

Base Briefs

TIP OF THE WEEK

NCOs must review the Air Force Benefits fact sheet with their subordinates during performance feedback or when up for quality review under the selective re-enlistment program.

ENLISTED CALL

Air Force Space Command's Command Chief Master Sgt. Ron Kriete holds a mandatory enlisted call here at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday in the 381st Training Group auditorium.

CHANCE TO DEPLOY

Vandenberg's Personnel Readiness function seeks one major, signals intelligence officer, and one captain, any Air Force specialty, to deploy in January for approximately 179 days as a United Nations observer. Both must possess a secret security clearance, meet service height and weight standards, have passed an appropriate physical training test within the last 90 days and have an official passport and civilian driver's license. An official volunteer package is required by Oct. 31. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Leduc at 606-7574.

TDY OPPORTUNITY

Vandenberg's Personnel Readiness function seeks 12 volunteers, E-6 and below, to go on temporary duty to Washington D.C. Jan. 26 - April 26 as Spanish linguist support augmentees. Volunteers must have completed the Defense Language Proficiency Test with a score of at least 2+ in listening and 2+ in reading within the last year, have a secret security clearance, meet height and weight standards and have a government credit card. An official volunteer letter is required by Oct. 31. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Leduc at 606-7574.

BOGUS WEBSITE

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service advises airmen that there is a bogus myPay Web site at www.mypay.com. When personal information is loaded into the system, it can be connected to commercial loan vendors. The official myPay Web site is <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

OPEN HOUSE

The base supply store in building 5500 holds an open house Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon to commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October. Attendance shows support for the eight Blind American Workers employed at the base supply store here.

TOUR GUIDES

30th Space Wing Public Affairs seeks company grade officers and NCOs to conduct base tours for visiting

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Supplemental board selects 16 airmen for promotion

■ Congratulations to the following Team V men and women selected for promotion to staff, technical and master sergeant.

These people were considered for promotion by a supplemental board. They either tested out of cycle due to temporary duty or Stop Loss and were not considered during the original release date or have had a weighted factor point change such as valid decoration points added to their total score.

Promoted are:

Staff Sergeant
Julianne Cacal, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Sanjiv Neal, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Daniel Kury, 30th CES
Anthony Uzzi, 30th Security Forces Squadron
Joseph Nixon, 30th SFS
Christopher Kohl, 30th SFS
Chaz King, 30th SFS
Gorgina Foster, 30th SFS
Latisha Eddins, 30th SFS
John Cruz-Cortez, 30th SFS
Joshua Coen, 30th SFS
Rayna Casiano, 30th SFS
Edgardo Casiano, 30th SFS

Technical Sergeant
Monty St. John, 533rd Training Squadron
Blaine Barker, 30th CES
Master Sergeant
Marvin Winston, 30th SFS

Issues delay last Titan II

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

■ The launch of the Air Force's last Titan II rocket was delayed Thursday for the second time in as many days. The delay stemmed from issues with the booster's guidance system but operators are confident the issue won't cause a long-term delay.

"This could mean as little as running more tests or it could mean actually replacing the system," said 2nd Lt. Sarah Cutliff, booster operations controller for this mission. "We will get this issue resolved," she added, "and we will launch this rocket."

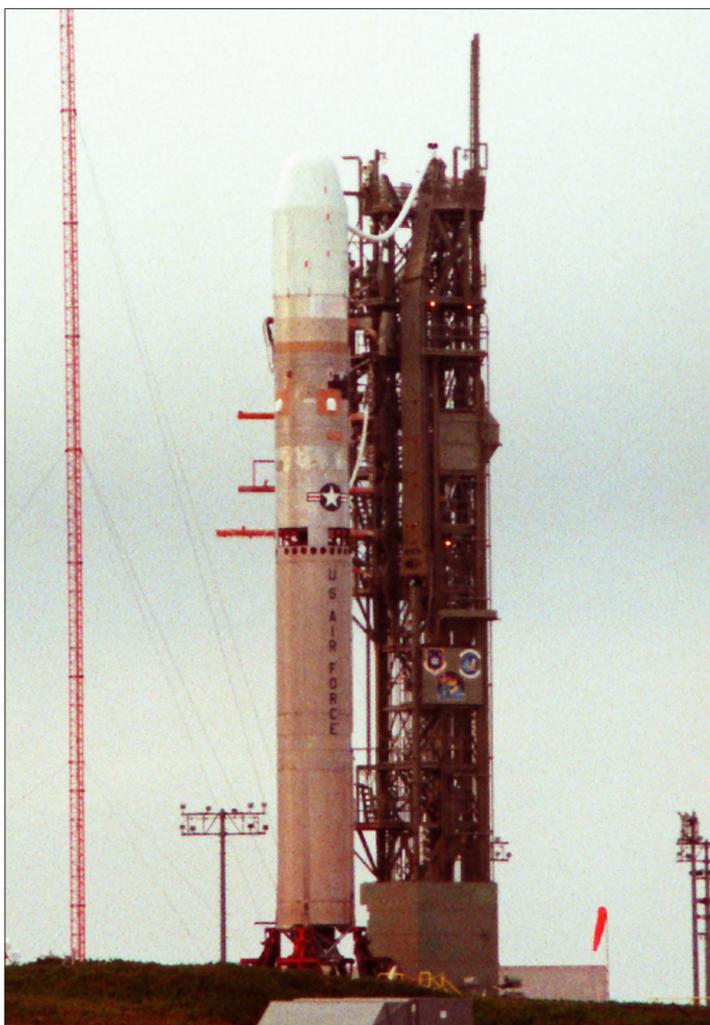
Thursday's delay followed a 24-hour delay Wednesday when the launch was slipped after an air conditioning duct became detached from the booster's payload fairing. The fairing surrounds the satellite atop the rocket. The duct is required to maintain environmental conditions for the satellite before launch. There was not sufficient time to meet the launch window after technicians reattached the duct.

This mission, dubbed G-9, will carry a 4,200-pound Defense Meteorological Satellite Program payload into low-Earth orbit approximately 458 nautical miles above Earth. The payload is one in a constellation of satellites that monitor the Earth's atmosphere and oceans providing real-time weather information to warfighters around the globe.

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th SW commander, is the spacelift commander or final "go for launch" authority for this mission.

This week's delays are not the first for G-9. This rocket and payload have been stacked, de-stacked and restacked a record three times.

Jan. 20, 2001, G-9's first launch attempt was scrubbed at T-minus five minutes because of problems with the booster. During a second attempt the following day, a



Mission G-9 sits on the pad at Space Launch Complex-4 West here following its first launch attempt January 20, 2001. G-9's planned launch this week was scrubbed twice due to problems with the rocket's guidance system and a disconnected air conditioning duct.

thorough check of the spacecraft revealed a problem with the satellite's guidance system stopping the launch at T-minus 28 seconds. G-9 then sat on the pad for a year before it was de-stacked to make way for another launch.

The rocket made its second trek out to the pad in June 2002 to prepare for an Oct. 2002 launch but

further issues with the spacecraft put a stop to that attempt. G-9 was again de-stacked to make way for another mission.

But base leaders see G-9's history as evidence of Team Vandenberg's long-standing success rate.

"The 2nd SLS has a 100 percent mission success rate," said Lt. Col.

Dave Thompson, 2nd SLS commander. "Our team maintains that by ensuring our launch vehicles and spacecraft are 100 percent ready before we launch them."

Once this issue is resolved, the launch will be rescheduled and the Air Force's last Titan II rocket will finally ride its column of fire.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

For a cause
1st Lt. Michelle Mayo, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs, listens to James Watson Saturday in front of the main gate here. Nearly 30 protesters gathered to lobby that the base become an environmental sanctuary. In fact, base environmental programs span the spectrum from wildlife protection to renewable energy.

Team V airmen win quarterly awards

■ Two Team V units announce their quarterly award winners for the third quarter 2003.

