

# SPACEMAKER

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## AT A GLANCE

### Officers Call

The next 77th Air Base Wing Officers Commander's Call will be held today at 3 p.m. at Club McClellan. This is a mandatory formation for all ABW Officers.

### Playground equipment closed

The playground equipment at Freedom Park is closed until further notice for maintenance and repair. Signs are posted at Freedom Park regarding this issue. Please heed these warnings; safety is the priority.

### AFMC Chaplain visits McClellan

Command Chaplain, Col. G. Michael Bell, Air Force Materiel Command, will conduct a site visit here May 13-14 and also attend the Protestant Parish Appreciation Banquet. See Page 10 for more banquet information.

### Blood Drive

A McClellan blood drive will be held May 13, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Rafferty Hall. There will be plenty of refreshments for donors, as well as movies for your entertainment. Bring a photo ID and eat and drink fluids before you donate.

For more information, call Capt. Jim Thomas at 643-4231, ext. 529.

### Hail and Farewell

The next McClellan Hail and Farewell is scheduled for May 19, at 3 p.m., at Club McClellan. This is a mandatory formation for all officers assigned to McClellan. Commanders and directors needing podium time should call Capt. Lorena Bailey at 643-0077.

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day Brunch will be served at Club McClellan and the Community Center Sunday.

For more information and to make reservations, call 643-3526.

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U.S. Air Force photo

## McClellan Troops overseas

A McClellan military member working with the 40th Air Expeditionary Group, gives Longo Nicola, an Italian Carabinieri (Policeman) a brief overview of an A-10 aircraft on the flight line in Gioia del Colle. The member, an aircraft battle damage repairman, is deployed from the 652nd Combat Logistics Support

Squadron. The A-10's at Gioia del Colle are deployed from the 81st Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany and the 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C. The 40th AEG flies combat missions over Kosovo in support of Operation Allied Force.

## DOD begins 'sequential' reserve call-up

Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Stanley  
Headquarters United States Air Force

WASHINGTON — With the bulk of the force designated for the Air Force, the Department of Defense has started a sequential Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up that could ultimately involve more than 33,000 people to support NATO operations over Kosovo.

Meanwhile, the Air Force announced its intent to begin a Stop-Loss program that will prevent people in critical skills from separating or retiring from the service.

Maj. Gen. Michael Kudlacz, Air Force director of operations and training, said, "We are currently analyzing our immediate and long-term requirements. Upon completion of that analysis, we will take a selective approach to implementing Stop-Loss that ensures we retain the critical skills needed across the total force."

The general noted the large role Reserve volunteers already fill in Allied Force, but the operation needs even more aircraft and people to enter the battle.

"The Air Force effort in the operations over and around Yugoslavia has been a total-force effort, which is business as usual for us in everything we do," General Kudlacz said. "More than 1,500 guardsmen and reservists are participating in those

## CRISIS in KOSOVO

operations on a volunteer basis. For worldwide Air Force operations, more than 6,000 guardsmen and reservists are serving side by side with their active-duty counterparts on a volunteer basis.

The Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up authorizes Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen to call 33,102 members of the Selected Reserve to active duty. The initial call-up of about 2,100 people will focus on air-refueling capabilities. More units may be called in the future as needed.

"Until now, we have been able to meet many of our military requirements for operations in the Balkans using volunteers from the National Guard and Reserve who have been serving side-by-side with the active forces," Secretary Cohen said. "On-

going operations now require more support from the Reserve forces. The PSRC is designed to help us meet those expanding needs."

Title 10, U.S. Code, section 12304 authorizes the statutory call to active duty of up to 200,000 members of the Selected Reserve and the Individual Ready Reserve, of whom not more than 30,000 may be members of the Individual Ready Reserve, for 270 days when deemed necessary to augment the active component for any operational mission. This period includes time for mobilization, demobilization, and accrued leave.

The first increment of the PSRC calls to active duty eight aircraft and 250 airmen of the 940th Air Refueling Wing from Beale Air Force Base to replace Allied Force volunteers.

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force Personnel Center Call Center has begun 24-hour operations to help answer questions concerning Stop-Loss.

Although Stop-Loss has not been implemented, there are many concerns and rumors about the program. If you have questions, please contact the call center at (800) 558-1404, DSN 665-2949 or commercial (210) 565-2949. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

**Action Line**

643-3344, [actionline@email.mcclellan.af.mil](mailto:actionline@email.mcclellan.af.mil)

**Housing residents ask drawdown options**

*Editor's note. The following are some of the concerns expressed by military family members who attended the Town Hall meeting held April 15 at the Base Theater. The 77th Civil Engineer Group conducted the meeting.*

**Q** If we live in a four bedroom house now, will we get the same when we move?

**A** If the approved housing drawdown plan requires moving families to other military housing units, we will do our best to match everyone to comparable housing.

**Q** Will we continue to have security at base housing?

**A** The current plan will provide security for base housing as we have tenants in housing.

**Q** How long will you be moving in new tenants?

**A** We expect to exhaust the housing waiting list this summer. The actual cutoff date for moving in new tenants will depend on final approval of the housing drawdown plan, but the current target date is January 2000.

**Commissary kudos**

**Q** I was in the commissary March 10 and I lost my I.D. I went to the office and reported it. Someone found it and turned it in. I just want to pay a thank you to the person and the commissary people.

**A** I spoke with the Commissary Officer, Larry Johns, regarding your note on your lost ID card. He was very glad to hear you recovered it so quickly. Also, he wanted to thank you for your very kind words for commissary employees and patrons. He has always felt the McClellan Commissary has the best of both and it is gratifying to

know others do too. He will convey your generous remarks to the management and staff at the McClellan Commissary.

**Perturbed pedestrians**

**Q** I am an afternoon lunch time walker. I have noticed an increase in traffic due to only having two gates open. Every time I come to a cross walk without any lights, I literally have to step down off the curb to stop traffic. This is an accident waiting to happen. I watched to see where the cars were going after crossing and I might add that they were all Commissary/BX users. Is there anyway the word can be put out to drivers to use more courtesy when they see pe-

destrian tring to cross the street. How about a flyer to put in every bag that leaves the Commissary or Base Exchange?

**A** Thank you for your concern regarding the safety of the pedestrians using crosswalks. As a reminder to all motorists, section 21950 (a) of the California Vehicle Code states, "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk at an intersection".

A work order has been established to place warning signs at certain crosswalks to serve as a reminder for motorists. As motorists, we need to please show courtesy to the people electing to exercise and conserve energy.



**Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard**  
77th Air Base Wing commander

Since I've been your wing commander, I've had much opportunity to hear from you on how we can make things better. This **Action Line** has been a key avenue and remains a good means to obtain feedback on how we're doing and how we can improve.

If you have or see a problem, try to work it through the responsible agency or activity first, since that will provide the most rapid resolution or action. If you still can't get the problem resolved, then try to work it through your chain of command. If the problem still exists after you've taken these two steps, then let me know so we can try to help.

In your request, please be brief, but include enough information to address the entire issue. Also, please let me know the specific action you want taken. I need your name, duty phone, and address so that we may send you

a written response. I treat each call very seriously and read each response. If I feel the issue is of interest to the entire McClellan community, we may also print it and the response in the **Spacemaker**.

Our overall goal is to better serve you. In this same vein, we also like to highlight those areas that provide high quality or exceptional support, so we can build upon and expand them. To do these things, I need your involvement.

I also welcome your input in other ways. On a quarterly basis, I hold Town Hall meetings with community members, and I regularly meet with various groups on base (the Chiefs, First Sergeants, etc.). Please plug into one of these avenues to get your voice heard. You have a say in how we serve you!

