



Base Briefs

SATURDAY PROTEST

Protesters are expected at the Santa Maria Gate Saturday at approximately noon. The gate is expected to remain open, however should safety become a concern, traffic will be redirected through the Utah Gate or Lompoc Gate open from noon to 4 p.m. The Visitor Control Center is closed from 1 to 3 p.m.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Brian Fredriksson assumes command of the 614th Space Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Donald McGee at 10:30 a.m. today in front of Bldg 10577. A reception immediately follows at the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. True Hudson at 606-8582.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Daniel Cox assumes command of the 30th Security Forces Squadron from Lt. Col. Richard Wright at 10 a.m. May 25 in Building 13675. Call 2nd Lt. Chris Martinez at 606-3911 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE

A base-wide blood drive is May 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Services Center. Call Master Sgt. David Laplant at 605-6325 for more information.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Comptroller Squadron closes at 11 a.m. May 21 for an official function. The office opens May 24 at 8 a.m. Customer service and the disbursing and accounting liaison office also closes at 1 p.m. May 28 for an official function.

RETIREMENT

A retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Richard Meyers is at 3 p.m. May 24 in the 381st Training Group auditorium. Call Staff Sgt. Raymond Cromwell at 606-1542, ext. 3221 for more information.

DEFERMENT PROGRAM

Air Force members who have a dependent child entering their senior year of high school may be eligible for permanent change of station deferment. This benefit is for officers lieutenant colonel and below and enlisted members senior master sergeant and below. This policy is effective immediately but is not retroactive. Call Personnel Relocations Element at 605-0289 for more information.

321ST REUNION

A reunion is scheduled from August 13-15 at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. for all former members of the 321st wing or group. For more information visit the Web

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“Fire Dawgs” help battle California wild fires

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

Team Vandenberg firefighters and Hot Shot members fought wildfires from Cachuma Lake to Riverside, Calif. May 3 through Sunday.

Team V is part of a joint effort between Los Padres and Santa Barbara County to aid in the fighting wildfires.

“No single agency can fight a wildfire by itself,” said Mark Smith, Vandenberg Hot Shot superintendent. “It takes all of the agencies working together to stop a forest fire.”

The fire season started earlier than expected and many agencies had to finish their annual training before coming to aid in the recent blazes.

Vandenberg Hot Shot members had already completed their annual training and were ready when the fires started.

“Our team was one of the first crews to arrive at the Cachuma blaze,” Mr. Smith said.

The team arrived Monday and was placed on the night shift to contain the fire. Meanwhile a four-person crew from the Vandenberg fire department was sent to the fire near Camp Pendleton in San Diego, but was diverted to the Cerritos fire near Riverside, Calif.

The crew was put on a strike team to suppress the fire and

prevent property damage.

Chuck Glines, fire department captain and leader of the crew that fought the Cerritos fire said that his crew performs well under pressure.

They were fighting the blaze when a call came through that a family was about to be over taken by the fire.

“Our crew responded to the call efficiently and effectively,” Mr. Glines said. “Not only did our crew save the family and their dogs, but their property as well.”

At the Cachuma fire, the Vandenberg Hot Shot crews worked steadily creating fire breaks to contain the 1,100-acre blaze.

“Those guys work like machines,” said Wayne Seda, battalion fire chief. “The area they worked in was steep and rough, but they still pressed on.”

The Hot Shots made up only part of the more than 700-person force that battled the Cachuma fire.

Agencies from as far as New Mexico were part of the effort that wrangled the fire. The wild land firefighter crews put in nearly a third of the firebreaks needed to control the blaze. Hot Shot crews work to separate burned areas from non-burned areas to prevent the fire from spreading. Sometimes it’s only a foot wide but other times eight to 12 feet is need to keep the



PHOTOS BY CAROLINA VASQUEZ

(Above) The Cachuma blaze wiped out more than 1,100 acres of wilderness. (Inset) Vandenberg battalion chief, Wayne Seda, goes over plans with Grant Gallgher, Vandenberg assistant fire chief, to secure the Cachuma fire May 4.

fire from jumping.

The teams use chainsaws, axes and shovels to clear the firebreaks. They also carry backpacks full of water to suppress fires if they start

to flare up.

Mr. Smith said he expects this fire season to be long one.

“The area that burned at Cachuma shouldn’t have been that

dry till the end of June,” Mr. Smith said. “We’ve already responded to three fires this year. People should be extra careful when planning outdoor events.”

Civilian contract guards to augment 30th SFS at gates

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Starting Tuesday, a contract security company begins augmenting Vandenberg’s security forces in installation entry control and commercial vehicle inspection functions.

Sixty-seven employees of Worldwide Security Services began training here May 8 – part of a larger contract which provides 460 guards at 11 air force bases.

The new security personnel bring relief to the deployment-burdened, post-9/11 security forces careerfield.

“As limited military resources are being focused on fighting the global war on terrorism, highly trained and trusted private security personnel are being called upon to augment security support services,” said Ed McDonald, President of WSS. “We are proud to have been selected by the Air Force to join them in protecting their homeland assets, personnel and families.”

Vandenberg is the only Air Force Space Command base selected to receive the new security personnel.

“It’s a new program, but we’re committed to make it work,” said Chief Master Sgt. John Barrows, 30th Security Forces Squadron.

The contract security team is finishing initial training this week and are looking forward to getting on the job here.

“The training is very thorough and professional,” said Ray Johnson, the lead supervisor for the new contractors. “[The 30th SFS] have welcomed us with open arms. We’re enthusiastic and happy to be helping out.”



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Lepetri, 30th Security Forces Squadron, helps train Ray Johnson, Chief of Guards of the 67 new contract security personnel here.

Retired general donates pieces of history to Vandenberg Space, Missile Technology Center

By MAJ. LINDA NORWOOD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

A space pioneer recently delivered an assortment of personal and historical memorabilia to the newly renamed Vandenberg Space and Missile Technology Center.

Brig. Gen. William King, Jr. was instrumental in garnering the support to develop the nation’s first classified intelligence satellite program, now known as CORONA. The geography of Vandenberg made this highly classified launch possible.

