

Base Briefs

Wing stands up first launch group

READINESS TIPS

Disasters can strike anytime. They can happen while you are at home or driving in your car. You should have an emergency car kit in each of your vehicles. Make sure your emergency first aid kit includes the following items:

- Battery powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- Blanket
- Booster cables
- Fire extinguisher (5lb. A-B-C type)
- First aid kit and manual
- Bottled water and non-perishable high-energy foods such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Black History Month opening ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Building 11777. Call Senior Airman Shamera Nurse, at 606-2347 for more information.

TAX SEASON

The tax office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Fridays. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are accepted depending on business. If taxes are filed on by Wednesday of each week before noon, the returns should arrive by the following Friday. California state tax returns should arrive within four to seven days of filing. Out of state residents must call their home state's tax office to find out when they should receive their returns. The tax office is now located inside the retiree's activity center here. Call the tax office at 606-3650 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Applications for the Scholarships for Military Children program are due by Feb. 18. Applications and criteria information for the \$1,500 scholarships can be picked up at the commissary or downloaded from the Web site, www.commissaries.com. Call 606-0125 for more information.

ENTERTAINMENT NEEDED

The food service office at Breakers Dining Facility seeks entertainers for small performances. Questions should be directed to Staff Sgt. Bethany Lopez at 606-5496.

DORM MANAGER

The 30th Mission Support Group has two immediate openings for dorm manager. These positions are a two-year controlled special duty tour and they are open to staff sergeants. Call Staff Sgt. Raul Molina at 606-3933 for details.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

Public Affairs is in need of tour guides for groups visiting and touring the base. Tours are conducted Mondays through Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. only. PA is the initial point of contact for tour groups. Questions should be directed to 606-3595.

Air Force historic event sets new chapter for space

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

Team Vandenberg witnessed history when the base stood up the Air Force's first launch group during a formal reorganization here Jan. 22.

Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, presided over the ceremony standing up the 30th Launch Group, deactivating the 30th Maintenance Group and absorbing parts of the Space & Missile Systems Center's Detachment 9.

"It didn't make sense to me to have a detachment of an Air Force Space Command unit on an Air Force Space Command base," the general told reporters before the ceremony.

"As I've said before," he continued, "launch is a little bit of operations and it's a little bit of acquisitions so let's put these two teams together and let them work for the wing commander."

To streamline and consolidate launch operations, Undersecretary of the Air Force Peter Teets approved the Air Force Space Command proposal to realign squadrons and stand up launch groups here and at Patrick AFB, Fla.

The move is designed make the wing commanders at Vandenberg and Patrick responsible and accountable to Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold at SMC when there are launch issues and to Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, 14th Air Force commander, when there are organization, training and equipment issues, General Lord said.

As a result, AFSPC activated the 30th Launch Group here Dec. 1 with Col. Randy Turner as its commander.

That activation brings the following realignments, activations and deactivations:

Under the 30th LCG:
The 4th Space Launch Squadron was activated with Lt. Col. Lee Rosen as its commander.

The 1st Air and Space Test Squadron was activated with Lt. Col. Marc DiCocco as its commander.

This unit was derived from the deactivation of Det. 9, SMC.

The 2nd Space Launch Squadron was reassigned from the 30th Operations Group.

Under the 30th OG:
The 2nd Range Operations Squadron was activated with Lt. Col. Jeffrey Follansbee as its commander.

The 30th Space Communications Squadron was reassigned from the 30th Maintenance Group.

The 30th Range Management Squadron was reassigned from the 30th MXG.

The 30th Maintenance Group and the 30th Range Squadron were deactivated.

These changes do not affect the number of personnel assigned here. The authorizations have only been moved.

"This is historic," General Arnold said during the reorganization ceremony. "We're setting a new chapter for space. We're transforming space for the Air Force and it's the right thing to do."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JAMES WILLIAMS

Lt. Col. Bill Prenot (left) looks on while Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC commander presents his son, Josh Prenot, 10, with a coin during his visit here, Jan. 22. General Lord took some time during the launch wing reorganization reception to speak with Josh, gave him a business card and a coin, and told Josh to email him with what was going on.

14th Air Force activates new squadron

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

The 14th Air Force activated a new space communications squadron Jan. 23 at Pacific Coast Club.

With Lt. Col. Jacqueline Charsagua in command the 614th Space Communications Squadron will assist in operating the ever-growing U.S. space program.

Unlike the usual base communications squadron the 614th SCS will provide specialized communication support to the Space Air Operation Center here and provide military satellite

communication support to the unified combatant commanders in theater operations, Colonel Charsagua said.

The 614th SCS realigns and takes command of geographically separated groups in Hawaii, Germany, Tampa, Fla. and Colorado Springs, Colo. from the 614th Space Operations Squadron.

"We will still have the same people," Colonel Charsagua said. "But we're taking those communicators and moving them into one squadron so we can focus on providing better communication and information services to our

users."

By doing this - it combines resources and streamlines command enabling the squadron to better serve the war fighter, she added.

With personnel from this squadron sitting on the AOC crew it increases the interchange and flow of information between the personnel in theater and the AOC allowing for more effective command and control of space forces, Colonel Charsagua said.