**Action Line**  
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**Base Phone Numbers**

AAFES.....	920-0537
Civilian Pay.....	643-6725
Civil Engineering.....	643-5624
Civilian Personnel.....	643-2860
Commissary.....	643-4954
Crime Stop Hotline.....	643-6161
Dining Hall.....	643-5092
Family Support.....	643-1106
Focus Center #1.....	643-5661
Fraud, Waste & Abuse.....	643-6000
Housing.....	643-6221
Legal.....	643-3150
Lodging.....	643-6223
Medical.....	Appointments..... 643-8400
After Hours.....	643-7212
TRICARE Service Center.....	(800) 242-6788
Military Pay.....	643-6965
Military Personnel.....	643-1094
Public Affairs.....	643-6127
Retiree Activities.....	643-2207
Security Forces.....	643-6160
Services.....	643-6660
Social Actions.....	643-3322
Supply.....	643-5213
Uniform Questions.....	643-4051

**Your Say**

**How has the gate change affected you?**



"Personally, between 3:30 and 4 p.m. the traffic is extremely congested at the gates."

**Clover Whitehurst**  
Civilian Personnel Office



"It hasn't affected me and I like that there is a 24-hour guard on the Navajo Gate."

**Master Sgt. James Brown**  
77th Communications Squadron



"It is impossible to make a left turn from the Building 200 parking lot onto Peacekeeper."

**Dawn Marie Flatt**  
Budget and Manpower



"I love it, especially when I work late. I don't have to drive around to the Palm Gate."

**Ester Stubbs,**  
Public Affairs

**Air Force Vision**

"Air Force people building the world's most respected air and space force ... global power and reach for America"

**Air Force Materiel Command Vision**

"Quality Systems for America's Air Force"

**Sacramento Air Logistics Center Vision**

"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"

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# Reassignment, separation notices

they are here, they will provide new challenges, opportunities

**Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer**  
SM-ALC commander

During the next few weeks, we will be in the process of formally notifying many McClellan civilian personnel of reassignments and separations. I want to ensure that this process is implemented in the best possible manner (as I have become accustomed to seeing at McClellan) with the fullest disclosure of information. To that end, I provide you the following facts and guidance.

**Facts** -- The Fiscal Year 1999 reduction in force at McClellan was sized to abolish approximately 3,300 positions as a result of the base's closure. Through appropriate use of voluntary separations (approximately 1,300 people); assignments to operating locations (approximately 500 people); and position vacancies (approximately 600 positions), the total number of encumbered positions exposed to abolishment were reduced to about 900.

A further look at necessary reassignments has reduced that number

to approximately 500. Our civilian personnel office has done an outstanding job of reducing involuntary separations to an absolute minimum, while being absolutely impartial and fair in administering the above processes.

Monday, 11 a.m., management began notifying those people who will be reassigned to other jobs this fall. A few more than 300 people will be reassigned outside of their two letter organization, while less than 100 will be reassigned within their current two letter organization.

Starting at 11 a.m., May 24, management will begin notifying those people who will be separated this fall.

Through reassignments, we hope to reduce the number of personnel involuntarily separated to well less than 500.

In both cases, base management notifications will last for two and a half days — then notifications will be made by registered mail for all those not able to

be contacted directly.

Whether you are selected for reassignment or separation or not, you remain just as valuable a person as

an employee, as a coworker, as a parent, as a community member, as a church member, as a friend and as a family member as you were before the selection process started.

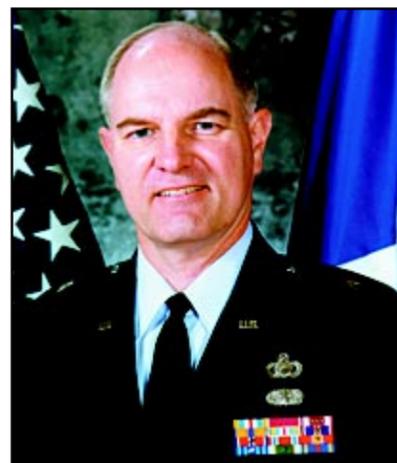
The reassignment and separation process is unbiased and impersonal, the result of downsizing, and unrelated to what makes you the unique and talented person that you are. The unique talents that you have will allow you to continue in good jobs because there are always good jobs for good people.

While some say, "those words are nice, but it won't alter the fact that I lost my job," my experience has been, that overwhelmingly, people get better jobs than they anticipate after being involuntarily separated.

I expect the same will happen at McClellan because we don't have good people here, we have great people here!

**Guidance** -- I have further expectations about how all of us should react to the upcoming reassignment and separation notices — with compassion and composure.

Some people will be happy with their reassignments, some will not.



Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer

Some people will be distraught with their separation notice, some will not. Those that are happy should not be too cheerful, and those that are sad should not be too despondent.

We all need to be sensitive to how the other

person feels and remember to help our coworkers cope with these transitions. We are all going to have to cope with further change as we go through the final stages of base closure.

During this transition time, please take advantage of the tools and expertise available to you at the FOCUS Center, and in the support agencies around the base. We have great people here who are looking forward to helping McClellan folks with their transition.

I have asked my managers and supervisors to be more sensitive to and aware of our people's needs as we start the largest part of our downsizing yet. I ask that you all do the same.

I am confident that McClellan people will once again respond to change and adversity as they always have, with grace, style, and success!

**“ During this transition time, please take advantage of the tools and expertise available to you at the FOCUS center and in the support agencies around the base.**

**Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer**

## Choose your shades carefully when in uniform

**Staff Sgt. Kevin G. Carpenter**  
75th Mission Support Squadron  
Ogden-ALC, Hill Air Force Base, Utah

Are you interested in making a fashion statement? Maybe you would like to look a little more mysterious. Perhaps you want to convey to your friends and community that your fashion standards are up-to-date; or maybe you just simply want to reduce the amount of ultraviolet radiation absorbed by your eyes.

Whatever the case, sunglasses are definitely the answer. With such a large variety of fashion sunglasses on the market, the decision on which pair to purchase can be mind-boggling.

Some manufacturers have categorized theirs by sport, such as auto racing, cycling, surfing and others. Others classify sunglasses by categories such as "Rootbeer Eyejackets" or "Suede Leather Straight Jackets." Prices may range from just a few dollars all the way up to \$250.

While off-duty, military members may wear whatever glasses will stay on their faces. On-duty, the choices are more limited.

AFI 36-2903, table 2.5 states "To present the proper military image, eyeglasses and sunglasses will be:

- Free of ornamentation on frames and lenses.
- Conservative, clear, slightly tinted, or photo-sensitive lenses indoors or in formation.



**With no brand names, strange colors or mirror lenses, this pair of glasses is acceptable and appropriate in uniform.**



**Riddle me this, Batman. What happens to those who wear these frames with BDU's? They have a chat with the Chief.**



**With "ornamentation" on the frames, this pair of bedazzling glasses also fails the test. Keep them simple and tasteful.**



**This pair of glasses does not fall under the "conservative" category. These should be saved for attending the next Elton John concert.**

- Conservative lenses and frames outdoors (fashion styles and mirrored lenses prohibited).
- No sunglasses in formation. Not worn around the neck.

In the day of individualism, it may seem as though a uniform policy such as ours serves no real purpose. However, there is indeed a purpose. As beneficiaries of the taxes paid by the American people, we are paid to provide a service to them.

We are given very few opportunities to show the public what we do each day. Therefore, they

draw conclusions based on how we wear and look in our uniforms. That's not to say that a pair of shades indicates how well we do our jobs or degrades our appearance, but it may detract from our overall appearance of uniformity.

Some may not like the Air Force's policy on sunglasses and find it too restrictive. Nevertheless, it is still a guideline governed by an Air Force directive. So the next time you're out shopping for your favorite brand of sunglasses to wear with your uniform, remember, individualism can and should be expressed off-duty.

## Thrift Savings Plan open season soon

### Courtesy of Benefits Section

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season will be held from May 15 through July 31. Open Season allows eligible employees to enroll in TSP or change contributions to their accounts. Enrollments and changes will be accepted beginning May 17 and will become effective July 4, if submitted by that date. Applications submitted after that date will become effective during the following pay period.

The TSP is a tax-deferred retirement savings plan open to both Federal Employees Retirement System and Civil Service Retirement System employees. FERS employees may

contribute up to 10 percent of their basic pay each pay period, with the government matching up to 5 percent. CSRS employees may contribute up to 5 percent of their basic pay, with no government matching contributions. No taxes are paid on TSP contributions until funds are withdrawn after separation from federal service.