The winners are as follows:
30th Operations Group
Capt. Stosh Kowalski, Company Grade Officer
Master Sgt. Robert McCarty, Senior NCO
Staff Sgt. Fernando Rosete, NCO
Senior Airman Ronald Glover, Airman
Michael Richardson, Civilian, category II
2nd Lt. Isaac Wright,

Volunteer
1st Lt. Ken Jackson, Outstanding Performer
30th Maintenance Group
1st Lt. Theresa Thomas, Company Grade Officer
Master Sgt. Jesse Grice, Senior NCO
Staff Sgt. Jesus Flores, NCO
Senior Airman Vanessa Jones, Airman
Dennis Laffoon, Civilian, category I
Eddie Ybarra, Civilian, category II
Tech. Sgt. Alan Palazo, Outstanding Performer

Team V Fire Department promotes fire safety

By TIM JOHNSTON
Vandenberg fire inspector

■ Dedicated to raising public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it, the Vandenberg Fire Department observed fire prevention week this year by promoting the theme, "Get Out and Stay Out."

This year's theme was the result of a study by the National Fire Protection Association, which determined that only 16 percent of homes nationwide have and practice a home fire escape plan.

The events promoting this year's theme included a poster contest at Los Padres and Crestview elementary schools, a parade through base housing and the department's third annual Kids Fire Camp.

The Vandenberg Fire Department recommends the following guidelines to help



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

The Vandenberg Fire Department parades through base housing Oct. 9 to raise fire safety awareness.

families develop a home escape plan and prepare for emergencies.

• Gather the family together and draw a floor plan of the home. Mark

all windows and doors.

• Plan two ways out of every room. The first way should be through a door and the second

way could be a window. Make sure windows open easily. Doors and windows with security bars should be equipped with quick-releasing devices that everyone can operate. Those who live in multi-level buildings should use the stairs, never the elevator, in case of fire.

• Choose an outside meeting place like a neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox or stop sign. The meeting place should be a safe distance in front of the home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Be sure to mark the location on the plan.

• Go outside to see if the home's street number is clearly visible from the road.

• Have everyone memorize the emergency phone number 911.

• Tell guests or visitors about the family fire escape plan.

• Be fully prepared for a real life fire. When a smoke alarm sounds,

get out immediately.

• Install smoke detectors on every level of the home and in or near every sleeping area. Test the smoke detectors once a month and replace the batteries every six months. Make sure everyone knows the sound of the alarm and how to react immediately whenever it sounds.

• Practice the escape plan at least twice a year.

• Once outside, stay out! Under no circumstances should anyone ever go back into a burning building.

If someone is missing, inform the fire department dispatch when calling 911. Firefighters have skills and equipment to perform rescue.

For more information on fire prevention or developing a home fire escape plan, call the Vandenberg Fire Department at 606-4680.

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The Air Force Association holds its annual chili cookoff Oct. 11 to raise money for base charities. See Page A4.



Destinations Central Coast checks out the wildlife from inside a glass bottom boat in Morro Bay. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Sunny Saturday and Sunday.

Low/High
48/78

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

This week in history ...

COMPILED BY AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

October 13

1775 – The continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force, the precursor of the United States Navy.

1792 – The cornerstone is laid for a presidential residence in the newly designated capital city of Washington. In 1800, President John Adams became the first president to reside in the executive mansion, which soon became known as the White House.

October 14

1947 – U.S. Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

1964 – African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice in America. At 35 years old, he was the youngest person ever to

receive the award.

October 15

1948 – The Combined Airlift Task Force increases efficiency during the Berlin Airlift.

1863 – The C.S.S. Hunley, the first successful submarine, sinks during a test run, killing its inventor and seven crewmembers.

October 16

1917 – Final tests of the Army's airplane radio achieves a transmission distance of 25 miles.

1973 – Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese diplomat Le Duc Tho are awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating the Paris Peace Accords. Kissinger accepted, but Tho declined the award until such time as "peace is truly established."

October 17

1777 – During the American Revolution, British Gen. John Burgoyne surrenders 5,000 British and Hessian troops to patriot Gen. Horatio Gates at Saratoga, N.Y.

1989 – The deadliest

earthquake to hit the San Francisco area since 1906 strikes at 5:04 p.m. and lasts for 15 seconds. The quake measured 7.1 on the Richter scale. It killed 63 people, injured more than 3,000 others and damaged 100,000 buildings.

October 18

1898 – Only one year after Spain granted Puerto Rico self-rule, American troops raise the U.S. flag over the Caribbean nation, formalizing U.S. authority over the island's one million inhabitants.

1917 – The Air Forces's Aviation Research Board is established by the Signal Corps.

October 19

1812 – One month after Napoleon Bonaparte's massive invading force entered a burning and deserted Moscow, the starving French army is forced to begin a hasty retreat out of Russia.

1939 - President Franklin Roosevelt bans war submarines from U.S. ports and waters.

PAIRed up



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Airman 1st Class Shamera Nurse, 30th Comptroller Squadron, reads with Rick Gonzaludo, a student at Crestview Elementary School. Nurse volunteers to read with Gonzaludo once a week through the Partners Assisting in Reading, or PAIR, program.

BRIEFS:

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groups. The duty requires some advanced training and orientation but would only take short periods of time from regular duties. To sign up or for more information, call Jack Hokanson at 606-3595.

PROMOTION CEREMONY

The 30th Space Wing monthly promotion ceremony is set for 3:30 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Pacific Coast

Club. Promotees must wear the service dress uniform and be in place by 2:30 p.m. Direct questions to unit first sergeants.

OSI RECRUITING

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is recruiting new agents in grades E-4 through E-7 with less than 12 years total active federal military service. First term airmen must be within their retraining window in order to apply. A cross-flow board is scheduled for November 2003 for

active-duty officers in the grades of O-1 through O-3. Call Special Agent Casey Fitzpatrick at 606-1852 for more information.

START ESCORTS

The 30th Space Wing Treaties office needs airmen, staff sergeant and above, to act as escorts during START inspections. Training includes one hour in class and one practical demonstration. Volunteers must be available for approximately two days at a time. Call 606-8727 to sign up.

UNIFORM UPDATES

The new metallic nametag is mandatory for wear beginning Jan. 1. Units will provide one initial issue nametag for enlisted members.

TRAVEL VOUCHERS

All military members using a government travel card are required to split disburse all charges made on the card. Travelers must also have their supervisor or approving official sign all travel. Travel vouchers without split disbursement or supervisor

signature will not be accepted. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. JoAnne Finan at 606-4606.

TRICARE ONLINE

TriCare Online is available to 30th Medical Group TriCare beneficiaries at www.tricare-online.com.

In order to schedule appointments, each person must build a profile and establish a password online.

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Comment...

Strategic Planning focuses on wing's next 10 years

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing command

Last week, my senior staff and I took a day and a half off-site to conduct some preliminary strategic planning. The goal of this session was to begin to develop the 30th Space Wing strategic plan for the next 10 years.

This plan is designed to provide a course of action for all aspects of the wing mission, including current and future projects, as well as local community relations.

The strategic portion of the plan provides the values, mission, vision and goals of the wing.

Included within the scope of this plan, is another level that consists of our plan for the next 500 days of my command—this will provide guidance to how we tackle the overarching vectors of our strategic plan throughout my tenure.

Each of you is a stakeholder in this process because this planning affects where you live, work and play. But without understanding your role in the big picture or knowing where your leadership is headed, it's difficult to buy in to the company ideals and focus areas.

My goal therefore with this undertaking is to make sure that every airman—active duty, civilian, and contractor knows where the wing is going and understands how we intend to get there.

So our strategic plan will be focused on the basic 30th Space Wing vectors of Unleashing Human Talent, Airmen, Wing Mission, Knowledge to command the future and Safety (HAWKS).

You are all crucial players at the tactical level of this process; because once we have

laid out the roadmap, it will be your talent that will make this plan a reality for the wing.

The draft strategic plan will be presented to the senior wing leaders providing time for the members to begin developing inputs for the tactical portion of the plan.

