

Base Briefs

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ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

Televisions and computer monitors are electronic waste and can't be disposed of in

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Air Force Chief visits Team V

Murray shares 25-year career during annual awards banquet

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray visited Vandenberg Feb. 20 - 22, as a part of the 2003 Annual Award Recognition week.

During his visit, the chief shared his experiences with base troops during a luncheon at the Pacific Coast Club, a company grade officer's call at the Airman Leadership School and an enlisted call in the Western Range Operations Control Center. He also visited troops in their work centers, toured several base facilities and was the guest speaker at the base's Annual Awards Ceremony.

According to the 25-year Air Force veteran, the key elements to a successful enlisted career were given during basic military training. Discipline, physical fitness and following orders are things every airman should apply and improve upon during their military careers.

Setting goals is also an important factor in succeeding in the military and in life, Murray said.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS

Staff Sgt. Fernando Rosete, 2nd Space Launch Squadron maintenance controller, explains the layout of the Titan II booster system to Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, during Murray's visit to Vandenberg Feb. 20 - 22.

One should set short-term and long-term goals for their career and in their personal lives.

Mentoring is another key factor. Some of an airman's most important mentors are their supervisors,

Murray said. And those mentors should help enforce the basic fundamentals taught at BMT. Supervisors must also lead by example, the chief added.

"Supervisors have a great

responsibility," Murray said. "They must train and educate their troops and provide the support required to meet their needs and fulfill the mission.

"Airmen are given all the tools

they need for a successful career, but they must apply what they learned in basic training, tech school and through on-the-job training," the chief said. His goal when he joined the Air Force was to complete his four-year commitment and get out, but he said he always put in 110 percent.

Murray followed his own path. He moved up through the ranks quickly and is now the highest ranking enlisted man. It's an achievement open to every man and woman in service today, he said.

"I think every new airman has the chance to become chief master sergeant of the Air Force," Murray said, "but there is no set path for an airman to follow to attain that goal."

Chief master sergeants of the Air Force have been selected from many different career fields, so troops in no one career field have a better chance over any other.

If an airman has aspirations of reaching that goal he first has to become a chief master sergeant in his own career field, Murray said.

"Two out of every hundred new airmen will become a chief master sergeant and of chief master sergeants, only one can be chief master sergeant of the Air Force, but, yes, every new airman has the chance," Murray said.

IG tests situation awareness

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

Imagine what would happen if a man delivered a white box covered with misspellings, Osama Bin Laden stamps and grease spots to your office. Would you know how to react?

The 30th Space Wing Inspector General Inspections and Evaluations office tested Team Vandenberg's security awareness Feb. 19 and 20 during a quarterly anti-terrorism force protection exercise.

Ed Rambus, 30th IG exercise evaluation team member, said the purpose of the base-wide exercise is to test and raise the awareness of all Vandenberg personnel to possible suspicious activity and threats to the installation.

Teams visited various offices and locations around the base performing scenarios such as unauthorized entry attempts with fake security badges, suspicious persons, suspicious packages delivered or left unattended, and attempted hacking into unattended computer systems, Rambus said adding that the exercise is not intended to simulate real-world attacks.

"In fact, we purposely simplify our scenarios so that base personnel can easily recognize the many indicators of suspicious activity," he said.

For 2nd Lt. Heather Neuleib, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs transition student, the exercise truly hit home. A stocky man in a white hat delivered a white box to the office, saying it was for Maj. Barker. There is no Maj. Barker in the Public Affairs office.

"Initially, I didn't look at the package, but as I was walking away with it, I realized the box had interesting markings on the top," Neuleib said.

She added that as soon as she realized the package was suspicious, it clicked that the force protection exercise was taking place.

"I should have been more careful. Thank goodness it was just an exercise," she said. "I think it's scary that we do fail these things because if it had been an



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Milissa Passig, 30th Space Wing Command Section, calls Security Forces to report a suspicious package left on her desk during an exercise Feb. 19.

actual threat, we could have been in major trouble."

"EET members provide on-scene feedback after each scenario. Base personnel are told what they did right as well as what they missed," Rambus said.

Neuleib said her boss did the right thing, having someone call Security Forces and evacuating the office once they realized what had happened. Then

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Beaches set to stay open March 1 with new rules

Vandenberg AFB is crucial to the recovery of the Western Snowy Plover, an endangered bird. The snowy plover is about six inches long with tiny, well-camouflaged eggs and chicks. The birds lay their eggs in the sand, where they are vulnerable to disturbance and trampling. During the plover's nesting season, March 1 through Sept. 30, Vandenberg beaches are affected by access restrictions in order to accommodate beach recreation while meeting its Endangered Species Act obligations. Call the 30th Security Forces Squadron Fish and Wildlife game warden at 606-6804 with questions.

Beach Open Hours: Friday through Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beach access and allowable violations

- Surf Beach (public and Vandenberg personnel access): open area is one-half mile long beach segment adjacent to Surf Station, accessible directly

from the Amtrak station or via a one-half mile trail through the back dunes from Ocean Park.

Violation limit: 50

- Wall Beach (Vandenberg personnel and limited public access via Civilian Fishing List): northernmost one-quarter mile of this beach is open.

Violation limit: 10

- Minuteman Beach (Vandenberg personnel only): northernmost one-half mile of this beach is open.

Violation limit: 5

Beach Rules:

Beach and dune areas beyond fences delineating closed beach boundaries are off limits March 1 through Sept. 30. Any entry into closed areas counts toward the violation total.

- No pets
- No littering
- No kite flying
- No camping
- No fireworks
- No beach fires
- No horses
- No off-road vehicles
- No windsurfing or parasurfing
- No feeding wildlife

Team V announces annual award winners

Congratulations to the following Team Vandenberg men and women selected as annual award winners!

