



POWs released, receive warm 'welcome home' from America, family, friends

by Senior Airman Karl Duckworth
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) — Three former Army prisoners of war passed through Ramstein Air Base, Germany, May 2, on their way to nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center after 32 days of captivity in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Spec. Steven Gonzales and Staff Sergeants Christopher Stone and Andrew Ramirez flew to Ramstein from Zagreb, Croatia, in a 75th Airlift Squadron C-9 airplane assisted by members of the 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron who flew aboard the mission.

The three soldiers are assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Germany. The returning POWs arrived to cheers from the assembled crowd of more than 200 soldiers, airmen and civilians. Emotions ran high as the three soldiers lined up to salute Air Force and Army officials. Onlookers waved American flags and held signs welcoming the trio back.

Some onlookers shouted and clapped, while others yelled, "we missed you!" and "welcome home!"

The three appeared a bit intimidated by the crowd at first, but quickly warmed up to the cheers and outpouring of feelings from the uniformed military members, spouses, children and others assembled.

One onlooker said immediately before the arrival that she cried when she heard the Americans were going to be released, her obvious happiness contrasted by the tears welling in her eyes.

The three quickly were whisked away for medical evaluation at LRMC via two UH-60 helicopters.

For one C-9 crewmember, the flight was "the best thing I've done in the Air Force," according to Maj. Dave Stewart, 75th AS mission commander. Stewart flew tanker missions in Desert Storm, but he said those missions didn't even compare. "As an aircrew member, you think about being stuck behind enemy lines. You'd want somebody to come and get you as soon as possible. We were the right plane and the right people for the job."

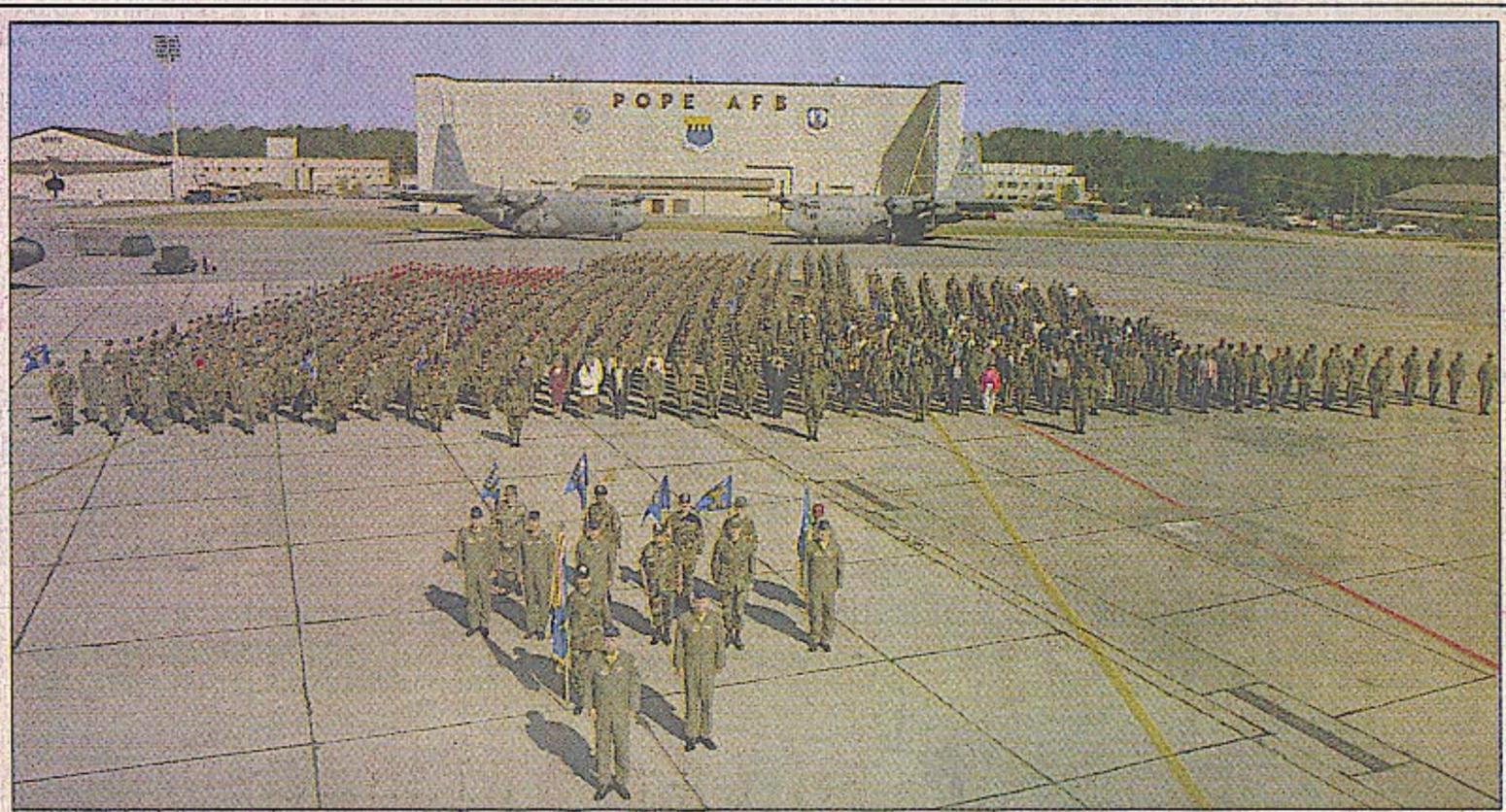
"It was awesome to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime event," said Staff Sgt. Alan Wooldridge, a medical technician who was on the aeromedical evacuation crew.