Then the next step in the process is to develop the tactical plan to determine the objectives, key processes, and targets.

From initial defensive operations of the Missile Defense Agency's interceptors by Sept '04 to continued range sustainability and improvement to the flyout of our heritage systems and introduction to EELV, this wing has many challenges it will face in the next 10 years and our hope is to provide a living document that will help us meet them!

GO HAWKS!



Commander explains why discipline, good order are key to success

MAJOR DAVE PAVILAITIS
Vandenberg Tracking Station commander

I've occasionally heard "old-timers" debate about whether today's airmen measure up to the airmen entering the Air Force decades ago. Which generation is better able to endure hardship, better disciplined, possesses a higher level of commitment and motivation?

I would never claim to be able to answer those questions; it would be impossible and inappropriate to make such sweeping generalizations. I will say that I recently worked with a young airman that was sharper and had more esprit de corps than any member of my basic training flight some 19 years ago. In my mind, based on my personal observations of folks I've worked with, the quality of troops we have entering the Air Force today can stand toe to toe with any recruit from any year group since 1947.

Again, making wide sweeping

generalizations is usually not a good idea, and I don't mean to insinuate that every single airman entering the Air Force today walks on water. We recruit from all walks of life and there will always be a very small percentage of folks who can't or won't adapt to the military way of life. How we deal with those who can't meet standards is where I occasionally see a difference between the Air Force today and the Air Force I entered 19 years ago.

The vast majority of leaders and supervisors I see enforcing standards today, do so with the same vigor and good intentions their counterparts employed years ago.

However, I have seen an increase, albeit very small, in cases of leaders failing to take appropriate actions to maintain good order and discipline. Is there an issue with some officers or NCOs not wanting to assume the responsibilities and duties they committed to in their

commissioning or enlistment oath? Absolutely not, at least not in those few cases I'm referring to.

I believe that in those cases where I've thought discipline was not properly applied or standards were not strictly enforced, it was done so by leaders who had the best intentions, and the best interest of the Air Force in mind. Those leaders took action they believed "took care of the troops".

Coddling Air Force members whose behavior and conduct is inappropriate is not taking care of our people or the Air Force. Sometimes age and immaturity is used as an excuse for lowering expectations with regard to maintaining our core values and adhering to standards. We, as a nation, allow and sometimes require eighteen-year-old Americans to grab a weapon and go off to battlefields far from home to defend us.

Consequently, we, as leaders, have an obligation to prepare

those young men and women to perform that mission. If we fail to communicate and enforce standards, we fail to meet that obligation.

I encourage those leaders and supervisors who may find it unpleasant or difficult to strictly apply and enforce standards to re-evaluate the repercussions of not doing so. Retaining someone who is a threat to good order and discipline will put their life, and the lives of others at risk.

The best way we can take care of our people is to ensure they are fully prepared to do the mission, and ensure nothing distracts them from the task at hand. It would be inappropriate and detrimental to lower standards or expectations, even a little bit.

Today's airmen are every bit as professional and committed as you were when you entered the Air Force, to expect anything less from each and every member, would be failing to take care of the troops.

Commander's Action Line

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



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.

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to use your chain of command.

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

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

Q My husband and I are concerned that increased security measures at the base will continue to hinder attendance at school functions at Vandenberg Middle School. Back to School Night and the icebreaker dance were the first instances of a problem. Functions at the school start and end at scheduled times without regard to wait lines and ID checks.

Is it a lack of communication between VMS and base personnel or perhaps miscommunication between base personnel? We are willing to help in whatever way possible but we need to know where the problem lies and what can

be done to help.

A Thank you for your concern and I apologize for any inconveniences you and your family experienced.

The 30th Security Forces Squadron's police services staff has contacted the staff at VMS and made arrangements for the school to notify security forces a few days prior to scheduled events.

At that time, arrangements will be made to have additional security forces at the Timberlane Gate to handle the influx of traffic. Currently, additional people are posted in the mornings at the Main and Lompoc gates to handle heavy traffic and this method is extremely effective. Again, I appreciate your call.

30th Space Wing vectors
Unleash Human talent
Airmen
Wing mission
Knowledge to command the future
Safety

GRAPHIC BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

Days since last DUI: 20	30th OG	1	14th AF	0
DUI totals for the year: 13	30th MXG	1	381st TRG	2
AADD saves: 263	30th MSG	5	576th FLTS	1
	30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
	30th SW	0	Others	2

Chief reminds airmen about 'integrity first'

By CHIEF MASTER SGT. JAMES LEWIS
Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center first sergeant

As Air Force members, we are truly a representative sample of our society. We come from an infinite variety of backgrounds and were exposed to many different things, or perhaps not much at all.

Although we came from unique environments, we were welcomed at the Air Force's front door with our name and integrity intact. We were blended together to fly, fight and win, and were given simple core values to aspire to and live by: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do.

On the surface these core values seem simple enough to understand and live by, but as individuals from diverse backgrounds, we inevitably add our own individual values upon the Air Force's core values.

These values are adjusted by what we hear, see and feel from a sea of stimuli we are exposed to every day. The more we buy into society's diverse values, the better the chance our Air Force values of responsibility and integrity could be altered.

According to James Allen, author of the book "Above Life's Turmoil," one of the great weaknesses of our society today is the growing attitude of victimization. Many people claim themselves to be victims of some outside force.

"I had to file bankruptcy because of my ex-wife..." "If my company hadn't laid me off..." "If that driver hadn't pulled out in front of me..." This is nothing more than simply excusing one's

role in a situation and laying the blame on someone or something else.

This trend in society is alive and well in the Air Force. Most of us know of people who destroyed government property through inappropriate actions, and were saved by others in the chain of command who blamed inadequate training, poor road conditions, lack of signs, or lack of supervisory leadership as the cause.

When we fail to cut through the side issues and place blame where it belongs, or help those in the drivers seat avert taking responsibility for their actions, we all suffer from our loss of integrity.

How do we combine our own unique set of values with our Air Force core values and still know when our integrity is no longer first? There is no simple answer. Sometimes there are no other indicators than a "gut feeling" ... something is wrong. This "gut check" is our subconscious telling us the situation doesn't mesh with our core values.

When we fail to act to make it right, and we feel okay about it, those fleeting feelings of apprehension are the feeling of our integrity slipping away.

When that's gone, all you have left is your name, and without integrity, that's not worth much at all.

The next time you hear a speaker mention our core values, yet miss the target by only mentioning integrity instead of integrity first, forgive them for unwittingly missing the mark. Our first core value is Integrity First.

Integrity, like our Air Force, doesn't hold much value if we don't do what it takes to keep it above reproach, first, last, always.

Rank: GS-14
Hometown: Los Angeles
Time in service: 30 years
Time on station: 30 years
Role in mission: I'm the chief of the Range Management Operations Flight and the acquisition program manager.

How do you contribute to the wing mission? My job is to provide guidance and expertise to the 30th Space Wing's range acquisition initiatives. Since contractors contribute a great deal of support to the accomplishment of Team V's mission, it only makes good business sense that the

30th SW employ a cadre of acquisition professionals to help do it right.

What do you like best about the Air Force? I really enjoy the teamwork and working the mission capability the Air Force provides to the nation. I've been with for the Air Force my entire working career and I've always been impressed by the AF leadership's ability to grasp and implement new management

concepts and change when necessary to achieve mission success.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I would not change anything at this time, provided the Air Force remains unafraid of change.