Annual Awards

Airman, 30th Space Wing

Senior Airman Steven Duaiame, 30th Space Communications Squadron

Airman, associate unit

Senior Airman Jamie Stanton, 534th Training Group

NCO, 30th SW

Master Sgt. Philip Nixon, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron

NCO, associate unit

Tech. Sgt. Adelberto Velez, 533rd Training Squadron

Senior NCO, 30th SW

Master Sgt. David Erb, 2nd Space Launch Squadron

Senior NCO, associate unit

Master Sgt. Lee Lopez, 614th Operations Support Flight

Company Grade Officer, 30th SW

Capt. Paul Quigley Jr., 30th Security Forces Squadron

Company Grade Officer, associate unit

Capt. Samantha Ray, 614th Space Operations Squadron

First Sergeant, 30th SW

Master Sgt. Tonia Rayford, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron

First Sergeant, associate unit

Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Cook Jr., 576th Flight Test Squadron

Honor Guard Airman

Senior Airman Danny Twyman, 30th SFS

Honor Guard NCO

Staff Sgt. Marvin Banks Jr., 30th Range Squadron

Civilian, category I

Jacqueline Leonard, 30th Comptroller Squadron

Civilian, category II

Luong Tran, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Non-appropriated Fund civilian, category 1

Ruby Fitzpatrick, Human Resources office

Non-appropriated Fund civilian, category 2

Michael Peterson, Marketing department

Non-appropriated Fund civilian, category 3

Patricia McCullar, Human Resources office

Volunteer, active duty

Capt. Melissa Reidy, 392nd Training Squadron

Volunteer, family member

Laurel Peterson

Team Vandenberg awards

Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Steven Duaiame, 30th SCS

NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Adelberto Velez, 533rd TRS

Senior NCO of the Year

Master Sgt. David Erb, 2nd SLS

First Sergeant of the Year

Master Sgt. Tonia Rayford, 30th LRS

Company Grade Officer of the Year

Capt. Samantha Ray, 614th SOPS

Volunteer awards

Mara Walton, Thrift Shop

Paulette Taylor, 381st Training Group

Annie Arrigo, Food Pantry

Elfiede Wittwer, Thrift Shop

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Jorge Hernandez, 30th Services Squadron, fights in the Armed Forces Boxing Championship. See Page A5.



Californians show their support for the country's armed forces on a highway overpass. See Page A6.

Weekend forecast
Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.
Chance for showers Saturday.
Low/High
45/65
For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather

AFAF campaign takes care of families

By Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson
Air Force Space Command
vice commander

Monday marked the beginning of the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign for Air Force Space Command, which continues for the next five weeks. It's the one opportunity we have yearly to truly take care of our own Air Force people, whether retired or active duty. In a sense, you're taking care of your own family.

There are four separate charities involved in the AFAF campaign:

The Air Force Aid Society — The official charity of the Air Force helps eligible active-duty and retired Air Force members with financial emergencies. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members on active duty may also receive assistance. Assistance is provided through

grants or interest-free loans for such things as food, rent, utilities and other essential goods and services. The society also sponsors an education grant program and a spouse tuition assistance program overseas.

The Air Force Enlisted Foundation Inc. — The home is located in Fort Walton Beach near Eglin AFB, Fla. The foundation provides indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people with housing facilities and related services. Those eligible are widows and widowers, 55 and older, whose spouses were retired enlisted persons from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. The foundation also cares for retired Air Force enlisted members, 62 and older, and their spouses.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund — The village, located in San Antonio, is a life-

care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The fund contributes to the support of indigent widows.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation — This foundation was established in 1990 to provide free temporary financial assistance to indigent officers' widows. The LeMay Foundation has expanded its scope and now also provides free temporary financial assistance to enlisted widows and widowers.

Last year, in Air Force Space Command alone we received funds for our people in excess of \$1.3 million. That's money to a financially strapped AFSPC member in an emergency, childcare for parents, education grants for spouses and phone calls for deployed members overseas. Worldwide, 34,000 Air Force people were helped through this program.

Here's something else you might find interesting: Less than a quarter of Air Force members chose to contribute to AFAS last year. I hope to turn that around in this command at least. Given our increased operations tempo, this will be even more important.

It's difficult sometimes to part with money, no matter what the cause. After all, you have to take care of the family you see across the dinner table every night, too. But making sure your Air Force family is taken care of is also important.

During this year's campaign you can start making a difference for your Air Force family through your contributions to the Air Force Assistance Fund. Thanks to each of you and all you do to make us the greatest air and space force in the world.

Editors Note: Vandenberg's campaign is set to begin in the next few weeks.



Call 606-7850
or
E-mail your message to
actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

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

The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. You help make Vandenberg a great place to work and live.

The 30th Space Wing Mission: To provide combat capabilities through launch, range and expeditionary operations.



Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander

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

Team V learns important lesson in password protection

By Lt. Col. Alan Claypool
30th Space Communications Squadron
commander

The purpose of the computer security awareness portion of last week's Antiterrorism Force Protection Exercise was to expose vulnerabilities by pretending, with official approval, to be a social engineer.

A person could be a spy, a terrorist, or someone after information for other purposes. These people get information by talking, listening, looking, and passing themselves off as someone else. This form of intelligence gathering is known in the trade as social engineering.

Most people attempting to obtain access to a network do their mischief electronically and from a distance. Vandenberg alone receives 10,000 probes daily to the network from the front door or firewall. These attempts are blocked using technology and monitoring.

But what about the back doors?

Our greatest vulnerability is the 5,500 people on the inside of the network, not to mention the downloading or running of illegal software, or the choosing of easy-to-crack passwords. And what

of those who don't load their software security patches or the easy access to network ports in your unlocked offices and conference rooms? How many people bother to check the credentials of someone who shows up to repair a computer?

There are many methods to obtain information from within. One way is to make phone calls posing as a person who you feel can be trusted, like someone alleging to be higher ranking, or stating they know a mutual friend.

The question to ask is, "Why are they calling me for that information? I'm not the best person to give it."

Social engineers target new people, or those who don't understand — or care about — the value of information. The single most important item to a social engineer is an old phone book that gives names, titles and phone numbers.

It's easy to pose as an insider when you know the unit structure and leadership.

Another method is coercion: pretending a crisis exists and that you, or they, will get into serious trouble if help is not forthcoming.

Faked e-mails are also part of a social engineer's toolkit. The e-mail may request help to download and install software from a website or help to forward a document because their computer is broken. Excessive flattery or the promise of a better job is also a common trick.

Some may consider social engineering a less than honorable medium of deception, which is why it works so well.

In fact, we devote too much worry and training to electronic, as opposed to human, vulnerabilities.

