

Performance times are as follows: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 for workplace visits; during the evening Dec. 16 for squadron holiday functions; and 8:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 17. Performances last about 20 minutes per location.

Call Public Affairs at 606-3595 to schedule a time.

PATRIOT VOICES AUDITIONS

Vandenberg's vocal ensemble, Patriot Voices, needs military members of all ranks to audition for this all-volunteer organization. Patriot Voices performs at various official and unofficial functions on base and in the local community.

For more information or to volunteer, call Capt. Zack Guza at 606-4725 or Staff Sgt. Tim VanProoyen at 606-8483.

VACATION QUARTERS CHECK

The 30th Security Forces Squadron encourages all base housing residents to have their homes checked while on leave or temporary duty. To make arrangements, stop by the Law Enforcement Desk, building 13675. For more information, call Police Services at 605-0792.

FIREARMS REGISTRATION

All base residents who own or possess firearms must register them with the Pass and Registration office using an AF

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Team Vandenberg launches Scud missile on data-seeking mission

By MAJ. STACEE N. BAKO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The Missile Defense Agency launched a Scud missile from a transporter-erector launcher on North Vandenberg at 11:25 a.m. Nov. 14. The agency launched the 36-foot, short-range missile complete with mock warhead to learn more about the missile's flight characteristics.

The Scud launch, the first of two planned here before the end of December, is part of a three-year research program.

Through these launches, the Missile Defense Agency will collect data to aid in the development of missile defense technologies designed to intercept and destroy Scuds and Scud-type missiles before they can reach their intended targets.

Before the Nov. 14 launch, technicians placed a variety of sensors on the Scud to collect data on the speed, attitude, altitude, engine burn rate and other flight characteristics.

The missile flew approximately 115 miles into the Western Range at an altitude of 150,000 feet until final splashdown in

the Pacific Ocean. The launch did not involve an intercept attempt.

Data from the two launches here as well as other program tests will be released in a report in fall 2003, said MDA spokesman, Chris Taylor.

This test was the first time a Scud has been launched from Vandenberg AFB. It's the first time MDA, formerly the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, has launched a Scud since 1997, when Scuds were launched as targets to test the defensive Patriot Advanced Capability-2 system.

"It helps us when we're developing the advanced Patriot (missile)," said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, MDA spokesman. "The Scud is the most proliferated missile in the world. More than 20 countries have them. That's the one you'll be up against."

The Ground-based Midcourse Defense Program is managed by the Missile Defense Agency, Washington D.C.

This makes the third Vandenberg launch for the agency this year. The last launch, a modified Minuteman II missile, took place Oct. 13.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SANTA BARBARA NEWS PRESS

Members of the Missile Defense Agency, 30th Space Wing and Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center, launched a Scud missile from North Vandenberg at 11:25 a.m. Nov. 14. The agency launched the 36-foot, short-range missile to learn more about its flight characteristics.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JEANETTE COPELAND

Chris Moody from the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center narrates a puppet show here on the difference between good touches and bad touches during National Night Out in August 2002.

Cops take second award for National Night Out campaign

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

Team Vandenberg members competed against 9,000 other communities and won the award for Best National Night Out program for the second year in a row.

National Night Out is a community event designed to educate, keep kids off drugs, teach safety and improve over-all community spirit.

Vandenberg won the annual award sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. According to the group's website, the association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of organized, law enforcement-affiliated crime and drug prevention programs.

"Many people have a negative impression of cops because we enforce the law," said Staff Sgt. Timra Campbell, the event's project manager and an investigator for the 30th Security Forces Squadron. "The truth is, we genuinely care about the families in our community and keeping everyone's kids safe and off drugs."

Campbell resurrected the program along with Staff Sgt. Victoria Ambrose, 30th SFS Pass

"It was the true definition of community."

STAFF SGT. VICTORIA AMBROSE
30TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

and Registration NCO in charge.

The National Night Out program, which had been dormant since Vandenberg won it in 1997, needed some revamping, Campbell said.

"It definitely took a collaboration of many to be successful," said Ambrose. "Everyone came together to make this happen. It was the true definition of community."

"Everyone" included base security forces, the Office of Special Investigations, 30th Medical Group, Family Advocacy, Fire Department, Noncommissioned Officer's Association, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, Lompoc Police Department and the California Highway Patrol.

A parade through base housing kicked-off the event with McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, Chipper the CHP mascot and

Vandenberg's own Hawkman throwing candy out to base children lining the streets.

More than 800 free hotdogs with chips and sodas were given out during the day to an estimated 700 participants, Campbell said.

Additionally, the children were treated to face painting, a military working dog demonstration, a rock-climbing wall and a puppet show emphasizing the importance of knowing the difference between good touches and bad touches Campbell said.

And parents of more than 400 children took advantage of Team V's child-fingerprinting program known as "Operation ID-A-KID," said Campbell. "It gives each parent an identification card with their child's photograph, fingerprints and a description of physical features."

Preparations for next year's event are already underway. "This event's just going to keep getting bigger and better," Ambrose said. "We're going to invite more organizations and have more activities."

"We really want this to become a base tradition," Campbell said. "There is nothing more important than the safety and education of our children."

Team V earns four stripes

The following Team Vandenberg men and women were selected for promotion by the supplemental board. These individuals may have tested out of cycle due to temporary duty or Stop Loss and were not considered during the original release date. They may also have had a weighted factor point change such as valid decoration points added to their total score.

Those promoted are:

- Senior Airman William Hamilton,**
30th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Senior Airman Benjamin Ferguson,**
30th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Senior Airman Danny Hidalgo,**
30th Space Wing
- Staff Sgt. Sherri Jones,**
30th Security Forces Squadron

Flags available now

By DEANNE EDLUND
AND JOE DEVASTEY
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Residents of base housing who want to show their patriotism may pick up an American Flag at the Vandenberg Self-Help Store to display on their homes. American Flags are available on a first come, first served basis.

Proper etiquette shows American pride in the flag. People must not soil it by using it for decoration or clothing. It should never be used to wrap or carry anything. The flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or floor.

It's customary to fly the flag from sunrise to sunset. However, if properly illuminated, the flag may be displayed after dark.

Ideally, the American Flag should hang from a flagstaff at a 45-degree angle from the exterior wall. In Vandenberg housing areas, most

homes are equipped with a bracket on a front-facing exterior wall to facilitate hanging the flag at the proper angle.

When the flag is displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union, or blue rectangle with stars, should be at the top and to the left. Hanging the flag with the union down signals distress. When hung in a window, the union should be to the left for the person observing it from the street.

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

"I strongly encourage base housing residents to proudly display the flag which represents the freedom and ideals we have sworn to defend," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander.

Air Force releases accident report on UH-1N Huey

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas - The Air Force has determined pilot error caused the Aug. 8 UH-1N Huey accident near Kirtland AFB, N.M.

During a hovering maneuver, an imbalance occurred on the throttles for the two engines and the main rotor lost speed. Two hours and 17 minutes after departing from Kirtland, the aircraft crashed at Kirtland Auxiliary Field's Pad 8.

Investigators found the accident was the result of a student pilot applying too much throttle to engine No. 1, causing its power to exceed that of the automatically controlled engine No. 2. This

created a single-engine situation, causing the helicopter to descend rapidly.

Immediate action by the instructor pilot brought the aircraft to level flight prior to impact and all five people aboard escaped injury.

The crew was flying a qualification training sortie for two student pilots and a student flight engineer when the accident occurred. An instructor pilot and an instructor flight engineer were also on board.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

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Team Vandenberg prepares for overseas deployments. See Pages A4 & A5.



Military members and families get free admission to Knott's Berry Farm. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Partly cloudy in the morning with afternoon high and low clouds.

Low/High
45/75

For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit
www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather

Practice makes perfect, so watch what you practice

By COL. DOUGLAS TUCKER
30th Civil Engineer Squadron
commander

Not so long ago, a lieutenant in the squadron invited me to join the unit's officers in a game of "crud."

Not one to turn down an opening to spend time with these outstanding frontline leaders, I took up the offer. Now for those of you who have never participated in nor observed a crud match, let me take a moment to introduce the sport.