One thing that was a bit different about this particular mission was that the medical crew did not know the condition of the soldiers.

"So we hoped for the best, but prepared for the worst," said Wooldridge. Preparation included setting up emergency medical equipment in the special care area in case it was needed, added Wooldridge.

"In addition to checking their medical condition, we wanted to make sure they were comfortable," according to Capt. Ruth Kawano, 86th AES flight nurse.

"I had a tremendous, wonderful feeling when they came on to the plane," said Kawano. "I hugged each one of them as they came on."



An anniversary of excellence

Members of the 43rd Airlift Wing gathered for an annual photo on Pope's flightline Monday in honor of the 43rd Airlift Wing's two year anniversary. The 43rd AW was activated April 1, 1997. The annual photo is becoming a tradition. Both photographs may be viewed in the 43rd AW headquarters building.

'Team Pope' airman loses life in car accident

by 43rd Airlift Wing
Public Affairs Staff

A "Team Pope" airman assigned to the 43rd Services Squadron lost his life in a car accident Saturday while deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Airman First Class Jovan D. Griffin, a food service specialist with the 43rd Services Squadron, was one of two airmen killed and three other military members injured in a single vehicle accident which happened Saturday at approximately 5 a.m. near Aviano Air Base, Italy. A memorial service was held for him Thursday in the Pope Chapel while the wing flag flew at half-mast.

Griffin was riding as a passenger in a privately owned automobile travelling on the autostrada Saturday morning. He was pronounced dead by Italian authorities at the scene of the accident, in the town of Cimpello, about 20 miles southeast of Aviano AB.

Griffin, a 1997 graduate of Northeastern High School, Elizabeth City, N.C., departed Pope early in March for 120 days temporary duty to the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing at Aviano in support of NATO-led operations in the Balkans. Information about funeral arrangements were not yet available at time of publication.

Airman 1st Class John M. Johnson, deployed from the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M., was

also killed when the automobile the five military members were in crashed on the Italian highway. Lance Cpl. Brian Locker, Marine Air Group 14, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N.C., Airman Bennie L. Laster, 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and Airman Deron Day, 31st Air Expeditionary Wing at Aviano, were others injured in the accident.

A memorial service was held at the Caserma Barbarisi Chapel in Aviano Monday for Griffin and Johnson. Aviano's Chaplain (Capt.) Gino Bartmess, deployed Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Tinnon from Randolph AFB, Texas, and the Canadian padre from the Canadian Contingent Task Force Aviano led the standing room only service in the Italian chapel used by Aviano tent city residents.



Brig. Gen. D.L. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing commander (left), presents Airman First Class Jovan D. Griffin (right), 43rd Services Squadron, a Gryphon coin earlier this year for outstanding support during Hurricane Bonnie in August 1998.

President calls up reservists, services authorized Stop-Loss

by Jim Garamone
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Up to 33,102 reserve component members can be called to active duty for Operation Allied Force under a presidential selected reserve call-up signed April 27 by President Clinton.

The call-up order authorizes the mobilization of reservists for up to 270 days. Initial focus is on 2,000 members and 47 aircraft in eight Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve air refueling units. The order affects all the services, however, and sets the Air Force activation ceiling at 25,000 reservists, the Army at 6,100, the Navy at 892, the Marines at 1,100 and the Coast Guard at 10.

Charles Cragin, acting assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, said the units in the first increment are all refuelers. The eight units are the Air Guard's 161st Air Refueling Wing of Phoenix, 171st ARW of Pittsburgh, 117th ARW of Birmingham, Ala., and 128th ARW of Milwaukee; and the Air Force Reserve's 927th ARW of Detroit, 940th ARW of Marysville, Calif., 434th ARW of Kokomo, Ind., and 931st Air Refueling Group of Wichita, Kan.

The reservists will help increase the tempo of the air campaign over Yugoslavia, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said April 27. They will be based in Budapest, Hungary.

The services are also authorized to invoke Stop-Loss programs that would suspend service members' normal separation dates from active duty. At the time of publication, the Air Force has not implemented the Stop Loss program suspending service members' normal separation dates from active duty. When implemented, personnel most affected will be pilots, air crews, aircraft maintenance personnel and those in other critical specialties.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Susan Pamerleau, director of personnel forces management on the Air Staff, said the service invoked Stop-Loss as a matter of fairness because of the large number of

reservists being called up. She said, however, that Stop-Loss will specifically target those in critical specialties needed for the operation.

Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officials said their services will not invoke Stop-Loss.

Cragin said the call-up demonstrates the critical role the reserve components play today.

"We really can't do anything from a military operations point of view without the reserves," he said. "The Guard and Reserve are integral parts of America's total force now and this is just the latest example."

Similar reserve call-up orders have been used for operations in Bosnia and Southwest Asia. Reserve component airmen also have been part of NATO's Operation Allied Force since the beginning, but they were volunteers, Cragin said.

"About 1,500 reservists at any one time support the operations over Yugoslavia," he said. However, the scale of operations has increased, and Department of Defense could not sustain operations without calling the reserves, he noted.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve assets include aerial refueling and airlift units, electronic warfare units and some strike units. Most units called will support air operations against Yugoslavia, though some will support the Kosovar refugee relief effort.

Details of the other services' plans were not immediately available. Once called up, reservists qualify for all benefits afforded active duty counterparts, including the tax exemption for service in the Allied Force area of operations.

Some of the reservists will back-fill active duty personnel going to Allied Force, Cragin said.

"The United States has worldwide commitments," he said. "These must continue. We are handling all contingencies as they arise. Obviously, this requires an effort by all members of the total force."

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JUST IN

Cape Fear Crocs seeking Pope AFB displays



All units are invited to participate in armed forces day event at Cape Fear Crocs baseball game on May 15 with the game starting at 7 p.m.

Pentagon Federal Credit Union is sponsoring the Armed Forces Day event — will give away free seat cushions to the first 1,000 folks into the game. Brig. Gen. D. L. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing commander will throw out the first game ball while the 43rd AW Public Affairs office will head up the 43rd ARW mission display.

The Cape Fear Crocs team is looking for static displays and/or activities of Pope units for display on their concourse during the game. People participating will get in free to the game. All others can get \$4 tickets for \$1.50 at Information Tickets and Tours.

Interested units should call Buck Rogers of the Cape Fear Crocs at 424-6500 by Monday to confirm space. If participating, call the PA office at Ext. 4183.

Donations needed

Pope AFB personnel are collecting items to send to tornado victims at Tinker AFB, Okla., and the surrounding area.

Items needed include non-perishable foods, clothing for all ages, diapers, baby formula, baby items, and toiletries such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, brushes, towels, washcloths, toilet paper and personal hygiene. Items can be turned in at your squadron.

Monetary donations can be made at the Pope Family Support Center. Please make checks payable to Tinker Community Fund.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Janet Murray at Ext. 1561 or Airman 1st Class April Blumer at Ext. 1723.

NEWS



Col. Steven D. Acuff, 43rd Airlift Wing vice commander, gets sprayed by his wife Anne after his final flight. Acuff will retire in a ceremony Monday after 30 years of Air Force service.

30 years of service

Vice commander leaves legacy of leadership for Air Force, 'Team Pope'

by Senior Airman Ursula C. Lee
CAROLINA FLYER EDITOR

Monday will mark the closing of a chapter in the history of the Air Force and Pope AFB when Col. Steven D. Acuff, 43rd Airlift Wing vice commander, retires from active duty in a ceremony at 10 a.m. in Hangar 4.

His three-decade career spans from flying the C-130E to speech writing for the Secretary of the Air Force in May 1985.

He'd always dreamed of becoming a pilot, and it didn't matter what branch of service he'd join to serve his country—he simply wanted to fly.

As a young boy standing in his childhood friend's yard near Homestead AFB, Fla., where his father ran a Woolworth store, he would hear the roar of B-47 and B-52s as they glided over the houses' roof tops.

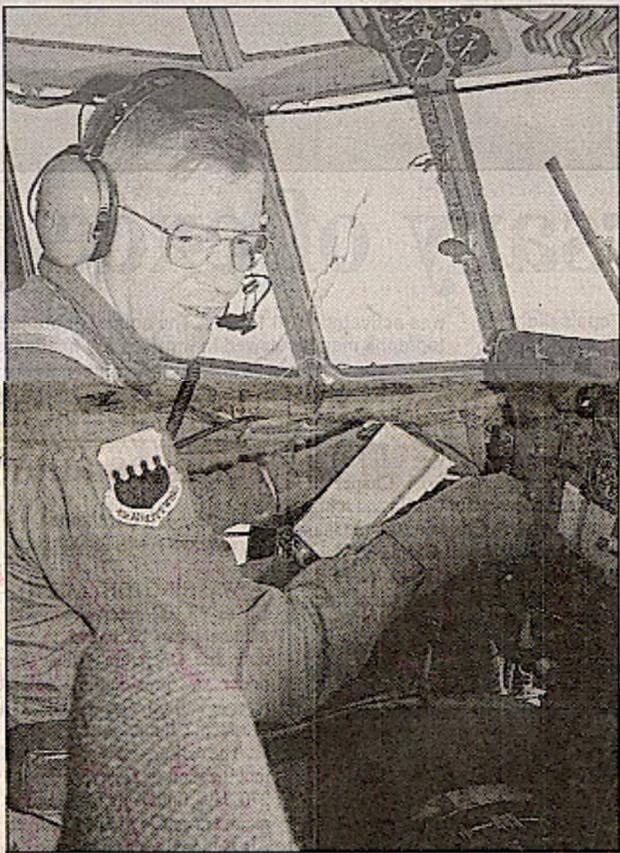
"I want to fly airplanes," he'd tell his friends as they watched the "birds" in amazement.