How do you fulfill core values? That's a tough question for an AF civilian, for this is a career and not a way of

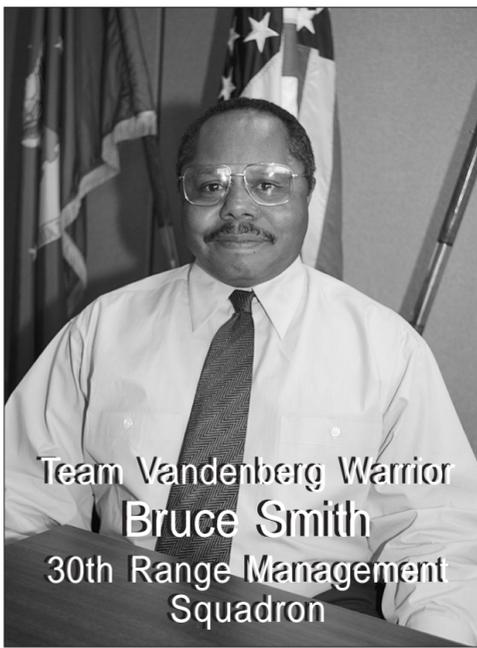


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life. However, I do take my job and career seriously and always strive to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the AF? My most exciting experience was when Team V was preparing to launch the first Titan IV and the safety analysis reflected an unacceptable operational risk level associated with launching from the original blockhouse. I was assigned the responsibility to develop and implement the acquisition strategy to provide a remote launch capability in time to meet the rocket's

initial operating capability date, and the team and I did it on time and within budget.

Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Dr. Martin Luther King. He committed his life to doing what was right, regardless of the consequences.

Favorite movie: "The Sting" starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman.
Hobbies: golf and riding ATV's

Team Vandenberg Ball Centennial of Flight

See unit representatives for tickets:

- 30th SW: Senior Airman Kyle Hammock, 606-9961
- 30th MDG: Staff Sgt. Claudia Driver, 606-1846
- 30th MSG: Master Sgt. Adrian De Silva, 606-3122
- 30th SFS: Master Sgt. Wesley Asleson, 605-0549
- 30th OG: 1st Lt. Anderson Kester, 606-4725
- 381st TRG: Paulette Taylor, 606-7416
- 576th FLTS: Staff Sgt. Angela Knowles, 606-0628
- Det. 9: Master Sgt. Stephen Hopkins, 606-3230
- 14th AF: Staff Sgt. Shannon Stromberg, 605-0337

Nov. 1 at the Pacific Coast Club
Social hour at 5 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Dress is mess dress or semi-formal
Tickets on sale now for \$30



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By TYSON GRIER
Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center

October marks the 19th year of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined by 1.6 percent between 1989 and 1995. However some women still do not take advantage of early detection opportunities by getting screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

The American Cancer Society estimates 211,300 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women

in the United States. An estimated 39,800 women are expected to die from breast cancer this year. Breast Cancer does not only affect women, it is estimated that there will be 1,300 new cases of breast cancer in men this year.

"Women in their 20s and 30s generally have a very low risk of breast cancer. However because a small number of young women do develop breast cancer, it's important to have a clinical breast exam as part of a periodic health exam at least every three years," said Maj. Rachel Bingue, 30th Medical Group obstetrical and gynecological nurse practitioner. Women

aged 40 and over should have a mammogram every year, she added.

"If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods (mammography plus clinical breast exam) breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent," Bingue said. "The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely, once is not enough."

Women with a higher risk may benefit from starting earlier detection practices. Factors that determine if a woman is at high risk are:

♦ **Age** – The risk of breast cancer

increases with age. Approximately 82 percent of breast cancer occurs in women age 50 or older.

♦ **Personal history** – Women who've had breast cancer or a history of breast disease

♦ **Family history** – The risk of breast cancer increases for women whose mother, sister, or other close relatives have had the disease. It's important to know how old they were at the time they were diagnosed.

♦ **Breast cancer genes** – Both men and women can be born with an alteration or change in one of the two genes that are important for regulating breast cell growth.

♦ **Having no children** – Women who experience continuous menstrual cycles until menopause are at a higher than average risk.

The Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center offers a breast cancer awareness workshop Oct. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The workshop covers the signs and symptoms of breast cancer and how to properly perform self-exams using breast models.

People can find out if they have an increased risk of breast cancer. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

Witch's Brew



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Stella Wells of Lockheed Martin stirs her chili during Saturday's Air Force Association Chili Cookoff. The cookoff is the AFA's annual fundrasier for Operation Kids' Christmas. This year's event raised nearly \$4000.

Crimebeat...

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30th Security Forces Squadron

Oct. 09

Loose pet – 12:20 p.m.

An anonymous caller reported a small brown dog wandering on Cabrillo Court. The canine was extremely agitated and transported directly to the Lompoc animal shelter.

Found contraband – 2:10 p.m.

A first sergeant reported one of his airmen suspected drugs present at a vacant house on Pecan Court. Investigation revealed marijuana and smoking paraphernalia stored in the mailbox at the quarters. Three daughters of an airman were responsible.

Oct. 10

Stolen bicycle – 4:49 p.m.

A civilian employee reported her son's bicycle was stolen from the bicycle rack at the youth center. The bike was not locked to the rack and disappeared between noon and 4:00 p.m.

Loud noise – 10:58 p.m.

An anonymous caller reported loud music from a home on Camphor Street. An airman was instructed to lower the music and she complied.

Loud noise – 11:58 p.m.

An anonymous caller reported loud music from a home on Camphor Street. The responsible airman was ordered to turn the music off.

Oct. 11

Unwanted visitors – 12:02 a.m.

An airman's wife reported raccoons at the front porch of her home on Ironwood Street. Patrolmen assisted in removing the animals.

Verbal altercation – 3:31 a.m.

An airman reported a verbal argument between an airman and a soldier at Minute-man Dormitory. Investigation revealed both subjects departed before patrolmen arrived. Witnesses said the disagreement was limited to a verbal argument. The soldier was

contacted later at his quarters. The airman's identity was known but he could not be located.

Property damage – 5:20 a.m.

A soldier reported the rear tire on his private vehicle was slashed while parked on Camphor Street. He discovered the damage upon departing for work.

Drug possession – 9:45 a.m.

The helicopter security detail reported two suspicious people camping on North Vandenberg. Investigation revealed two non-base affiliated civilians were unaware they were on Vandenberg AFB property. Both were detained for trespassing and a search revealed they possessed drug paraphernalia and marijuana. They were cited into federal court and barred from the installation.

Deer strike – 9:44 p.m.

An airman reported striking a deer with a government vehicle on Bishop Road resulting in extensive front end, radiator and fender damage. The airman was not injured.

Oct. 12

Recreational vehicle mishap – 1:49 p.m.

The Vandenberg Fire Department dispatcher reported an off-road vehicle mishap adjacent to building 1450. Investigation revealed a dirt bike operated by a sailor's 17-year-old daughter landed nose first after jumping a hill. She was transported to the Lompoc Hospital emergency room for facial injuries.

Unstable transient – 8:21 p.m.

A patrolman reported a transient wandered to the south Vandenberg gate. Investigation revealed he appeared mentally unstable. A Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputy responded and assumed custody of the man.

Oct. 13

Loose pet – 4:30 a.m.

A patrolman captured a stray male dog wandering on Cottonwood Street. The canine was temporarily caged in the security forces stray animal facility.

Around the Air Force

Airman tells grandfathers story

By 2ND LT. IAN KALLENBACH
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **SCHRIEVER AFB, Colo.** — What do you do when your grandfather was played by John Wayne in a movie, a general at age 31 and a bona fide American war hero? If you are Maj. Reagan Schaupp, you write a book about him.

Schaupp, of the 50th Space Support Squadron here, has spent the last five years working with his 88-year-old grandfather, retired Brig. Gen. David Lee "Tex" Hill, to make sure his grandfather's legacy is not forgotten. From his birth to missionary parents in Kwangju, Korea, in 1915, to his pilot heroics with the Flying Tigers, to his 60-year marriage to Mazie Hill, Schaupp had more than enough material to work with.

By almost any standard, Hill is a true American hero. After serving in a torpedo squadron on the USS Saratoga and a dive-bomber squadron on the USS Ranger, he was recruited in 1941 to serve in Claire Chennault's American Volunteer Group, the Flying Tigers.