It's one thing to get into a system and another, more dangerous thing, to find or to understand critical data. The best way to do the latter is to interact with the people who can unwittingly point the way.

The end result is not to focus on the failures of individuals, but to raise the entire organization's consciousness and spell out areas in which security needs to be tightened.

This exercise event proved that more than 18 people were willing to give up their passwords and 170 were willing to have further conversations with the

social engineer. It only takes one to expose Vandenberg operations to a serious mission interruption.

The decoy, Capt. Chris Deez, used two common misguided assumptions to her advantage. First, if you are in the e-mail list, you must be authentic. And second, the display name came from a known office, so it must be authentic.

In both cases, the assumptions are incorrect. Anyone can be added to the global e-mail list, even from outside Vandenberg, and display names can be created to say anything.

Capt. Deez also used two other easy tricks. She threatened the loss of your data and gave you a short, but believable, suspense.

As people responded, even if they did not give up a password, they provided an in to the social engineer to begin a conversation. Or worse, gave her warning that she had been compromised and needed to erase her tracks and disappear.

She could have done serious enough damage to the network to distract the Network Control Center or to cover her tracks.

Here are the statistics of the exercise

scenario. Remember, everyone involved had Information and Assurance Program training and signed user agreements.

- ♦ The event kicked off at 9 a.m.
- ♦ At 9:02 a.m. we had the first password, in only two minutes.
- ♦ In 30 minutes, 15 passwords were in hand with 132 responses.
- ♦ In 60 minutes, at the end of the event, we had 18 passwords and 162 responses.
- ♦ By 4 p.m., six hours after the end of the exercise and despite numerous warnings, we had more passwords and responses.

Overall, the event was a success. It reminded people of the seriousness of network security. They lost their accounts for a few minutes, but could have cost the entire base, and the Air Force, a greater loss.

Remember, social engineers use deception, influence, and persuasion against a target to get their information. They get people to do things they wouldn't ordinarily do. Don't let your guard down. Network security is not just about being ready for exercises that are carried out on base. It's about winning the war.

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Local Tuskegee Airman shares experiences

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

Accepted absolutes established by test scores and rules were shattered during World War II when the Tuskegee Airmen gave stark testament to courage under fire.

Lompoc resident retired Chief Master Sgt. Arthur Hicks is an original Tuskegee Airman who said those absolutes did not reflect the true capability of African Americans. The Tuskegee Airmen rejected the myths of the day when their actions proved they were more than capable of doing the job.

With a rigid pattern of racial segregation prevailing in the United States during World War II, nearly 1,000 Black military aviators were trained at Tuskegee Institute, an isolated complex near the town of Tuskegee, Ala. As a result of the so called Tuskegee Experiment, 450 black fighter pilots under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. fought in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily, and Europe, flying, in succession, P-40, P-39, P-47, and P-51 type aircraft.

The Tuskegee men flew 15,553 sorties completing 1,578 missions with the 12th Tactical, and the 15th Strategic, U.S. Army Air Force. Davis later became the first Black general in the U.S. Air Force and eventually rose to the rank of lieutenant general.

With an all black corps of pilots, ground support became the next necessity for plane and pilot to get the job done, Hicks said.

"When the idea came up that blacks needed a niche in the Air Corps, consideration was given to the fact that



CONTRIBUTED GRAPHIC

450 black fighter pilots under the command of Col. Benjamin Davis fought during World War II under the name "Tuskegee Airmen."

the people who were going to maintain this group of planes for the pilots had to be trained some place and had to have the necessary skills to run an airbase," he said. "This is where I fit in with aircraft maintenance training."

Hicks started out as an aircraft mechanic, but he didn't go directly to Tuskegee.

"There were events in the process of getting to that training that were significant because they were related to race."

The Georgia native left Atlanta in the early '40s with the idea of training to become an aircraft mechanic in Memphis, Tenn. and then eventually traveling to

Tuskegee because he heard the program there was for African Americans.

However, Hicks soon discovered that the school in Memphis was not for black students. He spent the next six weeks working as a bus boy in a hotel in the city to earn enough money to travel to Tuskegee.

"That behind me," he said, "I arrived at Tuskegee and eight months later I had gone through the civilian mechanic learners course and started working on and maintaining the aircraft the Tuskegee troops were training in." Hicks worked on P-40, BT-13, and AT-6 aircraft.

Six months into his tenure as an

aircraft mechanic, Hicks learned of civilian pilot training opportunities. The course would supply instructor pilots to teach cadets how to fly.

"So I got out of the mechanics business and into the pilot training business," he said.

During his tenure at Tuskegee, Hicks joined the U.S. Army as a reservist. He and more than 20 of his classmates were within 12 hours of completing their flight training when they were called to active duty.

They were placed in the officer cadet corps after a series of physical and mental tests and began training as U.S. Army Air Forces pilots.

"I began my pilot training in May '44 and graduated in May '45," he said. "As you know the war ended in May '45." The pilots were either already back or on their way back to the states. Some were even instructor pilots at Tuskegee by then.

They weren't sent to the Pacific.

"The Generals in the Pacific, so we were told, did not care to have the black organization come to that theater," Hicks said, "racism, plain and simple."

Hicks separated from the Army as a commissioned officer in 1946 and returned to military service as an enlisted member in the newly created U.S. Air Force in 1947.

The last class of black pilots graduated from Tuskegee in 1947. The training was located at several bases afterward. Integration began in earnest in 1949, so the suspension of their training at Tuskegee was a step toward integration of the services.

Hicks said he considers his nearly 30

years in the military an exciting time because it fueled his aspirations. He started off training as an aircraft mechanic, became a commissioned officer, learned to fly aircraft and consequently worked on more advanced aircraft. He eventually worked with the Titan I and II programs here prior to his retirement.

Hicks said he believes the most significant change he's witnessed in the service is the attention paid to personnel issues. A great deal of consideration is given to what people think and how they feel. The service pays attention to their comfort as well as to their family's well being.

In 1972 Tuskegee Airman, Inc. was founded as a non-military, non-profit entity. Named for the pilots and maintainers trained at Tuskegee, their primary motivation is to inspire young Americans to participate in their nation's society and democratic process.