"Communication is such an integral part into how we perform our operations," the colonel said.

"If we talk about the different satellites we have - they collect, convey and disseminate information, but you need the communication links to get the information to the war fighter in the right time, place and format."

The unit is also a first step toward developing space communications experts.

"We're putting communications and information personnel on an AOC crew to perform crew duties," Colonel Charsagua said. "These people will be trained and groomed to be communications and information experts. As

communication related questions arise in the AOC these professionals will become the subject matter experts on space communications."

"This is a very important step in how we control and exploit the medium of space," said Maj. Gen. Mike Hamel, 14th Air Force commander. "Communications, information and network operations are at the very heart of how we do our business. This unit will be focused on how we're wired together and connected on a global basis as we produce operational warfighting effects."

START the visit



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, met the inspection team members from the Commonwealth of Independent States Tuesday. The inspectors conduct on-site verification for compliance with the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Program offers 'Vigilant Look' at AFSPC

By JENNA McMULLIN

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

■ PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — While the Air Force encourages its personnel to "cross further into the blue" through its new force-development philosophy, Air Force Space Command officials have been using a unique application of that philosophy — the Vigilant Look program.

Nearly four years old, Vigilant Look encapsulates the mission and career opportunities of AFSPC into a weeklong orientation open to all Air Force officers, regardless of major command. There are about four Vigilant Looks a year, with 30 attendees per program.

"Vigilant Look widens the picture of opportunities available to you in Air Force Space Command," said Maj. Tye Prater, chief of command officer development. "We show people there are other opportunities within their career fields."

The targeted attendee is a young to mid-

grade captain, and Maj. Prater said a nomination to attend Vigilant Look is a way for commanders to recognize outstanding officers.

Vigilant Look is based on a simple, career-development concept: Gather the best and brightest company grade officers from across the Air Force and provide a variety of briefings, tours and visits to give them a portrait of AFSPC.

Participants receive an inside look at what makes AFSPC tick, including talking with senior AFSPC leaders and visiting the missile alert facility simulator. They also get to set foot on a launch pad at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

"Going to a missile silo is something I'd never have the opportunity to do otherwise," said Capt. Keith Johnson, chief of staff for the 1st Air Command and Control Squadron at Offutt AFB, Neb.

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Team Vandenberg's basketball season kicks off with a squeaker.
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Destinations Central Coast spends the day exploring marine life at the Monterey Bay Aquarium
See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday

Low/High
40/67

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



Meet the new commander
Lt. Col. Marc DiCocco.
 1st Air and Space Test Squadron

COURTESY PHOTO

Hometown: Pennington, New Jersey

Time in Service: 18.5 years

Recent career history: Test Integration & Launch Division, Det. 9, Space and Missile Systems Center.

Leadership philosophy: Take care of your people first and go after the resources they need to accomplish the mission. Let them know up front what's expected of them, no matter how challenging, tell them what they're up against, no matter what the odds – be honest with them, give them tools and resources, trust them to execute – and they'll move mountains to get the job done.

Short-term goals: Complete the genesis of the 1st ASTS and give Team Vandenberg the best test squadron in the Air Force!

How do you fulfill core values? By constantly asking myself what's the right thing to do in every situation, and what needs to be done – that always triggers in my mind the guiding principles of Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do.

What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career? The first time I flew in a combat jet aircraft; it was fun, scary and a revelation all at once – it was during a huge Red Flag air war exercise, and it opened my eyes to so much of the Air Force mission.

Who is your favorite leader in history and why? President Bush. Despite all the politics and other issues that must be swirling around him, he has never wavered from his intense focus on our nation's security.

Since 9-11, and he's never missed an opportunity to spend time with the American people to motivate

them to greater things, especially folks in uniform. **Who is your role model and why?** My first supervisor when I was a second lieutenant. He came to work every day with a smile, was always cheerful, and took the time to teach me whenever he could, but he was never above asking me questions to learn from me. You'd never know that he sacrificed every off-duty moment providing around-the-clock care for his bedridden wife and raising his children. He was a true inspiration.

What do you like best about the Air Force? Being part of something larger than myself, something bigger than the sum of its parts, and yet knowing it's all based on people like me just working together.

Hobbies: Flying, bicycling, reading, movies and creative arts.

Warfit



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Maj. Gen. Mike Hamel, 14th Air Force commander does sit-ups for the physical fitness test Jan. 24. His overall score placed him in the "good" category.

ALCON: Normal

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| 30th OG | 0 | 30th SW | 0 | 14th AF | 0 |
| 30th MSG | 1 | 614th OG | 0 | 381st TRG | 1 |
| 30th MDG | 0 | 30th LG | 0 | 576th FLTS | 1 |

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

Days since last DUI: 14 AADD saves: 31
 DUI totals for the year: 3

COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

Know your enemy; know yourself

Where good airmen can fail & how to fix it

By COL FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing Commander

There is no doubt in my mind that every one wants to succeed at what they do. Whether it's serving their country with pride, deploying, or successfully launching a ballistic missile or rocket, we all want to be able to take pride in our team, our mission, and our service to our country—and it's something that is worthy of praise.