General King reflected on his tours as Deputy Director, Special Projects No. 8 and No. 11. These highly secret Los Angeles area projects were extremely critical to the nation’s defense.

The general said that both tours were very special him because they included missions that he deeply believed in while also providing him with global travel

Jay Prichard, Vandenberg Space and Missile Technology Center curator, gets a tour in his own museum from retired Brig. Gen. William King, also known as the ‘Boss.’ General King donated items from his own collection to the museum May 5 at the Heritage Center.

opportunities.

The Special Projects Office later became the National Reconnaissance Office and remained secret for many years.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

“Until the NRO was declassified, my wife didn’t know what I did,” General King said.

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Taurus rocket to launch ROCSAT-2 satellite

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Orbital Sciences Corporation and the Republic of China’s National Space Program Office are set to launch the ROCSAT-2 remote sensing satellite aboard a Taurus XL rocket.

The launch window – temporarily slipped due to high winds – is now tentatively scheduled for Thursday from launch pad 576E on North Vandenberg.

The primary objective of the ROCSAT-2 satellite is to observe and monitor – via satellite – the terrestrial and marine environment and natural resources throughout Taiwan, its remote islands and surrounding ocean for civil applications.

In addition, the ROCSAT-2 satellite also carries a ‘Sprites Imager’ scientific instrument to study the electro-dynamical coupling between thunderclouds and the upper atmosphere by taking images of lightning discharges. Taiwan is an island prone to natural disasters brought on by typhoons during the summer months.

According to Orbital’s Web site, the Taurus rocket is a four-stage, ground-launched vehicle derived from the company’s highly successful Pegasus space launch vehicle program. Since its

debut in 1994, Taurus has established a mission success record with five successful missions to its credit. Taurus fills the cost and performance gap between Pegasus and the industry’s larger, more expensive launch vehicles, delivering satellites weighing up to 3,000 pounds into low-Earth orbit, or up to 800 pounds into geosynchronous transfer orbit.

According to the Web site, Taurus offers unprecedented operational flexibility for a ground-launched vehicle. It is fully transportable, capable of launching from underdeveloped sites, and able to be quickly assembled to provide rapid response launches.

For the ROCSAT-2 mission, Orbital will provide the higher-performance XL version of the Taurus rocket. The Taurus XL incorporates the first and second stages of the Pegasus XL vehicle as compared to the original Taurus configuration, which incorporates the first and second stages of a standard Pegasus rocket.

“We are very appreciative of the National Space Program Office’s confidence in our team and we look forward to carrying out a successful mission for them,” said Ronald Grabe, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Orbital’s Launch Systems Group.

58 Team V Airmen make grade in May

Congratulations to the following Team Vandenberg members on their May promotion. The promotees are:

- Airman**
Darwin Anaya, Detachment 1 345th Training Squadron
Kenneth Antcliff, 76th Helicopter Flight
Vincent Cannava, Det. 1 345th TRS
Charles Knaack, Det. 1 345th TRS
Won Nam, Det. 1 345th TRS
Karl Nightingale, 532nd Training Squadron
Rodrigo Perez Mellafe, Det. 1 345th TRS
Angela Pudenz, 533rd Training Squadron
Keith Sharron, Det. 1 345th TRS
Anthony Zartman, Det. 1 345th TRS

Airman 1st Class
Matthew Bergevin, 533rd TRS
Maxie Cardinal, 532nd TRS

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Weekend forecast
Cloudy with rainshowers Friday.
Chance for showers Saturday.

Low/High
50/65

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

Team Vandenberg exceeds AFAP goal

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

■ The final Air Force Assistance Fund numbers are in, and the results show that Team Vandenberg exceeded its monetary goal by 119 percent.

The latest tally totaled \$56,570 as of Tuesday, said, Capt. Mark Shoemaker, AFAP program manager. Vandenberg's goal was to collect \$46,180.

According to John Lowrance, Air Force Space Command AFAP campaign manager, the amount collected is the largest amount that Vandenberg's has donated to the campaign.

"Without a doubt (the) campaign staff and commander conducted the best campaign in the history of Vandenberg!" Mr. Lowrance said.

The unit that donated largest amount over their goal was the 381st Training Group who exceeded their goal by more than \$6,000. Other units that surpassed their projected goals include the 30th Space Wing, 30th Launch Group, 30th Medical Group, 30th Mission Support Group, 14th Air Force and Detachment 1, 345th

Training Squadron.

The money contributed to the fundraiser goes to assist four Air Force organizations.

The Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village, the Air Force Village and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation will all receive Team Vandenberg's donations.

Contributions to these organizations provide needed financial assistance to numerous programs for active-duty, retirees, reservist, guard members and family members, Captain Shoemaker said.

"I would have to say that the unit project officers and keyworkers were the ones who really made a difference, especially when you consider we were in the middle of an Operational Readiness Inspection for the first two weeks of the AFAP and then we had Guardian Challenge during our last week," the captain said. "So, we really only had three unimpeded weeks to accomplish the campaign. The entire Vandenberg community stepped up to the plate and hit a home run this year."

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General King donated a plate that is very sentimental to him. The plate was presented to him in appreciation for his service as Director of Special Projects for Secretary of the Air Force from July 1969 to March 1971. It bears numerous signatures.

"Over the years, people who signed the plate came to my home and checked the plate to see if their names were still on it," General King said.

General King donated a replica of a CORONA project film bucket that returned from space presented to him by the Secretary of the Air Force.

When referring to the bucket, the general said, "I used the capsule as a piece of furniture. I put magazines in it."

Some other items General King donated include: a plaque dubbed "Souvenirs From a 9,000 Foot Apogee" containing recovered debris from a space vehicle that malfunctioned over Vandenberg and an exit cone plaque presented to the general by Lockheed.

General King also donated a plaque containing a replica of a CORONA Project parachute recovery hook used to retrieve film capsules. The inscription recognizes the general's distinguished career. This replica of the first Model 227 Aerial

Recovery was presented to General King by the Air Force Satellite Control Facility in March 1971.

Various photos and other personal memorabilia were also donated.

General King's affinity for the preservation effort at SLC-10 influenced his decision to part with the donated items, some of which were over 40 years old. The general said he knew he was in the twilight of his life.

