

Base Briefs

TIP OF THE WEEK

NCOs must actively support the AF's policy of "zero tolerance" for discrimination and sexual harassment. They must create an environment free of any behaviors that hinder performance and which allows all members to achieve their full potential and maximize their contribution.

PASS AND I.D.

The 30th Security Forces Squadron's pass and registration office will re-open Monday inside the military personnel flight customer service section, room C-114. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Team Vandenberg holiday party begins at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Pacific Coast Club. First sergeants have tickets and details.

AFES RIBBON

Effective Oct. 1, 1999, members who have completed contingency deployments of 45 consecutive or 90 days non-consecutive may be eligible to receive the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon. Members should report to their unit CSS with deployment orders and travel voucher to check eligibility. Once eligibility is verified, the CSS will complete the AF Form 104 authorizing the ribbon. Members should expect to see the ribbon updated to their electronic records on or around March 2004 and the ribbon should be available for purchase at clothing sales on or around Jan. 2004. Questions can be directed to unit orderly room personnel or awards and decorations at 606-7828.

ASCM RIBBON

Effective March 24, 1999 members who provided direct support for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days to one of the below listed operations, at home station or from outside of the geographic area of combat, may qualify for the Air and Space Campaign Medal. Operations that qualify are ALLIED FORCE (March 24 - July 20, 1999), JOINT GUARDIAN (June 11, 1999 to TBD), ALLIED HARBOUR (April 4 - Sept. 1, 1999), SUSTAIN HOPE/SHINING HOPE (April 4 - July 10, 1999), NOBLE ANVIL (March 24 - July 20, 1999), KOSOVO TASK FORCES HAWK (April 5 - June 24, 1999), SABER (March 31 - July 8, 1999), FALCON (June 11, 1999 to TBD), and HUNTER (April 1 - Nov. 1, 1999). No member is eligible for both an ASCM and a DoD Campaign/

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Army Sgt. Albert Viens is one of 32 soldiers who will remain at Vandenberg to supplement base security while deployments keep many security forces airmen overseas. 33 soldiers from the 578th Engineer Battalion, all Army National Guard members activated earlier this year, return home Dec. 1 while those staying will remain in place for about one more year.

As many soldiers re-deploy home, Team V will see fewer black berets on base

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

After spending nearly a year guarding Vandenberg, 33 soldiers say good-bye to Team V and head home Dec. 1.

"I am definitely going to miss the people I've made friends with, but I am really excited about getting back home to my wife Deanna," said Army Sgt. Robert Hammersly, Bravo Company, 578th Engineer Battalion.

During their time here, the Bravo Company soldiers worked with the 30th Security Forces Squadron increasing security - manning the gates, securing vehicles and replying to alarms.

"The Air Force was very welcoming," he said. "They served all of our needs and seemed quite concerned with our well-being. We were treated equally. I had heard

some (rumors) that we would just be treated as extra bodies. That was not true; we were treated like individuals."

Hammersly said he was particularly impressed with Vandenberg's facilities.

"The dining facility, housing and even the gates were in great condition and the food is great," Hammersly said.

While stationed here, Hammersly completed his Bachelor's degree in information technology. He said now that he's finished his degree there are a lot more avenues open for him in his particular career field.

Before his unit was activated, Hammersly worked at Poly-Flow Engineering in Ventura County as a technical writer. He said he was happy to be going back to his old job.

"Overall, my experience at Vandenberg was good. I am glad that we got sent here," Hammersly said.

Not only did the members of Team Vandenberg have an effect on the soldiers but the soldiers had an effect on some of the airmen here too.

Senior Master Sgt. Shaun Cunningham, 30th SFS operations superintendent, had the opportunity to work closely with four of the departing soldiers.

Manning becomes an issue as the soldiers leave, but even harder for many of the airmen is losing good friends.

A group of soldiers are staying behind to continue here for another year, and Cunningham said those soldiers were given the option to stay at Vandenberg or go to Fort Louis, Wash.

"I guess they liked it so much they chose to stay here. That says a lot about Vandenberg," Cunningham said.

The soldiers from the 578th were mobilized earlier this year when approximately 9,000 Army National Guard soldiers were sent to 163 different Air Force Bases.

"We really appreciated everything they've been able to help us with since they've been here," said Cunningham. "We got the opportunity to show our appreciation by throwing them a going-away barbecue and we gave them each certificates and a plaque for their unit."

"We also learned a lot from them," he added. "They taught us about the Army and we taught them about the Air Force and worked together like a team. That's what it's all about."

Team V carries needed H₂O

Volunteers aid in building emergency water supply at middle school

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

Team Vandenberg members lent a helping hand at the Vandenberg Middle School Nov. 19 by unloading 1,000 gallons of water at the school.

The extra help was needed due to the death of lead custodian Allan Moll Nov. 14.

The water is part of a disaster preparedness program at the school requiring food and water surplus for emergency situations when parents aren't able to pick up their children due to a natural disaster, said Betty McCallum, Vandenberg Middle School assistant principal.

Each year the school purchases items that it would need in an emergency situation.

"We want to be proactive instead of reactive," McCallum said.

She added it was so nice of the CE members to help haul the water from the truck.

"Our lead custodian passed away recently and it would've been difficult for our custodians to unload all that water by themselves," said McCallum. "It would've taken them a long time to

unload the water and perform their other duties by themselves, but with the volunteers it only took 40 minutes to unload the water."

McCallum thought the volunteer turn out was great even though the truck didn't show up until the next day.

"There were at least 40 people at the school waiting to unload the water, but the truck never showed," McCallum said. "It was great to see that kind of support from the base."

When the truck finally arrived at the school the next day Tech. Preston Benedyk, 30th CES, and others returned to unload the water.

"I just asked around to see if anyone wanted to help," Benedyk said. "It was nice to see the response we got on such short notice."

Benedyk felt responsible to volunteer his time since his son attends the school and his wife works there.

More than 1,000 students and teachers work at and attend Vandenberg Middle School just outside the main gate. According to the McCallum, the water should last about one day if needed in an emergency situation.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Watts, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, was one of eight volunteers to aid Vandenberg Middle School Nov. 19 in building an emergency water supply. The volunteers off-loaded 1,000 gallons of bottled water.

Enjoy the holidays with safety in mind

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

With the holiday season almost here, Vandenberg officials presented a mandatory holiday safety briefing to Team V airmen Monday at the Pacific Coast Club.

Col. David Thompson, 30th Space Wing vice commander, introduced S.A.F.E.T.Y. - Sustaining Adventure, Fun and Employability Through out the Years - as a key reminder for having a safe holiday season.

Being safe doesn't mean not having fun, it means being safe while having fun, Thompson said.

Avoiding drinking and driving was a key point throughout the six-part briefing.

Sustaining Ernesto Sanchez, California Highway Patrol, confirmed that

between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. that officers look for a reason to stop vehicles to check for

Adventure drivers operating vehicles under the influence. It's one way the highway patrol can keep drunk

Fun and He also stressed the importance of wearing a seatbelt.

"Sixty percent of people who die in car accidents weren't wearing their seatbelt," Sanchez said.

Employability Capt. Eric Ecker from the 30th Space Wing safety office, talked

about the importance of operational risk management

Throughout and how it apply to the holidays on a variety of topics.

People should flow the ORM steps, Ecker said. It helps people to make better situational judgment

Years Assessing the environmental risks, consider the options and take actions, or ACT, is a short method but it still gets people thinking about the risks that are involved an activity that they're involved in, he added.

Christine Knierim, 30th Medical Group, touched on the fact that suicide is the second-leading cause of death for the Air Force and that people should pay closer attention to the people around them for suicidal behavior.