I know the sacrifices that are made on a daily basis by the sons and daughters of America to keep this country free, and I salute you all for your hard work and dedication.

Sometimes, however, good airmen make bad choices, occasionally costly ones to their careers and futures. It is important that you all understand the areas where good airmen can fail. Armed with this knowledge, hopefully everyone will work together to take care of each other.

The five main areas where good airmen fail are: alcohol, drugs, money management, sexual

misconduct and failure to go.

A couple of these are simple. There is ZERO tolerance for drug use and sexual harassment in the military. While you may hear stories of how people "get away" with it, you have to decide whether you want to risk a possible federal conviction and your future, because rest assured you will be caught.

Sexual Misconduct: Harassment in the work place or off-duty is not tolerated. Everyone needs to understand that "no" means "no" under all circumstances. It's not a game and it is not tolerated. "No" means "no" and as professionals you need to respond appropriately.

Alcohol: If you are under the age of 21 it is illegal for you to drink on this base. The legal drinking age in this state is 21. If you are found in possession of alcohol or under the influence of alcohol your actions are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. If you are over 21 and choose to drink, please drink responsibly. Getting into a car and driving drunk is irresponsible, reckless and you can kill people.

Have a plan and stick to it. If that plan fails, do the right thing and call for a ride.

Money management: Just because you have checks in your checkbook, doesn't mean you have money. You may laugh, but for many this is the first steady paycheck they've had and everyone has to learn to budget at some point. Checks are promises to pay and to write one knowing it will not clear is a crime. Additionally, the government travel card is for your use when in the performance of your duties—it is not to buy chocolate, stereo equipment and other personal items, so be careful to use it appropriately.

The Family Support Center offers classes to help people learn about how to manage finances and stay out of financial trouble. Ask your first sergeant, commander or a colleague to help with a budget plan, balancing your checkbook, and make sure you understand the rules for government travel card use.

Failure to go: It's important for us all to be on time. Every step we

to get to a launch window is a delicately balanced and intricate weave of time management. Some steps must be completed before others can begin, but each one is essential to the team and must happen at a given point in the timeline. Somewhere down the line each individual contributes to the launch mission and if you are late for work, late to the fuel truck, late to the appointment, then launches may be delayed. If you are repeatedly late, you delay the process and that can result in mission failure and that is not an option.

In *The Art of War*, Sun Tzu, wrote, "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles"

This is about knowing what can lead to failure and conquering it. Once you identify the issues, it's easy to get in front of them. But it is your choice about how you want to continue in your military career. Do you want to have a positive experience and leave with an honorable discharge? I thought so...here's the secret...it's simple: just take care of each other and make sure you do the right thing.

Go HAWKS!

Commander's Action Line

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

Service before self... What have you done for your Air Force?

By CHIEF MASTER SGT. KEVIN LUDWIG
30th Space Wing Command Chief

Our Air Force core values – integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do – remind us of what it takes to get the mission done.

They are much more than minimum standards to be achieved. Our core values form the centerpiece of our respect for the institution – our Air Force – our respect for each other, and provide guiding principles for leadership. In short, these core values tell us what is expected and provide direction to achieve those expectations. I believe, service before self is the first core value we come in contact with. For me, this value influences three key aspects of our Air Force profession and life: duty, attitude and opportunity.

Consider our oath of enlistment. Before we even get to basic training, the first thing we do is swear an oath to

defend the Constitution of the United States. I can think of no more pristine of an example of service before self. It is at this point we commit ourselves fully to doing our duty in the service of our country. Our professional duties must now take priority over our personal desires. Duty is the action required by one's position, profession or task. General Robert E. Lee reminds us to, "Do your duty in all things, you cannot do more, you should never want to do less." Without a doubt, we joined the Air Force for a variety of reasons, some of us wanted to travel, get a better education, learn a skill, and many wanted to serve their nation. Although our reasons varied, the essence of joining the Air Force is a commitment to service. To serve is to do one's duty!

Yes, we are provided some tremendous benefits as a result of joining the Air Force. However, our call to duty must always remain the priority

and to do so will mean personal sacrifice. We serve the people of this country; when called to duty, we'll serve in an outstanding manner and we'll place our service before self for the greater benefit of all.

Service before self is an attitude – a win-win attitude. Dr. Jeffrey Zink, an expert on ethics and leadership, concludes that a benefit of service is when people turn their focus outward and away from self. Their thinking becomes, "What's in it for all of us?"

When I consider this premise, this core value enables us to have respect for each other and faith in the system – we serve with unselfishness. We mutually respect all members, regardless of their station in the chain of command. We think in terms of teamwork, and we avoid doubting the system.

This value prompts a win-win attitude enabling us to know that as an Air Force we can handle any challenge and as

individual professionals to know what should or should not be done. We create an attitude precluding us from putting self before service and losing faith in our Air Force and in those we serve with. Creating and having this win-win attitude provides us a culture of opportunity.