"I know that many military personnel who came after me didn't have the opportunity to get such things," General King said. "I wanted to share what I had with those who came after me while also helping the center. At this time in our life, we're downsizing. I knew Prichard, Vandenberg Aviation and Aerospace Technology Center Director, needed some things."

In 1999, General King successfully lobbied the Air Force Space Operations Association and obtained a grant to support the establishment of the CORONA Exhibit.

To this day, many active and retired generals who out rank Brig. Gen. King recognize his contribution to satellite intelligence and still fondly and respectfully refer to him as 'The Boss.'

BRIEFS:

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site at www.gfservices.com/321/. Anyone that was assigned to the wing or associated units is invited to attend.

BAH FOR E-4S

A new Air Force policy offers senior airmen with three years time in service the opportunity to move off base. Those senior airmen who decide to remain in

unaccompanied housing may do so. Call 606-2590 or 606-3933 for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The 30th Security Forces Squadron's crime prevention office is organizing Vandenberg's first neighborhood watch. Base housing residents who would like to be a part of the planning committee for their block should call Senior Airman Harris Johnson at 605-2585 for details.

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Brian Dare, 532nd TRS
Thomas Garcia, 532nd TRS
Adam Hillard, 532nd TRS
Alexander Hutchings, 532nd TRS
Joseph Jasieniecki, 532nd TRS
Adam Marsh, 533rd TRS
Jillian Voyles, 533rd TRS
Joshua Watkins, 532nd TRS
Jorge Anton, 76th HF
Sally Bojorquez, 532nd TRS
Barnaby Cylien, 30th Comp-troller Squadron
Kyle Fidel, 30th Space Communications Squadron
Jennifer Haas, 30th SCS
Lorita Henry, Det. 1, 345th TRS

Senior Airman

Bryan Konisiewicz, 30th Medical Operations Squadron
Tremaine Lee, 30th Mission Support Squadron
James Rose, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Caron Smith, 30th SCS
Robert Smith, 30th CES
Joshua Tottenhoff, 30th Security Forces Squadron
Steven Vanderbloom, 576th Flight Test Squadron
Craig Weerts, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sergeant

Julianne Cacal, 30th Logistics

Readiness Squadron
Todd Chapman, 30th SFS
David Choy, 533rd TRS
Melissa Henderson, 30th MSS
Henry Medina, 30th CPTS
Ricardo Vela, 576th FLTS

Technical Sergeant

Jason Bradley, 381st Training Support Squadron
Erin Brown, 576th FLTS
Rebecca Danet, 30th Space Wing
Dean Krambeck, 532nd TRS
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Aaron Mayer, 595th Space Group
Herbert Mosier Jr, 2nd Range Operations Squadron
Syravun Neal, 30th MDOS
Richard Rio, 30th CES
Christopher Smith, 614th Space Operations Squadron
Monty Kirk St John, 533rd TRS
Wayland Strickland, 576 FLTS
Thomas Turkington, 533rd TRS

Master Sergeant

Jabari Ashanti, 30th SW
Kevin Gunnip, 614th SOPS
Kenneth Kephart, 595th SG
Jason Lammers, 614th Space Intelligence Squadron
Robert Myers, 532nd TRS

Senior Master Sergeant

Patrick Root, 30th SW

Air Force Sergeants Association Hosts base-wide flea market

May 22 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the base parade grounds. Anyone with base access is invited. Spaces are available for \$10 and tables are \$5 each. Call Senior Master Sgt. Ron Williams at 606-1568 for more information.

This event is a fundraiser which supports the AFSA

ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use

AADD saves: **103** DUI totals for the year: **9**

Days since last DUI: **41**

30th OG	0	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	3	14th AF	0	381st TRG	3
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1



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COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

Transition to ops normal

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

I got the chance to get out to the units on Wednesday and provide some well-deserved kudos to a lot of outstanding Airmen.

While I had great eye-to-eye contact with many of you, I know there were a few I missed. But I hope you all realize each of you contribute to this wing's mission and that's what made that 'excellent' score possible on the operational readiness inspection and helped us dazzle the entire command for this year's premier space and missile competition.

As we wind down from the excitement of the last few months and enter the transition phase to ops normal, we need to remember to keep our eye on the mission.

Indeed, we did produce 'excellent' results in the ORI, but what will keep us at the top of our game is how we continue to do business on

30th Space Wing vectors

Unleash **L** human talent

Airmen

Wing mission

Knowledge to command the future

Safety

a day-to-day basis. And how we do that is by focusing on keeping our priorities right as we look out to the future. It's important we keep the wing's proficiency at its peak, so be sure to not lose sight of the issues that came out of the ORI. We have a lot of observations that we need to make into lessons learned. As a team I know we can do anything—you've already proven that! Expect to be fully engaged in exercises that will test our wing's ability to conduct our in-place and deployed missions. We will continue to exercise monthly to ensure we don't lose our combat edge. From full wing-wide exercises to battlestaff exercises, we will maintain the proficiency that makes us the best space warriors in the command—I expect nothing less from the best. 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.

Secretary, chief send Armed Forces Day message

The following is an Armed Forces Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"Since 1949, America has paid tribute to its men and women in uniform by celebrating Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May. Grateful Americans in every state will hold parades and fly Old Glory to honor those who have worn the uniform either as a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine.

"It is indeed an important time to be a member of our nation's Armed Forces and especially to be an Airman. America needs your service today as much, if not more, than any other time in our country's history. America's security is a global issue as we continue the fight in the war on terrorism. Our country needs your steadfast devotion to protecting the freedoms we enjoy.

"Today, we serve a grateful nation. From shore to shore, Americans are proud of your professional competence, combat capabilities and unwavering courage to defend our country. They have seen firsthand your efforts in the mountains of Afghanistan and the skies over Iraq and your steadfastness in protecting our homeland. They have reveled with us in your triumphs and cried with us when we lose brothers and sisters in battle.

"You represent the pride and patriotism of the United States. You are the standard for sacrifice, devotion and bravery. We are proud to serve with you. On this Armed Forces Day, let's remember those who came before us and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May God bless all of you and our great nation."

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Point of View
Why is Armed Forces Day important?