Both FERS and CSRS employees have a choice of three investment funds:

**G Fund** - Government securities investment fund invested in short-term U.S. Treasury securities specially issued to the TSP.

**C Fund** - Common stock index investment fund consisting of the

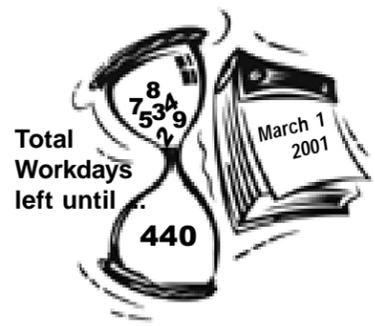
common stocks of all the companies represented in the Standard and Poor's 500 stock index.

**F Fund** - Fixed income index investment fund invested in a bond index fund tracking the Shearson Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index.

To view rates of return, obtain the most current TSP information, and calculate anticipated TSP earnings, employees may visit the TSP website at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

Information and forms are available in Civilian Personnel, Bldg. 10, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily, except Tuesdays. If you have any questions regarding TSP, call the Benefits Section at 643-5702.

## Closure Corner



### Building walk through process information:

**Expectations Meeting**

1st Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m.

**Walk Throughs**

None scheduled

**Project Officer**

Jan Miller, CLC, 643-3286, Ext. 234

**General Information**

•WalkThrus meet at Bldg. 35 at 9:30 a.m.

## AFPC updates civilian training, development guide

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force Civilian Career Programs office here has updated its guide for training and professional development.

The 1999 Civilian Training and Development Guide is designed to assist employees, managers, civilian personnel flights and civilian training offices in the annual training survey process.

The guide identifies training and development opportunities for members of the Air Force Civilian Career Programs. It includes information on projected courses for the next fiscal or academic year, nomination due dates, specific eligibility criteria and application procedures.

“Management and leadership development of the civilian work force is an essential component of long-term mission readiness,” said Garry Carter, Air Force Personnel Center’s director of civilian career management.

Loretta Brown, responsible for the guide, said managers and supervisors should review and use the guide to identify job or mission-related training needs for all qualified Career Program registrants.

The guide may also be used in nominating nonregistrants for Air Force-wide long-term training, GS-15 executive development and Squadron Officer School training programs.

The updated guide is now available on the civilian career programs site of the AFPC home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. A hard copy of the guide will no longer be published.

For more information on the training and professional development, contact your career program training monitor.

## FOCUS Center Jobs

*This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan FOCUS Centers. For additional information, contact one of the FOCUS Centers: #1, 643-5661 or #3, 643-6808. FOCUS #1 is open until 7 p.m. Thursdays.*

**Position:** Environmental Scientist, GS-1301-09/11

**ANNC#:** BOR-MP-99-89

**Close:** May 14

**Location:** Sacramento

**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation

**POC:** Inga Hall, 978-5471

**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

**Position:** Budget Technician (Supervisory), GS-561-08

**ANNC#:** FWSI-99-97

**Close:** May 18

**Location:** Sacramento

**Agency:** Fish & Wildlife Service

**POC:** (503) 231-6136

**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

**Position:** Budget Analyst, GS-560-11

**ANNC#:** KS99-097

**Close:** May 10

**Location:** Sacramento

**Agency:** Army Corps of Engineers

**POC:** Kathy Schultz, 557-5339

**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the

FOCUS Centers. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

**Position:** Staff Assistant, GS-301-07/11

**ANNC#:** FS-9-0547-ABS

**Close:** May 07

**Location:** Davis

**Agency:** Dept. of Agriculture

**POC:** (415) 744-5627

**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

**Position:** Budget & Financial Analyst, GS-501-09

**ANNC#:** R544-021A-99

**Close:** May 24

**Location:** Vallejo (Mare Island)

**Agency:** Forest Service

**POC:** Sheri Elloitt, (707) 562-8711

**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

**Position:** Health Systems Specialist, GS-671-09

**ANNC#:** 99-310-1DZ

**Close:** May 10

**Location:** Alameda

**Agency:** Coast Guard

**POC:** (800) 525-2878

**Remarks:** Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

**Position:** Maintenance Mechanic, WG-4749-09

**ANNC#:** 99-9T

**Close:** May 07

**Location:** Fresno

**Agency:** Veterans Health Admin

**POC:** Cathy MCHarry (559)

225-6100

**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

### United Airlines holds open house

The FOCUS Center will sponsor an open house for United Airlines, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in FOCUS Center #1, Bldg. 9.

United Airlines has immediate vacancies in the fields of Aircraft Maintenance, Personnel and Engineering. Copies of vacancies and descriptions are available at the Focus Centers; applications at Focus Center #1.

United Airline representatives will conduct a twenty-minute briefing at the top of every hour and will be available for questions and answers.

The function is open to civilian and military employees at McClellan. For an appointment, or more information, call Mary Brennan-McCurdy at 643-5661.

**Note:** Administrative leave is not authorized for this function.

### Lottery Board seeks computer analysts

The FOCUS Centers are sponsoring an open house for the California State Lottery Board, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Focus Center #1, Bldg. 9.

The Lottery Board has immediate openings for computer analysts, programmers, etc. They will discuss other vacancies but their main focus is computer type positions.

They will accept resumes and be available for questions. For more information, call Karen Hehe at 643-5661 in Focus Center #1.

**Note:** Administrative leave is not authorized for this function.

# Gross use of e-mail can earn stiff punishment



## FYIG

From Your Inspector General

Col. Michael F. Turner  
Inspector General

*Editor's note: A new column has been added to the Spacemaker. In the FYIG column, the Inspector General will address pertinent issues to assist McClellan personnel in conforming to regulations and good management practices. The issues are brought to the IG's attention through the complaints program.*

Some recent high profile cases in the Air Force involving gross use of e-mail on government computers have resulted in serious punishment. Cases involving e-mail uses for pornography or slander have resulted in serious punishment such as Article 15, court-martial and even discharge.

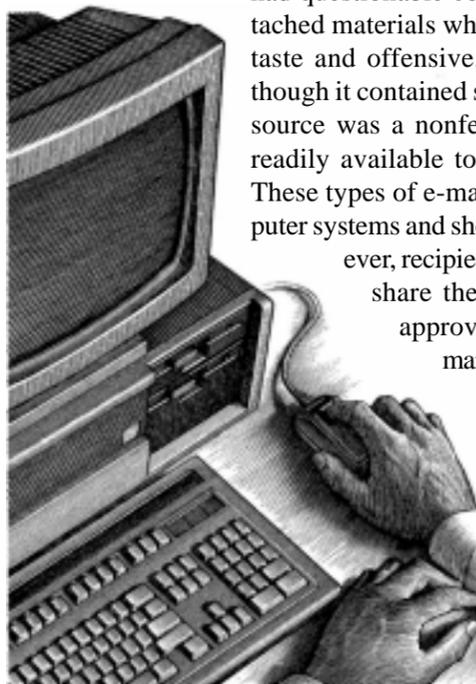
With published reminders from the 77th Communications Squadron regarding the Air Force e-mail policy, some must wonder why employees have problems on the appropriate uses of e-mail. McClellan e-mail users should read Air Force In-

struction 33-119, March 1, 1997, *Electronic Mail (E-Mail) Management and Use*. It is 17 pages long, but it is worthwhile reading to avoid an IG or Office of Special Investigations visit. Pay special attention to paragraphs 2.7 through 2.7.7, and 3.5 through 3.8. Being aware of the content of these paragraphs can help military and civilian employees avoid violating the Air Force e-mail policy. Supervisors, especially, should be familiar with these policies.

Recently, our office has seen e-mails with both questionable and useful information sent to a large distribution list within or even outside of their organization. Before sending e-mail to a large number of users, consider whether it is important enough for them all to spend their time reading it.

E-mail is for official use. In one case, an e-mail had questionable content, and the originator attached materials which some considered in poor taste and offensive. From another e-mail, although it contained some useful information, the source was a nonfederal publication, which is readily available to the public on the Internet. These types of e-mail can tie up Air Force computer systems and should not be forwarded. However, recipients of useful information may share the information by requesting approval from supervision to use e-mail.