Knierim showed the comparison between blood alcohol content and impairment. She spoke on the importance of knowing what you're drinking and being aware of surroundings.

Staff Sgt. Misty Delishe, 30th Public Health, brought up helpful hints on how long to thaw a turkey, which is 24 hours for every five pounds.

Cooking poultry and leftovers to an internal temperature of 165 degrees is recommended and ham to no less than 155 degrees, Delishe said. Never keep leftovers past seven days.

Vandenberg airmen are reminded to have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday, but to remember to keep safety at the forefront of all activities.



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30th Space Wing leaps out of loser's bracket to win intramural flag football championship. See Page A6



Destinations Central Coast gets lost in the Hollywood Hills and plays tourist on Sunset Boulevard. See Page B1

Holiday forecast Partly cloudy Thanksgiving Day.
Low/High 42/67
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This week in history ... Happy Thanksgiving...We are free! Be thankful, be proud, be careful

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

November 24

1944 – Eighty-eight B-29s made the first heavy bomb strike on Tokyo.

1963 – In the basement of the Dallas police station, Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner, shoots the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, to death at 12:20 p.m.

November 25

1956 – Tech. Sgt. R.J. Patton made the first successful polar parachute jump.

1947 – The “Hollywood Ten” were fired. Film industry executives announce that 10 directors, producers, and actors who have refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) will be fired or suspended.

The HUAC hearings were part of the “Red Scare” of the late 1940s and 1950s, during which Senator Joseph McCarthy and others hounded alleged communists, making unsubstantiated allegations against many innocent citizens and damaging many lives.

November 26

1957 – An RF-101 established a round trip transcontinental record of 6 hrs, 42 minutes, 6.9 sec during Operation Sun Run.

1950 – Chinese counterattacks in Korea change nature of the war. In some of the fiercest fighting of the Korean War, thousands of communist Chinese troops launch massive counterattacks against U.S. and Republic of Korea (ROK) troops, driving the Allied forces before them and putting an end to any thoughts for a quick or conclusive U.S. victory. When the counterattacks had

been stemmed, U.S. and ROK forces had been driven from North Korea and the war settled into a grinding and frustrating stalemate for the next two-and-a-half years.

November 27

1942 – Guitar legend Jimi Hendrix was born in Seattle. Hendrix grew up playing guitar, imitating blues greats like Muddy Waters as well as early rockers.

He joined the army in 1959 and became a paratrooper and was honorably discharged in 1961 after an injury that exempted him from duty in Vietnam. In the early 1960s, Hendrix worked as a pickup guitarist, backing musicians including Little Richard, B.B. King, Ike and Tina Turner, and Sam Cooke.

In 1964, he moved to New York and played in coffeehouses, where bassist Chas Chandler of the British group the Animals heard him.

Chandler arranged to manage Hendrix and brought him to London in 1966, where they created the Jimi Hendrix Experience with bassist Noel Redding and drummer Mitch Mitchell. The band's first single, “Hey Joe,” hit No. 6 on the British pop charts, and the band became an instant sensation.

November 28

1942 – The first U.S. Army Air Force bombing attack is made on Japanese-held Thailand.

November 29

1951 – Development of the U.S. Air Force's first all-jet heavy bomber, XB-52, was announced.

November 30

1956 – The TM-61 Matador became the USAF's first completely tactical missile.

By LT. COL. JEFFREY FOLLANSBEE

30th Range Squadron commander

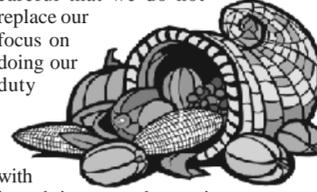
Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you! On this day of giving thanks and recognizing the bounty we enjoy by virtue of being American I'll have to say that I'm thankful for having the good fortune of authoring the “commanders' perspective” for the Thanksgiving issue of the Space and Missile Times. What a deal! A unique American holiday for a uniquely American audience focused on a unique question. “What are we thankful for?”

A simple question that, in this incredibly prosperous nation could be answered with an almost infinite number of responses, including family, home, job, health, wealth, “Buzz Light Year” (Col. Louis), “all this food”, cars, toys, our inalienable rights, the right to serve and defend and last, but certainly not least, our cherished freedom. Freedom – perhaps a natural response for those of us in the service of the world's greatest nation – but how many Americans would cite freedom as their number one blessing on this Thanksgiving Day? How about you? Be honest. Is freedom on your list?

Why do I ask? Because, fellow patriots, we can never forget that “Freedom is not free!” Four simple, yet powerful words that often go unnoticed and get taken for granted. I can assure you the people of Iraq do not take their newly found freedom for granted, and my heart hurts at the report of every U.S. soldier who gives his or her life for their country. However, my chest swells with

pride when considering the magnanimity of the world's most powerful nation in setting other people free, removing the shackles of tyranny and securing a safer world not only for today, but for our children and our children's children. Be thankful for our freedom, and be proud of the role you play every day in guaranteeing our freedoms and those of others.

Also, be careful. Be careful and watchful as we wake-up every morning to a country cloaked with peace that we do not replace our commitment to country with commitment to career. Be careful that we do not replace our focus on doing our duty



with just doing the time. Whether in uniform one year, or 20 years we must always embrace the oath we have taken to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

As guardians of our nation's borders, vanguards of the very freedom and rights on which we have built this great country, and saviors to the world's oppressed, we cannot let our commitment waiver, the precise execution of our duty diminish. To do so we must be on-duty 24/7/365 – there cannot be a “duty day.” Our duty doesn't start at 7:30 a.m. It starts upon taking the oath and stops upon separation or retirement (if then). Failure to do our duty every

day, and grounding our commitment to duty with an equally strong commitment to place service before self can, and will, degrade the moral fabric of our military and weaken our country. To do so will dull the edge that delivers U.S. military superiority on land and sea, and in the high frontiers of air and space. This edge has been honed razor sharp by loyalty to the ideals, freedoms and rights we hold dear. Razor sharp by service to country versus career; commitment to mission success vs. material gain.

The world's greatest nation has been shaped by the world's greatest military because our dedication is not driven by self, rather our loyalty is firmly rooted in moral high ground... our commitment spurred by our willingness, even eagerness to protect the freedoms and rights we hold dear at any cost, including the willingness to fight and die for our country for we know that “Freedom is not free.”

So, be thankful for a blessing that is not a gift. A blessing bought and paid for by the visionaries and courageous souls who built this republic, and those who have defended it and our vital interests. Be proud that on this Thanksgiving Day there are many who are thankful to you for the commitment and sacrifice you voluntarily make toward building the world's finest Air Force, serving the world's greatest nation, and delivering the world's most precious commodity: freedom. Again, Happy Thanksgiving, and on this truly American holiday may you be blessed with health and happiness as you already have the freedom to enjoy it!

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COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

Counting our blessings

By COL. DAVID THOMPSON
30th Space Wing vice commander

As we enter the holiday season this weekend, family, friends, food, and possibly even a little football seem to be on most people's agenda.

During this time of celebrating a uniquely American Holiday, I would ask that you all take a moment to think about one of the most important subjects of any holiday season ... your personal safety and that of your family and friends.

Whether it's slowing down for poor weather and fog, wearing your seatbelt or reducing your speed and allowing yourself more time to get to your destination, these actions will help to ensure

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you and your family minimize the risks associated with holiday travel.

Additionally, use your best judgment about alcohol before you drink, not after you start. And always, always have a plan. Don't leave it to chance, because you might not get a second one. Do the right thing to make sure you come back from your long weekend.