In a nutshell, crud involves a billiards table, two billiards balls, and two teams of various sizes. It takes place in a crowded area where team members are running about pushing and shoving while attempting to place or prevent the placement of one of the balls in a corner pocket of the billiards table.

The important thing to know is that I am not a crud expert. In fact prior to this recent experience, I'd participated, under force mind you, in no more than a couple of matches.

But getting back on task... after a brief introduction to the rules of crud and the selection of teams, the match began. I invested several minutes running around the table in pursuit of the ball, being "checked into the boards," committing numerous rule violations, and in the end, being eliminated from the match. But that was okay, as I needed a rest. I stood on the sidelines, cheering on the other members of the team.

Laughing out loud at the spectacle taking place before me, it wasn't long before a single winner emerged and new teams

were built.

Having just finished the first crud match and not being comfortable with the rules, I asked to sit this one out to observe.

One lieutenant would have no part of this, saying, "Col. Tucker, remember that practice makes perfect. You'll become more comfortable with the game and its rules if you're playing."

In life, much like crud, we perfect what it is we practice. This practice reflects in our attitudes and values and defines who we are. Our attitude is apparent in our actions, in the expression of our feelings or our moods. And it is our attitude that communicates to the world around us what it is we expect in return.

As the famous author and narrator of the motivational series *Lead the Field*, Earl Nightingale said, "We tend to live up to our own expectations (and) others give to us what it is we expect." In other words, it is our attitude toward life that determines life's attitude toward us. Our families, friends, and co-workers respond to the attitude we portray and our attitude is something we can control.

The choices are simple. You can start the morning with a positive attitude, prepared to work together as a team to accomplish the mission. You can start the morning with a negative attitude, blaming others for the declining morale or the fact that the job is not rewarding. Or you can let others shape your attitude, arriving at work unprepared, failing to build that positive attitude, and be swept in the direction that the first person

or challenge encountered takes you.

I guess what I am asking is what kind of signal is it that you are sending? Are you telling the people in your unit that you are a member of the team? That, when the team meets a challenge, you are prepared to add your two cents to ensure individual or team success? Or do you have a sky-is-falling reputation? Is there only dread in the morning? Do you tell yourself that you only need to make it through today? Do you ask yourself why should I help because someone else is going to get all the credit? Have you heard yourself say, it's not my job?

I submit that wherever you find people, teams, or units doing great things, you'll find people with winning attitudes. They expect to achieve success, nothing short of succeeding ever crosses their mind. These people shape their environment through a positive attitude. And a positive attitude is contagious. Remember those folks who come in and are swept in the direction that the first person encountered takes them?

Nightingale reminds us that the German philosopher, Johann Goethe, put it this way, "Before you can do something, you must be something."

So be positive, practice a can-do attitude and remember, practice makes perfect.

Lieutenant, I see the point— with practice comes improvement. However, be careful because there is a caution to the adage that practice makes perfect and it goes like this, "Practice makes perfect so be careful what you practice."



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Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th

Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the 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



**Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander**

line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

Main Gate morning traffic frustrates driver

Q Since Pine Canyon Gate is closed, would it be possible to have more personnel at the main gate during peak traffic? Today one car didn't have proper credentials and so held up one lane of traffic for more than a minute or approximately 20 to 30 cars. This backed up traffic into the highway. If there were a third person at the gate, they could sidetrack people with special needs into the right lane leaving the rest of the traffic to flow smoothly.

A The safe and efficient flow of traffic onto the base is a top priority.

Normally traffic moves very efficiently entering the base during peak traffic times. There will always be isolated incidents when traffic becomes backed up, and unfortunately, you experienced one of those times.

When security forces have a vehicle

without proper credentials, it is their policy to turn the vehicle into an alternate lane and open up the flow of traffic. However, situations do arise during peak traffic when both lanes are already in use.

Adding a third guard would not alleviate those situations but would add to the congestion when cars and personnel try to cross lanes of flowing traffic.

This is also not a viable solution due to manning constraints. Knowing the traffic situation at the gate, I would offer this reminder: give yourself some extra time in the morning and have patience with our Security Forces.

Correction from Nov. 15: Pets must be on a leash at all times when outdoors.



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GIS gets up close with mapping technology

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ They study Vandenberg – down to an eighth of a meter. That might not be such a big deal except that Vandenberg is 99,099 acres.

They are Geographical Information System specialists.

“Our expertise lies in the base itself – we study Vandenberg,” said Susan Blohm, a GIS analyst with the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron here.

She’s one of six people in the GIS office whose products allow builders to build, planners to plan and responders to respond.

“GIS data is used for disaster response, real estate management, environmental compliance, base safety and mission support,” said Steve Quimby, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron planning and geographic information office chief. “GIS helps the mission by providing up-to-date, sub-meter accurate map data for use in the planning and response to mission requirements.”

For example, GIS topographic data can be used to quickly analyze exposure levels during a material spill or to query valuable natural resource protection data quickly and accurately, Quimby said.

“We have hundreds of data layers that we can customize to suit a requester’s needs,” Blohm said.

The system with its underlying Oracle database raises the art of mapmaking to a new level, Quimby said.

Nearly 300 data layers pinpoint data as general as a basic line drawing of the base boundary or paved roadways to the specific coordinates of an underground water line, Blohm said.

Much like building a sandwich, GIS adds the layers that suit the customer’s needs, she said.

And while Blohm, who’s worked in the GIS field for more than 20 years, is a self-proclaimed cartography enthusiast, she’s quick to clarify that GIS is “not about maps. It’s about data.”

“With the revolution in data and data management occurring today, GIS is the proven solution for mapping support for the Air Force,” Quimby said.

The base’s system will always be a work in progress, he said.

“It cannot be built and left alone for the simple reason the base is constantly changing,” he said.

Quimby’s goal is that next year, everyone with a mil account here will have GIS data viewing capability. He said other bases have begun GIS programs based on the model developed here.

“Vandenberg Air Force Base is considered to have one of the best GIS programs in the (Department of Defense),” he said.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Heave ho!

Maj. Jeri Day, 30th Space Communications Squadron deputy commander, hurls a steamer during the Cow Chip Toss at the annual Texas Blowout Nov. 15. This year’s event raised more than \$2,440 and will support Operation Kids’ Christmas.

CE troops get high-tech training

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ About 40 Vandenberg personnel attended classes Tuesday through Thursday to learn how to view VAFB Geographical Information System data using the latest handheld data-gathering device.

The three one-day classes, sponsored by the Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency, familiarized the students with the Trimble Geo-explorer Series global positioning system unit.

The two-pound handheld units offer GIS specialists in the field access to on-file data by using data loaded on the palm-top unit, said Senior Master Sgt. Pat Abbot, CE operations support representative from AFCESA.

AFCESA was interested in purchasing the GPS units and was looking for a base to test with “real-time” GIS data, he said. The agency visited Vandenberg about four months ago.

Steve Quimby, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron planning and geographic information office chief, said they wanted “to look at possible uses of the unit – along with combining geographic information – for users in the field.”

Vandenberg was selected because the students would have hands-on access to existing data. The base’s GIS office maintains utility and facility data in nearly 300 data sets.

AFCESA bought eight of the GPS units, Quimby said. Four will remain here after the training.

GIS specialists will use the palmtop devices to plot exact coordinates for utility lines, environmental information, wildland fire perimeters and more, he said.

Vandenberg’s GIS began when Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command was the base commander here in 1993.

For more information about GIS data or mapping here, call 606-0686.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

Team Vandenberg Warrior

Senior Airman Julianne Cacal
30th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty: vehicle dispatcher

Hometown: Vado, N.M.

Time at Vandenberg: 2 years

Time in service: 2.5 years

Favorite part of the job: “I like my job because it allows me to work in a customer service environment,” Cacal said. “Being able to work around people has always been something I’ve wanted to do. My job here allows me to support all the different types of requests that come in and coordinate everything from bus requests to distinguished visitor support. Transportation is a major part of the Air Force and I’m fortunate to be a part of it.”

