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Base Briefs

30TH SW DOWN DAY

The 30th Space Wing commander has declared March 26 a down day for military members. Liberal leave applies for civilians.

14TH AF BALL HONORS

During the 14th Air Force ball Saturday, 1st Lt. Donovan Gonzalez, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 30th Space Wing Company Grade Officer of the Year, will be honored as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

CORRECTION

The March 12 article on Page six in the Space & Missile Times misidentified the 30th Space Communications Squadron Women's and Spouse's Club as the Vandenberg Spouse's Club.

TAX DEADLINE

Tax season ends April 15. The base tax office is still accepting appointments. For tax assistance, call a unit tax advisor or 606-3650.

INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Vandenberg Chief's Group holds an chief induction ceremony March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Call Senior Master Sgt. Brian Robertson at 606-9815 for more information.

QUICK BREAKFAST

The Health and Wellness Center presents 'breakfast on the go' Thursday from 7 to 8 a.m. Learn quick cooking tips and enjoy a complimentary meal. Participants should call Lindsay Buckalew at 606-2221.

The segment will be broadcast live on KCOY's 'Breakfast with Julisa'.

GATE PROCEDURES

There are new base gate procedures including 100 percent identification and verification of all drivers and pedestrians entering the base and daily random vehicle searches above and beyond base entry check points. The new procedures improve Air Force security.

NO MORE FORMFLOW

Users of the FormFlow program will no longer be able to download forms they frequently use as of April 1. Those users should download the forms they need. For more information regarding this matter, call Charles Whitson at DSN 692-6802 or 692-3157.

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Team Vandenberg kicks off Guardian Challenge 2004

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

The Team Vandenberg Hawks began the countdown to the only Air Force space and missile competition at a kick-off rally March 12 highlighting this year's Guardian Challenge 2004 competitors.

With the competition and the opening ceremony slated for May 3, Airmen appeared excited to be getting back into the competition mode and eager to win the Schriever trophy for the fourth time.

Their cheers rang loud as Lt. Col. Thomas Steele, 2nd Space Launch Squadron operations officer, introduced the team.

"The trophy is ours and it's been that way for several years and we intend to keep it here!" he said. "No team has ever done what Team Vandenberg competitors stand poised to accomplish."

If the Hawks win it they will be the only team in the 37-year history of this competition to win the



PHOTO BY AIRMAN KYLE FIDEL

A Team V Airman and Vandenberg's Hawkman show their support for Guardian Challenge 2004 in a kick-off rally March 12 that highlighted this year's competitors. Guardian Challenge is set to begin May 3.

trophy four times in a row.

Vandenberg's Hawks won best spacelift operations four times in a

row, the best spacelift it wo times in a row, and are the reigning champions of the helicopter

competition.

The 30th Security Forces Squadron won honors as best in weapons in 2002.

Colonel Steele said the Guardian Challenge competition has eight objectives:

- Identify all areas for standardization to enhance readiness and efficiency

- Improve readiness, combat capability and methodology through preparation, innovation, competition and cross talk

- Enhance esprit de corps and strengthen teamwork across all mission areas in the command

- Send the message that Team Vandenberg is prepared to perform the mission

- Recognize superior people

- Demonstrate that the U.S. Air

Force has the premier space force personnel

- Create competition tough

- Identify innovative techniques and improved methodology for increased job performance.

After the introductions, Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, assured each team they have the wing's support.

"We've got a big challenge in front of us," he said. "Not only do we have Guardian Challenge going on, but we also have the operational readiness inspection, and three upcoming launches. We're going to bring this trophy home," the commander continued. "It's not a matter of if, because we are going to do this. These Airmen are the folks that are going to make this happen. We're going to do everything we can to support them and make it happen."

Team Vandenberg is going to launch three rockets, get a blue on the ORI and win the Schriever trophy again, all in about two and a half months, he projected.

Welcome home



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Staff Sgt. Ben Ahrens greets his wife Kristen, March 11 here. Sergeant Ahrens and 13 other members of the 30th Security Forces Squadron returned from a five-month deployment in Iraq.

Five beachgoers cited in first two weeks of nesting season

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

Two weeks into the nesting season for the federally listed "threatened" snowy plover, beachgoers have racked up five violations of beach access restrictions.

A draft recovery plan worked out between the base and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows access to 1.5 miles of three base beaches from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays - Mondays during the bird's nesting season March 1 - Sept. 30. The plan also calls for violation caps

at those beaches: 50 at Surf, 10 at Wall and five at Minuteman. All five violations were accrued on days the beaches were open. However, the offenders entered areas completely closed to human access.

So far three violations are on the books for the one-half mile of Surf Beach open for public access. Offenders include a fisherman from Downey, Calif. and two surfers from Gaviota, Calif. The three received citations for trespassing on federal property.

Two off-duty security forces Airmen

surfing at Minuteman beach are responsible for violations there. The 30th Security Forces Squadron commander will administer punishment to the two.

"The recovery of this species is a priority to the wing," said Maj. Stacey N. Bako, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs chief. "It's important to balance the species recovery with public access to the beaches here. The only way we can do that is if everyone cooperates. Signs and fences outline beach restrictions and we all have to respect them or we lose access to those beaches until October."

Town Hall meeting explains future of base housing

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg's plans for upgrading base housing here were discussed during a town hall meeting March 11 at the base theater.

As more than 100 housing residents listened, 30th Mission Support Group Commander Col. Deidre Briggs spoke on the successful completion of the first seven phases of the project: enlisted housing - which has won three awards for facility excellence.

Col. Briggs mentioned the next phase would involve officer housing.

Three additional construction phases are projected for Vandenberg's near future, said housing architect Bob Griswold.

Phase 8 is a two-part project involving 120 officer units located on Aspen, Baywood, Cedar and Korina streets, explained Griswold during a slide presentation at the meeting.

The town hall was attended by Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Ludwig, Lt. Col. Bart Hedley, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, Lompoc Union representative Tanya Opfermann, and 30th CES housing office chief DeAnne Edlund, who all answered many questions which arose during the meeting.

Many residents are concerned about when, where and how they will be re-located during the construction phase. The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron's housing office has prepared a "frequently asked questions" page on the Vandenberg Intranet Web site. Using a .mil computer, go to <https://intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/organization/30msg/ces/Pages/HousingFAQ.htm> to see a list of answered concerns with regard to this upcoming project. Pending approval, a copy of the questions and answers should be available on the public site soon, according to Ms. Edlund

"Housing residents have been through this seven previous times without a hitch," said Col. Gallegos

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Master sergeants earn seventh stripe

Congratulations to the following Team Vandenberg master sergeants on their selection for promotion to senior master sergeant:

- Steven Benesh, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- David Erb, 2nd Space Launch Squadron
- Stephen Lebrun, 30th Weather Squadron
- Vivian Fisher, 30th Contracting Squadron
- Edward Palacios, 1st Air and Space Test Squadron
- Patrick Root, 30th Space Wing
- Salvador Rodriguez, 14th Air Force
- Ben Rosen, 14th AF
- Charles Smith, 30th SW
- Richard Tarnowski, Detachment 1, 345th Training Squadron



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14th Air Force defeats 30th Medical Group in base raquetball championship. See Page A7.