Prior to graduating from high school, he began deciding which road to take in pursuing his dream of becoming a pilot. He ended up talking to an Air Force recruiter, and destiny took over. "The recruiter said to me, 'Look son, if you wanted to buy a man's shirt, you can either go to a grocery store, a drug store, or a clothing store. I'd pick the clothing store, because shirts are their business. If you want to fly airplanes, pick the Air Force because flying is our business.'—I picked the Air Force," Acuff said.

Although he was consistently pleased with his Air Force career, he and his family had never planned to stay with the Air Force for 30 years.

"There were many times throughout my career where opportunities to become a pilot for civilian airlines came up," he said. "I had a chance to decide to leave the Air Force, but my family and I were pleased with what we were doing and who we worked with, so we stayed. I don't have any regrets about that decision."

In fact, he hadn't originally planned on flying C-130s. While in pilot training at Webb AFB, Texas in 1970, Acuff had reached the point in the course where the aircraft "assignments" were being handed out. Although his class standing was in the top percentile with a grade point average in the 90 percent range, there were other students who had near perfect scores. "The pilots ahead of me got first pick, and when my



Acuff prepares for take off during his final C-130 flight from Pope AFB Wednesday.

chance to choose an aircraft came up, there were about four C-130 slots. I picked the C-130E," Acuff said.

A command pilot with more than 5,400 flying hours, Acuff has also flown the T-41, T-34C, T-38, C-137B/C and the C-9C.

In his second assignment to Pope AFB in August 1986 to July 1989, Acuff served as the chief of base support for Airlift Rodéo 1989 and as the assistant director of operations for the then 317th Tactical Airlift Wing.

His Air Force awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the SAMIL Medal awarded by the Korean Defense Minister.

Of all of the many accomplishments he's acquired, Acuff said

helping others has been his best achievement.

"I remember when Hurricane David hit back in 1979 and devastated families and communities, I had the opportunity to fly supplies and troops to Puerto Rico to aid the people effected by the disaster," he said. "I left the mission with a good feeling because I enjoyed being a part of a team that believed in taking care of others. That's a military-unique opportunity that we have throughout our Air Force careers that the civilian sector may not have."

The father of four children—Susan, David, Dan and Betty, said having a positive effect in the lives of the people he's served with has been another privilege for Acuff.

"From senior airman all the way up to the Secretary of the Air Force, no matter what the position or rank, no matter where the assignment was, my family and I had the privilege to serve with the finest, first class indi-

viduals in the world. Making a positive difference in the lives of so many people has been an honor."

One of those people had the opportunity to work with Acuff in two separate assignments.

"If I could use one word to describe Col. Acuff, it would be 'leader,'" said Tech. Sgt. Lionel Drain, 43rd Airlift Wing NCO, Inspector General's office, who worked with Acuff while with the 21st Air Force.

"Through the years I've been around him, I can say with confidence he's a very genuine person who cares about the people he leads. Although his focus is on getting the job done, he always took the time to ask how someone was doing."

From the newest airman to the senior manager, Acuff always took the extra time to talk with his troops, Drain added.

"As the Director of Staff, Headquarters 21st AF, Col. Acuff didn't only have an open door policy, he and his wife had an open home policy," Drain said.

"I knew, and many members will tell you, that they felt comfortable talking to Col. Acuff about anything. People say that signs of a good leader are when their troops loyalty and dedication to duty are unsurpassed. The Air Force is losing a great leader in Col. Acuff and I for one will never forget the conversations we have had regarding duty and life."

"My wife Anne and I will miss the people of Pope AFB and the Fayetteville community most of all," Acuff said.

"We have lived our lives by the truth that if you make the Lord's things most important, he will take care of your things. It has always served us well," said Anne Acuff. "To our family called Pope and the greater Air Force family, we wish you Godspeed."

"Team Pope" and the local community will bid farewell to Col. Acuff and his family through a Retirement Fun Run today at 7 a.m. at the fitness center, an invitation only retirement dinner Saturday at the Pope Club and his retirement ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday in Hangar 4.

After retirement, the Acuff's plan to visit family members and travel.

"My wife's never been to places out West, like the Grand Canyon," so we'll travel for a while then decide what to do. I guess I'll find another job and work for a living."