Day-to-day we take on many challenges and every challenge provides an opportunity of equal or greater benefit. Service before self allows us to create our own opportunities ourselves. For example, we encourage members to complete their Community College of the Air Force degree. This is an opportunity to benefit the Air Force – a more prepared technical expert and your own personal benefit of completing your educational goals. We provide physical fitness opportunities to ready the Air Force while you benefit from improved health and fitness. We provide opportunities to contribute and when

contributions are noteworthy we recognize our stellar performers through exemplary performance ratings, awards, and decorations. We encourage professionals to be their best and as they advance and achieve so does our mission, service and unit. In my view, it is a unique correlation – our Air Force offers many opportunities for individual success, yet, the price for this success is placing your service before self.

We serve in turbulent times; we serve in a profession where the expectation is that we will lay down our lives for country, freedoms, families and friends. From the moment you recite the oath of enlistment you enter a profession that is entirely based on the premise of service before self. No one individual is greater than our Air Force; yet, our Air Force successes are forever linked to the individual. The Air Force and the 30th Space Wing are as good as you are... so what have you done for your Air Force?

HAWKS'

Point of View

"What's your favorite place to eat on the Central Coast?"



"AJ Spurs for beef, Don Pepe Mexican Food and Olive Garden for Italian." – Staff Sgt. Ryan Kaono, 30th Logistic Readiness Squadron

"I like the pizza at Anthony's Pizza at the base exchange food court." – Andy Winston



"In-N-Out Burger!" – Senior Airman Royce Rowe, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron

"The Taj Mahal in Santa Barbara. It has really good Indian food." – 2nd Lt. John Krepsky, 392nd Training Squadron



Team Vandenberg Warrior
Larry Anderson
381st Training Squadron

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Hometown: Saginaw Michigan

Time in service: 24 years active duty Air Force, retired. 7 years as a civilian, civil Service

Time on station: 2 years 8 months

Role in mission: Resources Manager in the manpower section

How do you contribute to the wing mission: I provide Instructional Systems development support and technical training manpower management.

What do you like best about the Air Force: The path of leadership and togetherness in a family atmosphere.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? A more professional Development form of mentoring.

How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? Being

professional in everything I do.

What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Being an Electronic Warfare Officer and sharing and mentoring my experiences with Air Force personnel.

How would you improve life at Vandenberg? Keep doing what we are doing.

Who is your role model and why? My father was my first and Secretary of State Powell. Their leadership by example.

Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Martin Luther King Jr., His able to bring people together with a mission and provide they steps to the goal.

Favorite movie or book: Zen and the art of making a living

Hobbies: Golfing, fishing, writing and performing public speaking.



Team Vandenberg Warrior
Tech. Sgt. Vincent Travali
381st Training Squadron

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Hometown: Enfield, Connecticut

Time in service: 18 years

Time on station: 2 years

Role in mission: Instructional Designer and Unit Education and Training Manager

How do you contribute to the wing mission? I design and develop interactive courseware and computer-based training material for the world's premier Missile and Space Training Squadrons. I'm also responsible for the administration of the Commander's On-the-Job Training program.

What do you like best about the Air Force? Having the opportunity to go different places and meet new people.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? Institute the US Navy promotion practice of frocking.

How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? By presenting a sharp, professional military image, and doing the best quality of work I can.

What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Deployments in support of Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

How would you improve life at Vandenberg? Enhance the youth sports program.

Who is your role model and why? My Father. He was a very strong, dedicated, and caring person who overcame many obstacles in his life. He was a very hard worker, but no matter how much he worked, was he always had time for his family. It is because of him that I am the person I am today.

Favorite movie: Hoosiers
Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Softball, Coaching Youth Sports, Youth Scouting.

This week in history ...

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30th Space Wing Public Affairs

January 25

1949 – The Air Force adopts a slate-blue uniform.

January 26

1838 – The first Prohibition law in the history of the United States is passed in Tennessee, making it a misdemeanor to sell alcoholic beverages in taverns and stores. The bill stated that all persons convicted of retailing “spirituous liquors” would be fined at the “discretion of the court” and that the fines would be used in support of public schools.

1945 – The first military helicopter rescue mission is flown.

1946 – A new cross-country record of four hrs. 13 mins. 23 secs. is set by Col. W. Council flying a P-80

January 27

1939 – The XP-38 makes its first flight.

1957 – The last operational P-51 fighter is retires to the Air Force museum.

1967 – A launch pad fire during Apollo program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Virgil “Gus” Grissom, Edward H. White II, and Roger B. Chafee. An investigation indicated that a faulty electrical wire inside the Apollo 1 command module was the probable cause of the fire. The astronauts, the first Americans to die in a spacecraft, had been participating in a simulation of the Apollo 1 launch scheduled for the next month.

January 28

1986 – The space shuttle Challenger lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first ordinary U.S. civilian to travel into space. Mrs. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the Challenger. She underwent months of shuttle training but then, beginning January 23, was forced to wait six long days as the Challenger’s launch countdown was repeatedly delayed because of weather and technical problems. Finally, on January 28, the shuttle lifted off.

Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground, including her family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle exploded in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

January 29

1861 – The territory of Kansas is admitted into the Union as the 34th state, or the 28th state if the secession of eight Southern states over the previous six weeks is taken into account.