Destinations Central Coast spends the evening outside at Santa Maria's Hi-Way Drive-in Theater. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday.



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

AFAF campaign kicks off in AFSPC

By General Lance W. Lord
Air Force Space Command commander

March 15 marks the start of a special time of year where we all have an opportunity to help our own Air Force family. It is the beginning of the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

Occasionally Air Force people find themselves in difficult and often unexpected situations where they need financial help. The Air Force Assistance Fund provides direct support to people in need through four Air Force charities: The Air Force Aid Society, The Air Force Enlisted Foundation Inc., The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, and The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

These charities have supported active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, surviving spouses, and their families for more than 30 years.

During the past year, Air Force Space Command personnel contributed \$350,000 to the AFAF, with 100 percent of the donations going to the charities.

At the same time, AFSPC people received more than \$1.2 million in assistance from the Air

Important Facts about AFAF

- Campaign dates: March 29 - May 7
- 2003 Air Force participation: 26.5 percent
- 2003 Air Force contributions: \$5.1 million
- 2003 Vandenberg participation: 25.4 percent
- 2003 Vandenberg contributions: \$42,190
- 2003 contributions to Air Force Aid Society: \$30,244
- 2003 total assistance received from AFAS to Vandenberg personnel: \$160,388
- 2003 contributions from Vandenberg to Air Force Village: \$4,090
- 2003 contributions from Vandenberg to Air Force Enlisted Fund: \$4,970
- 2003 contributions from Vandenberg to LeMay Foundation: \$2,883
- 2004 goals:
- Vandenberg participation: 50 percent
- Vandenberg contributions: \$46,180

Force Aid Society alone.

I hope this year we can continue to do our part to ensure any struggling AFSPC member has the needed support to take care of their children, stay in touch while deployed or handle an emergency.

In addition to benefiting AFSPC personnel, your compassionate generosity helps more than 30,000 members of the Air Force worldwide.

I know there are lots of different pressures and it's sometimes difficult to part with hard-earned money, but please help support an organization whose sole purpose is to help support you and your Air Force family.

Beccy and I urge you to personally make a difference by contributing to the Air Force Assistance Fund. Let's make this year's AFAF campaign the best ever. Thanks for all you do.

New LRS Boss

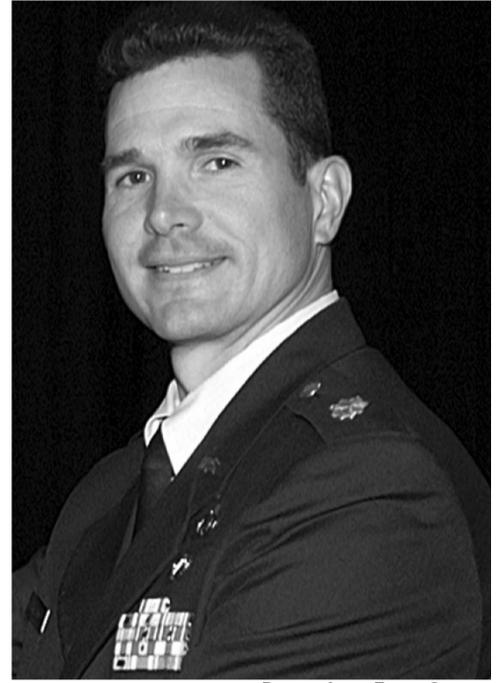


PHOTO BY AIRMAN EDMUND GIBBONS

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kersten took the reins of the 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron during a ceremony at 3 p.m. Monday at the Pacific Coast Club. Lt. Col. Scott Van Ness relinquished command of the 30th Mission Support Group vice commander.

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ONLY ON VMPF

Vandenberg's military personnel should go to their commander's support staff to update dream sheets. Access the Virtual MPF to get a Proof of Service Letter or Decoration.

The VMPF cannot update dream sheets at this time. Visit the Air Force Personnel Center's VMPF Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

Public Affairs needs tour guides for groups visiting and touring the base. Tours are conducted Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. PA is the initial point of contact for tour groups. Call 606-3595 for details.

BDU CAP WEAR

During base exercises all military personnel must wear BDU caps. Officers must wear the bright, nonsubdued grade insignia while in garrison and the subdued insignia while in a tactical environment.

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during his closing remarks at the meeting. "We have the experience necessary to handle the plans and accommodate the families affected by this."

The housing office will be working with each family to ascertain their individual needs with the goal of as little inconvenience as possible, and each family will be contacted and asked to provide information on any changes to entitlements – such as promotion or a change in the number of dependents, Col. Gallegos explained.

"However, it is each member's responsibility to ensure all concerns and questions are brought to the attention of the housing office," he added.

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ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use.

AADD saves: 72
Days since last DUI: 20
DUI totals for the year: 6

30th OG	0	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	1	14th AF	0	381st TRG	2
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1



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COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

THINK BLUE to sprint through finish line

By COL FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

Over the past few weeks you have heard a lot about THINKING BLUE and hopefully after this week's commander's call you know exactly what it means and how big of a role our enthusiasm and positive attitudes affect the outcome of this inspection.

While the majority of the inspector general's team does not arrive until March 28, a smaller contingent arrives Sunday to observe how we do our mission when it comes to testing the reliability and accuracy of our intercontinental ballistic missile fleet.

Even if they are not in your specific duty section, be aware that the IG is here from that point on and situational awareness is the key to proving we are truly the best in Space Command.

Here are a couple more tips to think about as we continue preparations.

No repeat write-ups (learn from previous mistakes): All units have scrubbed the crosstell pretty hard to make sure we are learning from other bases' inspections and that we don't repeat our mistakes from prior inspections. But now we need to move beyond that and

Think Blue
Have Pride in Ownership
Inspire Your Airmen
No Repeat Write-Ups
Know Pass/Fail Criteria
Be professional and confident
Lead by Example
Understand the Process
Enthusiasm

make sure that everyone on our team knows where the potential vulnerabilities lie and know what effective countermeasures will ensure our team doesn't repeat a previous mistake.

If you know the pass/fail criteria (measure the important stuff) and have a game plan, you will be able to visualize what's going to happen, think through the graded criteria, anticipate the questions asked, and stay one step ahead of the inspectors.

But don't stop there. Look around and see what else you can do to help the team stay strong through the finish. If someone is struggling, take care of each other, help out, and ensure we all succeed, because we are all only as strong or as good as the weakest link.

Remember, don't compromise your integrity for any reason and exercise the operational risk management process before you do anything—nothing is worth losing your credibility or getting hurt over.