Wing commander 'coins' top 'Team Pope' performers

The following Pope airmen were given Gryphon coins from Brig. Gen. D. L. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing commander for exceptional performance:

43RD AIRCRAFT GENERATION SQUADRON
Airman 1st Class Terri Schields

43RD AIRLIFT WING
Airman 1st Class Jason Cumming
Staff Sgt. LaSonda Wells

43RD COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON
Jan Wicker
Master Sgt. Patty Gildea
Senior Airman Carrie Poque

43RD CONTRACTING SQUADRON
Tech. Sgt. Michael Daniels

43RD MAINTENANCE SQUADRON
Tech. Sgt. James Williams
Staff Sgt. Guy Jencks
Staff Sgt. Felix St. Peter

43RD MEDICAL GROUP
Tech. Sgt. Robert Beamon
Lt. Col. John McNamara

43RD OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON
Staff Sgt. Timothy Dorman

43RD SERVICES SQUADRON
Senior Airman Britt L. Yale

43RD TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON
Capt. Mike Yates
Staff Sgt. Kenneth Suhr

2ND AIRLIFT SQUADRON
Capt. Eric Mayheu
1st Lt. Otis Jones
Capt. Ted Welch
1st Lt. Karma More
Senior Airman Paul Gaston
Senior Airman Joseph Lucas

3RD AERIAL PORT SQUADRON
Staff Sgt. Karen Anjell
Senior Airman Seth Abel

41ST AIRLIFT SQUADRON
Capt. Bill Lester
Capt. Conrad Stegeman
Staff Sgt. Richard Demers
Staff Sgt. Michael Paulsen

14TH AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON
Staff Sgt. James Harrison
Master Sgt. Chris Huneke

342ND TRAINING SQUADRON
Tech. Sgt. Michael Lamonica

U.S. F-16 shoots down MiG-29

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy (AFP) — An F-16CJ from the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing's 78th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron here shot down a MiG-29 May 4.

An F-16 four-ship formation was on its way to a tanker when a NATO early warning aircraft said a hostile aircraft was airborne. The formation broke off refueling and intercepted the aircraft, shooting it down over northern Serbia, near Belgrade.

According to the 78th EFS pilot, he couldn't have done this without the support of his flight.

"Flying wise, this is the top of the pyramid," he said.

The aircraft arrived here from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., April 16 and began flying operations within 48 hours.

The F-16CJs from the 78th EFS and the 23rd EFS from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, are responsible for defending against two primary threats during combat — air-to-air and surface-to-air. When flying air-to-air missions, the pilot is responsible for patrolling a specific area in case of an enemy aircraft launch.

Tinker buildings damaged by deadly Oklahoma tornado

by Andy Stephens
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TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFP) — Four on-base buildings — three at the Tinker stables and one running track bathroom — were destroyed by a strong tornado that tore through central Oklahoma May 3.

Three dormitories on the west side of Tinker and 21 other buildings on base were also hit by the storm. Damage includes windows shattered by wind-blown shrapnel — some projectiles were as big as tires.

Some automobiles were overturned. The base hospital received substantial roof damage, and the base's western fence, which separated the base from the community, was flattened.

The Tinker stables were one of the worst-hit facilities on the installation. Three horses were killed or had to be destroyed following the tornado. Recovery in these areas is ongoing.

"Our organizational strength is about 250 personnel and we are dedicated to this effort nearly 100 percent," said Kenneth Prewett, chief of facility maintenance for the 72nd Civil Engineering Group. "We are taking time to develop accurate cost estimates. The assessment of the building damage will continue until we are sure it is accurate."

"We had such an outpouring of people to help," added Prewett. "There were a great number of people who volunteered and we appreciate the help. Part of the process is making expedient repairs, something we're working in house to determine."

Despite loss of electricity, the Vanwey dining facility continued to provide meal support for Tinker personnel and displaced families throughout the night. The Gerrity Gymnasium, opened as a shelter for people displaced by the storm, became too small to accommodate the growing crowd, so the Air Force Reserve Command's 507th Air Refueling Wing volunteered use of their hangars as shelters. The 3rd Combat Communications Group provided cots for relief victims and power generators for the Del City water treatment plant.

For another related story on how the crisis at Tinker AFB helped Air Force personnel enhance their real-world training, see page 16.

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The Commander's Helpline is your direct link to me as commander of the 43rd Airlift Wing. Together, we can make Pope the best possible place to live and work.

If you have a problem, question, complaint or suggestion and have not been able to resolve it through your chain of command or by contacting the action agency directly, call the Commander's Helpline, 394-4357, and I will look into the matter.

— Brig. Gen. D. L. Johnson

USE OF FOUL LANGUAGE

Q: My concern is the use of profanity on base. I know we have regulations prohibiting tattoos and body piercing and I was wondering if there is any way to get something prohibiting the use of profanity on base. I go to a lot of different units and it's being used in the workplace.

A: Profanity in the workplace is unprofessional. The English language has more than enough words to express ourselves without the use of profanity. It can be offensive to an individual based on religious convictions. In addition, it could be considered sexual harassment. The four-letter word that is sexual in context is offensive to many individuals.