Today there are 37 chapters located in major cities throughout the United States. Membership is made up, principally, of veterans of the armed forces and active-duty personnel from all branches of the military. It also includes a growing number of civilians who demonstrate sincere interest in helping the organization achieve its goals and objectives.

People interested in joining the local chapter can call for more information. Meetings are held monthly. Central Coast Vandenberg chapter of Tuskegee Airman, Inc. officers are 1st Lt. Ferdinand Desir, 606-3271; 2nd Lt. Sandra Quiñones, 606-3219; and Master Sgt. Andrew James, 606-8799.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Great gravy!

Sandra Conklin, a cook at the Breakers Dining Facility here, pours gravy over pots of mushrooms as she prepares for the lunch time meal Tuesday. Dining facility chefs arrive at Breakers by 4 a.m. each day to begin preparing lunch for Team Vandenberg. Breakers features a variety of dining choices, including a full service main line, snack line, salad bar, pasta station, soup and potato bar, and a wide array of beverages. For a more pleasant dining atmosphere, customers may sit in a theme rooms based on their preferences, including sports, history, news, and garden rooms. Breakers typically serves around 570 meals per day. Breakers Dining Facility is open Monday - Friday from 5 to 8 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, 4:30 to 7 p.m. for dinner, and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. for midnight chow. On weekends and holidays, the dining facility is open from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, 4 to 6 p.m. for dinner, and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. for midnight chow.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ED BRALY

Team Vandenberg Warrior
1st Lt. Brian Seibel
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Duty: maintenance engineer
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif
Time in service: 2 years
Time on Vandenberg: 2 years
Hobbies: flying, reading, astronomy, piano and snowboarding
Educational accomplishments: The lieutenant recently obtained a private helicopter pilot's license and is working toward his commercial and flight instructor's licenses.
Favorite part of the job: "I like the opportunity to lead and organize projects and activities," Seibel said. "It's very rewarding to be part of a team that accomplishes something that one person alone could never do."
Supervisor's comments: "Brian is a sharp, talented and upcoming officer with vast potential," said Capt. Rod Rodriguez, 30th CES chief of Maintenance Engineering. "His leadership and management abilities recently shined through in leading a team of 91 civil engineers in support of the 2002 Air and Space Show. Brian has proven he can tackle any task and we are fortunate to have him on our team."

Vandenberg celebrates Women's History Month

In 1981, Congress passed a joint resolution naming March Women's History Month. The theme for 2003 is, "Women Pioneering the Future." To celebrate, Vandenberg's Women's History Month committee has planned the following events:

March 3 - Treasure hunt and cake-cutting ceremony. The treasure hunt begins at 10 a.m. at the Pacific Coast Club and ends at the Services Center at 11:45 a.m.

March 11 - Essay and Coloring Contest. Entries from local school children are due to the 30th Space Wing Forces Squadron's Reports and Analysis section.

March 12 - Self-defense for Dummies. The class takes place at 6:30 p.m. in the Services Center.

March 16 - The committee is set to help base Girl Scouts earn a badge.

March 20 - Women's History Month Film Festival. "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" plays at 5 p.m. in the base chapel.

March 26 - Women's History Month Luncheon. Lt. Col. Angela Thompson is the guest speaker at the Pacific Coast Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

March 26 - High School Seniors Shadow Program. The program takes place at various duty stations all day.

To volunteer or participate in any of these listed events, call 2nd Lt. Korinne Houston at 606-3284 or stop by a committee meeting any Wednesday in March at noon in the Pacific Coast Club quiet room.

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the evaluator came in and went through the checklist with them.

In January, two real world incidents, a bomb threat and an unattended suspicious package, required Security Forces to respond, said Staff Sgt. Bruce Campbell, installation terrorism NCO.

The information provided to responding forces lacked the sufficient detail needed for an effective response, and the actions of the evacuees could have been better, he said.

"The two incidents turned out to be nothing and could have been prevented," Campbell said. "The lesson learned from this situation is that we must educate the base populace on response

actions for these types of situations."

Rambus said through training and education, base personnel learn the warning signs for suspicious packages, suspicious activity, and bomb threat procedures.

He added that everyone is responsible for protecting Team V. Base personnel must be aware of their environment, be able to tell what is suspicious or out of place, know what to do in an emergency, and know how to report anything out of the ordinary.

"If you involve the entire installation, the eyes and ears multiply exponentially," Rambus said. "Vandenberg is a nice place to work and live by any community standard. However, we still are and will always be a military base with a military mission, and, maybe to some, a military target. It's up to all of us to protect ourselves."

Correction:

The following annual award nominees were mis-identified in last week's Space & Missile Times.



Susan Haury, 14th Air Force



Luong Tran, 30th Mission Support Group



Vicente Villegas, 392nd Training Squadron

BRIEFS:

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VANDEMBERG CHIEF'S GROUP

The Vandenberg Chief's Group is looking for all local retired chief master sergeants to become members. Meetings are at 7 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Breaker's Dining Facility. Call Chief Master Sgts. John Gunther, 605-0750, or Philip Cope, 606-9567.

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES CORRECTION FROM FEB. 21

There are five, not four, wings assigned to the 14th Air Force. They are the 30th Space Wing, 21st Space Wing, 45th Space Wing, 50th Space Wing, and 460th Air Base Wing.

CAREER DAY SPEAKERS NEEDED

Fesler Junior High School in Santa Maria has a career day March 20, from 7:45 to 11:40 a.m. Anyone interested in being a guest speaker for the event should call Jack Hokanson at 606-3595 by Thursday.

30TH COMPTOLLER SQUADRON OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Comptoller Squadron is closed at 3 p.m. March 7 for an official function. Those with a financial emergency should call 1st Lt. Steve Swiderski at 588-0701.

NEW AADD PHONE NUMBER

Airman Against Drunk Driving can now be reached through the command post at 605-AADD(2233). This number is in addition to the two other numbers that are already in use. Call 606-6224 with any questions.

ALCON: Bravo

A DUI or alcohol-related incident has occurred without injuries.