Throughout my career, I have never been to a wing that is more prepared or has trained more than you have for what's to come, just have a positive attitude, accept the challenge, and conduct your actions with a sense of urgency and I know we will succeed beyond the blue! *Go HAWKS!*

Commander's Action Line

Call 606-7850
or
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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.

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

HAWKS' Point of View

"Who is your hero and why?"



"Secretary of State Colin Powell, because of his retirement speech which said, 'To achieve success, marry well. It's the No.1 thing in my career,'" **Master Sgt. Paul Chavez, 9th Space Operations Squadron**

"My dad, he's inspired me my entire life. He's an Air Force member who supports me in everything I do," **Tech. Sgt. April Blake, 30th Medical Group**



"My mother, she's a single mom from England and raised three children on her own," **Jason LaShore, 30th Space Communications Squadron**

"Jesus Christ, for the sacrifice he made for me and his example of leadership by being a servant," **Chief Master Sgt. Greg Egan, Air Force Element, Detachment 1**



OPSEC: Can you keep a secret?

By MAJ. DAN WETMORE
30th Space Wing OPSEC manager

I spent my second lieutenant-hood pulling missile alert in the wilds of Wyoming. One morning at breakfast with my new bride, the Rocky Mountain News carried a front page, above-the-fold story of a national incident, which, if true, I would have had intimate knowledge of. In response to her raised eyebrows I flatly intoned, "I can neither confirm nor deny."

And I never have. The reason for that anecdote isn't to boast my powers of inscrutability, hardly. My wife often catches me in 'dead spy' moments for my inability to dissemble. And it's not to say that I don't trust her. She's my greatest confidant. It's just that a 'need to know' didn't exist.

You might argue, 'If the cat's already out of the bag and dissected across three columns...'

Well, it's not fully out if not corroborated. So even when we can't prevent information leaks, mitigating them may still be an option. Tenacity

in close-holding the whats, whys, wheres, whens and hows of our jobs should be standard operating procedure for everyone.

Because second only in importance to crafting a nation's freedoms is protecting them. And second only to that, is safeguarding our ability to provide such protection.

Which would make Operations Security our third national priority. It's a bold claim, but I'll make it.

OPSEC - what is it? Keeping other folks from knowing our capabilities and intentions - and preventing them from denying our capabilities. It's the attitude that has to be the foundation to all our activities. It's a defensive posture, looking at everything we do through others' eyes, thinking like the enemy in order to tighten up our practices and keeping the curious from piecing together what we're up to.

It's not a business to be done, just the way to do business. It's not a three-ring binder or posters on a wall, or power points memorized through repetition. It's a self-critical approach

to every facet of our professional lives. It's not some additional-duty guy's particular cross to bear, but our common burden, and a lighter one therefore.

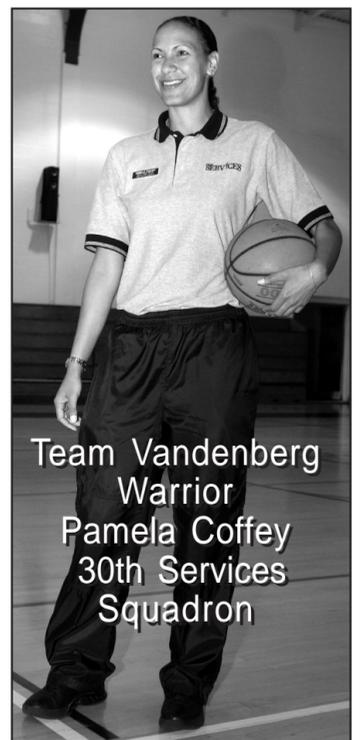
If you're not looking for leaks all around, using "vulnerability vision" in every facet of your day, if you're not reminding your buddies to lock their computers, refrain from "all-calls" in e-mails, shred what they wouldn't want read, check doors coming and going and find out what the stranger in their area is up to, I encourage you to. If we're doing that, and the IG feels like they're the ones under the microscope when March 28 rolls around, we're doing our job. Anything less and we're not.

The world's not yet the kind and gentle place our efforts would have it. We will always have the attention and interest of those who wish us ill. It's incumbent on us to demonstrate our appreciation of that in all we do. Only then can we assure our ability to keep on doing it.

Knowledge is power. Don't let ours become theirs.

Hometown: Lompoc, Calif.
Time on station: 10 years
Role in mission: Fitness Center Director
How do you contribute to the wing mission? I contribute by providing comprehensive physical fitness and sports programs, which include intramural and varsity sports, group fitness classes, self-directed fitness programs, incentive programs, special events and instructional fitness programs.
What do you like best about the Air Force? I like that the Air Force provides endless opportunities not only for the active-duty members but civilians as well.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I would re-evaluate the retiree benefits. I feel they deserve more based on their commitment and dedication to the Air Force.
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? I work hard everyday ensuring that the job gets done correctly. I am loyal, dedicated, honest and I believe in giving a hundred and ten percent in all I do.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Everyday is an adventure full of excitement. Having the opportunity to work hand in hand with some of the Air Force's

most talented members is also very exciting.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? I think a new fitness center would help improve life at Vandenberg.
Who is your role model and why? My father is my role model. He is an amazing man who has worked hard his entire life and has made unbelievable sacrifices for his family. He served over 20 years in the Air Force and is a very strong, dedicated, loyal, loving and caring man. I strive to emulate him each and every day.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Harriet Tubman is my favorite leader. She was a brave and courageous woman who escaped slavery and became one of the most famous leaders of the Underground Railroad, helping hundreds escape slavery. She also served as a nurse during the Civil War and had a major role in the women's rights movement. She helped pave the way for equality for all.
Favorite movie: My favorite movie is Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory; it is a movie that tests the character, integrity and honesty of people and teaches many life lessons.
Hobbies: Coaching and playing basketball.



Team Vandenberg
Warrior
Pamela Coffey
30th Services
Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK



Team Vandenberg
Warrior
Tech. Sgt. Jeff Soong
30th Services
Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN EDMUND GIBBONS

Force? I really love the friendships I've formed over the years. Meeting people from all over the country that I share a common bond with is priceless. I also like being approached in the community by people who want to show their appreciation for what we do. We may not be on the front line in some distant country, but people recognize the mission we perform as important and are grateful we're here to guarantee their freedom.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I'd change the way basic housing allowance for housing is handled. I feel it should be a flat rate across the board and not based on pay grade. My landlord didn't ask me my pay grade when he rented me my condo. In fact,

the captain living there before me paid the same for rent as I do now. I don't feel a second lieutenant brand new to the Air Force should be receiving more money for living expenses than a staff sergeant with seven or eight years in the Air Force.
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? I do my best to provide the best service to my customers each and every day. My goal each day is to go home at the end of the day knowing I gave everything I had to fulfilling my piece of the mission and sleeping well at night knowing I did my job to the best of my ability.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? I'm a missile maintainer by trade so I've got to say the first time I went down into a missile silo and saw the Minuteman missile. I was in complete awe that I was standing feet away from a nuclear weapon.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? I'd make Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo more accessible for the Airmen. It is difficult for individuals without vehicles to

get out and really experience everything the surrounding community has to offer. Even those who have vehicles are hesitant to go out because of the high cost of gas. I think a low-cost shuttle would be extremely economical and would improve the quality of living for airmen stationed here.
Who is your role model and why? There have been so many people who have influenced me over the years that it's difficult to name just one. One that really stands out is my dad, the original "Old Sarge", whose standards I try to live up to each and every day.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? My favorite leader in history would have to be Jesus Christ. No one man has had a greater influence over the world.
Favorite movie: My favorite movies is Rounders.
Hobbies: I used to be a huge volleyball fanatic before the knees and shoulders went out, now I prefer to spend my leisure time sitting at a poker table.