Supervisor’s comments: “Senior Airman Cacal is an outstanding airman with a can-do attitude,” said Tech. Sgt. Robert Leal, NCO in charge of transportation dispatch. “That reflects positively on the flight, squadron and wing. Her motivation and commitment are assets to the vehicle dispatch office. She produces high-quality work. It’s a pleasure to work with Senior Airman Cacal and I know I can count on her to accomplish any task.”

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Form 1314. Forms are available at unit orderly rooms or in room C-111, building 11777. For more information, contact a resource protection monitor or call 605-0797.

GC 2003 PATCH DESIGN CONTEST

The Vandenberg Guardian Challenge planning committee is collecting ideas for the base’s 2003 GC competition patch. Entries should be color artwork and can be e-mailed to scott.lisko@vandenberg.af.mil through Dec. 6. Wing leadership will choose the winning design. Artists should keep in mind that the final patch will be 3 and one-half to 4 inches in diameter. For more

information, call Capt. Scott Lisko at 606-8683.

PATIENT’S FIRST MEETING

The regularly scheduled Patient’s First meetings are now included in the Health Care Consumer’s Advisory Council meetings. The meetings are held quarterly in the Medical Group at 10:30 a.m. the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is expected in February. For more information, call Lt. Col. Angela Thompson at 606-3308.

COMMISSARY HOURS

To offer an extra shopping day before Thanksgiving, the Commissary is open Monday from 9:30 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. The Commissary is closed Thursday and Friday. The Mini-com is closed Thursday.

ROAD CLOSURES

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

SICK-CALL CANCELED

The Flight/Missile Medicine Clinic no longer has active-duty sick call from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 606-

2273 for same-day afternoon appointments. Morning sick call is still available on a walk-in basis from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. until January 2003.

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 help as set-up and teardown crew, food servers, food packing and delivery staff, and escorts. 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 are held Tuesday and Wednesday. Escorts must be active-duty military and will

wear the service dress uniform. Other volunteers need not attend the briefing. Call Master Sgt. Richard Czap at 606-6287, Master Sgt. Kenneth Lucia at 606-3663 or Capt. Melissa Reidy at 606-0155 to volunteer.

IDENTIFICATION SECURITY

All personnel are advised not to leave ID cards, restricted-area badges, etc. unattended, even in locked vehicles. Across the Department of Defense there has been an increase in identification theft. Vigilant force protection keeps Team Vandenberg prepared but everyone must remain alert in protecting assets.

ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

DUI totals for the Year: **29**

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Operations Group	0	14th Air Force	0
Maintenance Group	3	381st Training Group	3
Mission Support Group	10	576th Flight Test Squadron	3
Medical Group	0	Detachment 9	1
30th Space Wing Staff	1	Others	8

Cookie Express

The Vandenberg Spouses Club is collecting cookies for more than 750 Vandenberg airmen.

The first sergeants will deliver cookie-filled bags decorated with holiday cheer by Crestview Elementary School children.

Volunteer bakers are asked to deliver cookies to the Pacific Coast Club beginning at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 9. Call 734-2782 for more information.



Get ready to get ready.
It's time for another -

Desert Deployment

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Gas up your car – it's time to deploy. No, you're not driving to Southwest Asia, but you're going to put some miles on your car getting around to all those deployment out-processing appointments. Here are some helpful hints and reminders for everyone getting ready to go play in that giant sandbox on the other side of the world.

First of all, stay in contact with your unit deployment manager. That person schedules all the training you'll need prior to leaving and maintains your personal readiness folder, which eases your deployment processing.

A look into the crystal ball will show Chemical Warfare training, Self Aid and Buddy Care training, and weapons qualification scheduled for you in the near future, but there are a few things you can accomplish on your own prior to receiving your TDY orders.

Gathering all the clothing and personal hygiene items you'll need for a couple of months is a good thing to get out of the way early. Also, you may need to bring all that with you to a mobility area in the event of a recall. The items should be packed in soft luggage limited to two pieces up to 70 pounds each – not to exceed 140 pounds. Duffel bags or suitcases with rounded corners work best.

Another item you can take care of right away is ordering your desert camouflage uniform name tapes at clothing sales. It'll cost about \$6 for four sets and you pay upfront. They're usually ready within five or seven



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Kelly Elijah, 30th Security Forces Squadron, deployed to Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jan. 2001.

workdays.

It's also important to check on getting a will and any powers of attorney you'll need from the legal office.

It's a good idea to get in contact with someone already in place where you'll be going, or contact the American Red Cross to find a mailing or e-mail address prior to leaving. Some places have reliable phone lines and some don't, so you may have problems contacting people once in place.

Having a good point of contact who already knows the intricacies of your destination will also help with any minor details you may have overlooked, such as bringing shower curtains to use as dividers in the tent you'll be living in. They know what they didn't think of and can help you figure out what to bring and what to leave at home.

Once you get the tasker in hand that officially tells you where you'll be going, there are a few other things you can accomplish.

Visit the immunizations clinic to get all the shots you'll need. Don't wait on this one – it's better to take care of this at the clinic than in a mobility line.

Also, check your medical and dental status. This could be a deciding factor on whether or not you're deployable.

Your UDM will have a complete out-processing checklist for you.

"Making sure you don't wait until the last moment will help ensure you leave here with everything you need," said Master Sgt. Randolph Hunt, 30th Space Wing UDM. "My advice is to start your outprocessing as early as possible and keep your training up to date so there's less to do at the last minute."

Medical readiness key to force protection

By LT. COL. ROGER NELSON
30th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

What does medical readiness mean? Why is it important? How can you contribute to your medical readiness?

Medical readiness means achieving and maintaining a physical and psychological state that enables you to perform at your peak during deployments.

It's attained through different channels: immunizations, physical fitness, health assessments, dental assessments, and mental preparation.

You can mentally prepare yourself by ensuring your personal responsibilities are taken care of prior to deployment.

Achieving a state of medical readiness is important to individuals and to their units. A higher state of readiness sharpens your mind and reaction to stressors of all kinds.

Someone who's in excellent physical condition will adjust to a new environment quicker than a person who's not.

The physical demands and long duty hours in a deployed location can be more tolerable to those in better physical condition.

Immunizations and other health assessments ensure more protection from risks that may be encountered at deployed locations.

Everyone can contribute to achieving, improving and maintaining their medical

readiness by complying with the requirements stipulated by the Air Force Medical Service. Preventive Health Assessments, Immunizations, and Medical Readiness, or PIMR, is a tool that tracks your requirements for medical readiness.

Those with appointments to complete their health assessments and other medical requirements such as dental care, immunizations and lab analysis must make every effort to fulfill those responsibilities.

Sustaining a physical fitness program, eating nutritional foods, and minimizing the use of alcohol and tobacco products will also enhance a body's physical status.

You can ensure accurate information is reflected in your medical records and get the appointments you need by staying in contact with your unit health monitor.

Programs available to help military members achieve medical readiness include: annual health assessments,

immunizations, lab analysis, life skills, nutritional classes at the Health and Wellness Center, physical fitness programs at the HAWC and medical intelligence at the Public Health office.

Medical readiness contributes to force health protection through better mental and physical preparedness. Protecting the force is everyone's responsibility. Every person at the deployed unit is dependent upon everyone else in one form or another.

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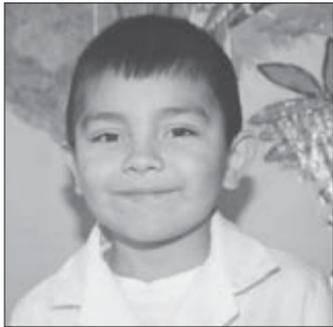
Children give the straight scoop on what their moms and dads are up to in regards to deployment



Jalahna Burton, 6
Her dad, Staff Sgt. Darrell Burton, works at the Vandenberg Fire Department. "I think he's going there to have fun! I know he's going to get us a present and that he will be safe."



Aurelia Maleika, 8
Her dad, Staff Sgt. Daniel Maleika, works in the 30th Space Communications Squadron. "I felt a little too sad and I didn't like that he was gone. When he called he said he likes us and he loves us."