"It is one day set aside to celebrate the achievements of the Armed Forces." — Senior Master Sgt. David Daniel, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron



"We do so much for our country and we need to reflect on that." — Airman Basic Wesley Baptiste, 532nd Training Squadron



"People should be honored and recognized for what they have done in military service, including their families." — Arthur Foster, Retired Army



"Recognize and appreciate the hard work of the military. My husband is deployed to Baghdad and I want to thank him and those serving with him." — Norilyn Mangiliman, Four Seasons

You may think it's not, but it IS your job

By LT. COL. BART BEISNER
533rd Training Squadron commander

After 16 years of service, I've amassed quite a collection of cartoons, jokes, anecdotes, and other amusing documents.

Recently as I was thumbing through this file, I came across one of my favorites. It's a picture of a blacktop road with a dead animal lying in the middle, and running right across its body are newly-painted, bright yellow dividing lines! The caption reads "Not My Job!"

I can just imagine the city worker who painted that line, intent on finishing no more and no less than his assigned task and letting nothing...literally...get in his way! It's obvious he didn't let the animal carcass get in his way, but he didn't let any sense of purpose or any values get in his way, either.

The worker who painted these lines didn't display integrity (doing what's right even when nobody's looking), service before self (making personal sacrifices to get the job done right), or excellence in all he did (exceeding standards and avoiding shortcuts).

As Air Force professionals, we know these core values to be the foundation of our conduct, on and off duty. We strive to follow them every day — in fact they are second nature to most of us. But all of us are capable of falling into the "not my job" trap when we view our role in the Air Force too narrowly.

In other words, we can miss

opportunities to apply our core values and contribute to the overall Air Force mission when we think of ourselves only as space operators, medical technicians, communicators, missile maintainers, security forces, or members of any specialty instead of Airmen in the world's finest air and space force.

Perhaps you've seen examples of this in your Air Force career, like the time you were solving a problem and called several people looking for information, only to hear each of them say that they didn't have the answer because your question didn't directly apply to their assigned duties.

Perhaps you've been guilty yourself, like the time you noticed a junior member from another unit fail to show the proper courtesy to a more senior Air Force member but you chose not to provide mentoring to the troop. I know I've seen examples of the "not my job" attitude in my career and must admit to a time or two of displaying that attitude.

So what can you and I do to avoid the "not my job" syndrome? We can pick-up some "road kill," that's what! We must eliminate barriers that prevent others from accomplishing their part of the Air Force mission



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because we're all working to accomplish that same mission. We must each be the one who says to the exasperated person on the other end of the phone, "I don't have the answer but let me do some research and I'll get back to you."

Then we do the research and get back to that person. Last fall, an NCO instructor at my detachment confronted a captain from another unit who was wearing an

unauthorized body piercing and told him (respectfully) that he was out of compliance.

Now that took guts, time from her busy schedule, and an understanding of our Air Force dress and appearance standards, but she was right in what she did and her core values came shining through!

The bottom line is simple: When it comes to executing our Air Force mission, there's no such thing as "not my job." Even though the specific duties each of us is charged with performing vary from duty position to duty position, we all serve for one purpose: to defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power.

This is job number 1 for each of us — military, civilian, and defense contractor — and we must do all we can to assure team success.

As my tenure with Team Vandenberg nears completion, I can honestly say that I've rarely seen the "not my job" attitude here, but we must always watch out for dead animals in the road! Keep up the outstanding work that proves every day in every way: "The Best Go West!"

Do you have a perspective or experience you want to share with Team V?
Write about it and E-mail it to SMT@vandenberg.af.mil or call 606-3595.

Hometown: San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Time in service: 13 years
Time on station: 4 years
Role in mission: Launch Operations Team Chief
How do you contribute to the wing mission? I control and oversee government and contractor personnel for developmental government space and missile defense programs.
What do you like best about the Air Force? The friends that I have made, the places I've seen and the unique jobs I've experienced.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I would bring back specialized services at base hospitals like as the emergency room, orthopedics, etc.
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? I sacrifice personal time and do whatever it takes to make sure the job is done correctly to help maintain a 100% mission success rate.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? While being a part of the cruise missile recovery team at the Utah test range, I got to see the operation of cruise missiles, ride in Black Hawk helicopters and play a role in setting up recovery operations.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? I would make sure that needed repairs and maintenance are made to the playground equipment located throughout base housing.
Who is your role model and why? There is not one specific person that I model myself after. Instead, throughout my life, I have drawn from the experiences I've had as well as many of the people I've met.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Abraham Lincoln, because he did what he knew was right even in the face of strong opposition.
Favorite movie: Meet the Parents
Hobbies: Hunting, golfing and chasing after my 1 year old daughter.

Team Vandenberg Warrior
Tech. Sgt.
Anthony Calderon
1st Air and Space Test Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MATTHEW REED

Airmen receive five Articles 15

BY STAFF SGT. KEITH EGELSTON
30th Space Wing Legal Office

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

An Airman from the 30th Security Forces Squadron violated Article 86 and 113 of the UCMJ, for failure to go and sleeping while on post. The Airman received 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 30th Security Forces Squadron violated Article 92 of the UCMJ, for underage drinking. The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman basic, a suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay for two months, 45 days restriction to VAFB, and 45 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th Security Forces Squadron violated Article 86, 91, 92, and 134 of the UCMJ, for failure to go, disrespect towards a NCO, failure to obey a

lawful order, underage drinking, and being drunk and disorderly. The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay for two months, 15 days restriction to VAFB, and 15 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron violated Articles 95 and 111 of the UCMJ, for escaping custody and driving under the influence. The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman, a forfeiture of \$668 pay for two months, 30 days restriction to VAFB, and 30 days extra duty.

An Airman from the 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron violated Article 86, 92, 107, and 134 of the UCMJ, for failure to go, failure to obey a lawful order, false official statement, and engaging in reckless conduct.

The Airman received a reduction in rank to airman first class and a suspended forfeiture of \$747 pay for one month.

Brownie promotions



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Senior Airman Shamena Nurse, Brownie troop leader, gives Samantha Kissiar, 8, a hug just before she makes the journey towards becoming a Girl Scout at the Brownie bridging ceremony.