Another major concern is the introduction of viruses to our computer systems. The infamous "Melissa" and "Papa" viruses and others caused severe interruptions in our e-mail systems. Use caution when downloading or attaching items to your e-mail and use current anti-virus software. "E-mail account users bear the sole responsibility for material they access and send in e-mail," (paragraph 3.1, AFI 33-119, March 1, 1997).



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## Union transition possible

Tim Ellis

77th Mission Support Squadron

The unions of McClellan Air Force Base and the McClellan Labor Management Council are investigating the possibility of a program that allows the transition of skilled trade workers into the private union sector.

A similar program was developed and used during the closure of Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, Calif. The local unions contacted local area unions about the possibilities of absorbing Journeyman skilled trade's workers into the private sector Union's Journeyman positions. Given the skills the workers already possessed, they were able to enroll in abbreviated courses after which they were certified and inducted into the various trades Unions as Journeymen. Many of the funds needed for tools, credentials, union fees, etc., were covered

under a financial program administered by a group similar to the MLMC and Sacramento Employment Training Agency.

There is no guarantee the local outside unions will unilaterally accept every skill or that funding would be available. This is only an initial survey to determine if there is sufficient interest to warrant further effort. This program would be open to all base personnel with past or present documented skills.

Supervisors and managers are asked to survey their organizations regarding this program. The topic will be discussed at the MLMC meeting Tuesday.

Interested parties may contact the following representatives: Gerard Fields or Dayle Lewis, AFGE 1857 or ESA Local 330, Bldg. 338 or call them at 643-0655. You may also call FOCUS Center #1 at 643-5661 or FOCUS Center #3 at 643-6802.

## Tinker people aid disaster relief

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) — An estimated F5 tornado, the most powerful of twisters, ripped through central Oklahoma May 3, carving a mile-wide path of destruction that stretched 25 miles from Norman north past Oklahoma City.

The twister flattened hundreds of homes, killed scores of people and left thousands homeless.

More than 200 people from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., stepped up to help residents of Del City, Okla., after the storm devastated a neighborhood near the base.

Tinker men and women partici-

pated in search-and-rescue efforts through the night after the tornadoes left the area around 9 p.m. Shelters have been set up in various areas around the base, which escaped major damage when the funnel clouds veered away from the installation.

According to McClellan Civilian Personnel Office about 240 former McClellan civilians have transferred to Tinker. Relatives seeking information about family members stationed there or family members of persons temporarily sheltered on the base may call (405) 734-2535 or (405) 734-2545.

## VFW offers free phone cards

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — Reservists deployed overseas or those on active duty for 30 days or more may apply for a prepaid phone card through the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

They can apply for the card through "Operation Uplink" on the VFW Web site's main page. The address is: <http://www.vfw.org>.

Each card is worth \$10 of talk time. The call ends once the card's value is reached. When one minute is left on the call, an operator informs the cardholder there's one minute remaining on the card. The caller does not have the option to continue the call at his or her own expense, and the

call is disconnected when the card's full value is reached.

Commanders and first sergeants in Air Force Reserve Command and other reserve components are authorized by the VFW to obtain bulk quantities of the cards. Individuals may also request the card.

In business for three years, Operation Uplink is primarily designed for active-duty people and hospitalized veterans. On its Web site, the VFW boasts helping more than 250,000 vets and active-duty troops make the connection home by providing more than 30,000 hours of long-distance calling time. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

## 552nd AWACS reunion

Flying unit gathers at McClellan

George Martin

SM-ALC Protocol Office

Retired members, family and friends of personnel once assigned to the 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing are invited to a reunion, May 14-16. This unit operated at McClellan for 23 years. Crew members known as "Connie" will gather at the McClellan Coast Guard hanger for the three-day event.

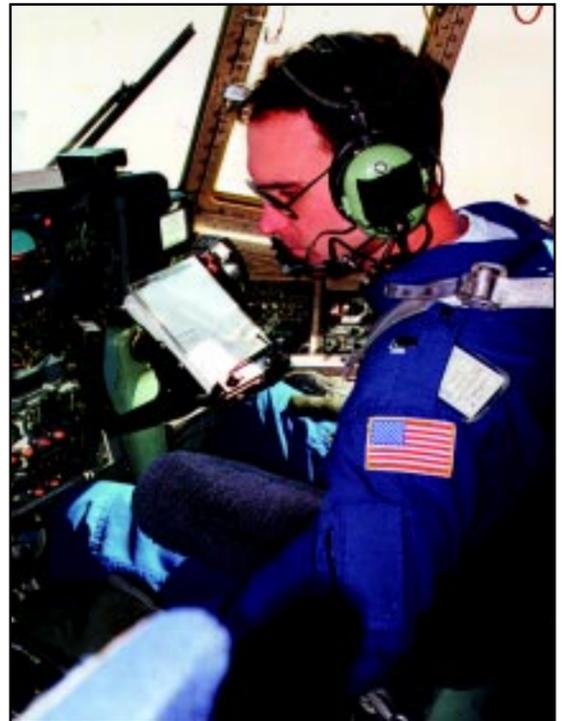
Highlight of the event will be the reunion dinner, May 15 at 4 p.m. Brig. Gen. Maurice L. McFann, Jr., com-

mander, 552nd Air Control Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Brig. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, a former EC-121 pilot member of the 552nd AEW&C from 1972 to 1975 and now director, Global Reach programs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, will be the guest speakers.

The ACW, the successor to AEW&C, assumed that designation when the 552nd at McClellan ceased operation in May 1976.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling Tony Praxel at 487-1975.





Clockwise: U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Rick Savage (left) and Lt. Jeff Bixler walk out to a waiting C-130 for a training flight.

Lt. Jeff Bixler banks his aircraft into a practice approach to Mather Field.

Lt. Jeff Bixler checks the throttles of the C-130 during a training flight. The U.S. Coast Guard flies four C-130 aircraft out of the Sacramento Coast Guard Air Station.



U.S. Air Force photos by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman

## Coast Guard is always ready, always there

**2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman**  
Staff Writer

The C-130 rolled down the runway, jumping into the air after a brief roll out, thirty-knot headwinds lifting the bird skyward faster than usual. Cmdr. Rick Savage and Lt. Jeff Bixler smoothly adjust the controls to account for the gusty winds as they head out for a training flight, the Sacramento Coast Guard Air Station fading into the distance behind. Today's flight plan keeps the Coast Guard aircraft in the Sacramento area, giving the crew a chance to practice skills important to fulfilling their various missions.

"We spend a good portion of our time doing three main things: search and rescue missions, drug interdiction and environmental protection," said Savage, Sacramento Coast Guard Air Station assistant operations officer, during an interview before the flight. These missions keep the nearly 150 personnel and four C-130's at the air station busy year-round. "We fly a lot and our area of responsibility is quite large," Savage added. "As part of the 11th district of the U.S. Coast Guard, this air station is responsible for an area stretching from Alaska to Central

America and from the U.S. West Coast to Hawaii.

"We sometimes spend a lot of time in the air doing patrol missions and other things a long way from here. We have a great working relationship with the Air Force and will occasionally do missions with the PJ's (para-rescue teams) as well as other service branches," Savage commented.

The Coast Guard's relationship with the Air Force in Sacramento goes back nearly 20 years. That was when the air station was moved to McClellan Air Force Base from the San Francisco area to escape both congested air space and the corrosive effects of the sea. The effects of proximity to the ocean can wear on an aircraft quickly.

"We've been very happy with the relationship we've enjoyed with the Air Force here at McClellan. We've gotten a lot of support from all kinds of base organizations and we'll be sad to see the Air Force leave here," said Savage. "Also, this has been the ideal location for us. It's only about a 20-minute flight to reach the coast and we can be out over the ocean pretty quickly."

Since the Sacramento Air Station will prob-

ably remain active at this location for at least another five years, the Coast Guard will watch the Air Force depart McClellan and will see the base change dramatically. However, Savage doesn't expect their operations to be affected seriously by the turnover of the base.