There are many blessings to be thankful for this holiday. First, I am grateful for my family. Our families are the true backbone of our lives and of the military. They work hard to take care of all the daily tasks that so often go unappreciated at home and they deserve our gratitude. I am also thankful for the relationship we maintain with our wonderful community partners in the Central Coast community. Many bases do not enjoy the level of support that Team V does and we need to foster this relationship to ensure that support continues.

Friends and families are what make this holiday special but we

also need to recognize that this time of year can be very hard on people who are away from their families or new to the area. If you know someone or even think that someone is going to be alone for the weekend, invite them to join in the festivities. There is always room for one more at the Team V family table.

I am so proud to be part of this dedicated group of airmen who are not afraid to take on the hard challenges and lead the way. I know we will succeed, but it takes a total team effort. Enjoy your time off but as always be sure to do it responsibly. We have to continue to take care of each other to be sure our mission success continues. Happy Thanksgiving!

Commander's Action Line

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Col. Frank Gallegos commander

By performing Vandenberg's mission safely and effectively, Team V provides proof of its commitment to do the right thing.

Two-way communication is paramount to continued mission success. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me.

Through the action line you can congratulate your teammates on a job well done, affect change and express productive points of view.

I want your input and I am personally involved in every response.

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our airmen.

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

Check out our on-line news at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news

AF leaders deliver holiday message

By SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE DR. JAMES ROCHE AND AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. JOHN JUMPER

Thanksgiving is a wonderful national tradition that provides a special opportunity to recount our blessings as Americans.

Today, we have much for which to be thankful. We serve a free and peace-loving nation that appreciates what we do to preserve our security.

Our Total Force of more than 700,000 active, Guard, Reserve and civilian airmen is blessed with world-class capability and training that has been tested and proven on the battlefield.

We are a force of professional airmen, forged in combat, but dedicated to the pursuit of peace and security, and situated on an unshakable foundation: our integrity, excellence and the privilege of serving a cause greater than our own

self interests.

For your service and support of those bedrock principles, we offer our sincere and humble thanks. You are the strength and power that symbolizes America's Air Force — the world's greatest air and space power.

On this Thanksgiving Day we are thankful for each of you who serve — you are remarkable people, many of whom are deployed far from home engaged in the Global War on Terrorism. We encourage those who are not deployed to remember the families of deployed airmen and include them in your holiday plans.

We're very proud of you and your families who have answered our nation's call.

Thank you for your dedication and professionalism while protecting our cherished freedoms. Happy Thanksgiving!

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AADD saves: **295**
Days since last DUI: **5**

30th OG	1	14th AF	0
30th MXG	1	381st TRG	2
30th MSG	6	576th FLTS	1
30th MDG	1	Det. 9	1
30th SW	0	Others	2

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As long as families are together, home isn't far

By MAJ. KAREN TAYLOR
30th Mission Support Squadron commander

"Aunt Karen," the three-year old voice asked excitedly, "can I play on that swing set?"

As I glanced toward our neighbor's house I was sure Kim wouldn't mind, but I did not want my niece, Ella, to get on Caroline's swing set without permission. As I stood there, torn between "Most Favored Aunt Status" and the need to serve as a good example, my neighbor came to my rescue as she stuck her head out the door and said, "Karen, if you want to use the swing set, you can. Caroline is eating right now but will be out soon."

Whew. "Thanks, Kim."

Ella and her family were visiting us from Minnesota. They're kind of a traditional Midwest family. My brother and my family grew up in South Dakota, and Nina, my sister-in-law, grew up in Brainerd, Minnesota (yes, of Fargo

fame). They recently added my Godson, Luke, to their Minnesota home with the intent to live there for life.

How different life on our little Air Force Base is from theirs. As I pushed Ella on Caroline's swing set, I thought about the contrasts between the two young girls' lives.

Ella and Luke live within hours of both sets of grand parents and see several of their aunts and uncles on a weekly basis. Caroline and her siblings' grand parents are in Colorado and Texas. Visits are sometimes long periods apart — but no less joyous of course!

About then Ella's question about going to see the ocean caused me to think about her and Luke continuing to take swimming lessons at their local YMCA and attending the same day care with children they would eventually study with at all levels of school. The neighborhood children will grow up to play on the same sports teams and play

in the band together.

Luke and Ella will grow up to cheer on the Vikings, the Twins, the Timberwolves, the Wild, and the Golden Gofers, and they'll find their way around a Dome Dog and the Mall of America. In their yard, they'll witness the trees and bushes they helped plant grow to maturity.

When my brother walked out of our house toward the swing set, he triggered me to think about how he often takes short business trips related to his work, but rarely will his work interfere with holidays and birthdays.

He'll be there for the games, the proms, and when Luke and Ella come home for college breaks. Of course, I'm zooming pretty far into the future here, but I'm the auntie in the Air Force who realizes how much I am missing every time I see them!

I get the right to think about them coming home and catching up with their

high school buddies while on break and about being present at Ella's wedding in the same church where Luke was baptized. As the years fly by, they'll take a few family vacations and road trips — hopefully including more visits to Aunt Karen.

As I was lost 15 years into the future, beautiful Caroline came bouncing out of the house to meet Ella. Caroline's family will take lots of road trips too, but they'll likely coincide with permanent changes of assignment, discovering new places and adventures catching up with grandma and grandpa en route.

Each move will give Caroline and her siblings new coaches, babysitters, teammates, neighbors and teachers. They may find new professional games to attend and learn new sports at each location. (However, I think the Texas A & M Aggies will remain a constant.)

Each assignment will bring a search for the malls, hair stylists, and all their

favorite stuff when the movers arrive. They will discover what they can plant and grow at each new location and spend time rearranging the furniture to fit each home's floor plan.

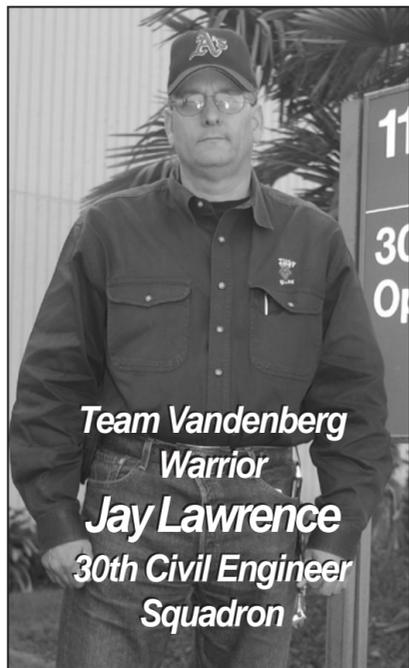
Dad may go away for months at a time and holidays and birthdays sometimes won't happen on the exact dates.

Kim joined us and talked to Dan and Nina about not only being a military family now, but also growing up in a military family.

We talked about how Caroline and her sisters and brother may experience more than one high school and the high probability that their parents could be on a new assignment when they return home for college breaks.

The adventures will take them to many places she'll call home, and though completely different from Ella and Luke's life, a strong common thread will run through both lives — wherever there is family, there is a home!