Hometown: Arnold, Mo.
Time in service: 15 years
Time on station: 9 years
Role in mission: Honor Guard program manager
How do you contribute to the wing mission? I ensure proper military honors are provided to those who serve.
What do you like best about the Air

ORI prep



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

(Left to right) Senior Airman Jeffrey Cain, 30th Comptroller Squadron; Airman Robyn Ebert, 30th Space Communications Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Michael Brown, 30th Space Wing, perform first aid on a victim with a chest wound. Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th SW commander and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Ludwig, 30th SW command chief master sergeant, look on during Warrior Day Saturday. Warrior Day is used as preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection beginning March 28.

Airmen receive 10 Articles 15 in January, February

By CAPT. ZACH WARE
30th Space Wing Judge Advocacy office

■ Ten Vandenberg Airmen received punishment in January and February, under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Their crimes and punishments are as follows:

A staff sergeant from the 576th Flight Test Squadron violated Article 111 of the UCMJ for driving under the influence of alcohol. The staff sergeant received a suspended reduction in rank to senior airman, a forfeiture of \$1400, and 15 days extra duty.

When a punishment is suspended, it does not go into effect unless another offense is repeated within the following six months.

An Airman from the 30th Comptroller Squadron violated Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ for failure to go and failure to complete a training package. The Airman received a forfeiture of \$200, and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 30th Security Forces Squadron violated Article 92 of the UCMJ, for underage drinking and having minors in the dormitory. The Airman received a suspended

reduction in rank to airman, 20 days restriction to base, and 15 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th SFS violated Articles 92 and 108 of the UCMJ for driving a government vehicle on an unpaved surface and damaging Jeep Cherokee, government property, with a value more than \$500. The Airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$1192, 30 days restriction to base, and 25 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th SFS violated Article 121 of the UCMJ for larceny of non-military property of a value of \$500 or less. The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman first class, a suspended forfeiture of \$1814, suspended 15 days restriction to base, and 15 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th SFS violated Articles 92 and 134 of the UCMJ for underage drinking and having minors in the dormitory. The Airman received a suspended reduction in rank to Airman, a forfeiture of \$250, 30 days restriction to base, and 30 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th SFS violated Article 92 of the UCMJ for a

government travel card violation. The Airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay for two months, 30 days restriction to base, and 15 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th SFS violated Article 92 of the UCMJ by providing alcohol to minors. The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$792 pay for two months, 15 days restriction to base, and 15 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th SFS violated Articles 86, 92, and 121 of the UCMJ for failure to go, failure to obey a lawful order and wrongful appropriation of a DVD player. The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$500 pay for two months, suspended 30 days restriction to base, and 15 days extra duty.

A captain from the 30th Range Squadron violated Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ by viewing pornography on his government computer and making a false official statement. His punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$500 pay for two months and a reprimand.

Crimebeat...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

March 11

Wanted by the law - 8:35 a.m.

Patrolmen stopped a Dodge truck on Highway 1 at Firefighter Road for expired registration tags. Investigation revealed the non-base affiliated operator was wanted by San Luis Obispo authorities for a \$2,500 warrant. He was handed over to a sheriff's deputy.

Gas n' go - 2:31 p.m.

A Vandenberg service station attendant reported a customer pumped \$28.97 worth of gasoline and departed without paying. The vehicle operator got away.

March 12

Lost government plates - 1:55 p.m.

An Airman reported a contractor could not account for four government license plates in their care. The contractor said one of the plates was possibly unaccounted for since the trailer it was attached to was powder coated a year ago. He also said the remaining license plates were thrown away by an employee.

Locked out - 5:50 p.m.

An Airman's wife reported locking her keys and her toddler inside her vehicle adjacent to the child development center. Patrolmen assisted until

a local locksmith arrived.

Boys will be Boys - 8:57 p.m.

An Airman's wife reported her son was shot by boys playing with pellet guns adjacent to the youth center. Investigation revealed her son came across the boys playing and in an effort to join in the fun, was unintentionally struck by a pellet. Patrolmen located the five pellet gun toting offenders adjacent to a home on Fairmont Court. Four of the boys were identified as sons of Airmen and a fifth was a guest of one of the sons. Five pellet and paint ball guns were seized and the boys were released to their parents.

March 13

Drunk and disorderly - 12:32 a.m.

An Airman reported two intoxicated males causing a disturbance at the bowling center. Patrolmen responded to discover the two males, identified as Airmen, poured beer on another Airman's jacket and also helped themselves to his beer pitcher. Both Airmen were apprehended for drunk and disorderly conduct and were released to their unit first sergeant. One of the Airmen registered a breath content of .23.



Stray dog - 2:15 p.m.

An Airman reported finding a stray chocolate colored Labrador adjacent to Claremont Court. The canine was sentenced to a stay in the stray animal pen.

Learnin' the hard way... - 4:30 p.m.

An Airman reported his sister-in-law struck his home on Twilight Court with his Hyundai. The Airman said he was teaching her how to drive, and while pulling into the driveway, she stepped on the accelerator versus the brake and struck the exterior wall resulting in a 4-foot crack. There were no injuries.

Gas n' go III - 5 p.m.

A Vandenberg service station attendant reported an Airman in uniform pumped \$22.75 worth of gasoline into his vehicle and departed without paying. The Airman could not be located.

This week in history...

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March 14

1879 – Albert Einstein is born the son of a Jewish electrical engineer in Ulm, Germany. Einstein's theories of special and general relativity drastically altered man's view of the universe, and his work in particle and energy theory helped make possible quantum mechanics and, ultimately, the atomic bomb.

1918 – The first aerial patrol by the 1st Pursuit Group is flown in France.

March 15

1916 – The First Aero Squadron commanded by Capt. B.D. Foulois begins operations into Mexico.

1950 – The Air Force takes responsibility for all strategic guided missiles.