Kansas, deeply divided over the issue of slavery, was granted statehood as a free state in a gesture of support for Kansas’ militant anti-slavery forces, which had been in armed conflict with pro-slavery groups since Kansas became a territory in 1854.

1926 – An American altitude record of 37,704 ft. is set at Dayton, Ohio.

January 30

1946 – The Advanced Aeronautical Engineering School is established at Wright Field.

January 31

1950 – President Harry Truman publicly announces his decision to support the development of the hydrogen bomb, a weapon theorized to be hundreds of times more powerful than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan during World War II.

1971 – Apollo 14, piloted by astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar Mitchell, and Stuart Roosa, is successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a manned mission to the moon.

On February 5, after suffering some initial problems in docking the lunar and command modules, Shepard and Mitchell descended to the lunar surface on the third U.S. moon landing. Upon stepping out of the lunar module, Shepard, who in 1961, aboard Freedom 7, was the first American in space, became the fifth astronaut to walk on the moon. Shepard and Mitchell remained on the lunar surface for nearly 34 hours, conducting simple scientific experiments, such as hitting golf balls into space with Shepard’s golf club, and collecting 96 pounds of lunar samples. On February 9, Apollo 14 safely returned to Earth.

PROGRAM:

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As an RC-135 Rivet Joint pilot who used satellite communications each time he flew, Captain Johnson had never been exposed to the space field before attending Vigilant Look in July 2003.

Since Vigilant Look highlights all AFSPC assets in one week, there is a lot of subject matter to cover. While briefings address much of the mission of AFSPC, the interactive visits to places such as Cheyenne Mountain and Vandenberg AFB provide the perspective of space and missile career fields

in action.

“People gain a better appreciation of what this major command provides to the Air Force and to the country,” said Col. Cal Hutto, director of the AFSPC space professional task force.

An announcement is made each quarter about the upcoming Vigilant Look. The next program will be held Mar. 15 to 19, and a call for attendee nominations was sent via personnel and wing commander channels Jan. 15. More information on Vigilant Look is available on the program’s Web site, at <https://midway.peterson.af.mil/2letters/dp/AODS/index.htm>.
(Courtesy of AFSPC News Service)

Crimebeat...

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WESLEY ASLESON

30th Security Forces Squadron

Jan. 22

Deer in the headlights - 12:46 a.m.

An airman reported striking a deer with a government vehicle on Bear Creek Road adjacent to Manzanita Road. The airman said the deer darted into his path damaging the radiator, bumper and grill. Other than the deer becoming a hood ornament, no injuries occurred.

CD resident - 3:50 p.m.

An airman reported someone stole his CD case from the Peacekeeper Dormitory dayroom. The airman said his case contained more than \$1,000 in DVD’s and it disappeared when he returned to retrieve it after a short absence. A simple rewind of the dayroom’s video coverage revealed an airman “borrowing” the property, so patrolmen “borrowed” it back and apprehended the airman. He was released to his first sergeant.

Dog bite - 7:10 p.m.

An airman’s wife reported her son’s hand bitten by a neighbor’s pet in the park adjacent to Twilight Court. The owner, identified as an airman, was directed to quarantine the pet until directed otherwise by a veterinarian.

Jan. 23

Holy smoke! - 11:49 p.m.

The Vandenberg fire department dispatcher reported a stove fire at a home on Mulberry Street. The airman at the home said his unattended cooking on the stove caught fire. Fire unit’s extinguished the flames successfully.

Jan. 24

Free room and board - 5 a.m.

A check with local jails revealed an airman serving time in Santa Barbara Jail for public intoxication. His first sergeant was briefed.

Found property - 3:53 p.m.

An airman released a Gameboy he found in the park near Summersill Street Jan. 20. The item was added to the lost and found inventory.

Jan. 25

Deja Vu - 2:30 a.m.

Patrolmen suspected a non-base affiliated driver of driving under the influence after a

traffic violation on Highway 1 and Santa Lucia Canyon Road. The overwhelming odor of alcohol emitting from his vehicle was just one indication. He failed a field sobriety test and was turned over to the California Highway Patrol.



Jan. 26

Missing person - 6:16 a.m.

An airman reported his wife missing since calling her at work at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 25. He said she failed to return to their home on Del Cielo Court after her work hours ended at 10:30 p.m.

Shortly after filing the report, the airman’s wife contacted him and said she was comforting a distraught friend.

Gone in 60 seconds! - 10:30 a.m.

An airman reported his car cover stolen off his Subaru Wagon parked outside Titan Dormitory Jan. 25.

Check your six - 1:12 p.m.

A civilian employee reported striking an illegally parked Mitsubishi with a government Chevy Silverado while backing out of a bay door at Building 10711 damaging both vehicles.

Check your six too... - 4:37 p.m.

An airman reported her Toyota turned up on its passenger side after she backed into a ditch on Alaska Way and Washington Avenue. No injuries occurred.

Special delivery - 6:50 p.m.

An airman residing on Del Cielo Court reported a soldier lost control of his electric scooter, struck a mailbox and broke his leg. He was transported to the Lompoc Hospital Emergency room for treatment.