Hometown: Oakland, Calif.
Time in Service: 33 years
Time on Station: 11 years
Role in Mission: Responsible for the repair and maintenance of all gas, water, sewer and fire systems on base.
How do you contribute to the wing mission? Ensure all mission requirements are met by supplying utilities to the space launch complexes and their support facilities.
How do you fulfill the core values? By providing the core values of Integrity, Service before self and Excellence in all do on a daily bases. Also to lead by example so that others may follow in order to serve our country and help preserve freedom.
What do you like best about the Air Force? Serving God and my country.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Responding to emergency jobs during launch operations.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? Ensuring the upgrade of utility systems so that all Vandenberg personal receive quality water or any other utility needed for the quality of life and mission requirements.
Who is your role model and why? Jesus Christ. He is our Lord and Savior, who has taught us how to treat and care for our fellow human beings.
Who is your favorite leader in history

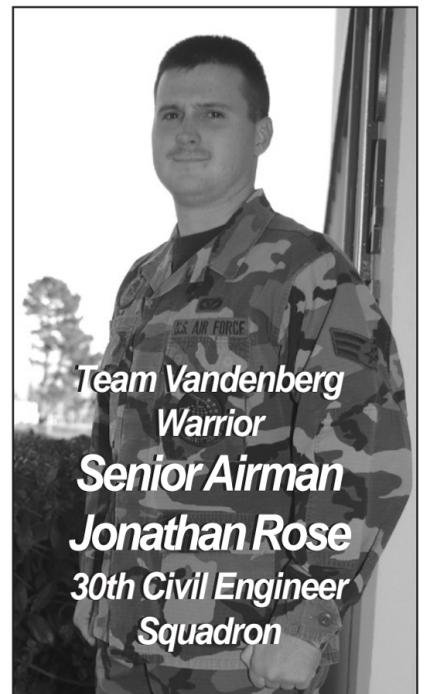


Team Vandenberg Warrior
Jay Lawrence
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

and why? George Washington. Without his commitment and dedication to America's cause for freedom, we all might not be here today.
Hobbies: Driving and upgrading my Ford Mustang and Harley Davidson for better performance.

Hometown: Tarboro, N.C.
Time in Service: 2 years, 7 months
Time on Station: 1 year, 9 months
Role in Mission: Utilities Systems Journeyman
How do you contribute to the wing mission? I work to provide clean drinking water to the base. Provide gas distribution to all of the base and ensure the sewer lines allow for the proper removal sewage from the base.
How do you fulfill core values? Service before self; I try to put the welfare of the base and the other airman before my concerns
What do you like best about the Air Force? I like the camaraderie and the focus on the job I have encountered while I have been in the Air Force.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? I think that preparing to deploy to Iraq is the most exciting thing I have done in the Air Force.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? I would try to have more activities for the single airmen.
Who is your role model and why? My role model is my first supervisor in the Army. Sgt. Weatherington taught me that you have to take care of your people if you want them to perform for you. "Take care of your people."
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Gen. Omar Bradley, because



Team Vandenberg Warrior
Senior Airman
Jonathan Rose
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

he took care of his soldiers and did what it took to get the job done.
Favorite film: Animal House, any National Lampoon movie
Hobbies: Spending time outdoors with my family

Comptrollers warn of Travel Card misuse

By 2ND LT. JOANNE FINAN
30th Comptroller Squadron

■ It's Christmas. Staff Sgt. Happy Holidays is short on cash and really wants to get Johnny a new Game Boy and Susie a new DVD player. He has his Government Travel Card in his wallet. He pulls it out and uses it. He plans to pay it off in January. He doesn't think anyone will ever know or that any harm is being done. He's made the wrong choice.

The Government Travel Card is only authorized for use to aid with travel costs while on official government orders. The only authorized purchases are things that could be claimed on a travel voucher such as travel, lodging, meals, and rental cars. The local finance office can help when people are not sure if purchases are authorized.

The GTC should be viewed the same way a security forces airman uses a patrol car...for official business only.

To reduce or eliminate travel card problems, members should:

□ Pay the balance on time.

□ File their travel vouchers within

five days of returning from temporary duty.

□ Use the split disbursement option.

A split disbursement allows the member to tell the local finance office how much of their settlement they want to be applied to their travel card account. Finance is then authorized to send the designated amount directly to Bank of America. The remainder of the settlement is then paid to the member's account. If a balance is still owed on the card after the split disbursement is made, it's the member's responsibility to pay that balance.

Commanders are briefed every month on the status of their unit's travel cards. They know who is using a card and they know what each card is being used for.

Everyone is responsible to ensure they're using their Government Travel Card appropriately.

The finance customer service desk is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT SEYER

Brent Scheibel and Johnny Smith of windtesting.com tape wires down on a 50 meter measurement tower on North Base Vandenberg. This is the fourth tower to be installed to measure wind data and will be used to select the most efficient turbine for local wind conditions. Some day this type of alternative production could provide up to 20 percent of the base's energy needs.

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Service medal awarded during a single tour in an ASCM designated operation. Members should report to their MPF awards and decorations office with TDY orders and travel voucher to determine eligibility.

TRICARE SERVICE

Vandenberg has two beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators on hand to answer TriCare service questions – call Bonnie Robles at 606-7483, or Judith Monroe at 606-6785.

OPINIONMETER

The 30th Medical Group asks its customers to take a short survey located in the pharmacy/primary care lobby. The "Opinionmeter" device asks for opinions regarding health care, medical staff and specific issues regarding Vandenberg's medical clinic. Call 606-3308 for details.

OKC VOLUNTEERS

Operation Kids' Christmas is recruiting military escorts for the OKC Christmas party Dec. 6. More than 200 escorts are needed to make the special day a reality for nearly 200 underprivileged children in the local community. There is an escort briefing at 4 p.m. Monday in Bldg. 8290. Call or e-mail 1st Lt. Brendan Epps at 606-6621 or brendan.epps@vandenberg.af.mil to volunteer.

EYE CARE

The Optometry clinic is open to all active duty and TriCare Prime dependents. Some space available appointments are available for all other categories of DoD beneficiaries. Per TriCare

Prime guidelines, dependents of active duty are authorized one eye exam every 12 months. Retirees and their dependents are authorized one eye exam every twenty-four months. To schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 606-0468.

GAS MASK INSERTS

All active-duty airmen who require glasses for distance vision must have a usable pair of gas mask inserts. To order inserts, airmen should stop by the optometry clinic with their medical records or call 606-0468 to schedule an eye exam.

GATE OPENINGS

The Santa Maria, Lompoc and Timber Lane Gates are open 24 hours. The Utah Gate is open from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The Titan Gate is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

EAGLE EYES

The Air Force's Eagle Eyes program is a community based defensive program combating terrorism. Team V members are encouraged to keep an eye out for suspicious behaviors and report them immediately. To report any unusual behavior, call the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 606-1852 or the law enforcement desk at 606-3911.

TOUR GUIDES

The 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office seeks company grade officers and NCOs to conduct base tours for visiting groups. The duty requires some advanced training and orientation, but would only take short periods of time from regular duties. Call Jack Hokanson at 606-3595 for details.

Cook a tastier turkey this year

Holiday Turkey with Giblet Gravy

Ingredients:

12 pounds whole Turkey, thawed
2 medium onions, cut in eighths, divided
3 medium celery stalks, cut in thirds, divided
4 cloves garlic, cut in halves, divided
1 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves, divided
no-stick cooking spray
5 cups water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/3 cup all-purpose flour

Preparation:

■ Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
■ Remove neck and giblets from body and neck cavities; set aside (discard liver). Rinse and dry turkey with paper towels. Place half of the onion, celery, garlic and parsley in body cavity of turkey. Place turkey, breast side up, on flat rack in shallow roasting pan. Coat skin with cooking spray.
■ Roast turkey 3.5 to 3.75 hours or until it is 180 degrees F in the thigh area. Cover breast and top of drumsticks with foil after 1.5 hours to prevent overcooking of breast.
■ To make Giblet Stock, place neck, heart, gizzard and remaining onion, celery, garlic and parsley in large saucepan or Dutch oven. (For best flavor, do not include the liver) Add the water, salt and black pepper. Bring just to a boil, reduce heat, cover tightly and simmer 1.5 hours. (If wish to include the liver, add to saucepan the final 20 to 30 minutes.) Strain stock, cover and refrigerate. Pull meat from neck and discard bones. Finely chop neck meat, heart and gizzard; cover and refrigerate.
■ To make Giblet Gravy, strain pan drippings from turkey into a 4-cup glass measure. Remove fat from drippings, placing quarter cup fat in a medium saucepan and discarding the rest. Stir in flour

until smooth. Add reserved Giblet Stock to pan drippings to make 4 cups. Slowly add drippings to flour mixture and stir until smooth. Cook and stir until gravy boils and thickens slightly. Stir in neck meat and giblets and heat until hot. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

NOTE: Giblet identification, Heart: muscular organ that is heart shaped and is deep burgundy to reddish brown in color. Gizzard: firm muscular organ that is reddish brown with bluish exterior. Liver: softer, uniform reddish brown gland.