The bottom-line is use of profanity is the wrong thing to do. When someone uses profanity and it is offensive to you, the best approach regardless of rank, is to ask the individual politely, "please do not use profanity in my presence." If you are uncomfortable in doing that, get your supervisor or someone you trust to go with you. After you have exhausted all attempts to resolve the issue, your commander or social actions may be able to assist you.

IMPROPER WEAR OF UNIFORMS

Q: I've see the same individuals on several occasions entering the child development center and youth center improperly wearing their uniforms. I've witnessed them not wearing their hats and putting on their Battle Dress Uniform shirts while walking across the parking lot. They also wear their blues without hats and have their sweaters unbuttoned.

When I approach the individuals they say it's hard to wear a hat and deal with the kids. They also said they've heard it's going to become a no hat area. They also act like "who are you calling me on it" when they are in the wrong.

A: I assure you the non-professionalism you mention is not how "Team Pope" professionals act — we wear the uniform proudly and correctly, including hats.

I commend you for attempting to direct these individuals to conform to military Air Force Instructions as required. Additional articles in the Carolina will be published informing personnel that areas such as those you have mentioned will be randomly monitored by wing senior NCOs.

Identified violators will be corrected with notification made to their first sergeants and commanders. Thank you for doing the proper thing in insisting that these individuals conform. It is members such as yourself that ensure Pope AFB maintains the high standards that govern the way we operate on a daily basis.

The Remaking Of Pope's Financial Services Process

by Lt. Col. Neil Carter
COMMANDER, 43RD COMPTROLLER SQUADRON

We are continuing to reengineer our business process in order to provide you with better service. The "quality journey" we embarked on during FY 1998 continues to unfold. We are now at a crossroads that calls for a capability to provide consolidated in-house training and the means to increase the accuracy in our document processing. We plan to utilize the early morning hours to address our training issues and the additional hours at the end of the day to improve on document processing. The end product will be a better trained analyst able to better accommodate you — the customer. Allow me to walk you through how we got to where we are today.

FY 1999 roared in with sweeping changes in the manner we deliver financial services to you — our customers. In the summer of 1998, we began to refine the way we deliver financial services. The most visible elements to the customer centered on the redesign of the process, training and finally facilities. Since November 1998, the changes you have seen reflect our attempt to rightsize our processes.

First we reorganized our process to better deliver our services. Implementing an Air Force directed reorganization to consolidate customer service in one office for travel and military pay, we spent a couple of months refining process flows for many of our documents. We even made a representative from the Logistic Group a part of the reengineering team to ensure we never strayed away from the interest of our customers. Along the way, we debated advantages and disadvantages in the processing flow for each document.

Foremost on our thoughts, was to create a process that was "Good Government." That's to say, complete action on the document, efficiently, accurately and in a timely manner. In doing so, one challenge stood out more than others' training.

We discovered early in our conversion process that if we were going to be able to deliver quality services, the level of expertise had to increase across the board. We needed to capitalize on our "military pay experts" and "travel experts" to make them "financial services experts." That's easier said than done since all our technical schools until just recently continued to produce specialists in military or travel rather than generalists in both. Finally, we began to turn the corner in February 1999 as our document processing

backlog began to diminish and our error rate dropped by putting in some long work hours. We also helped grow our expertise by conducting training after duty hours and on weekends.

Equally important as the process, we also improved your customer service environment. Gone are the days of counter service where you broadcast personal information in an open area. At the end of the FY 1998, Brig. Gen. D. L. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing commander, invested in privatizing your customer service experience. The ability to provide service with individual cubicles has proven to be wholly successful.

What's on the horizon? First and foremost, we have to put a permanent fix in place to improve our ability to conduct training and document processing. With the new hours we are now able to:

- Provide a consolidated in-house training for Customer Service and Customer Support;
- Provide the means to increase the accuracy in document processing.

We are not standing pat, we are continuing to press for improvements! We've also put together a series of briefings targeted to the squadron commander and his staff on the many financial services we offer. Over the next couple of months, we'll take our show on the road to increase the awareness of our products. When we visit a squadron, we'll also bring in tow a customer service team that will have the ability to service your members on-site.

Thanks for your help and patience. We look forward to providing you with quality service that is accurate and timely!

FINANCE AND MPF CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Beginning May 17, normal customer service hours for Customer Service in the 43rd Comptroller Squadron Finance office and the Military Personnel Flight will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. We will continue to support emergency and special function requirements as in the past. For example, MPF will extend their customer service hours during college registration. Emergency requirements will continue to be met.

A Split Second Can Change It All

by Senior Airman Jennifer Johner
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During the past few weeks, I have had a crash course in learning how a fire can change your life. While my experience doesn't begin to compare to the tragedy faced by my neighbors, there are a few things I can pass on to help others when faced with the same situation.

After a regular Friday night on the town, my roommate and I arrived home to an awesome sight — at least three fire engines, and several police officers and firefighters scattered in the parking lot of our apartment complex.