ALARMING TRENDS: Restricted area human error alarm activations appear to be on the rise once again. Six alarms were recorded in the past 14 days attributed to badge holders entering wrong pin numbers and exiting alarm-activated doorways. Once again badge holders are reminded of recalling a PIN well in advance of approaching the alarmed area/facility. Also when exiting a doorway have personal knowledge of it’s alarmed status. Contact your unit/agency security manager if in doubt.

****Editor’s note:** Although the Space & Missile Times may make light of some blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.

Aiming High



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Vincent Moschelle, 10, son of Lt. Col. William Moschelle attempts a free throw while Michelle Brassard, 10; daughter of Tech. Sgt. Michael Brassard looks on during the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting contest Sunday at the fitness center. More than 20 children participated in the free event.

Wing slips by Med Group in opening game

By STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER
30th Space Communications Squadron

In basketball, especially the first game of the season, it is important to try to get a handle on teamwork and chemistry so you can improve throughout the season.

The 30th Space Wing intramural basketball team did just that in its opening game with the 30th Medical Group Tuesday night.

Elijah Pope hit the game-winning, baseline jumper with 20 seconds left to lift the Space Wing to a 36-35 victory against the Med Group.

Pope said he felt the pressure when he let the shot go.

"It feels good, it's relieving," Pope said of the game-winner. "If I would've missed, oh man, I don't want to think about that. I'm just glad I made the shot and our team was able to win."

Early on it looked like the Med Group would cruise to the victory.

Med Group player-coach Walt Carr scored nine first-half points as the Med Group built a 21-15 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Space Wing opened on a 14-5 run to take its first lead of the ball game at 29-26.

Carr hit a turnaround jumper at the five-minute mark, to tie the game at 32-32 and Antwon Ervin hit a three-point basket with 35 seconds left to give the Med Group the lead at 35-34.

Enter Pope.

The Space Wing worked the ball around the perimeter and that's when they found Pope all alone on the baseline, for the game winner.

"It feels good to get that first win out of the way," Space Wing player-coach Arthur Abner said. "At least now we know we can win. We still have things we need to work on and improve on as a team, but all-in-all it was a good first game."

Frank Coleman led the Space Wing scoring a team-high nine points, while Carr scored a game-high 15 points for the Med Group in a losing cause.

For the Med Group, they were not patient with their offense in the second half and it showed. The Med Group turned the ball over 10 times in the second half, most coming on fast-break and easy layup opportunities.

Carr said his team didn't do a good job of finding the open man in the second half, either.

"We weren't working our offense," Carr said. "We could down and just shoot. I think we were just eager to play this game, some first game jitters. We also couldn't convert our fast break opportunities. We missed a lot of wide-open shots. We're just going to have to come back and play team ball instead of 1-on-5 ball."

Abner said the Space Wing focused on tightening up its defense and doing a better job of working the ball around and that



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Walt Carr skies by the Wing's defense in a losing effort

it paid dividends in the second half.

"We wanted to work on moving on offense," Abner said. "We had a lot of people just standing around in the first half. We also wanted to play tighter defense on their three-point shots. They got a lot of open looks in the first half. We were able to hold them down a little bit in the second half and that helped to enable us to come back."

Abner said with the first

victory and first game out of the way, the Space Wing should be able to get better and better as the season goes along.

"This was the first time we've played together as a team," Abner said. "I think once we learn each other and what each of us can do, I think we'll be a good team. We have things we need to work on, but I'm proud that we were able to get the win. I was proud of our effort and hopefully we can carry this on to the rest of our games."

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

Monterey Bay Aquarium brings ocean life to land

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

Deep down in the Pacific Ocean lies a world quite unlike life on dry land. Forests made of kelp and various types of seaweed provide a safe haven for many different marine species. Very few people have the opportunity to see the beauty of the underwater world. Therefore, it's left up to those who have the skills and the equipment to explore it and bring back what they find for the world to see.

Those curious individuals who set out to discover the mysteries of the ocean have not only come back to tell what they saw, they've brought the ocean to land for all to see at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

During a recent visit to the aquarium, I realized I had been all wrong about what I thought was beneath the mass of dark blue water. I mean I knew about whales, fish and octopus, but there really is so much more!

Below Monterey Bay lies a deep canyon with depths reaching up to 10,000 feet. Inside the canyon are various types of marine life that have been brought to the aquarium for public viewing. The aquarium's exhibits resemble the bay so the animals are in a familiar environment.

The kelp forest exhibit is truly the centerpiece of the aquarium. It looks so natural that it's almost like being underwater with the fish. At three stories tall, the exhibit was the biggest fish tank I'd ever seen. Giant kelp fish, sheephead, leopard shark, kelp bass, and the Pacific seahorse all live in harmony inside the kelp forest. Occasionally a fish gets just as curious about the humans and they swim close to the glass to observe them, then as quickly as they came, they vanish into the forest.