Presentation Tips

Place turkey on a serving platter and arrange edible garnishes, such as spiced peaches and crab apples around outer edges, if desired.

Cajun Fried Turkey

Ingredients:

1 pound butter
1/2 small bottle garlic juice
1/2 small bottle onion juice
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
4 tablespoons fajita sauce
1 tablespoon cayenne
1 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup white wine
1 teaspoon mustard
1/2 can chicken broth

Preparation:

■ Ingredients and amounts may be varied according to individual taste.
■ Blend all ingredients (except broth) in a large saucepan over low heat. Add chicken broth to pan which will approximately double amount of mixture. Let simmer for five minutes then cool to room temperature. Wash turkey thoroughly.
■ Using a large syringe, inject cooled mixture into all meaty areas of turkey breast, wings, drumsticks, thighs, etc. Let marinate in refrigerator overnight.

■ To cook: Heat five gallons of cooking oil preferably peanut oil to 300 degrees F. in large boiling pot 35 to 45 quarts. Lower whole turkey into hot oil slowly and carefully. Cover pot checking oil temperature every few minutes maintaining a 280-310 degree range.

■ Cook for exactly 3.5 minutes per pound of turkey weight a 10-pound turkey will cook in 35 minutes. As soon as time is up, remove turkey, wrap in aluminum foil. After at least 15 minutes, slice turkey as you would a baked one. Once you have tasted this, you will never want to bake another turkey.

Honey Spice Glazed Turkey

Ingredients:

16 pound whole turkey, thawed, rinse and dry
2 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon water
2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

Preparation:

■ Prepare turkey according to package directions and roast in shallow roasting pan in 325°F oven or cook on outdoor grill using Indirect Heat Method according to owner's guide for grill.
■ Combine honey with remaining ingredients and set aside.
■ During the last 45 minutes of the cooking time, brush honey mixture over skin. For oven prepared turkey, loosely cover breast and top of drumsticks with lightweight foil to prevent overcooking of breast. Cook turkey until temperature reaches 180°F in the thighs. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes before carving.
Note: Pan drippings can be used



to make gravy. The spice adds flavor and enriches the color of the gravy.

Presentation Tips

Carving Note: To get best spice flavor on each slice, carve each breast portion off breast bone and then slice breast portions crosswise.

Turduckens

turkey-duck-chicken

A whole boneless turkey, duck and chicken stuffed inside of each other. The duck goes inside the turkey and then the chicken inside the duck. Then the chicken is stuffed with dressing. Feeds 15 to 20 people.

How to cook a Turducken:

Place the Turducken in a pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Then cook the Turducken for four and one half hours covered with legs pointing up and one hour uncovered or until browned. If the Turducken is frozen, allow it to thaw two days in the refrigerator. Internal temperature for a cooked Turducken should be 160-180 degrees. Remove woven threading before serving. Turduckens cannot be deep-fried because there are no bones to support it. A Turducken can be grilled or smoked. Set it on aluminum foil, so it does not stick to the grill; or set in an aluminum pan. Put a thermometer in the grill. At 350 degrees, place it on the grill/smoker and cook accordingly.



Thanksgiving Day meal at Breakers Dining Facility

Breakers serves a Thanksgiving Day meal 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The meal will be served by Team Vandenberg commanders, chiefs and first sergeants. The holiday breakfast is from 6 to 9 a.m.



Crimebeat ...

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Nov. 19 Bad boys, Bad boys – 10:45 p.m.

While conducting a wants and warrants check on the driver of a suspicious vehicle, patrolmen determined that the non-base affiliated driver had a \$1,500 warrant for his arrest from Oakland. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's office responded and assumed control of the situation.

Urine big trouble – 10:45 p.m.

Patrolmen stopped to investigate a vehicle parked on the side of Highway-1 at San Antonio Rd West. Their keen eyesight keyed in on a man urinating in the tree line. A simple frisk revealed the "Urinator" was in possession of marijuana and

drug paraphernalia. He was issued a ticket for urinating in public and possession of marijuana. He was released and advised not to be back.

Nov 20 Bored in the Dorm – 1:00 p.m.

An airman reported vandalism to a window at Minuteman Dormitory. Investigation revealed a pellet gun caused the damage. Patrolmen could not determine the person responsible.

Minor Drinking & Driving – 9:52 p.m.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office reported arresting an airman for Driving Under the Influence. The airman was under 21 years of age and also taking prescription medication. He failed a Field

Sobriety Test and his Breath Alcohol Content was .13. The airman's first sergeant was contacted and picked him up from the Santa Barbara County Jail. The deputy said the airman's speech and actions were very lethargic.

Nov 22 Keep it down!!! – 3:56 a.m.

A soldier reported two males arguing outside of his quarters on Camphor Street. Patrolmen arrived and discovered a soldier and a non-base affiliated civilian in a verbal dispute. The dispute was quickly quelled and all parties involved were released.

Party pooper – 9:30 p.m.

An airman reported there was an unruly individual at the base club attempting to start fights with people. Patrolmen arrived and detained the party pooper discovering he was recently separated from the military and still had military identification.

When questioned, he stated his friend vouched him onto the base. His "friend", identified as an airman, said he did not vouch him on and was unaware of how he got on the base. The civilian was transported to the base boundary and cited for trespassing.

Nov 23 Off-base arrest – 4:45 a.m.

A unit first sergeant reported an airman assigned to his unit was arrested by the Santa Maria Police Department for drunk driving at 12:59 a.m. on Bradley St. His Breath Alcohol Content registered .18. He remained in jail until his first sergeant arrived.

Arresting developments:

In the past 25 days, there have been four Driving Under the Influence incidents involving Vandenberg Air Force Base. One of the incidents involved a non-base affiliated person

on Highway-1 adjacent to the Main Gate, but could have affected the life of someone who works or lives on the base. The other three incidents all involved active duty airmen on and off base. Article 111 of the UCMJ covers drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle. The maximum punishment for a military individual who is involved in a DUI resulting in personal injury is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for 18 months. The maximum punishment for military members when no personal injury is involved is a bad-conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for six months. Simply put, DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!

(Editor's note: Although the Space & Missile Times staff makes light of some blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to local security and law enforcement concerns.)

Coins symbolize one's career, serve as memories

By REBECCA KERR
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ As the saying goes, a penny saved is a penny earned. However, more than pennies are being collected in the Vandenberg Professional Development building. Senior Master Sgt. Brian Robertson, career assistance advisor, and Tech Sgt. Rob Vensel, NCO in charge of the First Term Airmen's Center, together have accumulated more than 200 challenge coins.

According to Robertson, various versions of the challenge coin have been around for decades but regained popularity in the late '90s. While it is clear challenge coins are popular once again, the origins are more of a mystery.

The tradition may have grown out of the bullet clubs formed during Vietnam, explains Robertson. Unit members often carried one personalized round of ammunition for unit pride and when visiting a bar soldiers could be challenged to show their bullet. Failing to produce a bullet resulted in picking up the bar tab. However, showing a bullet forced the challenger to pay the tab.