"Probably the biggest difference we expect is just the inconvenience of not having the support of the Air Force close by. Over the years, various base organizations have helped us out a lot in all kinds of ways and we'll miss that," said Savage. "Otherwise our operations will continue uninterrupted."

As Cmdr. Savage and Lt. Bixler pull the aircraft into a tight descending turn, grass and streets pass quickly outside the small side windows. The wheels underneath bark slightly as the plane touches down on the runway. After rolling to a stop at the Coast Guard hangars, engines still running, the crew climbs quickly out as another crew takes the controls for yet another flight that day. Even after the Air Force leaves McClellan, the Sacramento Coast Guard Air Station will continue to play its important role ensuring the Coast Guard is "always ready and always there - every hour, every day, around the clock, and around the world."

# Nurses give from the heart for a healthy nation

Lt. Col. Gloria Twilley  
77th Medical Group

"Healing from the Heart" is the theme for this year's National Nurses' Day. Today, nurses and medical technicians from the 77th Medical Group join healthcare professional nationwide in observing this day.

Nurses' Day is a national observance for nurses to celebrate and recognize the value of nursing. It is also a time for them to take pride in the role they play in charting the course for a healthy nation by healing from the heart.

National Nurses' Day was first observed in 1954 and officially recognized in 1982 by President Ronald Reagan. In 1993, the American Nurses Association Board of Directors designated May 6 - 12 as National Nurses Week beginning in 1994.

There are more than two million registered nurses in the United States. Their career roles have expanded into such areas as midwifery, nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, infection control practitioners, educators, and administrators.

Healthcare reform is affecting how the civilian and military communities do business. It is impacting the nursing profession in managing patient care and the organizational structures in which that care is delivered. Despite rapid changes in healthcare systems and concerns about job prospects, nurses still work to provide the highest quality care.

The military nurse's role and responsibilities are continually changing to include positions not traditionally held by nurses (e.g., squadron, hospital and clinic commanders). Nurses and medical technicians are frequently deployed around the world in



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alan S. Williams

Capt. Douglas Houston, Nurse Manager for the 77th Medical Group Pediatric Clinic administers vaccinations to 1-year-old Lexus Murray on her first birthday April 22. What a way to spend a birthday.

support of the military objectives. The nursing staff at the 77th Medical Group has been trained to meet the wartime challenges of the next century.

At McClellan, 31 military and civilian nurses and 33 medical technicians work at the 77th Medical Group. Both military and civilian nursing person-

nel complement the team of providers in treating patients. Whether through in-house patient teaching or job-site visits, McClellan's nursing team strives to provide the best possible medical care, health promotions and wellness that are the basic elements of nursing care.

## Dental assistant course offered

Courtesy 77th Dental Squadron

Tired of your job? Looking for a career change? The 77th Dental Squadron, in cooperation with the American Red Cross, is offering dental assistant training. This program is available to civilians, all family members and retirees.

The volunteer dental course is eight months long and begins May 17 at the 77th Dental Squadron, Bldg. 88. The course consists of a minimum of 1,280 hours and is conducted Monday through Friday from 7:15

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The students receive classroom orientation lectures in basic dental science and clinical experience assisting in Examinations, Treatment Planning, Periodontics, Endodontics, Oral Surgery, and Restorative Dentistry.

Interested adults should call Tech. Sgt. Syre Henderson or Wanemia Needham at 643-4970 or stop by the dental clinic for an application. Class size is limited, so don't delay. Deadline for applications is May 13. This could be the change you're looking for.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alan S. Williams

Col. (Dr.) Gary H. Murray, command surgeon, Air Force Materiel Command takes some pointers from Dave Holes, exercise physiologist, Health and Wellness Center, April 28 on the quad-unit cable row.

Is there  
life on  
Mars?

Check out  
Marsville and  
find out!

Marsville Link Up Day will be 9 a.m., Saturday at Hangar 690. Watch students conduct scientific experiments in a Mars-like environment. Call Capt. Jarrard Galbreath at 643-1094 for more information.

U.S. Air Force graphic by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman

## Suicide risk reduction efforts begin

Courtesy of Organizational Health Center

Why talk about suicide? Because awareness is the key to prevention.

The American Association of Suicidology estimates that 775,000 Americans attempt suicide each year. Approximately 30,000 people commit suicide. That's 83 per day or one every 17 minutes.

Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States. Alarming, suicide is now the third leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds, and the fourth leading cause of death for 10-14 year olds. We simply must be educated in this subject.

The Air Force active duty suicide rate for 18-54 year olds, 15.5 per 100,000 is well below the national average of 25.4 per 100,000.

The Organizational Health Center, through extensive outreach, has been able to raise awareness, educate and intervene, making a valuable contribution to these reduced rates.

McClellan Air Force Base has not been unaffected by suicide. The Suicide Risk Reduction task force was formed in 1993 in response to 11 suicides. Since then the number has declined.

Many people are affected by each suicide. Family members are devastated. Supervisors and coworkers wonder what they could have done or should have seen.

“**The man who kills himself today in a melancholy fit of hopelessness, would have wanted to live had he waited a week.**”

Voltaire

The sad fact is that sometimes we can do everything possible and the person will still make the decision to commit suicide.

Oftentimes if we know what to look for and what to do, we can intervene successfully.

The McClellan helping community will launch the annual suicide risk reduction training in May in keeping with the spirit and intent of Behavioral Health Month. Training is mandatory for all personnel in accordance with AFI 44-154, Suicide Prevention Education and Community Training.

If you are interested in a briefing for your organization or would like additional information,



please call the Organizational Health Center, 643-5374; or Mental Health, 643-8308.

## Local high school students get 20K in scholarships

Staff Sgt. Alan Williams  
SM-ALC Public Affairs

The Capital City Military Gala Scholarship Program awarded 10 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 April 29 to students from Sacramento and surrounding counties.

The CCMGSP was able to present these scholarships because of donations from 29 corporate sponsors this year totaling more than \$20,000.

This year's recipients are Kelly Barbour and Van Ta, Folsom High School; Norra Kwong and Bradley Menda, John F. Kennedy High School; Meghan Schooler and Rosa Villegas, Casa Roble High School; Katherine Haines, Golden Sierra High School; Nicole Sanders, El Camino Fundamental High School; Rosemary Crowther, Lincoln High School; and Joshua Benson, Bella Vista High School.

Brig. Gen. Michael Wiedemer, Sacramento Air Logistics Center commander, hosted the event at Club McClellan. The guest speaker was Jaime Escalante, a retired math teacher from east Los Angeles. Escalante is famed for his inspiring acts as a teacher who taught the "un-teachable" and made achievers of "low achievers." His story is depicted in the feature film *Stand and Deliver*.

## Family members can earn congressional awards

Active-duty family members ages 13-24 participating in the Congressional Award Program can earn bronze, silver or gold award medals.

Students can earn a Congressional Award by setting and completing goals in personal development, voluntary public service, physical fitness and expedition or exploration. While working to earn an award, young people realize their potential and value within society. This award is nonpartisan, voluntary and noncompetitive. Students move at their own paces and are honored for achieving their own challenging goals.

Each year Congressional Award Program participants in junior high or high school can compete for selection to travel abroad with People-to-People International through the James and Eunice Doty People-to-People/Congressional Award Scholarship. The scholarship advances international understanding through the direct exchange of ideas and experiences among people of different countries. In recent years



recipients of this scholarship have traveled to South Africa, Australia, Russia and the British Isles. The scholarship includes all program fees and international and domestic airfares for a three-week exchange during the summer.

Students who earn the Congressional Award will automatically receive information on the scholarship program. Oct. 31 is the application deadline for travel during the summer of 2000.

For more information about the Congressional Award Program or the People-to-People/Congressional Award Scholarship, contact your base youth program director. More information on this program can also be found at <http://www.afsv.af.mil/svp/svpac/SpecProj.htm> or <http://www.congressionalaward.org/congress/home.html>.

For more on this subject, try the Air Force Link Search Engine.