During his time as a pilot with the Flying Tigers and in World War II, Hill distinguished himself as a triple ace with 18.25 victories. His success, commitment to service, dynamic personality and leadership earned him full-bird-colonel status at age 29 and a general's star at 31.

He was such a real-life hero that the 1940's movie icon of American heroism, John Wayne, played him in the 1942 movie, "The Flying Tigers." Eventually, Hill became friends with Wayne and they golfed and hunted together.

As is often the case with youth, Schaupp admits, "I didn't really appreciate my grandfather as much when I was young, but I loved to listen to his old war stories."

When Schaupp was a kid, he lived near his grandfather in San Antonio, so he was able to see him nearly every week. He sat wide-eyed, listening to his grandfather's stories, including the one about the Samurai sword that sits above Hill's fireplace at home.

As the story goes, after a victorious head-to-head dogfight, Hill visited his opponent's crash site. He climbed what was left of the plane and peered into the cockpit, spotting a shimmering sword still attached to his enemy. It is that very sword that Schaupp

gazed at with wonder as a child.

Schaupp got the idea to write a book about his grandfather when he was at the Air Force Weapons School in 1998. He was telling stories of his grandfather to a friend, who asked where he could get a copy of his book. Schaupp told him that there was none. His friend promptly scolded him by saying, "If you don't record his legacy, it will be lost."

That comment began a five-year task that ended with the publishing of "Tex Hill: Flying Tiger."

"I wrote the book primarily for family, especially at first," Schaupp said. "But friends encouraged me to make it marketable to the public because so many people wanted his story written down."

Schaupp began writing the book by going to San Antonio to interview and record his grandfather's wild tales. Then, he mixed his stories with history to make a 400-page document. After that, Schaupp said, "The story wrote itself."

"It would be awesome for anybody to work with someone like Tex, but multiply that by five because he's my grandfather," Schaupp said. "It's a great accomplishment to write a book about someone with such a great story, but there is a great sense of honor and pride because he's family." (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

Airmen complete 25,000-foot jump

By MASTER SGT. MARY McHALE
92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

■ **FAIRCHILD AFB, Wash.** — An icy blast fills the cabin as the C-17 Globemaster III crew opens the rear hatch in midair. The C-17 provided the platform recently for nine survival, escape, resistance and evasion specialists and one combat controller to perform a high-altitude, low-opening parachute jump training over the flightline here.

Staff Sgt. James Hangsleben, parachute training non-commissioned officer in charge for the 336th Training Group, said survival specialists, who are parachute-qualified, usually train doing weekly military free falls from 10,000 feet. This was the first time a 25,000-foot HALO jump occurred here.

These types of jumps occur from 25,000 feet above sea level or 23,000 feet above ground level. This one included five local survival specialists from the 336th TRG and

Air Combat Command, and a combat controller from 19th Air Force, who also served as an evaluator.

Hangsleben said the training opportunity arose when C-17 aircrews from McGuire AFB, N.J., offered it to fulfill some of their own aircrew training requirements.

"All our jumps afford (survival) specialists the opportunity to expose themselves to the same elements aircrews might experience at that altitude," Hangsleben said.

Aircrews learn emergency egress via parachute from books, but Hangsleben said he believes actual experience is best so they know the conditions and problems an aircrew can run into upon ejection or bailout.

He said one of the most significant differences between a HALO jump at this altitude and their weekly military free falls is they have to wear an oxygen tank.

"For this kind of training, all jumpers involved must maintain an uninterrupted half hour of pre-breathing 100-percent oxygen to lower nitrogen levels in the blood and avoid decompression sickness," he said.

If that half hour is broken at any time or any other issues occur affecting the oxygen supply, the jumper will remain on the aircraft. But oxygen is just one critical element of concern with this sort of jump, Hangsleben said.

Weather and temperature are also critical factors. For example, the parachutists cannot jump through clouds if it is a training jump, or if the winds exceed 20 mph.

As it is, when the door opens, Hangsleben said the temperature is close to zero degrees Fahrenheit. Then, jumpers free fall at speeds up to 120 mph and open their chutes at 4,000 feet. They wear layered clothing to ward off the initial chill.

"It's going to be cold at first, but since the jumpers fall 1,000 feet every six seconds, after a minute they're down to about 12,000 feet where it's a little warmer," Hangsleben said.

On the ground, drop-zone controllers ensure the area is clear of nonessential people. This drop occurred from a two-ship formation of C-17s. They remained about two minutes apart for the safety of the jumpers.

"Once a month, we try and get a fixed-wing aircraft because of its large capacity and our proficiency training requirements," Hangsleben said.

Thirsty Raptor



PHOTO BY JUDSON BROHMER

A KC-10 Extender from Travis AFB, Calif., refuels an F-22 Raptor. The Raptor is the replacement for the F-15 Eagle. It is the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world, combining a revolutionary leap in technology and capability with reduced support requirements and maintenance costs. The F-22's integrated avionics gives it first-look, first-shot, first-kill capability that guarantees U.S. air dominance for decades.

It is such ongoing training that makes jumping from an aircraft "a very safe practice" and ensures aircrews have the knowledge and skills to successfully bailout or eject from an aircraft, he said. (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)

New supercomputer doubles capacity

By SUE BAKER
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Public Affairs

■ **WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — A new, \$15.1 million supercomputer formally began operations here Oct. 6, giving the Aeronautical Systems Center's Major Shared Resource Center here more than double the computing capability and available compute-hours.

The new system is the largest such computer in the world. It has a computing environment of 2,048 processors, two terabytes of memory and 40 terabytes of disk storage, said Steve Wourms, high computing division director here.

"This means our 4,000-plus MSRC users can now solve larger and more complex problems than ever before," he said.

Besides its computing power, the new computer boasts memory capacity equal to all the information a typical research library would hold, Wourms said. The supercomputer makes the MSRC one of four major high-performance computing centers in the Department of Defense.

"Supercomputing is not a luxury anymore — it's a 'gotta-have' for

the complexity of today's world," said Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds, ASC commander. "What's really important is how we use this new system — the 'best of the best' available in DOD today — to manage research, turn data into useful knowledge, and make wise decisions based on that knowledge."

He said one of the core competencies in the Air Force today is "technology to warfighting — that's our edge."

"We have to stay ahead of our enemies, who are using technology to try to defeat us," Reynolds said. "With this new system, and our determination to deliver the benefits of war-winning capabilities to our warfighting customers, I'm confident we can maintain that edge."

"Very few systems in the world put this much computational power into a single, flexible system," Wourms said. "This capability enables our researchers to see the future and facilitate acquisition initiatives to design and deliver war-winning weapons systems much more quickly and cost-effectively."

With the new system, for example, an aerospace engineer can study how a wing affects the performance of an entire aircraft, rather than just looking at part of the wing, Wourms said. A propulsion engineer can study the complex combustion behaviors of an entire jet engine to make it more efficient and powerful; and a chemist can define new ways to build stronger metals and composites that last longer.

he new system also will help researchers explore problems in such diverse areas as computational chemistry, structural mechanics, signals and image processing, forces modeling and simulation and fluid dynamics, among others, Wourms added.

AF unveils force development plan

By TECH SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — Air Force leaders are launching a spread-the-word tour in November to explain force development, a new system that transforms how the service will train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges.

Teams led by major command general officers will visit every base to explain the details of this initiative and to ensure officers understand the concept, policies and procedures.

Although the first phase of implementing force development targets processes affecting members of the officer corps, all elements — enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air National Guard — will eventually benefit from the force development construct, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future," he said. "It will result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression."

Team V says so long to Air Force's longest serving chief master sergeant

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As the United States Air Force marks its 56th year, reaching milestones in air and space superiority, the service's longest serving chief master sergeant approaches the end of a long and distinguished career.

Chief Master Sgt. Norman Marous will soon retire from the active-duty Air Force after more than four decades in the blue uniform.

"I'd like to say that I had it all worked out so that I end up with a 40-year career plan," Marous said. "But I'd be lying if I told you I had it planned that way. It's been pure coincidence."