Danny Maleika, 6
He's Maleika's youngest son. "He was in Germany and helping fight wars. On the phone he was telling us to be good and Mom's gonna give us chores."



Chakaris Neal, 6.5
His dad, Staff Sgt. Liney Neal, works in the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron. "They're practicing for if they do a real battle. I don't want him to leave."



Jalen Copeland, 6
His mom, Staff Sgt. Jeanette Copeland, is a 30th SCS combat photographer. "When Mom's gone I watch movies with Dad and we play games."

PHOTOS BY AIRMAN BRIDGET RAPP

It's not on the checklist, but ...

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

As troops here prepare to spend the next three to six months abroad, I can't help but think back on my own experience with temporary duty last year.

I've been in the Air Force for 10 years now yet, miraculously, Operation Enduring Freedom offered my first opportunity to deploy. With only 36 hours notice, it was definitely a baptism by fire.

I followed all the checklists, completed all the training and gathered all the required equipment yet somehow, every time I called home, my family always seemed to remind me of some small detail I'd managed to not prepare for.

It seems the Airman's Manual doesn't cover carpools or sleepovers or homework. And unit deployment managers don't issue a list of birthdays, anniversaries and holidays you'll miss while you're gone.

There are a lot of single parents here and dual-military couples as well. Unfortunately, there are going to be times when we have to turn over our children's care to people who don't normally do that every day. As a parent I know that stinks but as a military member, it's also a reality. Even a parent who's usually home with their children can feel overwhelmed when they're suddenly left to handle everything on their own.

While I was TDY, my Mom landed the prestigious role of caring for my then 5-year-old daughter. But she didn't get to do it from the comfort of her own home. She came here where she also had to take care of my house, my car, my dog and my bills along with all of her own personal affairs.

So here are some of our lessons learned:

First, you'll want to visit the Family Support Center long before you even



PHOTO BY JANENE SCULLY

The best part of my deployment was coming home to my daughter.

think you may be deployed. They have programs designed specifically for helping families stay in touch. And they offer a variety of assistance with financial planning, housing and vehicle concerns and even parenting. Their Global Hearts group offers support and friendship for waiting families.

Next, you'll need to make a plan for how your bills are paid in your absence. In this era of high-speed technology, bills can be set up to be paid online so that family members need never write a check. If there are bills that must be paid in person, be sure to leave specific instructions on how it's done.

Vehicle care can also be a big concern. People who take care of cars like to know specifics like, when the oil was last changed and when the tires will need rotating. You'll also want make note of where you have that work done so your family can take advantage of any warranties or additional service.

When household changes occur, communication between home and

school becomes especially important. Before you leave, be sure to talk to your child's teacher to let them know what's going on and how to reach your child's caregiver. If possible, introduce them.

Although you've probably gotten used to it yourself, even little children can have incredibly hectic schedules. Make a calendar of your child's activities and be sure to include school release times, after-school events and any special events like playdates or school plays.

Make a list of all the wonderful people who've offered to help with driving. You'll want to note how those people know your child so your caregiver can ask for help where it's convenient for the volunteer.

It can be an enormous stress-reliever for a stretched-too-thin working stiff to know that Coach Greg will pick your kiddo up from the Youth Center and get her to soccer practice on time.

It also helps to make a list of the tricks you use to cajole your little one out of

the grouches. My daughter loves rocks and money. A fistful of pennies or the promise of a rock-hunting walk will convince her to do anything from finishing her peas to charging through her homework.

Next, make two lists of all your children's friends. The first should be a list of everyone who's allowed to sleep over in your home. The second should be a list of friends whose homes your child is allowed to sleep over at. I can guarantee you list No. 2 will be significantly shorter.

You'll also want to make note of the children in your neighborhood your child normally plays with and any particular rules about playtime, i.e. only on weekends, after homework but before it gets dark, etc.

And let's not forget our four-legged family members. Along with regular care and feeding, you'll want to make a list of veterinarians, pet-sitters and your top two kenneling options. Make sure your pet has all the necessary vaccinations to stay in their favorite doggie hotel should the need arise.

And finally, remember that whether it's your husband, wife, best friend or mother, the person taking care of your family, will need some TLC as well. Even from 10,000 miles away, some favorite stress relievers are right within your grasp.

Consider buying cards for special occasions in advance and taking them with you. The Vandenberg Spa gives a mean pedicure and they do gift certificates as well. My mom especially liked fresh flower deliveries. As long as you're doing something to show your loved ones how very much they're appreciated, you'll all benefit.

While we may wear the uniform, we must always remember that we are not in service by ourselves. We could never say that, "no one comes close," without our spouses, children, friends, family and even each other to see us through.

Vandenberg Family Support Center

Programs ...

- ♦ Personal Financial Management program
- ♦ Spouse employment
- ♦ Volunteer services
- ♦ Air Force Air Society
- ♦ Car Care Because We Care
- ♦ Hearts Apart
- ♦ Morale calls
- ♦ Give Parents a Break
- ♦ Global Hearts Group
- ♦ Video conferencing
- ♦ Family and Work Life Skills program
- ♦ Pre-deployment briefings
- ♦ TriCare information

Tips for a smooth family reunion ...

- ♦ Be realistic
- ♦ Show appreciation
- ♦ Respect changes
- ♦ Allow for couple time
- ♦ Spend individual time with each child
- ♦ Allow time to re-establish intimacy
- ♦ Allow time to re-establish roles at home
- ♦ Communication and patience are key.

For more in-depth information on deployment issues, call the Personal and Family Readiness program coordinator at 606-1607.

The Threat:

- ♦ Anthrax is a top choice for use as a biological weapon.
- ♦ Several potential adversaries have worked to develop an offensive biological warfare capability using anthrax.
- ♦ Anthrax was used as a biological weapon in the United States in 2001.

The Disease:

- ♦ There are three types of anthrax infection.
- ♦ Personnel can get infected with anthrax and not even know it.
- ♦ The most deadly form of anthrax, inhalation, is most expected on the battlefield.

The Vaccine:

- ♦ Anthrax vaccine protects people from anthrax infection.
- ♦ Anthrax vaccine is safe, as safe as other vaccines.
- ♦ Personnel health and safety are Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program's No. 1 concern.

(Courtesy of the Department of Defense anthrax website, www.anthrax.mil.)

Senior leaders expand AF anthrax vaccine program

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

■ Air Force senior leaders recently approved expansion of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program within the service, meaning more members will be asked to roll up their sleeves in the near future.

The Air Force Anthrax Vaccine Implementation Plan is being distributed to commanders Oct. 11, said Maj. Linda Bonnel of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

"Installations are to implement the Air Force plan immediately and expand anthrax vaccination to include Priority II personnel," Bonnel said.

Priority II personnel are military members, emergency-essential Department of Defense civilians and specified contractors assigned or deployed to designated higher threat areas for more than 15 consecutive days, Bonnel said. Priority I personnel, who recently began receiving the vaccine, include those in designated special mission units and anthrax vaccine manufacturing and DoD research personnel.

Higher threat areas include countries primarily in Southwest Asia, the major said.

Individuals who fall within the Priority II description will be notified of their need for the anthrax vaccine, Bonnel said. The public health office at each installation will maintain a complete list of the most current higher threat areas and will ensure troops receive all required force health protection

measures prior to deployment.

"The health and safety of our troops is our No. 1 concern," Bonnel said. "Vaccination offers a layer of protection – in addition to antibiotics and other measures – that is needed for certain members of the armed forces."

The Food and Drug Administration has determined that the current anthrax vaccine is safe and effective in protecting against all forms of anthrax infection, a scientific conclusion that was recently supported by the Institute of Medicine, Bonnel said.

The FDA-licensed schedule for the anthrax vaccine calls for doses at intervals of two and four weeks after the initial dose, followed by doses at the six, 12 and 18 month points, plus annual boosters. Individuals who had previously started the anthrax vaccine series will pick up with the next dose due, Bonnel said.