This week in history...

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JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

May 9

1997 – Twenty-two years and 10 days after the fall of Saigon, former Florida Representative Douglas Peterson becomes the first ambassador to Vietnam in two decades.

May 10

1869 – In a remote corner of Utah, the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads and makes transcontinental railroad service possible for the first time in U.S. history.

May 11

1918 – The Air Expeditionary Force receives

a DH-4, its first American-made airplane.

1969 – U.S. and South Vietnamese forces battle North Vietnamese troops for Ap Bia Mountain. During the intense fighting, 597 North Vietnamese were reported killed and U.S. casualties were 56 killed and 420 wounded. Due to the bitter fighting and the high loss of life, the battle for Ap Bia Mountain was dubbed 'Hamburger Hill' by the U.S. media.

May 12

1949 – An early crisis of the Cold War comes to an end when the Soviet Union lifts its 11-month blockade against West Berlin.

The blockade had been broken by a massive U.S.-British airlift of vital supplies to West Berlin's two million citizens.

May 13

1911 – Lt. H.H. Arnold and Lt. T.D. Milling became the first Wright School pilots.

May 14

1973 – Skylab, America's first space station, is successfully launched into an orbit around the earth. Eleven days later, U.S. astronauts Charles Conrad, Joseph Kerwin, and Paul Weitz made a rendezvous with Skylab, repairing a jammed solar panel and conducting scientific experiments during their 28-day stay aboard the space station.

May 15

1942 – A bill establishing a women's corps in the U.S. Army becomes law, creating the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and granting women official military status.

Team V celebrates National Police Week

■ The 30th Security Forces Squadron invites Team Vandenberg to join the nation in remembrance of the lives lost in the line of duty and service rendered by all branches of law enforcement. To honor them 30th SFS will be conducting an opening ceremony, a parade, exhibits and a formal retreat next week. The schedule of events are as follows:

Opening Ceremony

3 p.m. Monday at Building 13675

Parade

5 p.m. Monday starting at Colorado Avenue ending at the main gate.

Exhibits

Monday after the parade in front of the base exchange.

Formal Retreat

4:30 p.m. Monday in front of Building 10577

Call 1st Lt. Wilmer Castillo at 606-3911

Crimebeat...

COMPILED BY SENIOR AIRMAN
HARRIS JOHNSON
30th Security Forces Squadron

May 4

11:40p.m.

Iron Horse Outlaw?

An Airman telephoned SFCC to report his "Iron Horse Outlaw" mountain bike was taken from the Discovery dormitory.

A SFS patrol was dispatched to scene where a report was taken. The bicycle, worth \$150, was not found.

May 5

9:05 a.m.

Stolen laundry

A military member entered the SFCC and stated while drying his clothes during a stay at the Santa Maria Inn, items he left unattended were taken from the hotel's laundry facility. A report was filed and the incident is under investigation.

10 a.m.

Weather Stripping?

A military member entered SFCC to report damage to his POV. He stated his 2003 Toyota Matrix was vandalized resulting in damage to the weather stripping and driver side instrument panel. A statement was taken and the incident is currently under investigation.

May 6

8:30 a.m.

That's not a speed bump

The Lompoc gate entry controller radioed SFCC to report a minor vehicle accident. A civilian entering Lompoc gate operating a tractor-trailer approached

the gate at the wrong angle without enough room to negotiate the turns.

The truck hit a barricade and drove over the four foot stop sign before coming to a rest. No injuries were reported.

11 a.m.

Medical Emergency

A retired dependent lost her footing while

stepping off a curb at the commissary. A SFS patrol was dispatched to the scene where the dependant was complaining of lower back pain. EMTs arrived scene shortly after and transported the female to Lompoc ER.

5:24 p.m.

Five finger discount!

Base exchange security detectives witnessed a female via video surveillance enter a dressing room with two items and exit empty handed.

Upon further investigation the subject removed the price tags and concealed the items on her person. SFS patrols responded and detained the individual.

May 8

12:19 a.m.

Curfew violation/ Unlawful entry

An anonymous caller telephoned SFCC to report two suspicious individuals in an insecure house off of Elm St. SFS patrols responded and conducted an exterior and interior sweep.

Two teenage individuals were found in the residence. Patrolman detained both subjects and contacted their military sponsors.

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

From Army green to Air Force blue; quality of life makes difference

By MAJOR STACEE N. BAKO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

A helicopter pilot here was selected for promotion to major recently—not bad for only being in the Air Force for four years.

But like all success stories, there's more to this one than meets the eye.

Major (select) Eric Ecker, Wing Flight Safety Officer and 76th Helicopter Flight pilot, crossed into the blue after being in the Army for 11 years, and while the journey was not easy, he wouldn't have it any other way.

Following in his father's boot tracks, he wanted to join the Army to fly helicopters because in his opinion, "it's a lot more fun" than flying fixed wing aircraft. He joined Army Reserve Officer Training Corps while at Colorado State University. When the time came to be "branched" or put into his career field, he was told "you'll be an Infantry officer because we need leaders."

While he took that as a compliment, his desire to fly was stronger, so Capt. Ecker decided to decline his commission and put in his paperwork to become a warrant officer and go to flight school.

In the Army, WOs perform the majority of the flying missions--and that's what he wanted.

"The Army maximizes its cost/benefit analysis," said Capt.

Ecker. "A helicopter in the sky is like a tank in the sky, they have less expensive personnel to fly the aircraft." That was fine with Capt. Ecker. As a WO, he was assigned to Weisbaden, Germany where he flew all over Europe.

"It was great!" he said. "It's the lieutenants and captains that are back managing the units so the WOs have a lot of job satisfaction because all they do is fly."

After three years of flying throughout Europe, he returned to the U.S. and was stationed at the Army's National Training Center located about halfway between Death Valley and Barstow, Calif.

Shortly after reassignment, the Medical Service Corps put out the call for experienced aviators to fly medical evacuation missions, the one catch was, they only needed officers.

Capt. Ecker applied and was selected and because of his degree from CSU, he received a direct commission as a 2nd lieutenant.

After Officer Basic Training, he was transferred to Ft. Riley, Kansas where he upgraded from a UH-1 Huey to a UH-60 Blackhawk.