The firefighters were busy rolling up the hoses and the police officers were trying to contain the situation. We weren't allowed to enter the apartment complex because it might have been our apartment that had caught fire.

As we rounded the corner we saw a large black hole where our neighbors' home once was. They lost everything. We just stared at it for a few minutes, trying to comprehend all that had happened.

The fire department informed us that no one was hurt, even our neighbors' dogs were all right. We had smoke damage, but the fire did not spread to our apartment.

That night, at a friend's house, we tried to make sense of the situation while we started planning our next move. We were amazed at how much things can change in a split second — a second before we saw the fire engines, our biggest concern was how tired we were and how we just wanted to go home. Suddenly, there we were trying to figure out our options and how to clean everything.

Thanks to a tip from the woman who showed me the apartment, I purchased renter's insurance when I first moved in. She told me that if a fire should occur, the apartment complex is only responsible for moving us — they are not responsible for replacing any damaged items or furniture. My neighbors, however, didn't have renter's insurance.

My guess is that not many people understand or know what renter's insurance is. When I talked to the fire investigator, he said that I was the only person he has talked to in a long time who has insurance.

Renter's insurance works like car insurance. Simply put, if there is an accident, such as a fire, you only pay your deductible and the insurance company takes care of cleaning costs and replacing damaged or lost items. It's not law that you carry renter's insurance, but it can save you a lot of trouble and money.

"Unless you can afford to replace everything in your home, you should carry renter's insurance," said Cheryl DeSpain, Military Family Housing management. "It's really a shame to see someone walk into my office (who) has lost everything and find out they didn't have renter's insurance," she added.

Another neighbor passed on a little tidbit I'd like to pass on to you. When you live in an apartment, you are trusting your neighbors with your life and your valuables. Be smart and have a back up plan in case an accident should happen. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

Commander Urges Support For Mobilized Reservists

by Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard
COMMANDER, AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND

For the second time this decade, our nation is sending hundreds of Air Force reservists overseas to support a multinational response to aggression. This is our job, what we train for.

To succeed in this mission, deploying reservists need a unique kind of support not found among the supplies and repair parts needed to accomplish their daily mission tasks. They need our support here at home — yours and mine! Our support and that of their fellow reservists, families and employers will reassure them that we stand behind them throughout this crisis.

Any of the 23,500 reservists called up for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm know first-hand of the burden mobilization places on a reservist and his or her family and employer. Reservists assigned after Desert Storm are new to the mobilization business and can expect to see some challenges from several fronts. As a team, we can meet these challenges and provide support and assistance to ensure successful mission accomplishment.

Wisely, we learned from the past. As a result, See RESERVISTS, Page 4



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COMMENTARY

'Nothing dull about this job'

3rd APS airmen show pride in mission

by Airman 1st Class
Michael C. White
3RD AERIAL PORT SQUADRON FLEET

You can see them from the early morning through the dead of night. Traveling silently often hardly noticed, from aircraft to aircraft, they are the unsung heroes known to the 3rd Aerial Port Squadron as the S.W.A.T. Team.

The S.W.A.T. Team ensures sewage, water, and trash are taken care of for every aircraft, thus the name. A typical day at 3rd Aerial Port Squadron Fleet Service can swing wildly from a hit and miss workload to one that seems to have no end. With the responsibility of meeting the needs of all cargo and passenger airframes arriving and departing Pope, working here could hardly be categorized as boring or uneventful. There's something new and interesting almost every day.

A fleet representative's job consists of many activities, including but not limited to loading and unloading comfort items (i.e. earplugs, airsick-

ness bags, blankets, etc.) and equipment needed by flight crew and passengers. Fleet loads anything from chains and devices used to tie down cargo, to medicine kits and first aid items. Fleet personnel also deliver inflight meals enjoyed by passengers and aircrew members and ensure a fresh supply of drinking water is available for each aircraft.



"It's a dirty job, but we get it done."

— Staff Sgt.
David Miller
3rd APS Fleet

out of a hole in the bottom of the plane. Thankfully, they couldn't be more wrong; holding tanks are used that Fleet Service takes care of. Yes, this sounds like an extremely unde-

sirable task, but through the use of proper protective clothing and equipment, and by exercising extreme care, "It's really no biggie," said my co-worker Staff Sgt. David Miller, grave shift supervisor. By the way, in case you were wondering, our workload is segregated among our troops to ensure that whoever delivers the meals and other comfort items is not the same person who handles—well, you know.

A variety of vehicles are used to perform the daily tasks of Fleet Service. A three-ton highlift truck with a platform can be raised to reach otherwise inaccessible aircraft entrances. The highlift is used for tasks such as delivering large amounts of comfort items to the upper rear deck of a C-5. Other vehicles in the fleet include the potable water truck and lavatory service truck. They are really miniature tanker trucks; one is used for filling aircraft like the Boeing 747 with potable water, and the other is used to drain and refill aircraft lavatories.