Not many airmen serve more than 40 years in the Air Force. Like many reserve and guard airmen, Marous, a North Pittsburgh, Pa. native, began his career on active duty.

The year was 1962. The president was John F. Kennedy.

"People don't retire from the Air Force. They become retired members of the Air Force."

CHIEF MASTER SGT. NORMAN MAROUS

The Air Force had launched its first Titan II rocket in a prelude to the vehicle's operational status and the Gemini space program. The Vietnam conflict was in its early stages. The Cuban missile crisis

was looming as the Soviets opted for a strategic gambit in the ever-shifting climate of the Cold War.

The Air Force wasn't even 20 years old then.

Marous enlisted after graduating from Allegheny Senior High School. After completing basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and technical training at Chanute AFB, Ill., Marous arrived at his first permanent duty station, Olmstead AFB, Pa.

There, Airman Marous' duties were that of an aircraft instrument specialist working on aircraft like a Douglas C-117 and a modified C-47.

Marous said he joined the Air Force Reserves in 1966 after his initial enlistment was up. But that was only the beginning. Throughout the next four decades, Marous served in the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard and again on active duty.

"It turns out to be about 50/50," he said. "From active duty to the reserves to the guard and then I came back on active duty



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT WAGERS

Performing as the emcee for a POW/MIA commemoration, Chief Master Sgt. Norm Marous discusses the symbolism behind each of the 13 folds in a "folding of the flag" ceremony. Staff Sgt. James Franciere of the 534th Training Squadron and three other members of the Vandenberg Honor Guard carried out the demonstration.

in 1989," the chief said. "I moved from one component to another, but the key to my longevity is that I have no breaks in service."

Chief Marous currently works in a joint service environment out of Camp San Luis Obispo with the Western Regional Counter-drug Training department.

"We're a law enforcement training organization," Marous said. "We train civilian law enforcement personnel at the federal, state and local levels on subjects related to drug interdiction and eradication."

This training support is brought to the Western Region through the joint efforts of the California National Guard and the National Guard Bureau Counter-drug Office.

"I've spent a lot of time interacting and working with the other components of the team," he said.

"The neat thing is that I got the exposure to the different service components," he said. "There are differences between the components, active duty, reserve and guard, but we're all part of the same team. It's like playing different positions on the same team."

In the chief's analogy, everyone, every team member, is important because they're all critical to accomplishing the mission of winning the game.

"I've been assigned to units and organizations where the reserve component shared the facilities with another component," Marous said. "I certainly didn't plan it that way, but it certainly has worked out

well," he continued. "I wouldn't change a thing if I had to do it over again."

The Veteran chief recalled there being a preponderance of WWII veterans in the Air Force when he enlisted – "Brown Shoe Air Force guys."

He explained that everyone who had more than 15 years in the Air Force then was considered a brown shoe NCO because nearly the entire NCO corps wore brown shoes then. This was a minor, yet significant change, according to Marous.

The vintage chief continued by saying that everything has changed in the Air Force with the exception of the name.

"It's still blue, the uniform, but that's changed six times," he added. "Each time the blue is darker." U. S. Air Force members actually stopped wearing the Army uniform ten years after Marous entered the service.

Quality of life has certainly experienced some transformations the chief said.

"We used to have open-bay barracks with rows of bunks with foot lockers at the end and 30 to 40 people to a room. That's a vastly different quality of life aspect when you consider airmen can have their own private rooms in the barracks now."

Marous deliberately used the term barracks instead of dormitory because, in his view, it's consistent with military tradition and dormitories are more associated with a college campus – not a military installation.

He added that today an airman basic makes more than a than a

general officer did in 1947.

"The difference is wild, not that we should go back to that, but that we shouldn't forget where we come from," Marous said. "But we can get spoiled because things are so good."

He added the dining facilities on Air Force bases are comparative to local restaurants in the area today when you consider the choices and a la carte dining available today.

"We used to have steel trays and picnic benches and you had one choice – whatever the mess sergeant decided for that day," Marous lamented of his early career, "and you liked it or you didn't eat."

Regarding the sexes in the service, the chief said women were essentially a separate service in the early days of the Air Force. Referred to as WAFs, for Women's Air Force, a female colonel was the WAF director.

The chief said the women had their own WAF squadrons, commanders and first sergeants with their own chain of command. The only time they interacted with their male counter parts was when they were on duty, he said. And those duties were very

limited in scope, normally encompassing only administrative tasks. Some bases even had fenced compounds for the WAFs within the installation.

"A base within a base with their own barracks and dining facilities," Marous said. "Interestingly enough, they wore blue uniforms before we did."

As the Air Force evolved, Marous grew with it. The chief said he considers one of the most rewarding parts of his career the opportunity and ability to make a contribution. He said supervisors should always seize every opportunity. They must always ask more of their airmen.

"I think that if you ask a high standard of people, you get a high standard. If you ask for no standard, you get no standard."

He added that supervisors must take care of each and every airman through good supervision and mentoring.

"I'm a firm believer that if you set standards high, people will live up to them," he said. "If you ask a lot of people you will get a lot. If you demand a lot, you will get a lot. If you don't ask for anything, you don't get anything."

As he nears the end of his service, Marous described his career as an act of love for him from the very start. He said that if there were any bumps in the road in his 40-year career he would have to expend some



Chief Master Sgt. Norman Marous discusses the logistics of upcoming counter-drug training with his U.S. Army coworkers.

conscious effort to recall them.

"You know things are good when you have a hard time trying to remember what the bad is," the chief said. "If they told me tomorrow I could stay another ten years, I would."

But the chief has a good attitude toward his new role in life.

"People don't retire from the Air Force," Marous said. "They become retired members of the Air Force."

National Reconnaissance Office third baseman Mark Kuczkowski pounds out a hit during the Over-30 softball championship game Oct 10. The Dragons won their third title in a row defeating Detachment 9 21-11 in six innings.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

NRO takes Over-30 championship

By Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker
30th Space Communications Squadron

In the three seasons they've been base champions, the National Reconnaissance Office's Over-30 softball team, the Dragons, has had plenty of come-from-behind victories.

Oct. 10 was no exception. NRO pounded out 26 hits and overcame an early 8-1 deficit to defeat Detachment 9 21-11 in six innings and win its third-straight Over-30 intramural championship.

Matt Pennewell, Adrian Abayari and Tom Keck each led the Dragons offensively going 3-for-4 at the plate, with Abayari knocking home three RBIs and adding a home run.

Pennewell said he was glad NRO brought its offense. "It was nice to see we brought our bats," Pennewell said. "The last time we played them we waited until the sixth inning to hit. Everybody got a hit and it was just a great effort on our part. We got solid defense, it's just exciting to be the base champions once again."

Early on it looked like Det. 9 would

avenge a loss to the Dragons earlier in the playoffs, which saw them blow a nine run in the last inning.

Instead what Det. 9 witnessed was a seven-run turnaround.

Trailing 8-1 in the bottom of the second inning, NRO evened it up at 10-10 after 3 innings.

The Dragons took the lead for good in the fourth inning, scoring six runs on six hits. NRO also took advantage of two Det. 9 errors in the inning to take a 16-10 lead that proved too hard for Det. 9 to overcome.

For Det. 9 it was a matter of too many mental errors on defense and not enough offense when it mattered most.

"We lost it a little late and we committed a couple of errors that hurt us," Det. 9 coach Ed Palacios said. "Our sticks also disappeared late as well. I think they might have been trying a little too hard in the late innings."

Palacios said the defeat was especially hard to take given the fact that both of their losses to the Dragons have been ones in which they've given up sizeable leads.

"Our guys have played them tough all season," Palacios said of NRO. "We had them by nine runs earlier in the playoffs and ended up losing. I know this one hurts, because we know we can beat them. It's tough, but our guys had a great season, despite the loss."

Abayari, who scored four runs, said it's fun to win the base championship. This was his second title with the team.