At Ft. Riley for three years, he was selected from promotion to Captain and then got reassigned to the NTC in Calif., for a second time.

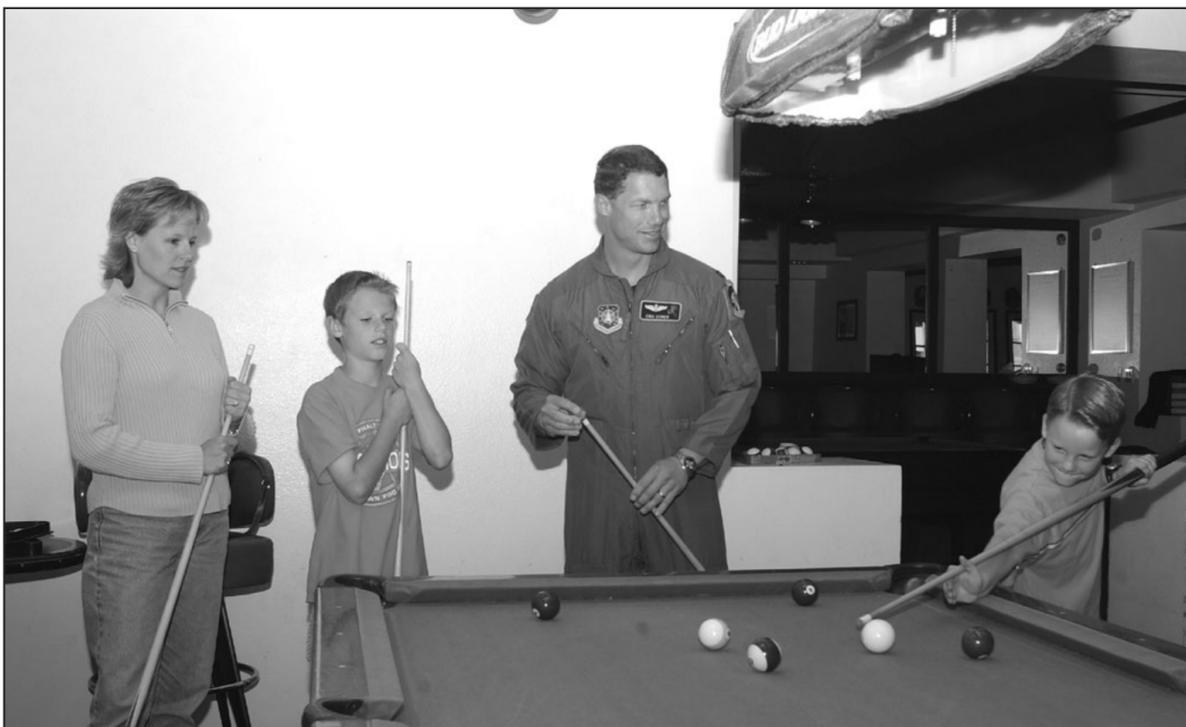


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Capt. Eric Ecker, 30th Space Wing Safety Office, spends some time with his wife Melanie, and his two sons Landon, 10, and Logan, 7. Capt. Ecker joined the Air Force after spending 11 years in the Army. He said some of the reasons for the service transfer was quality of life and being able to spend more time with his wife and children.

Only this time was different. Now as a captain at the NTC he went on temporary duty every two weeks.

"Where ever there were contingency operations, three aircraft and a crew would go," said Capt. Ecker. "I was gone for two weeks, then home for two weeks."

"It was very draining on my family." With a wife and two small boys at home, Capt. Ecker decided he needed more balance in his life.

Not wanting to stop serving his country or stop flying, he looked into other services and ended up applying for the Air Force's interservice transfer program. He submitted his paperwork and was one of seven people accepted out of the 83 that applied, but it wasn't that easy to walk away from the Army.

"The Air Force said 'come on over'..." Ecker paused. "The Army said 'no.'"

Facing the difficult decision of whether or not to stay with the Army when his families quality of life was non-existent, he finally decided to separate from the Army and started interviewing with commercial companies.

He was two weeks away from separating, with the moving vans on the way, when he got the call that his transfer was approved.

The good news about the interservice transfer was that Capt. Ecker could come into the Air Force with his service record fairly intact, with the same rank.

"The biggest problem was just

getting recertified in survival, altitude and other training," explained Capt. Ecker. "I spent the first seven months in the Air Force TDY to training because the AF didn't accept the Army's training."

Capt. Ecker said his first impression of the Air Force was a culture shock of sorts. He made the transition, signed in and was told by his commander to take some time to get his family settled. "They treat their officers so much different in the AF than they do in the Army," he grinned. "The culture is very different."

For Melanie Ecker, being an Army spouse was "challenging." The pair married right out of college and she was immediately thrown into military life. "I lived my whole life in the same house for 18 years," said Melanie. "Now we were suddenly moving every couple of years."

"It was hard when he was deployed all the time," she admitted, so she welcomed the news of the transfer.

She recalled being overseas and discussing the Air Force housing with the other Army spouses and thinking at the time how much better the Air Force personnel had it.

So when they drove on the base the first time she thought, "very impressive...then I saw the housing!" she laughed. "This was a big shock because everyone in the Army heard how great the housing was and the expectation versus the reality was a surprise!"

The biggest difference Melanie sees in the quality of life in the Air Force is the way they treat their families. "The Air Force really treats you like humans," she said. "They talk about it a lot in the Army and try, but there's a whole different mentality. I definitely feel like I have more in common with the women in the Air Force than in the Army."

Some of the other differences the Eckers noticed is how education-oriented the Air Force is and how non-competitive fitness-wise it is compared to the Army.

"My brother joked that I went from being the smartest guy in the Army to the toughest guy in the Air Force," said Capt. Ecker.

When he first came in the Air Force was still conducting cycle ergometry. "The competition level just wasn't there," said Capt. Ecker. "When I took the bike test for the first time, the tester said, 'that's enough', but I kept going. They said, 'you're going to exceed the profile we're trying to get here!'"

He's glad to see the Air Force rolling with the "warfit" program.