March 16

1929 – The first man to give hope to dreams of space travel is American Robert H. Goddard, who successfully launches the world's first liquid-fueled rocket at Auburn, Mass., March 16, 1926. The rocket traveled for 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 60 mph, reaching an altitude of 41 feet and landing 184 feet away. The rocket

was 10 feet tall, constructed out of thin pipes, and was fueled by liquid oxygen and gasoline.

March 17

1911 – The first Curtiss airplane is bought by the Army Signal Corps.

March 18

1925 – The worst tornado in U.S. history passes through eastern Missouri, southern Illinois, and southern Indiana, killing 695 people, injuring some 13,000 people, and causing \$17 million in property damage. Known as the "Tri-State Tornado," the deadly twister began its northeast track in Ellington, Mo., but southern Illinois was the hardest hit. More than 500 of the total 695 people who perished were killed in southern Illinois, including 234 in Murphysboro and 127 in West Frankfort.

March 19

1916 – Eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, N.M., in the first combat air mission in U.S. history. The First Aero Squadron, organized in 1914 after the outbreak of World War I, was on a support mission for the 7,000 U.S. troops who invaded Mexico to capture Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa.

Around the Air Force

Officials release Predator accident report

■ **LANGLEY AFB, Va.** — Operator error caused an RQ-1L Predator remotely piloted aircraft to crash Dec. 11 in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, according to Air Force officials.

Based on an Accident Investigation Board report released March 17 by Air Combat Command, the pilot over-controlled the aircraft's pitch commands during a nose-high unusual attitude (or uncommanded aircraft position).

The aircraft abruptly pitched upward because of a software program anomaly and the pilot overcorrected to bring it back down.

The abrupt input began a cycle of upward and downward movements that caused the aircraft to exceed its operating limits and eventually crash.

The Predator, which belonged to the 15th Reconnaissance Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Valued at \$3.3 million, the Predator was destroyed upon impact. There were no injuries or fatalities, or damages to other property or equipment.

Air Force's newest wing activates at Hurlburt

■ **HURLBURT FIELD, Fla.** — The Air Force activated its newest wing during a ceremony here March 12.

The former Air Force Command and Control Training and Innovation Group is now officially the 505th Command and Control Wing.

Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, presided over the ceremony.

"This is a good deal," said General Hornburg. "The Air Force has needed this for a long time and

now is the right time to do this. The 505th Command and Control Wing will help us to elevate our game and will take us to the next level (in command and control).

The wing's mission is to direct the Air Force's operational air and space command and control center of excellence, and to build the air and space command and control capabilities for U.S. and coalition warfighters.

"We realize that if we can't command and control air power, our operations are destined to fail," said General Hornburg. "It's control that enables us to put pieces and places together at a time of our choosing to achieve the desired effects."

Three groups make up the 505th CCW: the 505th Training Group with its headquarters here; the 505th Operations Group at Nellis AFB, Nev.; and the 505th Distributed Warfare Group at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

"The designation of the 505th

as a wing shows the importance the Air Force places upon the operational level of warfare," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Wood, Air Warfare Center commander. "This includes the training of command and control warriors, as well as simulation and modeling for the Air Force, our sister services, and our coalition partners.

"Now we have a single wing that will ensure the future of the air operations center as a weapons system," General Wood said.

"This includes the training of personnel, the standardization of tactics and procedures, and the operational testing of equipment. Training, tactics development, and operational testing are the missions of the AWFC."

During the ceremony, Col. Charles McGuirk took command of the Air Force's newest wing. Before assuming command of the 505th CCW, Colonel McGuirk served as the vice commander of the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La.

Five killed in Nevada crash

■ **SAN ANTONIO** — Five people were killed when the Air Force aircraft they were traveling in crashed in the Nevada desert about 125 miles northwest of Nellis AFB Tuesday.

The Air Force civilian pilot of the Beechcraft KA 1900 and four civilian contractors died in the crash. The aircraft was on a scheduled flight to an airstrip at the Tonopah Test Range when it crashed in an unpopulated area of the Nevada Test and Training Range, said Capt. Angela Johnson, a spokeswoman for the Air Warfare Center at Nellis.

The contractors were technical experts, employed by JT3 Corp., who work on test-range equipment throughout the range complex, she said.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

U.S. Airmen deliver aid to Chad

■ **FAYA-LARGEAU AIRPORT, Chad** — Answering an urgent request for assistance, units from Ramstein AB, Germany, responded with two C-130 Hercules aircraft in support of a European Command mission to deliver more than 19 tons of aid March 13 to Chad.

The call for aid came after the Chadian army engaged in a heavy battle with a group of terrorists between the cities of Zouarke and Wour, about 370 miles north of here,

according to Chad officials

"Usually it takes about two days to plan a mission like this, but we were airborne within an hour of being notified of the mission," said Capt. Jeff Menasco, a 37th Airlift Squadron instructor pilot and mission commander.

More than 10 hours after takeoff, the 86th Airlift Wing aircraft landed on the 7,700-foot runway of the one-building airport just outside of Faya-Largeau. More than 36 armed Chadians, ready to help download the aircraft, greeted the crews.

With no heavy equipment in sight to unload the aircraft, the crew opted to "combat offload" the nine pallets of food, blankets and medical supplies.

"When there's no equipment available, the combat offload is the quickest way for us to download the aircraft," said Master Sgt. Larry Lambert, a 37th AS chief evaluator loadmaster.

A combat offload consists of opening the back of the aircraft and releasing the pallet of cargo from its locks. The loadmasters position and steady the pallet. From here, the pilot stomps on the brakes and throttles up the engines.

When the engines reach full speed, the pilot releases the brakes. As the aircraft lunges forward, the pallets slip off the back of the aircraft.

While the aircrew took care of getting the humanitarian aid off of the aircraft, 86th Contingency Response Group troops from Ramstein AB handled security at the airfield where the aid was being delivered.

"Our job is to provide security for Air Force resources and people at locations that aren't secure, so the crew can focus on their job," said 1st Lt. Mike Jewell, the 786th Security Forces Squadron Raven Team leader.

The team did not encounter any problems, but were constantly on the look out for hostile or suspicious activities, Lieutenant Jewell said.

Four 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chiefs traveled on the mission in case there were any maintenance problems along the way.

"If the plane's not flying, there is no mission," said Staff Sgt. Jason McKee, a 37th Aircraft Maintenance Unit flying crew chief. "We make sure the C-130s stay airworthy when we're on the road. If something breaks while we're away from Ramstein, we can fix it.

"We don't want to be on the ground any longer than we need to be in a place like this."

After the cargo was delivered and the aircraft safely back in the air, the crew focused on returning back home.

Rumsfeld thanks troops for support

■ **WASHINGTON** — With the March 19 approach of the one-year anniversary of the war in Iraq, the secretary of defense thanked members of the military community March 12 for transforming lives, not only in Iraq and Afghanistan,

but in America too.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told servicemembers and DOD civilians at a Pentagon town-hall meeting that the struggle for freedom "has transformed the lives of the people of Afghanistan and Iraq," freeing millions of people from tyranny and oppression.