"According to the story, the bullet challenge eventually got out of control," said Robertson. "Barrooms would be filled with a full range of bullets, rockets, and artillery shells. So to get control of the situation and avoid an accidental discharge, bullets were replaced with personalized coins."

On-line coin vendors offer other sources for the origins of coin challenge. Some sites trace the coins back to World War I. According to the legend, an American World War I pilot was shot down over no-mans land and used a coin with his unit's insignia to identify himself

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TECH. SGT. ROBERT VENSEL NCO OF THE FIRST TERM AIRMEN CENTER

to French soldiers.

No matter how the coin challenge started it's clear that the purpose has adapted over time. The first challenge coins served as a means of identification and fostered unit camaraderie, explained Robertson. However, today's coins identify carriers' distinctive role in the United States Armed Forces while serving as a form of recognition.

"Airmen earn coins for excellence on the job, and coins are also presented as a thank you or award," said Vensel.

Although the coin challenge's beginnings are unclear and the coin's function has changed, Robertson and Vensel like many others serving in today's armed forces are amassing huge challenge coin collections.

While they do not consider themselves avid coin collectors, Robertson and Vensel actually have so many coins they are unsure of the exact number.

Robertson admits he has not sat down and counted his coins but estimates his collection at 120 coins while Vensel numbers his collection at



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Tech. Sgt. Robert Vensel, NCO of the First Term Airmen Center, and Senior Master Sgt. Brian Robertson, career assistance advisor, pose behind more than 200 of their challenge coins.

more than 80.

They attribute their large collections to being in the right place at the right time.

"Many of my jobs have allowed me to attend various functions and meet lots of people," said Robertson. "And that is how you get coins. I also got a lot of coins in Korea. There they give out coins for just about everything since they are so cheap to make."

Vensel obtained many of his coins while stationed with the honor guard at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C.

"Working in D.C. as a scheduler for the honor guard allowed me to have access to top officials like the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. So I have some unique coins in my collection," said Vensel.

Vensel's collection also contains several coins from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I have a friend who is over in Iraq right now and he sends me coins," said Vensel. "Those are some of my

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CAREER ASSISTANCE ADVISOR

favorites."

Robertson's first sergeant coin is one of the most prized in his collection.

"The coin is special because I felt like I was making a difference as a first sergeant," said Robertson. "This coin represents what I think was the most important job I have had."

Vensel points out his White House

Military Office coin as the most rare in his collection.

"I got this coin in 1998 when I represented the Air Force as one of the first White House door openers when they opened it up to all branches," explained Vensel.

While presented coins make up most of their collection, Robertson and Vensel have bought a few special coins.

"I have purchased coins for special events. For example, I bought several coins commemorating September 11 including one distinctive coin shaped like the pentagon," said Robertson.

Whether a purchased or presented coin, at least one coin must be carried at all times according to the challenge rules.

"Some people carry their most prized coin or a coin that represents their unit, squadron, or wing," explains Robertson. "Usually it is the coin that is most unique to their job. Like I carry my CAA coin that represents my job but I also carry that first sergeant coin because it has special meaning to me."

Disaster Preparedness Tip

A general safety rule is to be prepared for the unexpected. Make a habit to randomly check in with friends and family members when away. Be cognizant of your surroundings and know locations of police departments, government agencies, and the US Embassy when traveling abroad.

Space Wing proves “mediocre” wins titles

By STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER
30th Space Communications Squadron

The hardest thing to do in intramural playoffs is to win the championship from the loser’s bracket.

Not only do you end up playing twice as many games to get there, you then have to beat the other team two times in one night to take home the title.

Don’t tell that to the 30th Space Wing flag football team.

The Space Wing made easy work of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron Monday, defeating CE 20-6 and 27-0 to win the flag football intramural championship.

Space Wing player-coach Darren Savella said some pre-game comments in the base paper by CE coach Jeff Vega pumped his team up for the game.

“That definitely got us fired up,” Savella said of comments made by Vega that the Wing team was mediocre. “We knew for a fact that there was no way we were losing.”

To show how dominating the Wing was, consider that CE’s lone touchdown in the two games came on a fumble recovery by Matt Carter for a touchdown.

After that brief 6-0 lead, the Wing scored 47 unanswered points the rest of the evening.

The Wing’s defense was dominant,

holding CE’s offense scoreless for two games and stopping them five times inside the 20-yard line.

“It’s nasty, filthy, disgusting, whatever adjective you want to put on it, that’s what our defense is,” Savella said. “Even when we get our backs to the wall it feels like we’re on the 50-yard line. The other team is not getting in the end zone.”

After the Space Wing won the first game to force a second and deciding game, the Wing went to work.

Leading 6-0 with 10 seconds left in the first half and facing fourth down and 10 on its own 30-yard line, the Wing decided to go for it.

Enter the backbreaker.

Wing quarterback David Drake hit Korban Ensign on a 20-yard strike who then pitched off to Savella who ran it 50-yards for a touchdown.

The Space Wing went in at the half with a 14-0 lead and the momentum, while CE’s night was basically done.

“That definitely had to hurt them,” Savella said of the play before halftime. “To get that play right before halftime and then to convert the two-point conversion after that to go up 14-0. That has to steal hearts.”

Drake had a dominant night for the Wing, passing for 453 yards in the two games with seven touchdowns. Omar Robinson, Sal Rodriguez and Savella

also turned in big games for the champions.

“Our quarterback was doing a great job and when our line is going we’re going to put points on the board,” Robinson said. “The only thing that can beat us is ourselves. I took our loss in the playoffs personally and I wanted to make up for that. Last year we came up short in the playoffs. Revenge is sweet.”

Vega couldn’t explain what happened to his team in the championship.

Coming into the championship game undefeated, Vega watched his team get dismantled losing two blowout games to the Wing, making it five-straight defeats to them on the season.

“We couldn’t do what we had to do,” Vega said. “Our receivers didn’t want to get open and they were too lackadaisical. “There’s nothing we could’ve done. They did a good job on us. They did their homework. I thought I did mine, but I didn’t.”

Savella said the championship trophy makes the season even sweeter for the Wing, which finished with a 17-3 record on the year.

“It was awesome,” Savella said. “Adversity showed itself somewhat through the season, but 17 and 3, that’s something to brag about. After we lost that first game in the playoffs, we played every game after that like it was our last. It’s just great to be the base champions.”

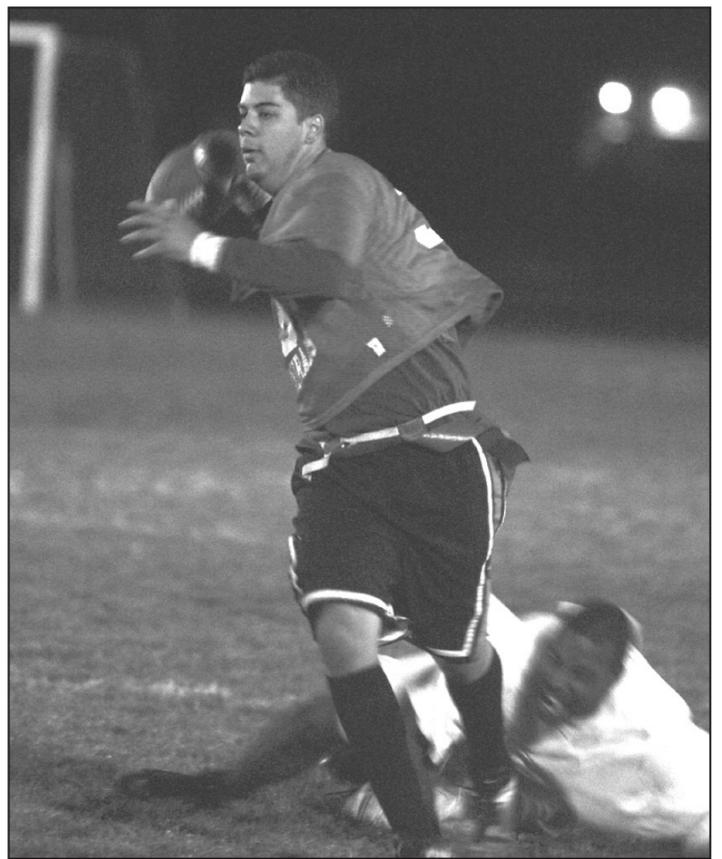


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Space Wing quarterback David Drake rolls out to pass during the base championship Monday. Drake passed for 453 yards in the two games the Wing won against CE.