## Compost, be a winner

Sheffy Fields

Environmental Management Office

To increase awareness of the importance of composting, the Environmental Management Solid Waste Program is giving away a Backyard Composter, May 17.

Applicants must submit an entry of 100 words or less stating why solid waste reduction and composting are important. Two winners will be selected from entries received in Environmental Management by May 14. The contest is open to current McClellan. Winners must show a valid McClellan Identification Card to claim a composter.

Send your entry, with your name, organization and day time phone

number to Environmental Management, Solid Waste Program Manager, Sheffy Fields, 5050 Dudley Blvd., Suite #3, McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1389, or e-mail to [fields.sheffy@email.mcclellan.af.mil](mailto:fields.sheffy@email.mcclellan.af.mil)

Composting green matter and many food wastes will improve the health of your lawn, plants, and gardens, while reducing the amount of residential solid waste generated.

If you reside in McClellan Air Force Base Military Family Housing, you can receive a free Backyard Composter by submitting a request. Forms are available in the Housing Office, Bldg. 4 and Environmental Management Office, Bldg. 269-D. Free composters are limited to those on hand.

### Did you know?

❑ Americans generate on average 4.4 pounds of waste per day per person.

❑ Recycling and composting recovered 28 percent of our municipal solid waste in 1996. That's around 53 million tons.

❑ Every year, Americans throw out 24 million tons of grass

clippings, leaves and other yard waste.

❑ 40 percent of municipal garbage is made up of kitchen and garden waste.

❑ Approximately 70 percent of the garbage Americans create is compostable, including wood, paper, yard waste and food waste.

# Quarterly award winners join the ranks

2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman  
Staff Writer

McClellan welcomed four of its best to the ranks of the Quarterly Award winners Friday. Chosen for their proven abilities both on and off the job and for their commitment to excellence and service, these award winners and all of the nominees represent the best of the Air Force. Prizes are awarded to the airman, noncommissioned officer, senior noncommissioned officer, and company grade officer of the quarter.

## Airman of the Quarter

Senior Airman David Brewer, a Space Systems Equipment Repair Journeyman for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program has proved himself a "leader beyond his years" and has won honors as McClellan's Airman of the Quarter. Airman Brewer has excelled both on and off the job, accomplishing difficult mission requirements and working to improve Air Force community relations.

Assigned to lead a five-person crew, Brewer's efforts increased his team's maintenance production by at least 50 percent. Beyond the workplace, he worked hard to both improve his own abilities as well as to help those in need. He planned and directed a volunteer effort to refurbish F.C. Joyce Elementary School classrooms. The team also planted trees and completed landscape work on school grounds. He has also set a high level of achievement raising money for the Special Olympics.

## Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Steven West of the 77th Security Forces Squadron has worked hard in various aspects of base law enforcement, improving security and safety on base. West assisted in redesigning the law enforcement desk, dramatically improving its efficiency. He also demonstrated skill in responding to personnel crises. He implemented first aid, crowd control, and coordinated



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman

Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer, Sacramento Air Logistics Center commander, congratulates McClellan's newest Quarterly Award winners during a ceremony Friday. Left to right, the award winners are: Capt. Holly Ellenberger, 77th Dental Squadron; Master Sgt. Robert Smith, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron; Staff Sgt. Steven West, 77th Security Forces Squadron; and Senior Airman David Brewer, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program.

the medical response quickly and calmly.

Outside the office, he plays on the unit's intramural basketball team, raised money from the unit for the Air Force Assistance Fund and coordinated fund-raising efforts for the Special Olympics. West is also working to complete a degree in Criminal Justice through Chapman University while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average this semester.

## Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

Master Sgt. Robert Smith of the 938th Engineering Installation Squadron consistently strives for excellence in all his work and off-duty activities. He was sent to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., to direct the evaluation of a Tactical Air Navigation site. His efforts salvaged a \$105,000 antenna and kept the site test on schedule.

Smith led a team of six senior NCOs to feed homeless families at Mary House Shelter, where

they worked with more than 75 people. He also developed a base mentorship program schedule and continues to find a variety of ways to serve as a positive role model.

## Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Capt. Holly Ellenberger of the 77th Dental Squadron performs comprehensive dentistry for active duty, retirees, and their beneficiaries. She provides services ranging from prosthodontic and periodontic care to oral surgery.

Ellenberger established a continuing education lecture series and helped to compile various lesson plans. Beyond offering education opportunities, she often seeks them out to improve her own skills, attending conferences and seminars in advanced areas of dentistry.

Off-duty, Ellenberger is generous with her personal time. She volunteered, teaching English language classes to a Hungarian political refugee family, easing their transition into U.S. society.

## Congratulations to the May promotees

Congratulations to Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class 99-C graduate Master Sgt. Ronald L. Bingham of the 77th Air Base Wing.

1st Lt. Joel R. Hill of the 77th Medical Group has been selected for promotion to Captain, effective May 4.

Congratulations to our May enlisted promotees.

From	Name	Unit	To	Effective Date
Master Sgt.	Beverly J. Hall	364 RS	Senior Master Sgt.	May 1
Master Sgt.	Paul C. Sanchez	77 CS	Senior Master Sgt.	May 1
Tech. Sgt.	Thomas J. Davino	77 CS	Master Sgt.	May 1
Tech. Sgt.	David W. McAuliffe	652 CLSS	Master Sgt.	May 1
Tech. Sgt.	Joseph A. Pagan	652 CLSS	Tech. Sgt.	May 1
Tech. Sgt.	Robert L. Warren	652 CLSS	Tech. Sgt.	May 1
Staff Sgt.	Johnny D. Schmidt	652 CLSS	Tech. Sgt.	May 1
Staff Sgt.	Christopher Starling	77 CS	Tech. Sgt.	May 1
Senior Airman	Steven R. Nelson	364 RS	Staff Sgt.	May 1
Airman 1st Class	Thomas R. Middleton	77 SFS	Senior Airman	April 2
Airman 1st Class	Reginald Williams	77 CS	Senior Airman	April 16
Airman 1st Class	Joseph A. Mullins	77 CS	Senior Airman	April 24
Airman 1st Class	Trevor M. Szuch	77 CES	Senior Airman	April 3
Airman 1st Class	Micresha L. Trahan	77 CES	Senior Airman	April 10
Airman	Kiwana Yvette Brantley	77 CS	Airman 1st Class	April 29
Airman	Jonathan Fredriksen	777 CES	Airman 1st Class	April 3
Airman	Eugene H. Jones III	77 SFS	Airman 1st Class	April 10
Airman	Komecius J. Jordan	938 EIS	Airman 1st Class	April 10
Airman	Benson H. Larus	777 CES	Airman 1st Class	April 30
Airman	Casey R. Scott	938 EIS	Airman 1st Class	April 3
Airman	Angela H. Shaw	77 MSS	Airman 1st Class	April 17
Airman	Jason P. Shaw	77 MSS	Airman 1st Class	April 17

## Airmen shine on CDC exam

The following airmen achieved exceptional scores on their career development course final exam. These courses are an important part of an airmen's skill level and training, thus enhancing their career.

Studying for the exam occurs on personal time and requires dedication and motivation by an individual to achieve a high score.

These outstanding performers were rewarded for their hard work with two movie passes from the Army Air Force Exchange Service and a round of golf from the base Services Division.

Honorees and their scores are: Airman Nicole S. Davis of the 77th Comm Squad, 91; Airman Azure S. Holloway, 77th Comm Squad, 92; Airman Sylvia H. Aldaz, 77th Comm Squad, 91; Airman 1st Class Desiree A. Brynda, 77th Comm Squad, 90; Airman 1st Class Brandy L. Isaacs, 77th Medical Group, 94; Senior Airman Scott F. Peterman, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron, 94; Staff Sgt. Michael H. Courtney, 77th Civil Engineers Squadron, 93.



**F.Y.I.**

**Housing assistance program**

The Military Family Housing Office encourages McClellan employees to visit their office and get an early start on your HAP packages. Trained personnel are there to help you prepare your packages and to answer your questions. The HAP office is located in Bldg. 4, at the corner of Peacekeeper Way and Arnold Avenue. They are open Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call Mary Williams or Albert Brisbois at 643-3305.