But, Rumsfeld said, the war on terror is transforming America too.

"As a nation we are re-discovering our character and our courage, qualities so profound that even the youngest (people) among us recognize and understand that something momentous is happening, not just in the mountains and the deserts of the Middle East but in our own neighborhoods and communities," he said.

The secretary said U.S. servicemembers worldwide fighting the war on terror are following in the footsteps of the Minutemen who launched America's first fight for freedom over tyranny.

It is a fight he said Americans have never abandoned since the Minutemen launched the "shot heard around the world" at Lexington Green, Mass.

"(Today) will mark the first anniversary of another fight for freedom — Operation Iraqi Freedom," Rumsfeld said. "Its opening shots, if not heard or at least seen around the world, can remind us that Americans are still willing to fight to ensure that freedom will endure."

Rumsfeld said that, like the patriots of 1775, Americans "do not come easily to war. But also like them, neither do Americans take freedom lightly."

The fight for freedom has never been easy, Rumsfeld said, but it has been worth every sacrifice that battle has demanded.

"Freedom is worth defending; and, if it is not defended, it dies," he said.

He said history will prove that the sacrifices Americans are making in Iraq and Afghanistan are equally worthwhile.

"At the end of the day, when freedom and self-government have taken root in Iraq and that country becomes, as it will, not a threat but a force for good in that region of the world, the rightness of the coalition's efforts will be ... clear," he said.

The secretary said he personally thanked servicemembers on the front lines of the war on terror during his recent visits to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, he said, was the time to thank those more removed from the front lines but just as important to the terror war.

"Today, I thank you — those here in the Department of Defense in Washington and elsewhere around the globe ... because you are the men and women behind the troops, the ones who enable them to do the jobs that they do every day," he said.

"We say to all of them and to all of you here today, thank you for fighting freedom's fight; and, know that millions of Americans believe in you," he said.

Cutting edges



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. JEFF SZCZECZOWSKI

BAGRAM AB, Afghanistan — Staff Sgt. Gregory Lund edges newly poured concrete on an A-10 Thunderbolt II parking ramp here. He is a civil engineer with the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group. In the past two weeks, civil engineers here have been building revetments, painting taxiway and parking ramp lines, laying new hangar foundations, and breaking up and laying concrete to expand and improve the flightline.

Heritage center provides glimpse into past, guide for future

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

This year the Air Force celebrates 50 years of space and missiles, from successes like American Neil Armstrong being the first man to walk on the moon, to failures such as the loss of seven astronauts on the Columbia shuttle in 2003. The Internet and books serve as ways of looking at those successes and failures from the past 50 years, but at Vandenberg there's another source to explore space history.

The Space and Missile Heritage Center is located at Space Launch Complex-10. As a national historic landmark, the center provides a history lesson in itself.

The center's primary function is to preserve and display artifacts and memorabilia such as rocket engines, consoles, uniforms and launch complex models. It also serves to chronologically tell the story of the progression of space lift and missile activity at Vandenberg

from the beginning of the Cold War to the space lift and missile mission of today.

Jay Prichard, Space and Missile Heritage Center curator, plans to transition the center from a history lesson to a teaching tool to help guide the Air Force and space lift operations forward.

"The basic mission is to interpret technology relevant to Vandenberg's contribution in space and missiles," Mr. Prichard said. "Interpreting anything means relating the given information to an audience in such a fashion that is relevant to their needs. The language may be different between a school group and a contractor but the technology isn't. What we do with a lesson learned, gauges how smartly we do business in the future."

His approach with technology is to look at the accomplishments and failures of pioneer space programs.

"The future of the program is more focused toward being labeled a technology center," Mr.

Prichard said. "Applying the lessons learned from the first 50 years of space and missile development will ensure the most cost effective and rapidly developed programs in the next 50 years allowing us to maintain the advantage of space."

The heritage center was originally Vandenberg's first launch location for the Thor weapon system, the first ballistic missile system in the United States. The pad then evolved to support space launch missions for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program. It also once served as a testing and training site for the first U.S. anti-satellite system deployed on Johnston Island in the Pacific.

With more than 160 major artifacts and hundreds of other items of interest, Mr. Prichard has a difficult time picking his favorite piece.

"I don't really like 'favorites' but I'm probably more partial to the Thor for obvious reasons – it was launched from my office – and its genealogy is still



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Jay Prichard shares Vandenberg's space and missile history with military spouses during a guided tour of the Vandenberg Heritage Center.

represented in the Delta program," he added. "I also like the Russian SA-2 surface to air missile because it represents many facets of the Cold War."

The center has received recent upgrades including

freestanding kiosks that allow users to browse through a library of knowledge on subjects pertaining to space lift operations. Resotation is being done to some of the buildings at the Space Launch Complex-10.

As the Space and Missile Heritage Center grows and evolves, it stands as a reminder of the first 50 years of space and as a tool for the Air Force as it moves into to the next 50 years of space.



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(Left) Mr. Prichard shows off a new kiosk system that provides information concerning a variety of topics on the history of space and missiles. (Right) Static displays are abundant at the heritage center from rocket engines to Minuteman missile launch consoles.

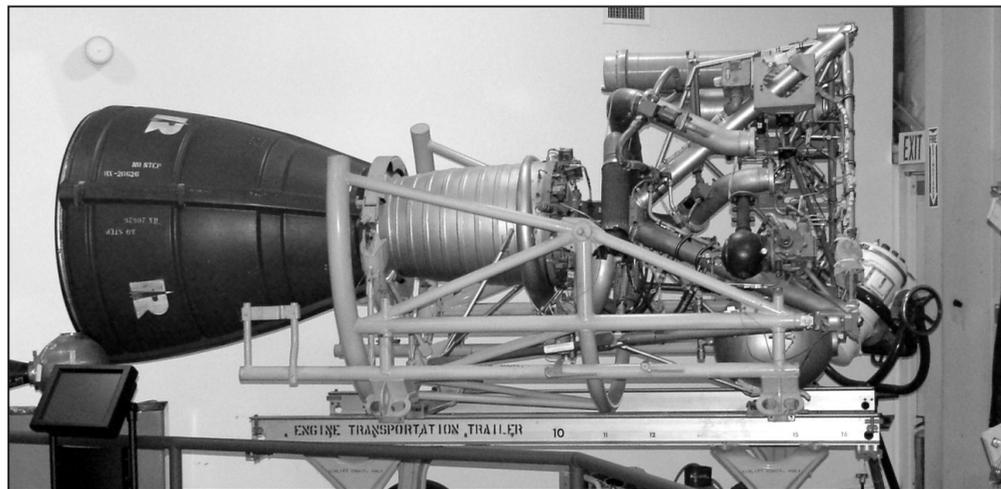


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Racquetball Championship



PHOTO BY AIRMAN EDMUND GIBBONS

Chester Adan (right), 14th Air Force, serves to Banner Cavazos, U.S. Army, during a racquetball championship game Tuesday night at the fitness center. The 14th Air Force team won the base championship defeating the 30th Medical Group.