"It's always fun," Abayari said. "These guys are great, we have such a great team. We work toward this all year. It would be such a disappointment for us if we didn't win the championship."

Dragons coach Anna Keck said one of the answers to her team's success the last couple of years, might be its emphasis on having fun instead of the pressure to win.

"It has been fun and exciting," Keck said of coaching the Dragons. "We're basically playing to have fun. Our Over-30 team is our 'fun' team. We just have great team camaraderie. We enjoy each other and enjoy playing together and I think that is the key to our success."

Sports Briefs

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

A five-on-five soccer tournament takes place at 6 p.m. Oct. 24 on the base football field.

STEP\STRENGTH

A step and strength interval training class is scheduled for Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Services Center. This class is classified as a fitness improvement program.

RUN FOR FUN

A pumpkin run is scheduled to take place at noon Oct. 31. The run begins and ends in front of the base gymnasium.

WALK FOR FITNESS

A stay fit for the holidays program, "Walk for Fitness" is set up to keep Team Vandenberg members in shape while enjoying the festivities of the holidays. Pedometers are available at the base gym.

OVER-30 SOFTBALL

An Over-30 softball all star game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday.

VAFB Hawks vanquish Trinity Church twice in best-of-three tournament

Team Vandenberg members pull together to defeat the opposition during Lompoc's city league volleyball championship

By Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The Lompoc city league volleyball championships Sept. 30 pitted Vandenberg's varsity players against a formidable team from Trinity Church.

The final outcome was very much in doubt at the outset of the match, as Trinity thoroughly outplayed Vandenberg in game one of the best-of-three tournament.

In that first game, Trinity was off and running with an 11-0 run behind the tenacious all-around play of Ferris Eanfar. Almost as if drawn to his leadership and inspired play, Ferris' teammates continually funneled the ball to him for repeated kill shots.

As the points rolled up, Vandenberg seemed at a loss to put a stop to the onslaught. With game one almost certainly out of range for Vandenberg, the team of Air Force varsity-level players began to show signs of life with an infusion of energy. They closed the gap to 13-6 before Trinity closed out the game with a 15-6 decisive win. At this point, Vandenberg knew they were



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KURT GIBBONS

Nicki Holmes, Vandenberg Hawks, goes up for a spike against Ferris Eanfar, Trinity Church, in a battle for the championship.

in for a struggle.

"We got off to a really slow start, but every team does that

from time to time," said front line specialist Nicki Holmes. "Their team came out ready to play and it took us some time to gain our focus. All of us have ... so many other activities it makes it hard to get focused prior to coming out to play. It just takes a while to get into it."

Those words seemed to ring loud and clear as the second game took on a decidedly different flavor. Vandenberg's Hawks began to fly high as they took an early 3-2 lead behind

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DONNIE SAVELLA
VANDENBERG HAWKS COACH

Robert Vensel's serving and the tandem blocking of Holmes and Stacey Bako.

The game was nip and tuck up until the Hawks created a little breathing room with an 11-8 lead, the catalyst at that point being effective team defense and solid offensive play. It was by no coincidence that coach Donnie Savella arrived then from coaching his Lompoc High School varsity girls' volleyball team.

"It was obvious that our folks were struggling to get settled in and based on that, there were far too many errors," coach Savella noted. "All I did was remind

them that we basically had to minimize errors and realize that working together is the key ... the only way we were going to win this thing."

The Hawks closed out game two with a kill shot by Vensel for a 15-12 hard-fought win. After tentative starts by both teams in game three, Vandenberg pushed out to an 8-1 lead. With Vensel's strong service game matched by Rob Lustig's sudden show of power on timely spikes, the Hawks were in full flight and on the way to a 15-2 win and the championship title.

"Rob Vensel set the tone for us in that decisive game utilizing great tactics serving between players," coach Savella said. "That created a little indecision on their part and gave us the little opening we needed. Marion (Savella) is the quarterback out there on the court and she did a great job getting the ball to the players who were hot, whether it was Vensel or Lustig in that final game."

Sub Sea Tours offers underwater adventure

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

This past weekend's weather was ideal for getting out of the house – 80 degrees, a slight breeze and not a cloud in the sky. The conditions were perfect for a drive up the coast without worrying about the marine layer. Since I had a destinations due it was a great opportunity to add some business to my pleasure. The only question was where to go.

A destination should be an adventurous, enlightening and inexpensive experience, so a Sub Sea Tour at Morro Bay fit the bill.

The tour is something of an aquatic adventure in the national estuary of the bay.

After about an hour and half drive, to include finding a parking spot, I arrived at my destination. It was indeed the perfect day to go to the beach. Morro Rock's stark contrast to the blue skyline was breathtaking to say the least. According to Shannon Jordan, coordinator and dockhand for Sub Sea Tours, the rock is part of a string of dormant volcanoes stretching out into the Pacific.

"Business is really good today



Sub Sea Tours craft, Seaview, returns to shore from a one-hour tour in Morro Bay.

since the marine layer's not obscuring the view," Jordan said. I arrived early to catch the last tour for the day at 2 p.m., so I had a chance to observe some of the sea birds and sea life darting in

and out of the ocean. Some of the birds actually landed just a few feet in front of me.

Our tour vessel, a motorized catamaran dubbed Dos Osos, arrived shortly to take us on our journey. After some preliminaries we boarded the ship and were underway.

It's often said that the journey is just as important as the destination.

That's definitely the case on this tour. The other passengers and I had a chance to observe sea birds like cormorants, grebes and loons in their natural surroundings and environment.

The younger passengers were awed at actually seeing the birds spread their wings to sun themselves in the warm and bright sunlight.

As we traveled further into the bay, we observed sea lions frolicking to and fro near some of the structures along the coast. "There's a fishery and some

seafood restaurants along the coast so the animals come here to sun themselves and maybe get a meal," said Kevin Winfield, captain of the Dos Osos.

The seal lions seemed aware of the extra attention and appeared to offer us a glimpse of their huge bodies as they moved about.

When we arrived at a shallow location in the bay the captain directed half of the passengers to the lower deck to observe a school of jack smelt feeding and moving about. It was truly an interesting sight to see the fish in their natural environment moving through the kelp without immersing myself in the ocean.

The captain let the children topside feed the fish while those of us below decks observed the feeding frenzy. The children were really engrossed by the activities. "This is one of the better times of year for the tours," Winfield said. In the summer it's often



Mark Pentar, 5, of Tempe, Ariz., checks out a school of jack smelt from the dry confines of the glass-bottom boat, the Los Osos.



Sea birds and other wildlife inhabit Morro Bay about 50 miles north of Vandenberg.

fogged in by the marine layer.

The tours last about 45 minutes to an hour and cost \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and \$7 for children 3 to 12. Under 2 they're free. Military and student discounts are offered. This is the off-season so tours are normally on the weekends at 9 and 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. However exceptions can be made.

On warm sunny days like this past weekend, parking can be a hassle so plan accordingly. It's best to call first.

People can also rent kayaks and canoes. As a matter of fact, a family was just finishing a canoe ride when I arrived.

For more information, call (805) 772-9463 or visit them on the Web at www.SubSeaTours.com.

Sub Sea Tours

699 Embarcadero No. 8, Morro Bay, Ca. 93442

To get there, take Highway 101 north to the CA-1 North exit toward Hearst Castle/Morro Bay. Bear right on Osos Street. Turn left on Walnut Street. Turn left on Santa Rosa Street. North Santa Rosa Street becomes CA-1 North. Take the Morro Bay Boulevard exit. Continue on Morro Bay Boulevard. Turn left on Piney Way. Turn right on Pacific Street. Turn right on Embarcadero Road.



Sea Lions roam freely in Morro Bay stopping to sun bathe on restaurant docks and taking in the sights.

Community Calendar

17 FRI **Cal-Vet Home Loan class** – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. today at the family support center. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Comic View All-Stars – 8 p.m. today at the Lompoc Civic Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 presale at Footlocker in Lompoc, \$20 at the door. Call 735-7239 for more information.