Days since last DUI: **5**
DUI totals for the Year: **6**
Saves by AADD this year: **44**

30th OG	0	14th AF	0
30th MXG	1	381st TRG	0
30th MSG	3	576th FLTS	0
30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
30th SW Staff	0	Others	1

Around the Air Force

Missileer races toward Olympics

By SARA GATHERS
90th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **F.E. WARREN AFB, Wyo.** — If 1st Lt. Kevin Eastler asks you to join him for a walk, you had better make sure you have cleared some time in your schedule.

Eastler, a missileer in the 400th Missile Squadron, is an aspiring Olympic racewalker.

Racewalking is a sport defined by two techniques. The athlete must maintain continual foot contact with the ground, and the walker's advancing leg must be straight at the knee from the moment of first contact with the ground. These movement techniques reduce side-to-side swaying or bouncing.

Eastler can be seen racewalking on local tracks or on his preferred training site, the parade field here. He structures his training around missile alert duty and averages up to 60 miles per week.

He took an interest in the sport after watching his sister, Gretchen Fishman, compete in youth track programs. Many of her races were located throughout the United States, and the opportunity to travel got Eastler's attention.

Coached by his father, Eastler started racewalking in youth track meets when he was 9 years old and began winning national competitions by age 14.

His participation in racewalking has led him around the world.

One of Eastler's recent travels was to Turin, Italy, where he finished as the top placing U.S. athlete at the 2002 International Association of Athletics Federations' World Cup of Racewalking.

He finished 31st out of 111 competitors at the October event.

His performance was his best this season and the best 20 kilometer (12.4 mile) World Cup performance by an American since 1987.

Racewalking has two Olympic distances, 20 kilometer and 50 kilometer (31 miles).

"My fellow squadron members are very supportive," said Eastler. "They've helped me to achieve a successful season, which is an important step toward my ultimate goal — competing and placing in the 2004 Olympics."

Racewalking has been an event since the first modern Olympic Games held in Athens, Greece, in 1896.

His quest to make the Olympic team received support when Eastler was selected for the World Class Athlete Program.

Eastler, will train with other top-ranked track and field athletes at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.

"With full coaching, physiological and psychological support, the Olympic Training Center can help me reach my ultimate goal — an Olympic medal," he said. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Medics take patient care sky high

By TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

■ **OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH** — Tucked away at this forward-located base is a tiny but tight knit medical team few troops ever notice. But should any one of them fall critically ill or injured, these airmen quickly will become their best friends. They will closely tend to their patient's urgent medical needs while flying thousands of miles to a U.S. military hospital in Germany or another interim hospital to receive

full-time care.

The medics are assigned to the 320th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron/Forward, a specialized team whose primary work center is the cabin or cargo hold of an airplane flying several miles high.

A five-person aeromedical evacuation team usually consists of a medical crew director, a flight nurse, a charge medical technician and two aeromedical evacuation technicians. The team supports the assigned physician and flight nurse who complete the critical care air transport team.

"My responsibilities as a flight nurse or medical crew director are to watch over the patient, take care of the paperwork, make sure I get all the patient's (details written on his chart) and pass along all the patient info to the next person who is taking care of the patient," said Capt. Paul Simpson.

The AE techs begin each mission by considering the type of aircraft they will use because different airframes require specific types of medical equipment and litter configurations. While their primary aircraft is the C-9 Nightingale, these medics are trained to accomplish their mission aboard C-17 Globemaster III and C-141 Starlifter aircraft, or on commercial airliners from the Civilian Reserve Air Fleet. checks. The deployed medics received their first real-world mission test very early in their deployment.

"We got our first mission when we were here less than 18 hours," Simpson said. The deployed medics received their first real-world mission text very early in their deployment.

Before heading out to the aircraft, they must "preflight" their medical equipment with operations and calibration checks.

The medics first real-world mission was to move a soldier who suffered a severe reaction to his smallpox vaccination.

"This guy was really pretty sick," Simpson said of the patient, who was diagnosed with a form of encephalitis, which can cause fatal brain swelling. During the aerovac flight to Germany, the five AE medics worked closely with the CCATT to keep their patient stabilized. Within days, the patient recovered fully from his illness.

Despite the prospects for war, and with it the potential for many casualties, these deployed medics say they are confident that their training and experiences have prepared them well.

"I feel very confident," said Capt. Jeffrey Combalecer, second flight nurse. "As far as being prepared for tactical missions, we've been doing that at Scott for years."

Staff Sgt. Jason Robbins, an AE technician, used a sports analogy to describe the unit's potentially quick shift to a wartime operational mode.

"It's like we're preparing for the big game, constantly training," he said. "When you deploy, the coach pulls you off the bench, and you feel like you're actually making a difference."

"In hospitals, you come in, do your shift, then go home. But in aerovac, you spend so much time together you build up camaraderie, and it's great," Robbins said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

CSAF Briefs Senate on service's outlook

By MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper joined the other service chiefs Feb. 25 to give the Senate Armed Services Committee his view of how fiscal 2004 is shaping up.

Jumper testified on areas ranging from manpower shortages and concerns about aging aircraft to promises of future aircraft in current development. The general addressed an increased operations tempo.

According to Jumper, more than

Hey folks, watch this!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRIAN FERGUSON

NELLIS AFB, Nev. — Airmen from the 58th Rescue Squadron here rappel from their HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter during a simulated rescue of a downed pilot. The simulation was part of a quarterly firepower demonstration which shows off the Air Forces' full array of warfighting capabilities.

25,000 airmen have deployed during operations Enduring Freedom, and Northern and Southern Watch, launching nearly 80,000 sorties. In addition, more than 25,000 sorties have covered American skies as part of Operation Noble Eagle.

"Our (operations) have been high and our people have been sprinting for a long time, but they never failed to answer the call," he said.

A secretary of defense mandate called for the services to examine jobs done by military members to

see if civilian employees could do them.

"If you take those tasks that do not need to be done by people in uniform and slip those people back over to uniformed slots, we can relieve the tension on our deployed forces," Jumper said. "In the Air Force alone, we found 12,000 people doing what we think didn't have to be done by people in uniform."

"So it's not just a matter of adding end-strength. It's a matter of making efficiencies of what you (have)," he said.

U.S. Armed Forces Boxing Tournament showcases the best

By Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney
30th Space Wing command section

On Feb. 21 the United States Armed Forces got together to put on an extreme show of force. The opponent ... each other! The tussle took place at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, Calif., site of the 2003 US Armed Forces Boxing Championships.