Lower calories more workouts key to weight loss

By BEVERLY CALDERON
Health and Wellness Center

At Right Stay Healthy is the slogan for National Nutrition Month. The national eating season – Thanksgiving through New Year’s Day – is over and the new Air Force fitness program is in full swing.

Many people on base are implementing healthy eating habits and exercise programs into their fitness goals.

Thinking about staying or becoming fit is commonplace in our society that reports nearly two out of three Americans classified as overweight or obese. As this number rises, much speculation to the cause is taking place.

A few Vandenberg family members found a successful approach in weight loss.

Teresa Galvin transformed her body by focusing on increased physical activity and controlling dietary portion. She lost 45-pounds and improved her overall body composition.

Tonya Jackson’s approach included a gradual increase in regular exercise and a dietary change that focused on five fruits and vegetables a day and used a computer tracking food diary to fine tune changes. She has lost 39-pounds and more than 4 percent in body fat.

Tracy Chase who runs a home daycare program, was able to drop from a size 16 to size 4 and 60 pounds with the use of “carb” counting, portion control and daily walks.

Laurie Chromy’s food diary has helped her yield significant changes. She manages five children and oversees a religious education program at the base chapel.

Laurie shed 23 pounds by using an “exchange meal plan” based on U.S. Department of Agriculture dietary guidelines and increasing her exercise. The

use of a “meal plan” enabled her to better understand the fundamentals of healthy and balanced choices, which led to a gradual shift in dietary patterns.

The debate continues between carbs or fat as the dietary weight villain, somehow the concern about calories took a back seat. These women have taken different approaches to decreasing calories in and increasing calories out with long-term success.

The fact remains that weight is gained when excess calories are consumed, in relation to those expended – no exceptions. The catch is to balance calories in with calories out. As one gains fitness and muscle tone, this equation is more effective, with certain hormones aiding or deterring to the equation.

Weight loss is not dependent on whether calories come from carbohydrates, proteins or fats, but the total daily sum. Simply focusing on calories does not ensure adequate nutrition. To gain or lose a pound, 3,500 calories must be taken in or used.

By simply shaving 500 calories per day about one pound per week can be lost. This formula is simple in explanation, but difficult for many to put into practice.

Resources are all around to provide assistance, including those who work and those that simply aid us in lightening our wallet.

The health and wellness center has sound resources, all free of charge, such as Body Composition Class, Healthy Living Workshop, and Fitness Improvement Program that help those who are interested in developing individual plans.

For more information on research related to long-term weight loss success, look to the Web and search for The National Weight Control Registry or sign up for a class at the HAWC, 606-2221.

Intramural Sports

Basketball Standings

American	Wins	Losses	National	Wins	Losses
30th SCS	8	2	30th MDG	4	2
30th CES No. 2	4	5	30th 533rd	3	6
576th 2	1	6	30th SFS No. 1	8	2
381st TRS	8	2	576th No. 1	3	4
30th SW No. 1	7	1	30th SW No. 2	9	2
30th LCG No. 2	2	6	30th LRS	3	8
30th SFS No. 2	3	7	30th LCG No. 1	3	7
			30th CES No. 1	5	5
			14th AF	6	4

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March 19, 2004

Hi-way drive-in provides big screen movie experience outside

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

In today's hi-tech world of franchised walk-in movie theaters, Santa Maria is home to a blast from the past – the good ol' drive-in. Santa Barbara County's only drive-in, the Hi-Way Drive-in offers local residents an opportunity to experience something from another era.

The Hi-Way is located on Santa Maria Way, a quick 15-minute drive from Vandenberg's main gate, and represents an alternative that was once the main choice.

My wife, Georgianna, said when she was a child she used to spend a lot of time at the drive-in movies.

"It was always fun to go in a station wagon or the bed of a truck and we always brought our own snacks and drinks from home," she said.

That's exactly what Georgianna and I did – we packed some popcorn, a couple other snacks, some drinks and we were off to the movies. On an evening when much of the country was glued to television sets watching the Oscars, we huddled up in our truck, enjoying a double feature that cost a mere \$10.

Reasonable prices are not the only draw of the drive-in. While watching the movies, my wife and I didn't have to worry about people stepping over us to get to the restroom, or scurrying to the concessions for another soft drink. All of those little annoyances that go along with being in a room full of people



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA DANET

The Hi-Way drive-in theater is the only drive-in located in Santa Barbara County. It offers locals and visitors the opportunity to experience something from another era.



Letti Cisneros, Hi-Way drive-in employee, prepares nachos for a customer. The concession stand remains open halfway through the second movie showing.

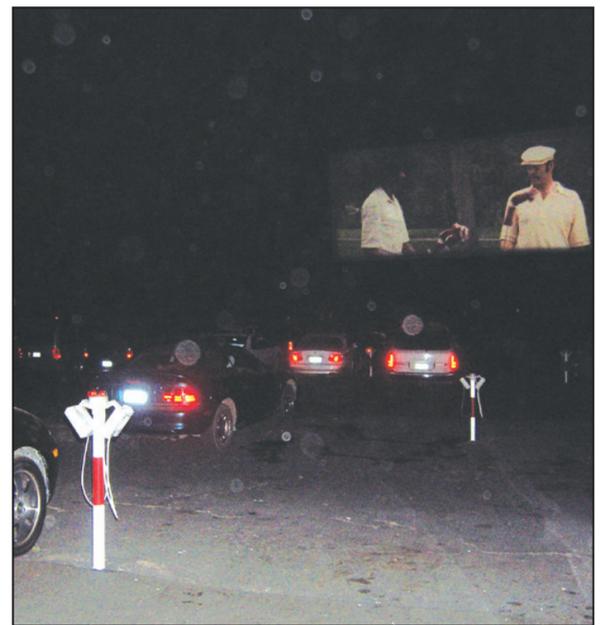
trying to watch a movie in their own way was never an issue – quite refreshing actually.

Speaking of refreshing, once the weather warms up a little more, the Hi-Way will add outside

Directions

Take Highway 1 North toward Santa Maria. Turn right on Miller Street. Make another right on Santa Maria Way. The theater is on the left.

seating on lawn chairs or on blankets in the bed of a truck. Something you won't see at the Hi-Way are movies containing a lot of blood and gore. "We try our best to offer movies that the whole family can come out and watch," informed Manuel Pinon, drive-in manager. "There are not many drive-ins around any more and we want this to be something that people of all ages can come and enjoy." The Hi-Way opens daily at 6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. showing. The price is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children ages 4 to 11.



The drive-in offers a daily double feature starting at 7 p.m. Moviegoers can tune in to 97.1 to hear the movie from inside of their vehicle or a speaker box is available.