The AVIP was first started in 1998, primarily for those personnel assigned or deployed to Southwest Asia and Korea. Since that time, the program has undergone a number of changes. Most recently, administration of the vaccine has been restricted to a relatively small number of personnel as part of a slowdown due to production and supply issues. Since these issues have been resolved, the program is being reintroduced per recent DoD policy.

For more information about the anthrax vaccine, check the official DoD website <http://www.anthrax.mil>.

Team Vandenberg

IN THE SAND



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Tech. Sgt. Sammy Robledo, 30th Security Forces Squadron, stands guard at a perimeter tower at Ahmed Al Jaber AB, Kuwait.



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1st Lt. Jill Owens administers the oath of enlistment to Staff Sgt. Kelly Elijah, 30th Security Forces Squadron, at Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



COURTESY PHOTO

Left to right: Senior Airman Cassie Lucas, Staff Sgt. Jerilyn Watson, and Senior Airman Pasha McMurray, 30th Security Forces Squadron, say hello to everyone at home from Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



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Airman 1st Class Emily Lindsey and her husband Senior Airman Brad Lindsey, 30th Security Forces Squadron, deployed together to Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Major changes to AEFs coming in June

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

■ Major air expeditionary force changes are coming beginning with the start of Cycle 4 in June.

People and assets from two on-call wings will be embedded in the 10 AEFs while expeditionary combat support assets from throughout the Air Force will be leveled.

Also, some Air Reserve Component contributions to the AEF will be realigned.

The changes will enhance the ability of the AEF construct to handle both steady-state requirements and surge support for contingency operations, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant to the chief of staff for Air and Space Expeditionary Forces.

"The thing that everyone needs to understand is (the AEF construct) has worked pretty well," Peppe said. "We know there are issues out there, and leadership is committed to fixing those issues."

"We're trying to rearrange ECS assets Air Force-wide so there's a leveling of assets across the 10 AEFs, so the capabilities and numbers are about the

same," Peppe said. "This more even distribution of personnel will allow us to support a higher level of requirements."

Leveling the assets will make some airmen vulnerable to deployment sooner than they expected, while others will have their normal training periods extended.

"It may be that some (unit type codes) move from AEF 5 to AEF 3," the general said. "So, instead of having 15 months between cycles, they will have 12. Some are going to move backward, having 18 months versus 15 months, because the AEF Center is trying to match ECS assets, where possible, to where the 'iron' is moved."

For example, if F-16 Fighting Falcons from Mountain Home are assigned to AEF 7, the plan is to have Mountain Home expeditionary combat support assets in the same AEF.

"Is that causing some fluctuations? Yes, but the AEF Center is minimizing the shuffling," Peppe said. "Our assessment is that the AEF alignment of perhaps 10 to 12 percent of airmen will be affected by this fine-tuning."

The third change involves distributing

Air Reserve Component assets across the AEFs to provide a more consistent level of the workload for the Reserve component.

"The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve contribute significantly (to the AEF construct) with aviation and support assets."

"If you look at how they're postured right now, you'll see that they're heavily weighted in AEFs 7, 8, 9 and 10," Peppe continued.

Better distributing the ANG and Reserve forces is especially important considering that ARC aircraft and people are also heavily involved in Operation Noble Eagle, Peppe said.

"We have to smooth-flow their availability so it gives us a more ideal mix throughout the AEF cycle," he said.

The combination of these changes will help the Air Force better present its forces in the long term, Peppe said.

"The bottom line is we're making changes to maximize capability available across the board," Peppe said. "We want to smooth-flow capabilities across the AEFs and minimize the hills and valleys."

Why a will and power of attorney if I deploy?

By Capt. Laura Ornelaz
30th Space Wing Legal Office

■ People often wonder why they need a will when they deploy.

"If you do not have a will you give up your right to choose the primary beneficiaries of your property, to provide special gifts to friends, to choose a person you trust to ensure your estate is properly managed and distributed according to your desires, and to appoint a guardian for your children," said Capt. Richard Jackson, 30th Space Wing judge advocate.

"It is more than a legal document that distributes your property in the event of death," he added. "It also provides for who will care for your children if their other biological parent is also deceased."

When a person dies without a will, their property is distributed based upon the state law that applies to them at the time of their death.

This varies state by state and is found in the probate codes of the state. In most cases, the property is distributed to a spouse, children, parents or siblings.

"In addition, if you do not provide any indication of potential guardians of your children, the state will determine who would be the best family member to receive custody of your children," Jackson said.

Regardless of whether a person dies with or without a will their estate goes through probate.

Probate is the state court procedure for administering the estate of a deceased resident.

It is designed to distribute a person's estate according to their wishes.

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CAPT. RICHARD JACKSON, 30TH SPACE WING LEGAL OFFICE

distribute your estate accordingly, Jackson said. "However, if you don't have a will, state law will determine who will receive your property after your death."

The probate court also notifies creditors of the person's death and debts are paid off before property is distributed to beneficiaries.

Probate expenses are significantly higher when a person does not have a will, according to Jackson.

A will is not the only document that deploying military members should think about. Powers of attorney are also a useful tool. Many may need someone to be able to take care of important legal affairs while they are deployed.

There are two types of powers of attorney.

A general power of attorney appoints an agent who can legally act on your behalf and legally bind you to any action the agent takes in your name.

When would a general power of attorney be useful?

"We generally advise against general powers of attorney," Jackson said.

A special power of attorney, however, limits the legally binding action to specific activities.

"Determine in advance what will need to be done while you are deployed, and obtain special powers of attorney for each action," Jackson said.

"And don't forget to contact the organization that your agent named in the power of attorney," warned Jackson. "Depending on state law, the organization may or may not be required to accept your POA. If the organization does refuse it, you would want to know this in advance and find out what type of power of attorney it would accept."

Wills and powers of attorney can be accomplished during legal assistance hours from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays or on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the legal office in building 10577. Call 605-6200 for more information.

Don't forget to pack your OPSEC when deploying

By Tech. Sgt. Douglas Miles
14th Information Warfare Flight

■ The scope of Operations Security is not limited to forms of communication. It encompasses every aspect of security including physical, information and computer security.

They must all follow proper OPSEC procedures. Those procedures are especially important during deployment.

A growing concern in the OPSEC community involves computer networks; more specifically the use of passwords.

A network is only as secure as a user's password. Anyone with access to the user's password has access to all the data on the system, as well as the network resources shared with the user.

All users must carefully choose and use their passwords using the following rules:

- ♦ Do not use obvious passwords such as birth date, spouse, children or pets names, favorite sports teams, or types of car.
- ♦ Memorize passwords and do not write them down.
- ♦ Change passwords often. If compromise is suspected, change it immediately.

People often wonder why they can't choose simple or easily remembered passwords. Those types of passwords are easy to remember but they're also quickly broken by password cracking software.

Those software programs are easily obtained and free on the Internet. They run through multi-language dictionaries of words as well as simple phrases.

Those dictionaries also run through symbol substitutions such as E=3 or O=0, by using millions of combinations in a matter of minutes.

It's important that military members stick with eight character or more passwords. They must randomly use alpha and numeric characters and symbols.

Also, when storing a password is absolutely necessary, they must be stored in a locked device.

Sticky notes attached to a computer, under a keyboard, in a desk or file do not help the security posture of an organization.

All Defense Department personnel must safeguard their passwords in order to secure information and information systems from physical and cyber threats.

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Officials may change Air Force fitness program

By STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER
Air Force Print News

■Air Force health officials are proposing a change to the service's fitness program to help airmen place a greater emphasis on their overall health and well-being.

Many airmen incorrectly think that the Air Force fitness program is cycle ergometry, according to Maj. Lisa Schmidt, chief of health promotion operations in the Air Force surgeon general's office at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

"The Air Force fitness program isn't about the bike test," Schmidt said. "The fitness program is about eating healthy and exercising three to five times each week. The bike is just a tool we use to measure the effect of a personal fitness program."

According to Schmidt, the goal of the program is to encourage a mindset change in all airmen toward adopting a more proactive and preventive approach to health and fitness, thereby increasing the focus on personal readiness and not just passing a test.