Each year the services turn away from international affairs and turn their attention toward one another. The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines send their best fighters to duel in the ring. These battles don't determine the fate of nations, but they do decide who can hold their chins up just a little bit higher. Although, holding your chin up usually isn't a good idea in this sport.

When this championship convenes, the general consensus is that the Army and Marine Corps will field strong teams and dominate the competition. The Navy and Air Force teams are often considered good tune-up bouts prior to the finals.

But the general consensus doesn't always reflect reality and this year's championships are proof positive that the Air Force boxing team is determined to change the "consensus."

Head coach, Tech. Sgt. Ronald Simms Jr., is a former all-Air Force team member and currently performs as a professional prizefighter, sporting an 11-0 record.

"This team showed me, and not only me, but everyone in attendance this week, that they have what it takes to change perceptions," Coach Simms said. "This team has a chance to do some great things, but we have to make sure that we take care of the basics. We try to teach the team that the basic-basics are the key to what we are trying to do here. Hard work in the gym, every day, and then execute when it's time to compete. Conditioning is a top priority."

A good indicator of just where the Air Force team is in their development is the fact that they were represented in 4 of 12 final matches. Add to that the fact that the first woman boxer ever to make the all-Air Force team



PHOTO S BY STEVE SCHESTER

U.S. Air Force's Jorge Hernandez and U.S. Army's Julios Fogle exchange blows in the center of the ring at the 2003 Armed Forces Boxing Championships.

brought home gold, and what you have is the making of a great success story.

Staff Sgt. Charmaine Carrington, fighting in the 138-pound class had an impressive showing.

"Charmaine is going to be a world champion some day," insisted her coach. "She has a great attitude, and is always learning. It's tough being the only woman on the team, but she makes it happen. She is determined to hang with all the guys and earn her position ... just like everyone else."

Carrington is quite to point out that this is not just a hobby to her.

"I was never interested in boxing while growing up," the boxer said. "I competed in other sports, but boxing just wasn't a factor. I saw some guys training one day and thought I could do it Lucia Rijker (world champion kickboxer and currently undefeated and top ranked in traditional boxing) is someone I have a lot of respect for and enjoy watching. She's tough, but I want to put myself in a position to challenge her at some point.

No disrespect, but you have to want to become the best, or why compete?"

That is the mentality that permeates this year's Air Force team. In the semifinal matches, none of the Air Force team members were outclassed. To the contrary, the buzz around the boxing venue at Port Hueneme was the fact that the Air Force team could have easily had all of its boxers in the finals.

"We have a lot to overcome as a team," said 125-pound competitor Senior Airman James Dubois. "The Army and Marine teams train, that's their job, to train. We only come together about a month or two ahead of competitions and try to gel as a team ... it's tough, real tough. I'm not going to complain though! We have to work with what we have and although they are together all the time and have plenty of time to become a team, we proved this week that we can get it done in spite of our short time together. We've really become a close group and this week it showed."

Dubois did learn a major lesson from his experiences at the

championships.

"I know that I have to work hard and be consistent from the beginning of round one all the way through the end of round four ... that's a must. Even if my opponent is taking a break, I've got to keep working. You can be all over your opponent for 80 percent of the time, but it takes 100 percent to win. Bottom line is you can't depend on winning a decision."

Vandenberg's Airman 1st Class Daniel Barerra had what many believe to be the toughest non-victory.

"Going into the final round, I was ahead and I went out and finished the way I always do, all over the other guy," Barerra said. "None of us are going to cry over a decision, we just learn from them. I know that I should have been fighting tonight in the finals, but God has his own plan for me. I can't lie, it does hurt to have the crowd cheering for you because they feel you won and then find out that you didn't get the decision, but now I know I can beat the best fighters in my weight class. It made me feel pretty good that all the fans were

booing the decision, not because I want to take anything away from my opponent, but because they appreciated what I did."

"Barerra has come a long way in a real short time and it's tough to see him not get the decision," said coach Don Green, Vandenberg's boxing coach.

Another member of Vandenberg's boxing team, Senior Airman Jorge Hernandez also suffered a tough defeat. Fighting the No. 1 ranked 165-pound amateur in the country, Hernandez appeared to be head-to-head with Army Staff Sgt. Julius Fogle.

"I got caught," said Airman Hernandez. "No excuses, I just got caught. I was fighting well and let myself lose a little focus and that was it." The fight was stopped by a referee's decision toward the end of the third round after a shocking knockdown. Hernandez got up before the count of ten but appeared to be unsteady.

"Jorge is a good fighter and getting better all the time," said 152-pound fighter John Askeew. "After he rocked the guy with that uppercut, he made the other guy a little desperate and that's when your opponent becomes dangerous. Jorge will come back and he'll be ready."

The Army team won the bragging rights with seven armed services champions, but the Air Force is gaining ground, represented by the victory of 132-pound Airman Hector Ramos. Cool and steady, Ramos repeatedly stuck long stinging jabs in the face of his Army opponent. When the fight was coming to a close, Ramos learned from earlier fights and made sure he closed the deal with a constant barrage of punches.

"I just wanted to make sure that when he tried to rush me, I countered," Ramos said. "This guy (Army Private 1st Class Aaron Bensinger) was hard to figure out because sometimes he laid back and I had to bring the fight to him and then he would try to rush me."

I wanted this fight and no matter what he tried, I was ready. Coach Simms prepared us real well and I felt like I was ready for anything he sent my way."

Ramos followed his coach's instructions all the way to a gold medal and a few bragging rights himself.

Assistant Coach, Tech. Sgt. Richard Brown, was impressed with his charges' showings.

"I feel we had a successful week," Brown said. "Every one of our boxers showed a great deal of progress and to me that makes this week and this experience a success. It's all part of boxing and we have to figure out a way to get past that happening again."

"Look, here's the deal, if it seems like the fight is boring, and you are not getting hit, you have to realize that you may be winning the fight. What the crowd thinks is not important, it's what those judges think that counts. If you try to step it up when you don't really need to, you're liable to make a big mistake and that's what happened tonight to one fighter. He'll learn from it and he won't make that mistake again," Simms said. If it sounds like Coach Simms has a good handle on what it takes to move this Air Force boxing team to the next level, you're in good company.