Community Calendar

19 FRI Cal-Vet home loan briefing – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. today at the family support center. Call 606-0039 to register.

Volunteers needed – 7:45 to 11:40 a.m. April 29 for Career Day at Fesler Junior High School in Santa Maria. Call 606-3595 to volunteer.

Vandenberg Neighborhood Watch – The 30th Security Forces Squadron Crime Prevention office is organizing neighborhood watches. Residents who would like to pioneer the organization on their block should call 605-0792.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp – Boys and girls ages 10 to 19 are eligible to apply for the summer basketball camp. Call (704) 373-0873 for a free brochure.

Library volunteer tutors – the

Lompoc Public Library Adult Reading Program seeks volunteers to work with English-speaking adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Call (805) 735-7323, ext. 16 for more information or to register.

19 FRI **Grant program** – the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant program awards \$1,500 college education grants to eligible candidates. Visit the Air Force Aid office at the family support center or the society's Web site, www.afas.org for information or an application for this grant.

Volunteers needed – Lompoc's Community Kitchen needs volunteers to cook and serve dinner to about 100 community members in need. Dinners are served at 5 p.m.

Fridays. Cooking starts at 3 p.m. Call Toni Adams at 736-5455 to sign up.

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

VAFB Military Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers – to chair the following special observances: Women's History Month in March and Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust in April. Volunteers may be military or civilian. Call MEO at 606-0370 for more information.

Vandenberg Spouses' Club offers scholarships – for graduating seniors and military spouses continuing their

education. Applications are available at the family support center, community services, the education office, and the cashier's window at the Pacific Coast Club. Completed applications are due no later than Monday.

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

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

20 SAT **Bake sale** – 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Chapel 1 Annex. Proceeds go to Vandenberg's Cub Scout Pack 102.

Dr. John C. Trettin Memorial

5K run/walk – 9 a.m. Saturday at the Cabrillo High School track. Entry fee is \$10 for ages 18 and up and \$5 for anyone under 18.

22 MON **Office Closure** – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays the family support Center is closed for training. Call 606-0039 for emergencies.

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.

23 TUE **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.

Financial basics workshop – 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the family support center. Call 606-0039 to

register. **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.

23 TUE **Stress Class** – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the health and wellness center. Call 606-2221.

The Santa Maria 4-Wheelers – meet at 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.

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MYSTIC RIVER R DAILY 4:00-7:15 FRI-9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00
SECRET WINDOW R DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-9:30
TAKING LIVES R 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.

Chapel Services & Events

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

Vandenberg Officer Christian Fellowship: OCF is a nondenominational bible study meeting Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the home of Maj. Keith and Christy Keana located at 612 Cherry St. Call Maj. 734-0696 or 606-6461 for more information.

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Sunday 8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2 10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1 11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1	11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2 Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2 Saturday 5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2
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March 30 • 7 p.m.

The tours for 'Costa del Sol' and 'Blue Danube River Cruise' with Vienna, Prague and Budapest will be discussed at the Services Center at 7 p.m. Make sure to stop by with any questions and get valuable information of these two great upcoming trips. Call Edwinna Williams at 606-7976 for more information.

GOLF COURSE

Hey Kids!
Guess what's coming this summer...

GOLF 4 JUNIORS
registrations begin
April 17



Saturday - Two-Person Best Ball Tournament

NOTICE

Aerification of greens, tees and fairways will occur this week, Monday through Friday.

Tuesday - Begin renewing of annual green fees.

Call the golf course for more information at 606-2121.

AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS

NEW HOURS

Auto Skills has new hours of operation.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday: Closed

For more information, call Sam Groce at 606-6013/606-6014.

YOUTH CENTER

TEEN DANCE



Saturday • 7 to 10 p.m.

\$2 - Youth Center members

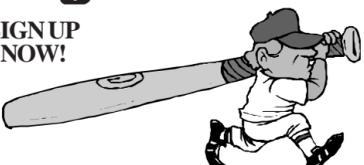
\$4 - others

Includes entry, snacks and punch.
Call 606-2152 for more information.

YOUTH SPORTS

SOFTBALL Registration

SIGN UP NOW!



Youth Center, Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$55 (\$50 Youth Center members) For more information, call the Youth Center, 606-2152.

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Kids Mom & Dad

SUPER 3-D MOVIE NIGHT
at the
PACIFIC COAST CLUB



MONDAY

all the PIZZA
YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET

Members \$5 • Nonmembers \$7 • Kids \$3
5 to 8 p.m. • includes beverage (salad bar extra)

Entertainment on the Big Screen TV!

starts at 6 p.m.

3-D glasses provided.

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

LIBRARY

VAFB LIBRARY
Patch Club

Grades 2-5

5 p.m. • Last Friday of each month
at the VAFB Library

The Patch Club is a book club that meets once a month for students from grades 2 to 5. Each month we pick a theme and the participants read a book relating to that theme. Each child then puts together a 2-minute presentation to bring to the meeting.

Meet at 5 p.m., March 26 at the VAFB Library

Theme for March is pirates and sailing, stories or books about sailing adventures.

If you have any questions – call the Base Library at 606-6414 and ask for Dixie or Melissa

DIAL-A-STORY

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

Thursday - Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m. at the base library.

Need a place to hold a club meeting? -

The Base Library has two conference rooms that are available to hold meetings. There are a few restrictions but there is NO COST! Call to book a room at 606-6414.

For more information regarding our programs, please call 606-6414.

Open to all '18-and-over'

Celebrate!

OVER-the-HUMP
WEDNESDAY

FREE!
No cover charge!
E-Lounge
Fun starts at 5 p.m.

MEMBERS 1st DRINK SPECIALS
8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

- MUG of BEER
- Domestic - \$2
- Premium - \$3

DOMESTIC DRAFT
- \$4 pitcher

Well Drinks - \$1.50
Call Drinks - \$2.50
Serving size limited to 32oz

F.R.E.E
Wings & Things
5 p.m. 'til gone!

DJ
8 p.m. to Midnight

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

SERVICES CENTER

Services Center • Bldg 10122

Today • 5 p.m.

AIR FORCE Chess Tournament



Membership in the USCF is available online by going to <http://www.uschess.org> Click on SHOP. Once in, click on MEMBERSHIP, choose either New or Renewal. Or, you may print your order form for FAX (845-561-2437) or surface mail delivery to: 3054 US Rt 9W New Windsor, NY 12553

Adult memberships are \$49 per year and a scholastic/youth membership for age-14 and under is available for \$19 per year. Senior memberships age-65 and older are \$36 per year.

• FREE •

Must be a USCF Member to compete in this tourney

For more information call the Services Center at 606-7976.

FITNESS CENTER

Rock Climbing Club

Next Outing:

Gibraltar Rock
in Santa Barbara

SUNDAY

Meet at the Fitness Center
Parking Lot at 6:00am

For More Information Contact Rod Paronto 606-3832