Sports Briefs

BODY CONDITIONING

A total body conditioning class is held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Services Center.

FITNESS CONTEST

The ‘Walk Your Way Through the Holidays’ fitness contest begins Monday and runs through Dec. 19. Sign up at the fitness or health and wellness center.

YOUTH GOLF LESSONS

Marshallia Ranch Golf course holds youth golf lessons at 1:30 p.m. Saturday for youth ages eight and up.

CGO COURSE RUN

The Company Grade Officer Course run is at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the obstacle course. Call 2nd Lt. Korinne Houston at 605-0782.

Intramural Sports

Winter Softball

Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
SFS No. 1	3	1	NRO	4	3	WS	3	3
SFS No. 2	3	2	14AF	0	4	533RD	2	3
CES No. 1	2	2	HAWKS	3	0	576TH	4	4
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Traffic, long lines and other things to do in



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

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30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Driving down the 101 freeway with the top down on a warm Saturday morning with no deadlines, responsibilities or worries is good for the soul. That's where I found myself this past weekend, flying down what's called the Ventura Highway. My destination – where else but Hollywood?

I hadn't visited that part of Los Angeles in about six years, and I really didn't notice much of a change. All those great landmarks from movie history that jump out at you as you weave between busses and tourists.

I exited the 101 at Highland Ave., which runs north-south right down to Hollywood Blvd. There are three main roads in Hollywood to remember – Hollywood Blvd., Sunset Blvd., and Santa Monica Blvd. They run east-west and most everything a tourist wants to see in Hollywood is on one of these streets.

I turned right onto Hollywood and drove a couple blocks past Pantages Theater, the Kodak Theatre (where the Oscars are awarded), and Grauman's Chinese Theater and picked up my friend Michael to get some lunch.

We drove a few blocks on Hollywood and took a left onto La Brea Drive, passed Sunset and made a right onto Santa Monica – there are many more restaurants on that street. After some debating, we decided to stop at the French Quarter Market Place (7985 Santa Monica Blvd.). The food is excellent – great steaks and pasta dishes.

After lunch, we decided to see some sights. The thing I like about Hollywood is that there are so many interesting out-of-the-way places to visit, that you can actually see some really cool stuff without all the tourists.

If you're into movies and music like I am, the Sunset Strip, as it's called, is full of the places referenced in or written about in so many songs and movies. If all of the movie locations were a body, the strip would be the heart.

Here's a few locations I find interesting:
■ 8024 Sunset Blvd. (southeast corner of Crescent Heights) The former site of Schwab's Pharmacy, the most famous drugstore in America because the owner



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

Actor River Phoenix died on the sidewalk outside Johnny Depp's nightclub, The Viper Room, just after midnight Oct. 31, 1993. The club is located on the Southwest corner of Sunset Blvd. and Larabee St. (The awning is not on Sunset, which makes the place harder to find.)



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Up in the Hollywood Hills – Travel about 10 minutes up Sunset Plaza Drive (right off Sunset Blvd.) and you get postcard-like views of Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica right off to the ocean (no Hollywood sign though). You also get to see homes you will never be able to afford. Best viewed at sunset.

claimed that actress Lana Turner was "discovered" there while sitting on a stool at the soda fountain.

■ 8152 Sunset Blvd. The tearing down of The Garden of Allah apartment building to build a parking lot was the inspiration for Joni Mitchell's song, "Big Yellow Taxi," in which she sings about paving paradise and putting up a parking lot. The Garden of Allah was once called the unofficial epicenter of Hollywood social activity during the 1930s and 40s. Frank Sinatra, Ava Gardner, Clark Gable, David Niven, Errol Flynn, the Marx Brothers, F. Scott Fitzgerald and many others resided at the garden at one time or another.

■ 8221 Sunset Blvd. The Chateau Marmont hotel is famous for extended celebrity stays. Actor John Belushi attracted crowds there when he died of a drug overdose in bungalow three.

■ 8301 Sunset Blvd. The Cajun Bistro was formerly called the Source, where Diane Keaton dumped Woody Allen in *Annie Hall*.

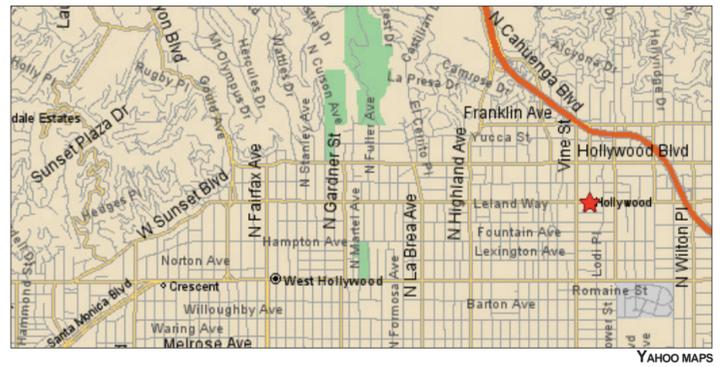
■ 8852 Sunset Blvd. The sidewalk

outside The Viper Room is where, on Oct. 31, 1993, 23-year-old actor River Phoenix died of a drug overdose. The nightclub is owned by Johnny Depp and was named after a group of musicians who called themselves Vipers. In the 1940s, the club was known as the Melody Room and was a notorious hangout for Los Angeles mobsters.

■ 8901 Sunset Blvd. The Whiskey was

the West Coast's first discotheque, and "go-go" dancing was born there.

■ 9015 Sunset Blvd. The Rainbow Bar and Grill is where Marilyn Monroe met her future husband, Joe DiMaggio, on a blind date, when the restaurant was called the Villa Nova. The Rainbow was a hangout for 1970s rockstars like Led Zeppelin. (Information provided by *The Ultimate Hollywood Tour Book*).



YAHOO MAPS

Community Calendar

28 FRI Youth Basketball scholarships – Applications are located at the youth center and base library.

Cell phone collection – Family Advocacy is collecting used cell phones and accessories to be recycled for people involved in domestic violence.

Collection boxes are located at the commissary, base exchange and medical clinic. Call 606-8217.

Low walk-up fares – American Airlines expanded its military fares to next fall. The fares include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees. Call (800) 433-7300.

Hunters Against Hunger – donate wild game to the needy. Call 606-6804.

Hebrew, Bar Mitzvah – classes are available. Call 734-

3311. **Free car seats** – to E-4 and below. Call 606-5338.

28 FRI **The Vandenberg 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.

G.I. Java seeks musicians – G.I. Java wants local musicians to play at the coffeehouse during business hours. Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call the Chapel at 606-5773 for an audition.

Gift of Groceries program – The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift

certificates to donate to military families through charitable organizations or give directly to military friends and family. Gift certificates are available online at www.commissaries.com.