Health officials are examining how they can align the Weight Management Program and the

cycle ergometry evaluation together to make it a more comprehensive assessment of someone's health.

This change has been incorporated into "WarFit," a test program started at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., in February and at Los Angeles AFB, Calif., in May. The program will start Air Force Space Command-wide in January.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Exercises key to homeland defense

By G.W. POMEROY

Air Force Surgeon General PA

■Exercises, not rhetoric, will bolster integrated federal, state and local responses to domestic terrorism and disasters, said Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Taylor Jr., during a recent gathering of military surgeons.

"We can talk about this a lot, and we can write plans; but what's going to be most important is to exercise the capabilities," Taylor told a crowd of about 4,000 during a speech at the 108th annual convention of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

The primary focus of the 108th AMSUS annual weeklong convention was homeland defense. The Air Force has worked for more than 20 years to develop lightweight, modular and state-of-the-art equipment that will put full combat medical capability in a very small combat space, Taylor said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

U.S. forces take enemy fire

By KATHLEEN RHEM

American Forces Press Service

■U.S. forces in Afghanistan took enemy fire Tuesday in three different incidents. No Americans were injured.

The first incident occurred at approximately 6:30 a.m. Unknown

assailants fired automatic weapons toward and above the firebase at Tarin Kowt, about 200 miles southwest of Kabul. Defense officials said a quick reaction force was sent to investigate, but no other details were available.

A Special Forces unit based in Jalalabad was searching a compound for a suspected weapons cache at about 7 a.m. when five persons opened fire with AK-47 rifles. The attackers fled when the soldiers returned fire, officials said.

The soldiers continued their search and took sniper fire when they entered a building. They again returned fire and may have wounded the sniper, though no one was found, officials reported. The search confirmed the compound had been used as a drug lab.

Early in the afternoon Tuesday, a Special Forces unit in Asadabad, east of Kabul on the border with Pakistan, reported enemy contact. Defense officials said A-10 Thunderbolts from Bagram responded and dropped two 500-pound bombs and fired more than 300 30mm cannon rounds on the

target area. There was no information available on enemy casualties.

A Defense Department spokesman said there was no indication any of the incidents were related.

Bush applauds new homeland security department

By KATHLEEN RHEM

American Forces Press Service

■President Bush hailed Tuesday's passage of a law authorizing the Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security as a "historic and bold step."

The U.S. Senate voted 90-9 to approve the largest federal government reorganization since the World War II era.

"This landmark legislation ... will help our nation meet the emerging threats of terrorism in the 21st century," Bush said in a statement issued by the White House.

The president is attending the NATO summit in Prague, Czech Republic.

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The new department will encompass 170,000 employees from various areas in several other Cabinet departments. It will assume responsibility for the Coast Guard, Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Secret Service, Border Patrol, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Animal and Plant Inspection Service, and the Transportation Security Administration.

In earlier congressional testimony, homeland security adviser Tom Ridge said the No. 1 priority of the new department will be to prevent future terrorist attacks on the United States.

Bush said in his statement that he looks forward to signing the legislation. He commended the employees who will move into the new department for their hard work and dedication to the war on terrorism. "Setting up this new department will take time, but I know we will meet the challenge together," he said.

The Senate also voted Tuesday to approve a measure allowing the federal government to back up insurance companies in the event

of future terrorist attacks. Bush has said the lack of such a law has slowed construction and has cost the country countless jobs in the building trades because insurers won't cover building projects as readily as before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"Terrorism insurance will help get America's hard hats back on the job, create new jobs for America's workers and spur billions in new investment in construction projects all across the country," Bush said in a separate statement. "This bill comes at a critical time, as commercial construction is at a six-year low."

Time will tell on Iraqi inspections, Rumsfeld says

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ What ultimately happens in reference to the U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq is up to the member states and the Security Council itself, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

Reporters asked the secretary to comment on U.N. Secretary-

General Kofi Annan's comment about continuing Iraqi fire on coalition aircraft enforcing the no-fly zones. "I don't think the Security Council will think this is a contravention of the resolution," Reuters reported Annan as saying.

Rumsfeld said Annan's comments did not come as a surprise to him. "Whenever resolutions are crafted they tend to be compromises and there tends to be calculated ambiguities to gain votes," he said.

The secretary said no one knows how Saddam Hussein will react to the United Nations resolution. "(We don't know) whether or not he'll come to a conclusion that it's all over and go ahead and disarm," Rumsfeld said. Nor does anyone know, he added, whether Hussein will stay in Iraq, try to hold his weapons of mass destruction and fight.

Rumsfeld said another unknown is that no one knows how the United Nations will react. "The United Nations sat there for years with 16 resolutions being violated," he said. "Just as we've seen a pattern of behavior with Saddam Hussein, we've also seen a pattern of behavior on the part of the

United Nations. Only time will tell what ... the membership will conclude. I have no idea what it is."

Rumsfeld said he didn't know if Annan's thinking represented "the center of gravity" of the Security Council. "He's certainly the secretary-general and he has a voice and a role," Rumsfeld said. But the tenor of the assembly can change also. The secretary said the organization seemed "quite happy" to continue with the status quo until President Bush addressed the United Nations Sept. 12. After that speech and concerted diplomatic pressure, the vote for the Security Council resolution was unanimous.

The secretary also noted that Department of Defense is getting responses from allies regarding possible use of force against Iraq.

Several countries have indicated they would be willing to cooperate with coalition humanitarian assistance efforts in Iraq in the event force is used and Saddam Hussein falls from power.

Rumsfeld said many countries are participating because they realize the coalition buildup taking place and the cooperative arrangements being fashioned

create a better environment for the United Nations. "It ought to persuade the Iraqis that the United Nations and the coalition countries are serious," he said.

Americans participate in Keen Sword '03 exercise

■ KADENAAB, JAPAN - U.S. Air Force, Japanese Air Self-Defense Force, and Maritime Defense Force helicopters rescued several downed airmen Nov. 14 as part of joint exercise Keen Sword 03. The 33rd Rescue Squadron here deployed two HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters along with 39 airmen to participate in the biannual exercise.

The search-and-rescue scenario called for four pararescue specialists to be dropped in 68-degree water, remain afloat for more than 30 minutes, then signal helicopters from the Japanese defense forces to rescue them.

"They do things a little different than us such as using different equipment or dissimilar procedures, that's when communication becomes crucial," said Tech. Sgt. John Davis,

pararescue noncommissioned officer in charge. "These exercises are the key to improving joint procedures, especially when training in an international environment."

Water temperature, communication, wind, and weather are regular limiting factors considered when attempting this type of rescue.

According to Capt. Doug Blackledge, detachment commander, 33rd RQS, the training is paying big dividends.

"Today's mission went smoother than previous days," Blackledge said. "Our communication was much better which added to the team's cohesion and enhanced the execution of the mission."