The outer bay exhibit was by far the most fascinating to me. We walked into a large dark room with tanks that contained what had to be the biggest fish I've ever seen. Some looked as if they could swallow me whole. The exhibit contains marine species from the open waters of the Eastern Pacific Ocean. According to a tour guide, the exhibit contains more than a million gallons of water. It encompasses species such as the soupfin shark, yellowfin tuna, sea turtles and even dolphin fish, which are said to be the most beautiful fish in the ocean. But in all honesty, after seeing those large fish, I kept thinking to myself, "man just one of those tunas could feed about 10 people."

Along with the numerous exhibits, the aquarium offers several hands-on activities and even has a coral reef play-area for children. There is also a jellyfish living art exhibit jellies such as the flower hat jelly and the blue jelly have never been displayed in North America before. For those who enjoy learning about the past, the aquarium also offers a view of fish and shark fossils and bones from long ago.

Free passes to the aquarium are available to school groups for educational tours. Although most people view the aquarium without assistance, tours are provided for those who want background

information on all areas of the aquarium. The aquarium is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

From Vandenberg, Monterey Bay is about a three-hour drive. But it's well worth it. Besides the aquarium, Monterey is also a nice little tourist town. It's one of those places that would be great for spending a long weekend.



Paul, an aquarium employee teaches Taylor Smith, 7, about animal fossils. Taylor, along with other school children, get the opportunity for a hands-on lesson at the aquarium. (Below) The aquarium sits right at the basin of a 10,000 foot deep canyon. The animals only spend a few months at the aquarium before they are released then other species are caught to take their place.



Senior Airman Mark Brady, 30th Contracting Squadron, gets a close-up view of sea nettle jelly fish. The sea nettle stings and hunts tiny drifting animals by trailing its long tentacles that touch their prey stinging and paralyzing it.

Directions to the aquarium are as follows: Take 101 North go about 164 miles and make a left at the West Laurel Drive exit. From there turn left on North Davis Drive. Take the West Market Street/Castroville exit. At the end of the ramp make a left. Come to a bridge and make a left on CA 156 West. Continue straight until you see signs to the aquarium. The address is 886 Cannery Row.

At three stories tall, the kelp forest is the second largest display at the aquarium. It contains various aquatic species from fish to crabs. The kelp forest exhibit is the aquarium's centerpiece.

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Community Calendar

30 FRI **Volunteers needed** – to chair the following events: Women's history month in March and Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust in April. Call MEO at 606-0370.

Meals on Wheels – needs drivers for the Santa Barbara area for two hours a day one day per week. Call (805)-683-1565, for more information.

Cancer Society – needs volunteers. Call (805)-963-1576, for more information.

Soccer players needed – The base soccer team is looking for experienced and committed players for a Santa Maria arena soccer league. Email ryan.howell@vandenbergef.af.mil for more information.

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.

30 FRI **Low walk-up fares** – American Airlines expanded its military fares through 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.

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.

30 FRI **G.I. Java seeks musicians** – The 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.

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.

FEB 2 MON Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

Office Closure – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays the Family Support Center is closed for training. Call 606-0039 for emergencies.

Allan Hancock College spring registration – Late registration continues 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today for 8-week classes and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 605-5915, for more information.

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.

3 TUE **Mothers of Multiples Group** – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the base library. Call Karen Duncan at 734-1654 for more information.

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.

3 TUE **Youth 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, for more information.

Stress Class – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-0039.

TAP Seminar – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Feb. 6 at the Family Support Center. Call 606-0039, for more information.

Santa Maria 4-Wheelers – 7:30 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month at Round Table Pizza. Call (805)-928-7532.

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 newborn babies through two years old. Call 734-1461, for more information.

4 WED **Santa Maria Camera Club** – 7:30 p.m. first and third Wednesday of the month at the Arbor View Retirement Center. Call (805)-934-9709.

Farmers Market – 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the La Cumbre Plaza in Santa Barbara.

Partners Assisting in Reading – 2:55 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Crestview Library. For more information, call 734-1651.

Playtime for Tots – 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Cocheo Park. The playground is for children age two through five. Call 734-2098, for more information.

School Closure – Feb. 9, 16 and 17 all Lompoc Unified School District schools and Education Center are closed. The Adult Education will have class Feb. 17.

Movie



Corner

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

THE BIG BOUNCE
ALONG CAME POLLY PG-13 DAILY 7:00 p.m.

Movies Gemini
Lompoc Ph. 736-1306

YOU GOT SERVED PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

ALONG CAME POLLY PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

Movies Lompoc
Lompoc Ph. 736-1558

WIN A DATE WITH TAD HAMILTON PG-13
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
COLD MOUNTAIN R
DAILY 4:00-7:15 SAT-SUN 1:00
THE BIG BOUNCE PG-13
DAILY 4:45-7:15-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-2:15

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT R
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

Parks Plaza Buellton
Buellton Ph. 688-7434

COLD MOUNTAIN R
DAILY 4:00-7:15 SAT-SUN 1:00
LOST IN TRANSLATION PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
ALONG CAME POLLY PG-13

DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
WIN A DATE WITH TAD HAMILTON PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30
CALENDAR GIRLS PG-13
DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30

General Admission \$7.50 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

30th Services News

YOUTH CENTER

Parents check this program out for your teen boys!