"The thing I am most proud of is the fact that every fighter we sent into the ring this week believed they were going to win," Coach Simms said with pride. "That's the start, that's what it takes to find success in this sport. The first thing you must look for as a coach, is a sense of quiet confidence and a strong desire to compete. We have that all the way up and down the line. Our boxers believe and they compete."

"We are going to go back to training and get back to the basic-basics. We'll be ready for the nationals and then we'll certainly be ready for the next armed forces tournament," he said.

The Amateur National Championships are up next. Each of the fighters who earned their way to the Armed Force Championships are automatic qualifiers for this year's nationals. The new general consensus after the armed forces tournament ... the Air Force boxing team is ready to soar.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Land of the free, home of the brave

A group of patriots show their support for the military on El Curtola Boulevard over Highway 24 in Lafayette, Calif. Lafayette is between Sacramento and San Francisco in Northern California.

**“The Spirit of America”
Vandenberg Spouses Club
annual charity auction**

6 p.m. Mar 29.

at

The Pacific Coast Club

Register to win items such as Disneyland tickets or a wine tasting limousine tour donated during previous auctions.

The money raised provides funds to local charitable organizations in need.

Donations of items to be auctioned are accepted through Mar.15. The event is free and open to all but reservations must be made by Mar. 25. Call Karen Rife at 734-0397 or Troi Reppart at 734-1202.

SPACE & MISSILE

FEATURES

Destinations Central Coast @ Elk's Lodge Bingo

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

My entire bingo experience consists of playing as a child in school and once as an adult on a cruise ship. So, not being experts on the game and wanting to get the lay of the land, my husband Dan and I arrived at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge at 6:35 p.m. for bingo that started at 7:00 p.m.

We were late. The Early Bird games were in full swing. There were easily 150 to 200 people seated at long banquet-style tables.

As we stood in the hall entrance gawking, I knew we were in over our heads. It wasn't only that we were looking at a sea of the tops of heads bent in concentration over numerous bingo cards, but the faces that jerked up as we were trying to figure out which way to go, were decidedly unfriendly looking.

Later, I would discover that like anywhere else, most people are pretty friendly, it's just that bingo people are seriously *intense*.

So it wasn't just the chilly welcome, but as I stood there clutching my camera, (as if that doesn't label you as a nerdy tourist), I realized that we'd come woefully unprepared.

Each person sitting was cordoned off by a slew of bingo paraphernalia, including huge carrying cases for stampers, which are thin inkbottles that smear little dots of ink in every color imaginable to cover the numbers called, and a bunch of other gear I didn't recognize.



PHOTOS BY 2ND LT. KELLY GABEL
Retired Col. Orland Oryall is the Bingo ball puller Tuesdays at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge.

We made our way over to the far corner where two men manning the card table clearly smelled fresh meat. It could have been the "What do we do now that we're here?" looks on our faces. They appeared exasperated and spoke very slowly, (presumably so we would be sure to understand). They explained that the first bingo card sold for \$20 and the next two cards would be \$5 a piece and then you get two free. All of them together are called a pack and you cannot share a pack with someone else.

Each card had fifteen sheets, one for each game played during main bingo and four games on each sheet. Confused yet? In the beginning we certainly were,



Judy J., Bingo player extraordinaire, gives Dan Gabel tips during Tuesday night Bingo at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge.

but the men taking our money weren't offering up any help. Although they did gallantly refrain from laughing in our faces when we said we would take just one card each until we got the hang of it.

The man at the next table was selling stampers for \$1 a piece. I chose purple and Dan picked a manly green. Shifting down to the next table, a man tore off a stub on each of our receipts and threw it into a bucket for door prizes telling us to pick a tootsie roll lollipop off of the tree next to him. I picked one that had yellow

ink on the bottom of the stick, which meant I won a free card for the late bingo games. Dan's was brown, which meant he won a free stamper. We were already winners!

Next we set out to find a place to sit. It was like being the new kid in a school lunchroom. Everyone seemed to know each other, but they were already established. So we headed toward the far end to be close to the large bingo scoreboard. And there, everything changed.

It turned out that the bingo fairy godmother, Judy J., was sitting at the table next to us. We didn't meet her right away, but we met her daughter, Delani Meples, who saw my smile and spoke first with a little laugh saying, "Oh how cute, you only have one card each."

She explained like a pro how the games work, making the confusing terms like Reno bingo easy to understand.

Encouraged, Dan went off to buy the remainder of our packs.

"In for a penny, in for a pound," he said while Delani chatted with me. She quickly found out who we were, what we were doing and how it was that we had never really played bingo before. Next she introduced us to Judy J. who walked up carrying plates of cake.

Judy J. immediately took us under her wing, scooting us over to their table where she could explain the games and help us keep track of all the numbers on our cards.

Armed with our game packs, stampers, lollipops, free coffee, cake and our new friends, we were all smiles as we waited for the games to start.

No wonder bingo people are so intense. The numbers started being called and I never looked up once. Five sheets with four games each — I couldn't keep up! Dan was much better at quickly scanning his sheets than I was.

Judy J. kept us sane. I don't know how she did it. She was watching her own pack, calling out the numbers as they popped up on the TV screens before they were even called, and helping me cover numbers on my pack.

In between it all, she told us how long she had been going to the lodge to play bingo, all about her family and asked questions about us. My head was spinning.

My neck hurt but I was hooked. As I played the late games on the card I'd won in the beginning, Dan wandered off to take pictures and talk to people. Judy introduced us to lots of regulars. We left at 10:45 p.m.

Each game played was worth \$250 and we didn't win one. But in spite of that and our rocky beginning, we left feeling like we had definitely gotten our money's worth.

Bingo is played every Tuesday night at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. The website, www.elks1538.com has more details and driving directions.

Community Calendar

28 FRI Warehouse Sale – 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Vandenberg Commissary.
Santa Maria Valley Strawberry Queen Contest – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through April 2 at the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. The contest is restricted to the first 36 entrants.

A Street Car Named Desire – through March 8 on the Marian Theatre stage. For information, call (805) 928-7731, Ext. 4100

A Thousand Clowns – through March 9 at the Lompoc Civic Theatre. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 735-2281.