The ultimate goal of Keen Sword is to develop and improve techniques that enhance air operations to provide better defense of Japan.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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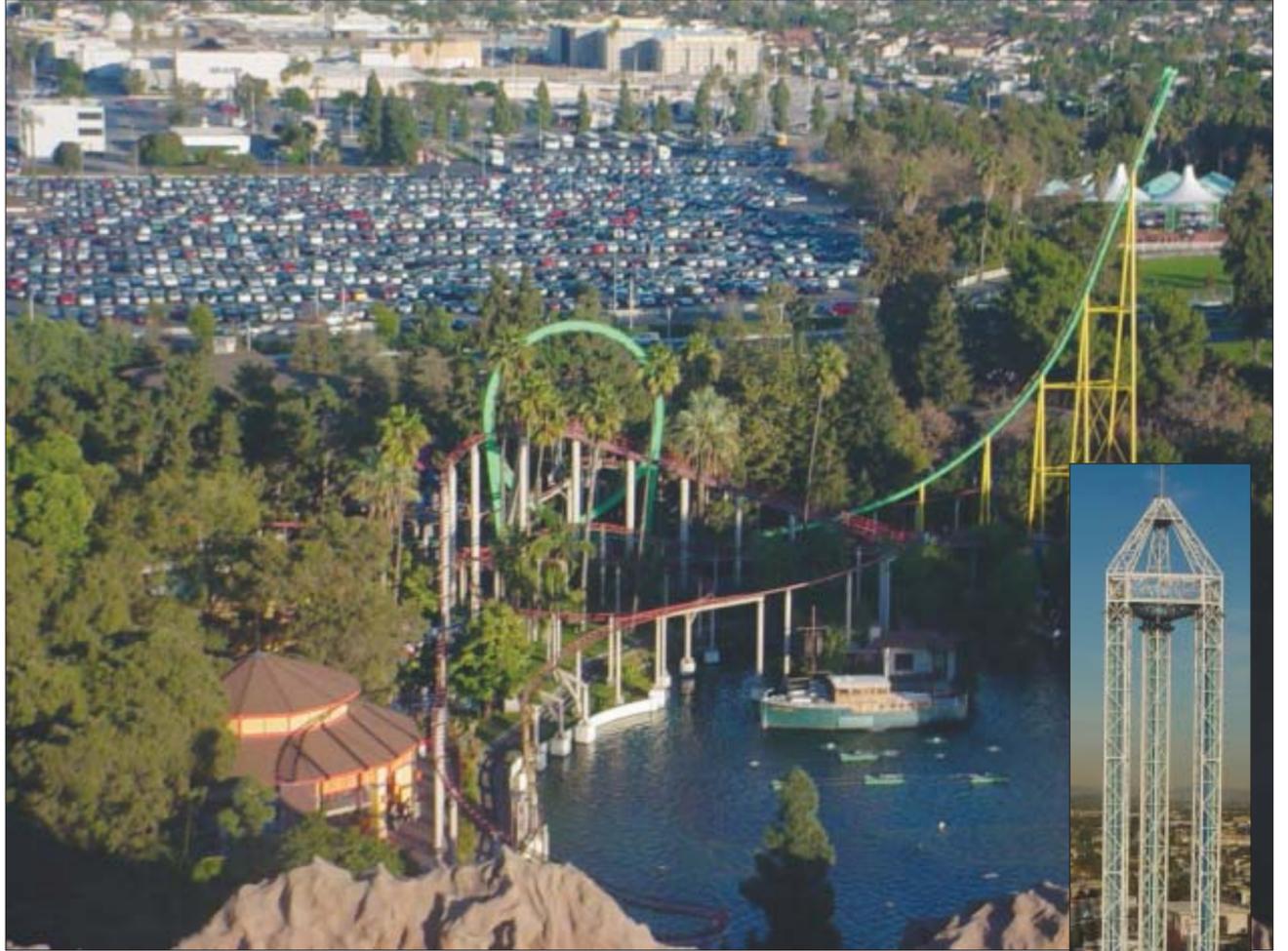
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Nancy Sherman shapes a glass turtle at the glassblowing shop at Knott's Berry Farm.



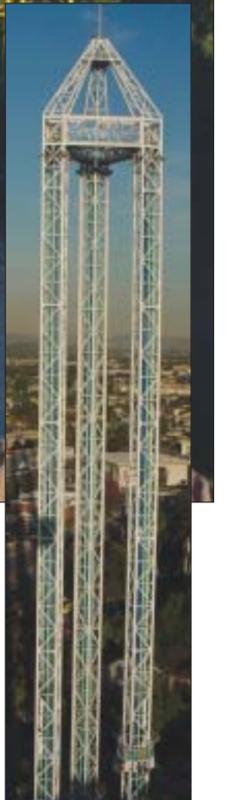
Knott's Berry Farm is offering free admission to military members and their families through Thanksgiving. The park is located in Buena Park, Calif., just south of Los Angeles. To get there, take Highway 101 South to Interstate 5 South. Signs will lead you to the park. Shoppers and thrill-seekers alike will enjoy this theme park and artisan village. The park offers thrill rides, a special area for children, and nostalgic re-creations of California's past.

Above: The Sky Cabin overlooks the Montezooma's Revenge roller coaster.

Right: Riders can take the plunge on the Supreme Scream, at 30 stories high, it's one of the world's tallest thrill rides.

Above left: Adventurous visitors can try their climbing skills at the rock climbing tower on the Boardwalk.

Left: Stephanie Parker observes Bob Nelson as he pans for gold in the Knott's Ghost Town.



Community Calendar

- 22 FRI** **Holiday billboard contest** - Units decorate 4 feet by 4 feet plywood palettes with their organization's name, festive spirit, or traditional holiday theme. No religious themes. Entry fee is \$50. Open to all base organizations and contractors. Palettes are available at building 10728. Proceeds go to Operation Kids' Christmas. Call 606-3122.
- 22 FRI** **Henry H. Arnold Educational Grant** - Applications are available at the Family Support Center and online at www.afas.org. Call 605-8551.
- 22 FRI** **Military care packages** - The Family Support Center staff is accepting donations to support deployed troops. Call 605-8553.
- 22 FRI** **Food Pantry** - The Family Support Center provides emergency food assistance and distributes food via the USDA Food Program. Call 606-2960.
- 22 FRI** **Allan Hancock College spring registration** - Mail-in

- registration is Nov. 18 - Dec. 10. Walk-through registration is by appointment Jan. 13 and 14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Open registration is Jan. 15, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call (805) 922-6966.
- 22 FRI** **Free car seats** - available for single-income families E-4 and below. Call 606-5338.
- 22 FRI** **One-on-one marriage enrichment counseling** - at the Family Support Center. Call 606-9958.
- 22 FRI** **Space and Sea Girl Scouts** - sign up by calling the Scout Hut at 605-2217, or leave a message at 734-5545.
- 22 FRI** **Harbor and boat cruises** - at Adventure Marina in Morro Bay. Call (805) 772-9463.
- 22 FRI** **Santa Barbara trolley tours** - 90 minute tours are at 10, 11:30 a.m., 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Call (805) 965-0353.
- 22 FRI** **Twilight beach horseback rides** - at Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Beginners are welcome. Call (805) 489-8100.
- 22 FRI** **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 Allan Hancock College art gallery in Santa Maria.
- 22 FRI** **Relaxation Room** - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221.
- 22 FRI** **Full exchange student scholarships** - High School students study in Germany for '03-'04 academic year. Apply through Dec. 16. Call (800) 727-4540, Ext. 543.
- 22 FRI** **Yoga Fitness classes** 9 a.m. Fridays, 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Services Center.
- 22 FRI** **Native American Heritage Month craft day rock painting** - noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Library.
- 22 FRI** **Allan Hancock College Concert Band fall concert** - 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande. Tickets cost \$8. Call 922-6966 for tickets.
- 22 FRI** **Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra fall concert** 3 p.m. Sunday in Harman Hall at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Tickets cost \$9

- to \$11. For tickets, call (805) 756-2787 or fax orders to 756-6088.
- 24 SUN** **Auto skills center** - Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays in addition to regular hours.
- 25 MON** **Self-defense workshop** - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays for women and girls 12 years and older at the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center. Call 736-8535.
- 25 MON** **Jiu-Jitsu self-defense classes** - 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Unified Center for Martial Arts in Santa Maria. Call (805) 934-2158.
- 26 TUE** **Cabrillo High School Aquarium** - 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Cabrillo High School. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.
- 26 TUE** **Base soccer team tryouts** - 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Santa Maria Valley YMCA. Call 605-0755 or 606-2199.
- 26 TUE** **North County Computer Club** - 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Paso Robles Senior

- 26 TUE** Center. Call (805) 237-2604.
- 26 TUE** **Single parents support group** - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Services Center. Call 606-9958.
- 26 TUE** **New Thrift Shop hours** - 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays.
- 26 TUE** **Box Aerobics classes** - noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Services Center.
- 26 TUE** **Varsity Basketball tryouts** - 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 15 at the Fitness Center. Call 606-3653.
- 26 TUE** **Pre-separation Briefing** - 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. Required 90 days prior to leaving the service. Call 606-0801.
- 26 TUE** **AL-ANON** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Family Support Center. Call 734-0784.
- 26 TUE** **Breakers Thanksgiving Day meal** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at Breakers dining facility. The event is open to enlisted and officer military

- families.
- DEC 6 FRI** **Spouse's Club Golf Tournament** - Dec. 6 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Registration begins at 11 a.m. for the four-person scramble. Entry fee is \$16 per person and includes lunch. Call 734-1202 or 734-0840.
- 7 SAT** **Allan Hancock College holiday pottery sale** - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 in building F on the Santa Maria campus. The public can buy the work of aspiring local artists. Call toll free (866) 342-5242, Ext. 3252.
- 9 MON** **Vandenberg Spouses Club Cookie Express** - Dec. 9. Drop off cookies at the Pacific Coast Club starting at 6:30 a.m. on Dec. 9. VSC needs help assembling cookie bags for 750 single airmen. Call 734-2782 to volunteer.
- 13 FRI** **Don Edwards and Peter Rowan in concert** - 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande. Call (805) 489-9444.
- 15 SUN** **Lompoc Pops holiday concert** - 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Lompoc Church of the Nazarene.