They also like how far in advance the Air Force lets people know when they are going to move. "In the Army, it hangs over your head and then suddenly you're moving," said Capt. Ecker.

Even though the Ecker family wears Air Force blue instead of Army greens now, they still worry about the good friends they made

with the on-going hostilities in Iraq. "I worry about them with the what's going on over there," said Melanie. "I think of the women I knew whose husbands could be over there...there's a lot of pride."

Capt. Ecker agreed. "In the Army you're tuned and trained into what you do, that's where my pride comes from," he said. "I see the pictures of the guys downrange doing what they do and I understand what they are going through. It may not be the best, but they are doing the best with what they have to deal with."

But for now, this major-select plans to fly as much as he can and continue to look for where the opportunities are and take advantage of them, whether training or professional education.

"The Air Force gives you an overall thought process," said Capt. Ecker. "But you have to figure out the tools you need to get there."

Capt. Ecker likes that the management of the Air Force is as close to corporate America as you can get and still be in the military. "People complain about it, but they have no idea. Things could be a lot worse. It's a very good lifestyle."

As for long-term plans, the couple and their kids have plan on making the Air Force a career. "That was our decision," said Melanie. "We were going to say in...if the interservice transfer came in."



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Capt. Ecker was one of seven Army members chosen out of 83 total to transfer into the Air Force. Captain Ecker was recently selected for promotion to major after being in the Air Force for only four years.

Special Olympic Area Games

Team Vandenberg members are invited to come out and support the Special Olympic Area Games Saturday at the base track. For more information, call Capt. Michael Mench or Capt. Jeremy Olson at 605-6279 or 605-6345

Kickin' It



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Ryan Howell, 381st Training Group gets ready to make a pass before Jason Mendiola, 30th Security Forces Squadron intercepts him during their intramural soccer game Tuesday. The Cops upset the 381st TRS 2-0.

May Fitness Day event, times

Vandenberg's Fitness Day 2004 is May 21. This event is for all Team V members. To sign for individual or team events stop by the fitness center for more information.

FITNESS DAY EVENTS:

- Horseshoes** – 9 a.m. at the outside track.
- Roller Hockey** – 9 a.m. at the outside track.
- Disc Golf** – 9 a.m. at the outside track.
- Home Run Derby** – 9 to 10:30 a.m. at softball field 1.
- Tug-a-truck** – 9 to 10 a.m. at the outside track.
- Championship Soccer Game** – 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the track.
- Dizzy Bat** – 10 to 11 a.m. at softball field 2.
- Speed Climb** – 10 to 11 a.m. at the outside track.
- 1 Pitch Softball** – 11 a.m. at softball field 1 and 2.
- Sack Race** – 11:30 a.m. to noon at the track.
- 4 x 100 Meter Race** – 11:30 a.m. to noon at the track.

- 3 Legged Race** – noon to 12:30 p.m. at the track.
- Office Olympics** – noon to 1 p.m. at the library.
- 100 Meter Dash** – noon to 12:30 p.m. at the track.
- Sit-up/Push-up** – 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the track.
- Wheelbarrow Race** – 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the track.
- Football Throw** – 1 to 2 p.m. at the track.
- Championship Basketball Game** – 1 to 2 p.m. at the gym.
- Bench Press** – 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the outside track.
- Golf Chipping Contest** – 2 to 3 p.m. Outside Track
- Dodgeball** – 2 to 3 p.m. Gym
- Tug-a-war 2 Way** – 2 to 2:30 p.m. Track
- 5K Race** – 2:15 to 3 p.m. Outside Track
- Tug-a-war 4 Way** – 2:30 to 3 p.m. Track
- Egg Toss** – 2:30 to 3 p.m. Track
- Field Goal Kick Contest** – 3 to 4 p.m. Track
- Simon Says** – 3 to 3:30 p.m. Track
- Hula Hoop** – 3:30 to 4 p.m. Track

High blood pressure deadly if left unchecked

By TYSON GRIER
30th Health and Wellness Center

Knowing to call 911 in an emergency can save one's life. So can knowing one's blood pressure numbers.

A healthy person's blood pressure should be about 120/80 mmHg.

Blood pressure is the force of blood against the walls of arteries and other blood vessels. It rises and falls during the day. When blood pressure stays elevated over time, it becomes a life-threatening condition called hypertension. High blood pressure will eventually injure the blood vessels in the heart, brain, kidneys, and eyes. This may result in heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure, and blindness.

Blood pressure is recorded as two numbers—the systolic pressure, which is the force of the blood against the artery walls as the heart beats and the diastolic pressure, the force of the blood as the heart relaxes between beats.

A blood pressure level of 140/

90 mmHg or higher is considered high. If blood pressure is between 120/80 mmHg and 139/89 mmHg, it is considered prehypertension. This means that even though a person doesn't have high blood pressure now their chances of having a heart attack or stroke are increased.

About two-thirds of people over age 65 have high blood pressure. Even if a person doesn't have high blood pressure at age 55, they face a 90 percent chance of developing it during their remaining lifetime. It's a condition that most people have at some point in their lives.

Fortunately, high blood pressure can be prevented and controlled often with just a few lifestyle changes. These include:

- ♦ Losing weight, if necessary, and maintaining a healthy weight;
- ♦ Being physically active;
- ♦ Eating less salt and sodium;
- ♦ Following an eating plan rich in fruits and vegetables and low fat dairy foods, moderate in total fat and cholesterol, and low in saturated fat;
- ♦ If you drink alcoholic

beverages, just do so in moderation.

If these lifestyle changes aren't enough to reduce blood pressure, a doctor can prescribe medication.

For more information on how to prevent and control high blood pressure, visit the Health and Wellness Center.

HAWC events for May include a Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension cooking class to demonstrate how to cook with little to no sodium.

The class includes a free Down-Home cookbook, commissary tour on how to read labels and make healthy choices and blood pressure screenings all month.

Stop by the HAWC and use our self-service blood pressure machine or have your blood pressure manually taken by a staff member and receive a free WarFit water bottle. For more information on other classes, activities, or to sign up for these classes visit the <http://php-ids.com> or call the HAWC at 606-2221.



AROUND THE WORLD IN NINETY DAYS

ATWIND 2004
Get into it!