**McClellan Telephone Directory**

The McClellan Telephone Directory is now available on the McClellan Web page. It can be found through the "Phone Book" on the home page. It is currently divided into five sections: Organizational, Personnel, DSN, Quick Reference numbers and Fax numbers.

Please help us update and improve this directory by submitting the Change Request Form located within the "Updates and Comments" link at the bottom of the contents page.

Point of Contact for all sections is Diane Harris at 643-5657.

**Leave donation**

The following persons need donated leave: Kim Opdyke, a contract representative assigned to the 77th Mission Support Squadron and Pamela Haynes, a secretary with the Space and C3I Systems Directorate. If you want to donate an hour, a day or week of annual leave under the provisions of the Leave Transfer Program, please contact the employee relations specialist for your organization. That individual can give you the forms you will need to complete the transaction.



**Social**

**Spouses Day**

Spouse Appreciation Day will be held May 14, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Freedom Park to recognize the contributions of military and DoD civilian spouses. Enjoy free barbecue, hamburgers, hotdogs, soda and more.

For more information, call the Community Support Center at 643-1106.

**Scholarship coffee**

The Officers' Wives' Club will host their capstone function of the year, a scholarship coffee, May 18. Several high school seniors will be awarding scholarships for their outstanding performance. The scholarships will be presented and refreshments provided beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Club McClellan. Last year the OWC awarded approximately ten scholarships totaling \$10,000. An additional \$1,200 was awarded from outside sources. Because their Thrift Shop and other fund-raising efforts have been so successful, the OWC hopes to be just as generous this year. Please come and show your support for our local high school seniors. There is no charge for this event.

**Luncheon**

The McClellan Officers' Wives' Club final programs are quickly approaching. The River City Music Company, a vocal quartet, will perform Tuesday at the OWC's final luncheon. The event will begin at 11 a.m. at Club McClellan. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Menu choices include fried or grilled chicken, old fashioned potato salad, grapes, lemonade and coffee or tea. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for eligible non-members. Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Vicki Adair at 920-8684 or Vicky Haden at 923-0459 before noon, May 7.



**Graduations**

**ALS**

Airman Leadership School Class 99D will graduate May 20. The exercise will be held at the McClellan Community Center at 2:30 p.m. Duty uniform is appropriate. Call the ALS staff at 643-5879 for more information.

**CCAF**

The Base Education Office proudly announces the spring 1999 graduation ceremony of the Community College of the Air Force. The graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday, 10 a.m., at the Base Chapel. All base employees are invited to attend. Please join us in honoring our graduates. Due to the graduation ceremony, the Base Education Office will open at 1:30 p.m. on this date.



**Meetings**

**NCOA meets at Flashback**

The Central Valley Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will conduct their monthly general membership meeting, Wednesday, at 3:30 p.m. at Flashback. The location has been changed to better accommodate the membership. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest. We will be finalizing details for the upcoming bazaar. For additional information contact Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-3286.

**NCOA Auxiliary meets**

The *Spirit of Sacramento* Noncommissioned Officer Association Auxiliary monthly general membership meeting will be held Wednesday, 7 p.m., in the Community Support Center. The auxiliary is for spouses, former spouses, widows, widowers, and immediate domiciled family members 18 years of age or older of enlisted service members, whether active duty, separated, veteran, Reserve or National Guard, in grades airman basic through chief master sergeant. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest. Plans for the upcoming bazaar will be finalized.

For more information, call Tammy Sullivan at 568-4123 or 648-1734.



**Base Chapel**

**Appreciation banquet**

The McClellan Air Force Base Protestant parish will hold its final appreciation banquet May 14, 6 p.m. at the McClellan Community Center. The banquet will celebrate over 50 years of Protestant parish service for base personnel.

The cost of the banquet dinner is \$5 and includes a choice of marinated chicken breast or sirloin marinade. Various groups who have ministered to the parish and the community over the years will be recognized during the event. The evening will conclude with an hour of top-quality entertainment featuring the Bowker Brothers. They will provide music and humor and other forms of musical entertainment.

Everyone is invited. Anyone interested in attending should stop by the Base Chapel administrative office, Bldg. 1420, and make a reservation by May 7.

For more information, call the Base Chapel at 643-6021.



## Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m. in Bldg. 1417.

### Cruel Intentions - Friday

*Sara Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe*  
- During summer break, Kathryn and Sebastian conspire a wicked tale of seduction and betrayal. The stakes are high when the duo agrees upon a wager of sexual conquest without consequences.

Rated R (strong sexual dialogue, sexual situations involving teens, language and drug use) 98 minutes.

### The Rage: Carrie 2 - Saturday

*Amy Irving, Emily Bergl* - Rachel is not like the other kids at her high school. She doesn't belong to the right crowd, doesn't wear the right clothes or go to the right parties. But Rachel has the secret gift of telekinesis which enables her to move things with her mind.

Rated R (strong graphic horror violence, gore, brief strong sexuality, language) 105 minutes.

### Baby Geniuses - Sunday

*Kathleen Turner, Christopher Lloyd*  
- After years of research, Dr. Kinder has discovered that certain children are born geniuses, with wisdom of the ages, passed down from generation to generation, genetically imprinted on their DNA.

Rated PG (rude behavior and dialogue) 94 minutes.

## Youth Center

**Today:** Open recreation, 2 - 7 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 3 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3 - 4 p.m.

**Friday:** Open recreation, gym, snack bar 2 - 6 p.m.; skate night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., grades K-3, members \$2., non-members \$4

**Saturday:** Open recreation, snack bar and gym, noon - 5 p.m., A night out, 6-11 p.m. ages 13-18, members free, non-members \$2.

**Sunday:** Closed

**Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2 - 7 p.m. Open snack bar 2 - 6 p.m.;

**Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2 - 7 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.; Tae Kwon Do 6 - 7 p.m. Moms and tots group 10 - 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Open recreation, gym 2 - 7 p.m.; and snack bar 2 - 6 p.m. Couples Communication Class, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. To sign up, call Family Advocacy at 643-1518.

## Recreation Brief

### A's Tickets on sale

Information, Tickets and Tours now has Oakland A's tickets on sale. Seats are only \$10 and is field level (except the July 17 game which are Plaza level).

Buy your tickets early by visiting ITT in the AAFES shopping center. Civilians are welcome. For a copy of the game schedule and for other information, call ITT at 643-2259.

# NCOA Bowled Against Dystrophy

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McClellan's Noncommissioned Officers' Association sponsored a bowling tournament to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association Saturday at Birdcage Bowl. Sixteen teams raised a total of \$3,571. Each four person team bowled three games. Individual bowlers raised money by soliciting donations from family and friends.

The individual who raised the most money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association was Elethia Calhoun, at \$165.75. The team that raised the highest amount was the Channel Surfers of Detachment 40, at \$360. Trophies were given to Calhoun and the Channel Surfers for their efforts.

The bowling competition was fierce and good-natured. Most bowlers enjoyed the experience, but bowled considerably below the professional competitive level. Fun was the order of the day.



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Staff Sgt. Vanessa Freeman of the 77th Mission Support Squadron shows off her bowling style during the NCOA Bowling Against Dystrophy Saturday. Her team, the BB Chicks, scored the lowest but had the most fun of any of the sixteen teams.

Trophies were awarded to Mike Swart for highest individual score, who bowled 731; Chiefs Group #2 who had the highest team score of 2,433; and Marion Mullinix who bowled the lowest individual score, at 268.

Group standings are as follows:

1. Chiefs Group #2 - 2,433
2. Pin Busters - 2,418
3. Channel Surfers - 2,288
4. Chiefs Group #1 - 2,085

5. Med Group #1 - 2,065
6. Four Seasons - 2,047
7. Red Barons - 1,950
8. Med Group #2 - 1,933
9. Comm Squad - 1,917
10. Dolphins - 1,868
11. Med Group #3 - 1,845
12. Med Group #4 - 1,842
13. Supply #1 - 1,821
14. Spirit of Sacramento - 1,734
15. Spacemaker - 1,517
16. BB Chicks - 1,412



## Special Olympics

Walk for the Gold,  
May 14 at CSUS Hornet Stadium

To join the team, call Capt. Donna Ward at 643-6027.