Chapel Events

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

- **G.I. Java** - Open 5 to 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday in the Delta Dayroom. Volunteers and cookies are needed. Call 606-5773.
- **Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving service and dinner** - 5 p.m. Sunday in Chapel 1.
- **Thanksgiving Day Catholic Mass** - 9 a.m. in Chapel 1. For more information call the Chapel at 606-5773.
- **Thanksgiving meal** - For military members who are single, unaccompanied, or married without children. Call 606-5773 for reservations.

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:
• **Brothers and Sisters in Christ** - 5:30 p.m. Sundays in the religious education complex. Call 606-5773.
• **Protestant Women of the Chapel quilting class** - 10 a.m. Thursdays in the

Chapel 1 Annex.
• **Chapel Community Night** - 5:30 p.m. Sundays in the religious education complex. Call 606-5773.

Catholic:
• **Bible study groups** - 7 p.m. Mondays or Thursdays in the religious education complex. Call 734-4202.
• **CCD classes** - 8:30 a.m. Sundays in the religious education complex.
• **Confirmation** - 12:30 p.m. Sundays in Bldg. 16130. Call 734-0474.
• **Catholic Women of the Chapel** - 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Chapel 1 Annex. Call 606-5773.
• **Juniorior Catholic Youth Of the Chapel** - God's Gang. Call 734-5503.
• **Catholic Youth Choir** - practice at 4:15 p.m. Fridays in Chapel 1.

At the Movies

Today Barber Shop
A reward offer for information about a recent heist sends a barber shop in South Chicago into a spin as the barbers try to figure out the crime by the haircuts they give. Rated PG-13

Saturday Undisputed
A heavyweight-boxing champ is accused of raping a woman and sent to prison.

There he faces the prison-boxing champ. Rated R

Sunday Abandon
A university student has visions of her ex-boyfriend who vanished during her freshman year and discovers implications that he was involved in the disappearance of someone else. Rated PG-13

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

Vandenberg Hawks keep rolling

By STAFF SGT. JASON PORTER

2nd Space Launch Squadron
The Vandenberg Hawks Men's softball team started the season with a bang and has kept on rolling.

The team started this year off with a first place finish in the Oxnard Forty-Niners Charity tournament, held in Oxnard, Calif.

Next was the total domination of the Lompoc Park and Recreation Men's Pacific softball league where the team went 28-2 in the spring, summer and fall seasons followed by three championship trophies for team Vandenberg.

While controlling league play, the team managed to finish second in the Tri-County Championship tournament held in Santa Barbara. Then they traveled to Simi Valley twice,



COURTESY PHOTO

Front left to right: Kenny Gates, Junicio Cacal, Wayne Moses, Jose Dorado, Jason Porter. Back left to right: Adrian Abayari, Eric Sikes, Tim Moore, Charlie Powell, Bill Curtis, Jim Kovach, Aaron Mendoza, Dan McGahey.

resulting in two more First Place finishes, this time in tournaments that qualified them to play for the State Championship in Palm Springs.

In Palm Springs the team battled for the rights to call themselves State Champions and ended up eighth in a talented field.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. GREG WEBSTER

Dragon team member Michael McElroy takes the ball from Jets Steven and William Holbrook as teammate Michael Bukovey readies to receive a pass.

Youth Soccer season comes to an end

By ROBIN MCCURRY
Soccer Mom

The end of the season is here, and the children who participated in the youth soccer league here are now looking forward to the parties where trophies will be handed out.

All the children should be proud of the heart and dedication they showed this year.

The coaches and commissioners went above and beyond the call of duty to give everyone a season to remember.

My son Mason, in the under 8 league said his favorite part of the season was making lots of new friends. Most of the families I talked to fondly remember just the feeling of game day and how nice it was to spend a day together and root for their favorite team.

Kristi Bonneau, youth sports director would like to thank all the parents, coaches and commissioners for a wonderfully played season.

Now, let's do it again for the kids playing basketball which begins Dec. 7.



COURTESY PHOTO

Air Force forward Britt Miller in a match vs. Army during the Armed Forces Services Soccer Championship Nov. 8 at Dover AFB, Del.

Scorer for all seasons

By COACH MCKINNEY

30th Space Wing command section
In a chameleon-like manner, 2nd Lt. Brit Miller, 30th Space Wing Manpower changes his soccer game from one form to another to compliment the ever-changing fields of play. Miller is most known around Vandenberg for his play with intramural and varsity soccer leagues, played on natural grass and synthetic turf.

Each game calls for a slightly different tactic. On natural grass, long runs are less common than methodical precision ball control movement up and down the field. On the synthetic turf played on in the local arena league, long runs and quick scoring strikes are the order of the day. If this doesn't show a high degree of versatility, the next little tidbit almost certainly will.

Miller is also an Air Force-level player, competing for the all Air Force team at national all

forces tournaments. "You first have to get invited to camp in order to compete for the team," said Miller. "Once you get invited to try out for the team, you spend time in training camp and if you earn a spot, you then move on to actually play."

Although it would seem that making the team one year might translate over to the next year, that's not exactly the case.

"You have to sort of prove yourself all over again each year," said the lieutenant. "Having played at this level, sure they know who you are and what you are capable of, but you still have to get out there and show that you can still do it. If you've been there before, your chances have to be a little better than someone who's never competed at that level before."

The energetic Miller should know! He competed on the Air Force Academy team for three

years as a cadet. "Over half of the guys on the team are guys I played with at the academy, so we know each other pretty well," said Miller. "It helps that the system we run on the all Air Force team is the same system we were in during college."

Having recently returned from the all forces tournament at Dover AFB, where he was the leading scorer for the Air Force team with three tallies, Miller shared one of the many lessons he learned.

"Back playing on the all Air Force team I quickly realized that I wasn't in shape," admitted Miller. "I was in pretty good shape, but not the kind of shape necessary to play at that level. I know one thing for sure, I'm not going to let myself get away from that level of conditioning again ... it's too hard to get back."

The Air Force team won the tournament title going undefeated and for Miller the reasons why are no big mystery.

"Playing with guys you are familiar with and that are familiar with you is big," said Miller. "We know each other and we know the system, so all we have to do is get back in sync with each other. I did some scoring, but that doesn't happen without the assists from other players making it happen."

Miller insisted that the same is true when playing locally on the teams at Vandenberg.

"I'm not sure the other players I play with get enough credit for what good players they are," Miller pronounced. "At any level of play, we all have to play for each other and try to help the team be successful. If the teams I play on around here (at Vandenberg) were able to practice together more consistently, we could do some damage, we have some good players, some real good players. That unspoken chemistry that we have at Air Force level is not quite as developed here and that's an adjustment I have to make, but whatever it takes!"

The men's arena league team competing for a championship last Thursday in Santa Maria could have used some of that extra preparation Miller referred to. The Hawks finished the season in third place after dropping the first of two contests 16-5 to the Gold Stars.

In their final game of the season, the Hawks held on to defeat Napoli 15-13 in a slugfest. The Hawks capitalized on balanced scoring by Ryan Howell, Jeremy Jarvis, Danny Hidalgo, Larry Barnes and Miller all scoring multiple goals.

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