Air Force Space Command proudly announces the return of its summer promotion Around the World in Ninety Days also known as ATWIND. ATWIND begins June 1 through August 31. Players can register to participate by logging on to www.atwind.com or calling the ATWIND toll-free number 1-888-597-9960.

Force Protection Tip: Report suspicious people, vehicles or packages to authorities.

Destinations CENTRAL COAST

SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

May 14, 2004

Renaissance Faire provides glimpse of life during 16th century

By MAJ. N. STACEE BAKO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

“Enter ye this our faire, gentle nobles, commons, revelers of the daye, where commerce is king and jollitye and song abound in this most merrype throng...”

This reads the program for the 4th Annual Heart of the Forest Renaissance Faire where 16th Century England comes to life in Santa Barbara County.

Designed as a Market Faire celebration in ‘Oaken Wood’, Live Oak Camp provides the perfect background for this delightful renaissance faire near Lake Cachuma on Highway 154.

My family and I went for Mother’s Day as a nice treat and enjoyed everything from sword fighting, live theater like Shakespeare’s ‘Taming of the Shrew’, which is one of my favorites, archery, pageantry and jousting, which is new to the faire this year. Throughout the day, there were performances on the five area stages and in the streets



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The 4th Annual Heart of the Forest Renaissance Faire gives visitors a chance to see what life was like during the 16th century.

of the faire showcasing the character actors and plays such as Shakespeare’s ‘Follies’, where ‘Pyramus’ & ‘Thisbe’ and ‘Hamlet’ are performed in 25 minutes.

Other performances like Shakespeare’s ‘Taming of the Shrew’ and ‘Two Gentlemen of Verona’ and Italian Commedia dell’Arte, children’s theater, English country-dance, and

Middle Eastern dancing are also available.

For the kids, there are Punch and Judy puppet shows, archery (little kids should use the red bows), a hand-powered carousel, magic shows, Storyteller’s Theater, games, activities and arts and crafts. They can get as involved as they want too.

The jousting was outstanding, given the fact that the arena was small and allowed for personal interaction with your favored Knight. The Falconry show amazed even the smallest visitors.

If you’re game patrons, rent costumes to join in the fun or buy costumes at some shops, but they are a bit pricey.

But no medieval festival would be complete without a good cup of mead and whole turkey leg from ‘Ye Auld Food Court’—ok, I made that one up.



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Jousting is one of the many activities visitors can see at the faire. Short performances of some of Shakespeare’s plays, archery and sword fighting are some other activities visitors can either participate in or view at the faire.

The proceeds of the Heart of the Forest Renaissance Faire go to Falcon’s Court, dedicated to perpetuating the art of falconry.

The fair is open Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23. The fair opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Web site,

www.forestfaire.com or you can call (805) 692-6722 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to get early discounts at \$5 off a regular adult ticket—better than the \$3 military discount you get at the door.

The catch with calling is the tickets are available Monday through Friday only. On the

weekends the number becomes an information line only.

While all tickets include free parking, if you have small children or are traveling with people who may have trouble walking up the steep hill to get to the faire, there is a drop off point just near the entrance. Advance tickets: Adults \$15 (reg. \$20), Children 5-11 \$6 (reg. \$8), under 5 free, students, seniors and military personnel get in for \$17. If you go more than once, you may want to think about the ‘Fairever Pass’ (good all six days): Adults \$50, children \$20 (5-11 years old)



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(Left) The renaissance faire entertainers and even visitors dress in 16th century apparel. (Right) Two renaissance faire participants spar using a form of fighting called armored judicial combat, where knights fought with swords to the death.



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Directions:

From the base, take Highway 1 to Highway 246 to Highway 101. Take the 154 Cachuma Lake exit just past Los Alamos. About 3 miles past Cachuma, look for signs, on the left.

Community Calendar

14 FRI Case lot sale and produce road show – Today through Sunday at the base commissary.

New CLEP testing — The education office has 14 tests available for the new CLEP eCBT paper-based exam. Call 605-5904 to schedule an appointment or for further questions.

Volunteers needed – for career day at Orcutt Junior High School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 27 and 28. Volunteers are also needed for career day at Lakeview Junior High School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 3 and 4. Volunteers may help out for as many days as they’d like. Volunteers will be asked to conduct formal job interviews for students. To volunteer call Public Affairs at 606-3595.

Baby Meet – needs a new

volunteer coordinator. Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies, newborn through two years old. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Playtime for Tots – needs a new volunteer coordinator. The playgroup is for children age two through five. Call 606-0039 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Armed Forces Meal – is served during lunch at all base-dining facilities.

17 MON **Volunteers Needed** – The family services loan closet and the airman’s attic programs need

volunteers between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. Volunteers can work full, half or one-hour days. Call family services at 606-5484 or 606-4225 for more information.

Computer resource room – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the family support center for customers needing to access the Internet for job searches, relocation assistance, or to stay in touch with family separated because of military service.

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 HAWC. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

Financial basic workshop – 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the family support center. To register go to the Web site www.php-ids.com or call 606-0039.

18 TUE **Disabled American Veterans** – Mobile service operations are held at 9 a.m. Tuesdays in the Veterans Memorial Bldg at 108 East Locust Street in Lompoc. Call Dan Contreras at (310) 477-2539 for more information.

VSC awards dinner – The Vandenberg Spouses Club holds its annual scholarship awards dinner Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club. VSC members eat for free. The cost for PCC members is \$7 and \$9 for nonmembers. To make reservations call Dannelle

Hazelip at 734-2554.

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 734-0452 for more information.

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

19 WED **Manage your move** – 8:45 to 11:30 Wednesday at the family support center.

To register go to the Web site www.php-ids.com or call 606-0039.

Winning interviews workshop – 1 to 3 p.m. at the family support center Wednesday. To register go to the Web site www.php-ids.com or call 606-0039.

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DAILY 3:30-4:30-7:00 -8:00 SAT-SUN 12:00-1:00
MAN ON FIRE R
DAILY 4:00-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00

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DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00

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NEW YORK MINUTE PG
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DAILY 4:00-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00-9:30

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

Call 606-5773 for other denomination worship services and events.

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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