Low walk-up fares – American Airlines expanded its military fares to next fall. No advance-purchase requirements and no change fees. Call 1-817-967-1577.

17 FRI **Annual Haunted Trail** – 6 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31. Call 734-3311.

Hunters Against Hunger – donate wild

game to the needy. Call 606-6804.

17 FRI **PAIR, Partners Assisting in Reading** – Airmen read with Crestview Elementary School students. Call 734-1651 to sign up.

Space and Sea Girl Scouts – accepts members ages 6 to 18 and needs adult volunteers. Call 606-1119.

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.

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

18 SAT **Global Hearts Group Sloppy Joe Dinner** – 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the chapel annex.

20 MON **Allan Hancock College Fast Track Classes** – Late registration begins from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Classes begin Monday. Call (805) 922-6966.

21 TUE **Deployed Spouses Support Group** – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the family support center. Reservations are required by calling 606-0039.

Sign language classes – 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday beginning Oct. 28 for grades first through third.

Pre-Separation Briefing – 4 p.m. Tuesday at the family support center. The meeting is mandatory

briefing is for military members scheduled to retire or separate. Call 606-0039.

21 TUE **Financial Basics** – 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the family support center. The class covers topics such as checkbook maintaining, credit pitfalls, and making paydays count. Call 606-0039.

3-Day TAP Seminar – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the family support center. Recommended for those who are separating or retiring within the next year. Call 606-0039.

22 WED **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.

22 WED **Playtime for Tots** – 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Cocheo Park. The playgroup is for parents and children ages two to five.

Catholic fellowship – noon Wednesdays at Cocheo Park following 11:30 a.m. mass at Chapel 2.

Spouses club Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale – Wednesday at the base exchange and commissary. Proceeds support the Vandenberg community.

22 WED **Spouses club wine tasting** – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Pacific Coast Club. Cost is \$10 per person, \$20 per couple. Make reservations with Anneke Cerri at 734-0956 by today.

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

Guardian Challenge golf tournament – Thursday at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person best ball competition with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person plus greens fees. To register, call 2nd Lt. Phillip Patrick at 605-8292.

Pizza eating contest – 5:30 p.m. Thursday for E-4 and below at G.I. Java. Entries limited to the first 100 sign ups at the coffeehouse.

Chapel singles group – 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at G.I. Java.

24 THU **15th Annual Texas Blowout** – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at Chochoe Park. Events include jail, fear factor, horse ropin' and horseshoe throwing. Cost is \$7 and covers food and drinks. Proceeds raised support Operation Kids' Christmas. For more information, call 606-2184.

Bundles for Babies – 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the family support center.

Expecting parents learn parenting skills and meet other expectant parents. Call 606-0039.

24 FRI **Battlestar Galactica convention** – Oct. 24-26 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles. Military specials are available. Sign up at <http://galacticonvents.com>.

30 THU **Harvest Celebration** – Oct. 30 – Nov. 1 in San Luis Obispo. Participants visit area wineries and restaurants tasting gourmet foods and wines. For more information, call the SLO chamber of commerce at (805) 781-2777 or visit www.visitslo.com.

31 FRI **CGOC golf tournament** – 11 a.m. registration Oct. 31 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Cost is \$20 plus greens fees for the shotgun start tournament. To sign up, call 2nd Lt. Joshua Baltz at 606-2749.

NOV 5 WED **Certified Nursing Assistant workshop** – noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria campus Student Center. Call 1-866-342-5242 ext. 3773.

8 SAT **Military Appreciation Night** – 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at Righetti High School football stadium. Events include a free tailgate party and barbecue for all active-duty military and their families. Uniform wear is encouraged. A 7 p.m. college football game features Allan Hancock vs. Moorpark.

Movie Corner

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

SCHOOL OF ROCK PG-13 7:15 p.m.
OUT OF TIME PG-13

Parks Plaza Buellton
Buellton Ph. 688-7434

GOOD BOY! PG
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI. 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30

INTOLERABLE CRUELTY PG-13
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30

KILL BILL R
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30

RUNAWAY JURY PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30

Movies Gemini
Lompoc Ph. 736-1306

GOOD BOY! PG
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE R
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

Movies Lompoc
Lompoc Ph. 736-1558

SCHOOL OF ROCK PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

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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

Vandenberg Thrift Shop

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

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

30th Services News

V.I.T.T

Pick one up today!

2004 Discovery dining books

Available at the Services Center for \$19.95.

KNOTT'S Berry Farm

Knotts Berry Farm Halloween Haunt

Get tickets at Information Tickets & Travel for the "Halloween Haunt." Dates and prices vary. Tickets must be used by printed date. Not recommended for children under 13 years of age. No refunds. Call V.I.T.T. at 606-7976 for more information.

P a c i f i c C o a s t C l u b



Come to the club for a

spooky good time!

Oct. 31

in both lounges party starts at 7 p.m.

DRINK SPECIALS

COSTUME CONTEST



PRICE is RIGHT TV Taping Trip

Nov. 7

FREE to military only!

Must be in uniform.

Sign up by Oct. 31.

Transportation and guaranteed seating. For more information, call 606-7976.

GOLF COURSE

- Today**
Project Good Neighbor Tournament
12:30 p.m. Open play shotgun, 7:30 a.m.
- Saturday**
Fall open tournament
Organizational tournament
- Sunday**
Fall open tournament
- Monday**
Course closed

YOUTH SPORTS

YOUTH BASKETBALL Boys, Girls & Co-Ed

Dont miss out! Registration ends Oct. 31 (or until teams are full.)

Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., youth center \$55 (\$50 w/ youth center membership)

We invite you to volunteer for division commissioner, coach, or time/equipment manager. Call the youth center at 606-2152. Sign up early so you don't miss out! Teams are limited due to limited available space.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Did you know?



The Vandenberg Family Child Care Program has implemented a new program. Parents can take advantage of this great program by pre-enrolling their child(ren) with the Family Child Care Mildly Ill provider. The Mildly Ill Program is an Air Force initiative that allows parents to leave their "mildly ill" children with a certified caregiver so they will not have to take time off work to provider care. The FCC provider has had additional training; the home has been modified and approved to care for mildly ill children.

To be eligible for this program children must be enrolled within the youth flight's child development center, youth center or in an FCC home.

Parents, take advantage of this great program by getting children pre-enrolled today. Enrollment forms can be picked up at any youth flight facility.

For additional information, call Vandenberg's Family Child Care coordinator Gwendolyn Jones at 606-4639/3255.

Enjoy our delicious brunch with your family this Sunday!

Sunday BRUNCH
at the club • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$13.95 Adults
(Club Members \$11.95)

Children, ages 2 to 11 eat for 75¢ per year
Children under 4 years old eat free!

Reservations are not required but highly recommended. For more information, call 606-3330.

FITNESS CENTER

VAFB Fitness Center & Health & Wellness Center
Walk your way through the HOLIDAYS



CONTEST

Oct. 27 through Dec. 19

8-WEEK WALKING CONTEST

Top finishers will receive prizes!



The average American will gain 10 to 15 pounds over the next 3 months!

Sign up at the HAWC or the fitness center.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT
at the Tennis Courts
Thursday, 5 p.m.

Sign up by Tuesday to play. Sponsored by the fitness center.

YOUTH CENTER

VANDEMBERG YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROUDLY PRESENTS

The Dragon's Lair

Registration is free for cast members

You must attend 80-100% of the rehearsals and all show. The cast will be made up of youths ages 8-18. We have 24 slots open to include both speaking and support parts and registration will be open until slots are full.

Performance Info
27-30 October, 6-9pm
Fitness Center Annex

Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 6pm
Dress Rehearsal 23 and 25 Oct

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WAL-MART
of Santa Maria
NO FEDERAL ENDORSEMENT INTENDED



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE YOUTH CENTER AT 606-2152

NOTICE:

AQUATIC CENTER Swimming Pool

WILL BE CLOSED Thursday through Oct. 31 for resurfacing of the baby and main pools.