PASSPORT to MANHOOD

Starts Wednesday • 4 p.m. • Youth Center

Passport to Manhood is a free program for boys 10-to-14 years-of-age that promotes and teaches responsibility for male Youth Center members. (Nonmembers cost is \$10.)

The program consists of 14-sessions, meeting once a week, each of which concentrates on a specific aspect of manhood through highly interactive activities.

Register today! Call Mike Renner, Program Director at 606-2152 or visit the Youth Center front counter personnel for information and a brochure.

This program is presented by VAFB Youth Center and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.



LIBRARY



DIAL-A-STORY

To hear this week's story, "Rhyming Fables" call the Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7.

Thursday - Pre-school Storytime 10 a.m.

YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB Youth Sports SIGN UPS

BASEBALL - Boys & Girls, ages 5 to 13

Registrations: Continuing
Youth Center, Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)
Skills Day: Feb. 21 at the Baseball Field (behind the Child Development Center)

SOFTBALL - Girls, ages 8 to 13

Registrations: Continuing
Youth Center, Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)
Skills Day: Feb. 14 at Softball Field #2 (behind the Child Development Center)

COED TEEN SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL - League Ages 14 to 16

Registrations: Continuing
Youth Center, Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members)
Skills Day: Feb. 14 at Softball Field #2 (behind the Child Development Center)

Volunteers/coaches are needed for all sports. For information, call the Youth Center, 606-2152.

FITNESS CENTER

Retiree Fitness Program Assessments

Today, 8 to 10 a.m.

Call the Fitness Center for more information at 606-3832.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

February schedule

Ceramics Courses

(3 classes) Cost: \$35

1st Wednesday: Slab clay, hand-forming 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

2nd Wednesday: Cleaning and painting, hand-formed item, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

3rd Wednesday: Finish painting and glazing 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call the skills development center at 606-6438.

Come to the PCC Sunday for the party!

Raffle for Special Prizes

Raffle for Special Prizes

SUPER BOWL XXXVIII

FUN starts 2-hours before the game!

FOOTBALL TOSS 1-hour before game and at half time.

GIVEAWAYS throughout the day!

All-you-can-eat TACO BAR
HOT WINGS & HOT DOGS before game

Members free
Nonmembers \$5

MEMBER SPECIALS • \$3 domestic draft pitcher • \$2 call drinks

For more information, call the club at 606-3330.

HUMAN RESOURCES

LOOKING for a JOB?

NAF HUMAN RESOURCES is the place to find one!

Position Title: RECREATION AID (LIFEGUARD)**

Location: Outdoor Recreation-Aquatics

Grade: NF-0189-I

Salary: \$6.75/Hour

Must have an approved and current nationally recognized certification in lifesaving and water rescue methods and skills, as well as basic first aid training, and CPR training. This position also requires experience and knowledge of swimming activities, rules and procedures.



Position Title: RECREATION SPECIALIST (OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES)**

Location: Outdoor Recreation

Grade: NF-0188-III

Salary: \$10.36/Hour

Must have 1 year of specialized experience (or 4-year course study in related field) in outdoor recreation. Knowledge of office automation software and possession of the appropriate driver's license is also required.



Position Title: WOOD CRAFTER (INSTRUCTOR)

Location: Hobby Shop

Grade: NA-4605-10

Salary: \$11.93/Hour

Must have experience which demonstrates knowledge of wood crafting methods and techniques to make and repair a variety of wooden items with unique and intricate shapes and designs. The ability to instruct and assist wood shop patrons is also required.



**Background check required.

NAF HRO HOURS:

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Closed Holidays), Bldg. 11777, Room B-105

NAF MAILING ADDRESS:

30 SVS/SVH, 1036 California Blvd.,
Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-6202

PHONE: 606-8906 **FAX:** 606-6834 **JOB LINE:** 606-8743

Applications are now accepted on line at www.30svs.com

Please e-mail the completed forms to NAFHRO@vandenberg.af.mil

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

The PCC is the Spot TONIGHT!

Oldies NIGHT E-Lounge 9pm to 2am

★ '18 & over Night' ★

Saturday • 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The best of R&B, Hip Hop, Old School with the central coast's No. 1 morning show 'Danny G & Company' You hear them on the radio... come out and meet the Company!

FAMILY VALUE NIGHTS for the Vandenberg Family

- MONDAY \$5 off any large pizza, members \$3 off nonmembers
- TUESDAY PCC Chicken Buffet \$6.95 members, \$3.95, kids 4-to-11 yrs.
- WEDNESDAY Kids' Pizza Night, kids 11-and-under, pizza with soft drink, \$1.50
- THURSDAY Pasta Mania Buffet, \$6.95 members

Call the club, 606-3330, for more information.

TEEN JOB SEARCH 101 SEMINAR

Call the Youth Center at 606-2152 for details and to register through Feb. 6 (advance registration is required).

February 17
1 to 4 p.m.
Youth Center



January Specialty Class

Saturday • 10 a.m. • Services Center • **INTRO to FULL CIRCLE**

This is the class to introduce yourself to the Indoor Cycling Experience... 25-minutes on the cycle for exceptional stretching, and ab-core strengthening. For any questions, call 736-1572.