## Air Force Association Golf Tourney

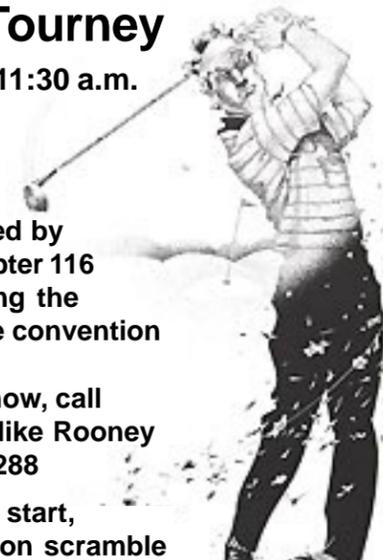
May 14, 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by  
AFA Chapter 116  
Supporting the  
AFA state convention

Sign up now, call  
Lt. Col. Mike Rooney  
643-3288

Shotgun start,  
four-person scramble

Fees: \$50 members, \$60 nonmembers  
Includes green fees, cart, soft drinks,  
contests, prizes, awards and lunch



## Pools open for season

Courtesy of Services

McClellan's three swimming pools will open for the summer season May 29. Pool passes are available at Outdoor Recreation; Information, Tickets and Tours, the Youth Center, and at each pool. Fees are only \$1 per day. An Individual Season Pass can be purchased for \$15. Save more money by buying a Family Season Pass for only \$30. Passes are good at any pool.

The Capehart housing pool will be open Monday - Friday from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Club McClellan's pool will be open Saturdays - Thursdays from noon - 7 p.m. The Rafferty Pool will be open Mondays from 1 - 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 - 5 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 - 8 p.m., and weekends from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Civilians - don't forget that your blue ID entitles you to use these pools.

For more swimming pool information, call Outdoor Recreation at 643-0400, ITT at 643-2259 or the Capehart Youth Center at 643-3946.



## Hot Wings, Cool Wheels

150 Hotrods  
McClellan Aviation Museum

May 15

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free admission

# McClellan 'angels' are recognized

**Courtesy of  
Community Support Center**

McClellan Air Force Base has long had a strong tradition of service. Base employees volunteer thousands of hours every year both on base and in the community. Each year outstanding volunteers are recognized through the Angel Awards.

This year's award winners were announced April 28 at the McClellan Community Center and presented by Col. Robert Martinelli, 77th Air Base Wing vice commander and Pam Wiedemer, Sacramento Air Logistics Center commander's wife. Categories awarded were Family, Civilian, Active Duty and Retiree.

**Family Category**

**L**ynette Johnson, volunteer, serves more than 700 hours in the community annually. She is the Chapel Protestant religious education and fellowship coordinator, and the Protestant Youth of the Chapel coordinator for the 77th ABW Chapel.

**R**ita Hull, McClellan Thrift Shop consignment chairman has been a volunteer for 15 years. She serves as consignment chairperson and member of executive board. She conducts training of new consignment volunteers, and is responsible for writing contracts, conducts inventories and displays items. Because of Rita's tireless efforts, the Thrift Shop was able to finish each year with a large

surplus of cash which went to various charities in the community and scholarships for Air Force family members.

**Civilian Category**

**F**lorence Roginson of the 77th Medical Group is a Red Cross Volunteer. She volunteers eight hours or more each week in the 77th Medical Group's most specialized clinic. She serves as a chaperone and assists physicians whenever needed. Because of her rapport with staff and patients, she is frequently requested by name to assist in the Primary Care and Optometry clinics. Well known for a kind word and a warm smile, she has brightened many faces in the clinic.

**Active Duty Military Category**

**C**apt. Soleiman Rahel, chief of the Molecular Collection and Analysis System Management and Engineering Branch and 77th Mission Support Squadron section commander, is an unparalleled ambassador in blue. He volunteered more than 221 hours representing the Air Force in various capacities. He serves as the highest ranking officer in McClellan's Elite Honor Guard. He was voted Honor Guard member of the Month. He was voted by members to receive the 1998 Honor Guard Leadership Award.

**M**aster Sgt. Fredrick Jones, NCOIC of career enhancements for the 77th MSS, is an active partici-



U.S. Air Force photo by Mike Dial

The people pictured above were each nominated for an Angel Award for their constant service to others. Read on to learn about this year's awardees.

part in McClellan's Annual Thanksgiving Dorm Feed. He volunteers five or more hours per week to coach youth basketball in the community. He donated countless hours as a key official for the Company Grade Officer Council Biathlon fundraiser. He also volunteers with the Sacramento "Another Choice - Another Chance" nonprofit agency and has taught more than 100 teenagers about the dangers of illegal drugs.

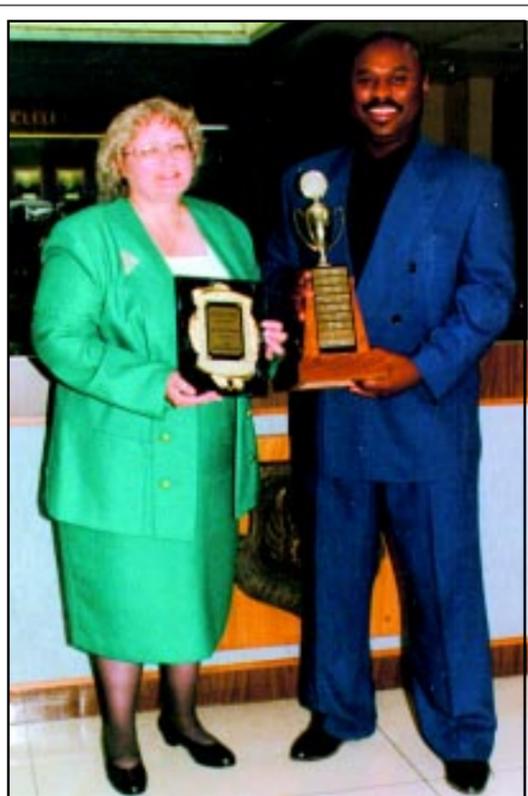
**Retiree Category**

**R**etired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Ben Parker, a Retiree Affairs office volunteer, has been a volunteer for eight years and accumulated more than 200 hours in 1998. Parker established a comprehensive information center within the Retiree Affairs office and was instrumental in set-

ting up a system to make appointments for the health insurance consumer advocacy program to address retiree concerns.

**R**etired Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer James Forkum, a Retiree Affairs Office volunteer, has been a volunteer here for 12 years and worked more than 170 hours in 1998. Forkum provides retirees and families with information on casualty assistance, wills, powers of attorney, financial issues, burial information, and medical coverage programs. He organizes the base Retiree Appreciation Day.

"I want to congratulate and thank each nominee and winner for their selfless work and dedication to their fellow human beings," said Theresa Mora, Community Support Center Angel Award coordinator.



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**Holman Award winner honored**

Debra Schwartz, (left) is the 1999 Alonzo Holman Humanitarian Award winner. She was honored for her service to base employees in setting up the workplace violence, suicide prevention and critical incident response programs. During the 18 years that this award has been given, the trophy was displayed in the unit of the annual recipient. Since this is the final year the award will be presented, the trophy was given to Troy Holman, (right) son of the late Alonzo Holman.



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## Med Group Command changes hands

Col. Edward F. Torres (center right) becomes the new 77th Medical Group commander as he receives the unit guidon from Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard (center left) 77th Air Base Wing commander. He assumed command from Col. Roger H. Bower during a ceremony Friday. Torres is a career health facility planner and architect and a former Health Facilities Officer and has served as project officer on numerous Air Force addition/alteration and

replacement medical facilities. The 77th Medical Group maintains the health of 2,895 active duty members, 8,053 civilian employees, and 51,534 additional beneficiaries. The group treats more than 8,300 outpatients per month. The 77th Medical Group also supports industrial occupational/environmental hazard control and is arranging for the transition of healthcare services in preparation for base closure.