Art Exhibit – through March 9. A Thai art exhibit is on display in Cal Poly University's Art Gallery. For more information, call (805) 756-1571.

Henry H. Arnold education grant – Applications are available at the Family Support Center for \$1,500 grants to qualifying applicants. Deadline for submission is March 14. Call 605-8551.

College for Kids spring tennis camp – 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays beginning March 15 at the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria campus tennis courts. Beginners ages seven to 17, register now. Fee is \$50. Call (805) 922-

6966, Ext. 3209.
Vandenberg Spouses Club College Scholarship – Applications are available for qualifying applicants through their high school counselors, the base Thrift Shop, the Education Office and all first sergeants. Applications should be sent to **VSC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 5514, VAFB, Ca. 93437** by March 28. For more information, call Kari Rossen at 734-1028.

Closed captioning project – Allan Hancock College is seeking volunteers who are competent typists, have a command of the English language and are good spellers. The Learning Assistance Program project is to caption a library of nearly 3,000 films. Call Brian Dill at (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3788 or e-mail bdill@hancock.cc.ca.us.

American Military University – offers free undergraduate tuition through the Spouse Schoolmates Scholarship program to spouses of active-duty members who attend the college as undergraduate students. Call (703) 330-5398.

Airmen's Attic - needs donations of items necessary to set up a household. The program is open to military personnel, E-5 and below, with an Air Force Form 552 from

their first sergeant. Call 606-5484.
Dads to New Dads and Moms to New Moms programs – This mentorship program offers support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

Free car seats – available for single-income families E-4 and below. Call 606-5338.
Global Hearts Group crafts and activities lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the Chapel 1 Annex. Call 606-1607 for more information.

Spouses Newcomer Orientation – 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Monday at the Pacific Coast Club. Call 606-0801 for more information.

Office closure – The Family Support Center is closed for staff training every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Personnel requiring emergency Air Force Aid will be assisted. Call 606-0801.

Relaxation Room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Health and Wellness Center. Call the HAWC at 606-2221.

Allan Hancock College photo exhibit – 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Art Gallery, building L, at

the AHC Santa Maria campus. This free exhibit runs through March 31, featuring black-and-white photos of Latino farm workers on the Central Coast. Call (805) 922-6966.

Stress and self-management class – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-9958.

Joint Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday in building 10346 in the Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474.

Pre-separation Briefing – 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the Family Support Center. The briefing is required 90 days prior to leaving the service. Call 606-0801.

Transition Assistance Program seminar – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday at the Family Support Center. Recommended for people separating or retiring within one year. Call 606-0801 to sign up.

Manage Your Move – 8:45 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Family Support Center. Plan to attend 90-120 days prior to departure. Call 606-0801

Women's History Month meetings – noon to 1 p.m. Every Wednesday in March at the Pacific Coast Club. Call 606-3284.

Aqualliers Dive Club Meeting – Jim Mercer, Vandenberg AFB game warden, is the guest

speaker at the Aqualliers Dive Club meeting Wednesday. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. The club house is located in building 6436. Call Roy Wurzbach with questions at 733-5026.

Depression management group – 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Life Skills Support Center, with new groups beginning every 6 to 8 weeks. The group is open to active-duty military and their dependents. It's appropriate for adults or mature adolescents experiencing depression. Call Capt. Arlin Hatch or the LSSC staff at 606-8217.

Allan Hancock College foreign film series – will be held Fridays in March at the Santa Maria campus building C forum. Two films are also scheduled to play at the Lompoc Valley Center March 15 and 22. All films are subtitled in English and begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call (805) 922-6966, Ext. 3209

Thrift Savings Plan – 11 a.m. to noon March 7 at the Family Support Center. This 401K-type plan allows accumulated long-term, tax deferred savings. Call 606-4491.

Guitar Ensembles – recital 7 p.m. March 8, at the Davidson Music Center. A master class is being conducted from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location. Both events are open to the

public. For more information, call (805) 756-2406.

Santa Barbara Master Chorale – 8 p.m. March 8 and 3 p.m. March 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 967-8287.

Operation Baby Launch – 5 p.m. March 10 at the 30th Medical Group clinic auditorium. There will be representatives from local hospitals, TriCare, the Family Practice Clinic and more. Fathers are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Sias at 606-8217.

Single Parents' Support Group – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Services Center. Call 606-9958.

Heart Link Program – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 12 at the Family Support Center. This workshop teaches members to make better use of the community resources supporting them and their families. Call 605-8557.

Swing dancing – 7 p.m. March 14 at the Chumash Auditorium at Cal Poly University

Vandenberg Spouses Club auction – 6 p.m. March 29 at the Pacific Coast Club. Bid numbers will cost \$2. Call Karen Rife at 734-0397 or Troi Reppart at 734-1202 to make reservations for the "Spirit of America" auction.

Chapel Services & Events

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

♦ **G.I. Java** – This free coffee house is open 5 to 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday for dorm residents.

♦ **Catholic Lenten fellowship** - Every Friday during Lent a soup and bread meal is served at 5 p.m. in the chapel annex. The meal is followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. in Chapel 1.

♦ **Protestant Lenten event** - A meal of soup and bread is served each Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2
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

♦ **Ash Wednesday services** - Catholic services are March 5 at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2 and 5 p.m. in Chapel 1. The Protestant service is at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2.

♦ **Monthly prayer breakfast** - The March meal is at 6:30 a.m. March 13 in the Chapel 1 Annex. Capt. Milo Quisenberry is the guest speaker.

♦ **Torah study** - 7 p.m. Sundays in Lompoc. Call 605-7564 or 736-5822 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

At the Movies

Today
A Guy Thing

A man trying to save his relationship with the woman he loves finds himself sinking into a quicksand of small lies and half-truths in this comedy. Paul (Jason Lee) is a regular guy who is engaged to marry Karen (Selma Blair). While Paul loves Karen, he's more than a bit nervous around her family, especially her father. Rated PG-13

Saturday, 3 p.m.
Kangaroo Jack

Two friends from Brooklyn (Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson) are forced to deliver mob money to Australia. Their misadventures begin when one of them places his red jacket on a kangaroo while attempting to snap a picture. Rated PG

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