28 FRI **Marriage enrichment counseling** – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

DEC 1 TUE **Relaxation room** – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

2 TUE **Stress & Self Management class** – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 9 at the Health and Wellness Center. Learn skills to deal with conflict, relaxation techniques and positive lifestyle choices. Call 606-0039.

Heart Link – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at the family support center. The program assists civilian spouses married to an active duty member 5 years or less. Free childcare is provided. To register, call 606-0039.

Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in building 10346 in the base exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

Sign language classes – 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and

Thursdays at the education center room E-4. The class is for children in third through fifth grades. Call (805) 734-0452.

2 TUE **Baby Meet** – 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the religious education center, building 16140.

Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies newborn through two years old. Call 734-1461.

3 WED **Mechanics of Resume Writing** – 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Call 606-0039.

Playtime for Tots – 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Cocheo Park. The playgroup is for parents and children ages two to five. Call 734-2098.

3 WED **Catholic fellowship** – Noon Wednesdays at Cocheo Park following 11:30 a.m. mass at Chapel 2.

4 TUE **Risk reduction classes** – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

6 SAT **Lompoc Valley Master Chorale** – 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 3 p.m. Dec. 7 at the First United Methodist Church. Call 733-1677 for tickets.

11 THU **Monthly Prayer Breakfast** – 6:30 a.m. Dec. 11 in the Chapel 1 Annex.

13 SAT **Aquallier Dive Club Christmas Party** – 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at Building 6436. Call 733-5026.

Hi-Way Drive-in
Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515
GEN. ADM. \$5 KIDS 4-11 \$1

THE CAT AND THE HAT PG 7:00 p.m.
ELF PG 7:00 p.m.

Parks Plaza Buellton
Buellton Ph. 688-7434

THE CAT IN THE HAT PG
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15
FRI-SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
ELF PG
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30
SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
MASTER AND COMMANDER PG-13
DAILY 4:00-7:00
FRI-SAT-SUN 1:00-9:00

THE HAUNTED MANSION PG
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15
FRI-SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
TIMELINE PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00
FRI-SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30
THE MISSING R
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00
FRI-SAT-SUN 1:00-9:30

Movies Gemini
Lompoc Ph. 736-1306

THE HAUNTED MANSION PG
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
TIMELINE PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

Movies Lompoc
Lompoc Ph. 736-1558

MASTER AND COMMANDER PG-13
DAILY 4:00-7:00-9:35 SAT-SUN 1:00
THE CAT IN THE HAT PG
DAILY 4:45-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
GOTHIKA R
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
MISSING R
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

General Admission \$7 kids and seniors \$5 All shows before 5:30 p.m. \$5. Movies and times subject to change

Call **Edwards Santa Maria 10** for movie listings (800) 326-3264

The Vandenberg Food Pantry
Needs food donations Items needed are:

sugar, Bisquick, pasta sauce, pancake mix,	
Hamburger Helper, evaporated milk, Chicken Helper,	
baby wipes,	crackers, soups,
complete meals,	macaroni &
cheese, brown	sugar, canned
vegetables, rice,	flour, pasta, peanuts,
mixed nuts, tuna,	peanut butter, jelly,
diapers; sizes 3, 4,	5, juice boxes, cake
mixes, frosting, canned fruit and vegetables	

The food pantry is located behind the family support center. For more information on hours of operation, call 606-2960.

30th Services News

SERVICES CENTER



SANTA VISITS BASE HOUSING

If you would like Santa to visit your children in your home (base housing only), stop by the Services Center and sign up beginning Dec. 1. Cost is \$5 per family. Just bring a small, wrapped gift for each child to the Services Center the day **BEFORE** your scheduled visit, and Santa will deliver them in person.

Visits available **Mon-Thu, December 8-11, 15-18 and Dec. 22 and 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

For more information, call Lynn Warner at 606-7976.

Volunteer Santas are needed!

If you are interested in being a volunteer Santa for the base children and their families, please contact Lynn Warner at 606-7976.

Pick one up today!

2004 DISCOVERY DINING BOOKS

Available at the Services Center for **\$19.95**

YOUTH CENTER

YOUTH CENTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is coming!

The Youth Center will be starting their 2004 Membership Drive, Dec. 15 to 19. This is your opportunity to find out what the Youth Center has to offer and save \$5 off the regular membership price of \$40!

A **REMINDER** for those parents who have signed up, the **School-age Family Thanksgiving Feast** is today from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Call the Youth Center for details, 606-2152.

GOLF COURSE

Thursday - Thanksgiving Day
Course open.

Call for more information, 606-0606.

OUTDOOR REC

Horseback T-R-A-I-L R-I-D-E at the Circle-B-Ranch



per person

Dec. 13

1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Sign up deadline, Dec. 8

Depart Outdoor Rec promptly at 11:45 a.m.

For more information or for reservations, Call Outdoor Rec at 606-5908.

LIBRARY

basic calligraphy

Get started on learning this beautiful art!

Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Base Library • Free

Enrollment limited so sign up soon. Great for those who are making holiday gifts, scrapbooking or stamping.

Materials recommended but not required.* A felt tip calligraphy pen - any make or model, available at many stationary or art stores. If you have other types of calligraphy pens, such as cartridge, inkwell, brush, you are welcome to bring these, and the instructor will be happy to help you with them. The book, "Calligraphy made easy: a beginner's workbook" by Margaret Shepherd, is available for purchase at bookstores in Lompoc for \$9.95.

*Instructor will have extra pens and handouts. Instructor: Dixie Paronto, Professional Calligrapher and Librarian. Call 606-6414 for more information.

Find the Missing Reindeer & Win Big!

Congratulations to **TSgt William Cleere** for catching Comet!



TSgt Cleere is now entered into our grand prize drawing for a family vacation package to **DISNEYLAND CALIFORNIA** sponsored by **WALMART!**
(2-adults, 2-children, and hotel stay)

Listen to 106.7 My 80s My 90s My Music with Jennifer Grant in the morning for clues and winners!

-OR-

Go to www.30svs.com for more hidden clues and rules!

Be sure to hit **REFRESH** with each visit.



No Federal Endorsement Intended.

SERVICES CENTER

Get ready, it's coming soon!



Singing
Dancing
Music

Family & Teen

TALENT SHOW

Come out and support Team Vandenberg's talent!

Call Lynn Warner at 605-8974 or Mike Renner at 606-2152 for more information.

Dec. 6
7 to 9 p.m.
Vandenberg Center
FREE

FITNESS CENTER

Spin on a Schwinn and Win!



Demo this bike until Dec. 19th!

at the **Services Center**

The Fitness Center is demonstrating a new stationary bike from Schwinn, and you have a chance to take it home! Just ride for 10-minutes and fill out a quick survey... it's that easy and you could win it just in time for Christmas! (One entry per person. Drawing will be held on Dec. 20.)

Nautilus SCHWINN FITNESS StairMaster Quinton

Call the Fitness Center for more information, 606-3834.

No Federal Endorsement Intended.

Thursday - THANKSGIVING DAY

Holiday Hours at the Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday - Box Aerobics

Services Center, 9 to 10 a.m.

PACIFIC COAST CLUB



Pizza With Santa

Dec. 8

Enjoy a special holiday Family Night during regular evening hours at Foggio's.

Cost is \$3 for kids and includes all the pizza and beverage they want. Adults, \$5 per person.

FAMILY PIZZA SPECIAL!

Christmas Movie on the big screen TV starting at 5 p.m.!

Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. with candy for the kids.

Surprise visit by Santa!



These Club programs are cancelled.

Tonight -

MONGOLIAN BBQ

Sunday -

SUNDAY BRUNCH