As a 24-hour, seven days a week, year-round operation, "We stay pretty busy keeping crew and passengers happy, and airplanes clean," said Miller. "It's a dirty job, but we get it done."

Reservists

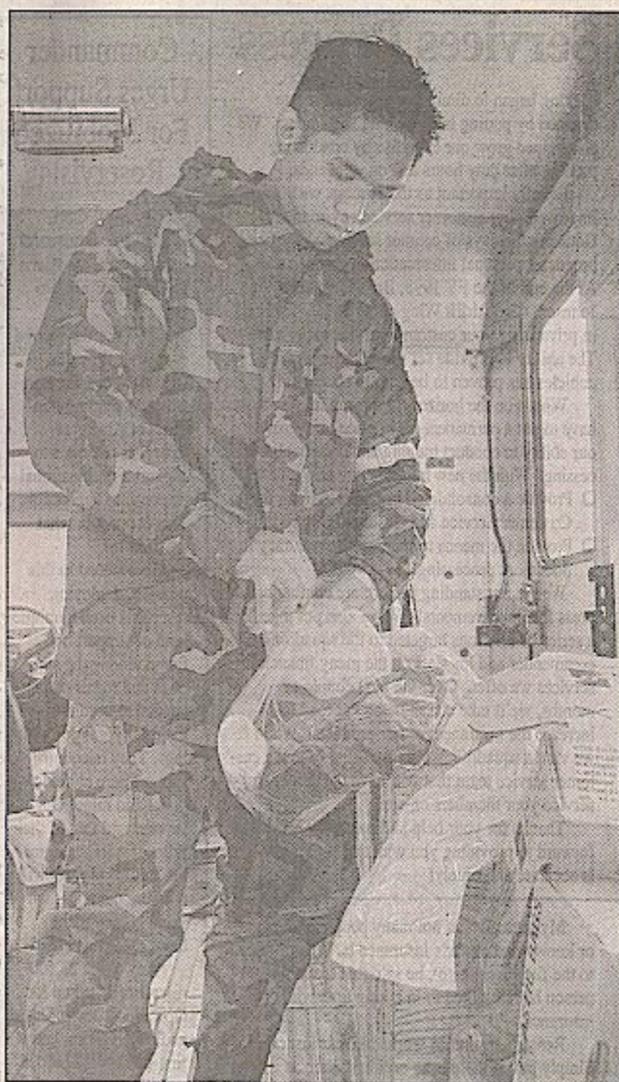
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today we have several family readiness initiatives in place to help reservists and their families cope with separation. Arguably, the greatest burden may rest on those who stay behind. They are the ones who are left to worry and to deal with the problems and frustrations of running a household alone. They valiantly serve in their own way and deserve our continuing support, assistance, and, most importantly, our thanks.

Employers directly support our combat readiness as well. They supported us in an outstanding manner during the Gulf War and continue to do so today. They have earned our sincere appreciation and respect.

I have total confidence in the skills and dedication of our men and women and what they bring to the total Air Force. The strength of our active duty, Air Force Reserve Command, Air National Guard and Department of Defense civilian personnel will allow us to meet all assignments with the full understanding and expectation of success.

I join Acting Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan in expressing my gratitude to everyone in Air Force Reserve Command for their dedication to service and devotion to duty. Our Air Force truly is the best Air Force in the world because of the fantastic abilities of our assigned personnel, the dedication and commitment of their families and the unwavering support of their employers — a great team for America. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)



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Pope Spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. John Goubeaux

Unit: 743rd Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Englewood, Ohio

Hobbies: Baseball, NASCAR and drag racing

Job title/responsibilities: I am an aerospace propulsion craftsman. I am an engine mechanic on all temporary duty, heavy airlift aircraft, C-17As, C-141Bs, C-5As and C-130Es and Hs. I am an engine run mechanic on C-17As and C-141Bs, a tow supervisor and refuel supervisor.

How does your job impact your squadron? I handle all temporary duty heavy airlift for the 82nd Airborne Joint Airborne/Air Transportability training and Special Assignment Airlift missions at Green and Yellow ramp.

What are your personal/professional goals? I want to complete my Community College of the Air Force degree, and to attain an airframe and power plant license.

If you could change one thing about Pope AFB, what would it be? I would like to see Pope do more for the single members on base.

What can the "Year of the Family" do to benefit you? The Year of the Family will help me take the time to remember how important family is during our hectic schedule.

NEWS

Editor's note: To maintain the news' worthiness and timeliness of the *Carolina Flyer*, briefs will run for a maximum of four weeks or until the event occurs.

INFANT PLAY GROUP

The Moms, Tots and Sometimes Pops play group meets every Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the conference room at the community center. The play group is for infants through five years of age. Refreshments are provided. For more information, call Jacqueline Plummer at Ext. 4700.

T-BALL/BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for T-ball and baseball is currently being accepted at the Fayetteville family YMCA for boys and girls ages 4 to 9 years old. Practices begin the week of May 17. No weekend games. For more information, call 323-0800, Ext. 221.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Rickenbacker Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, Columbus, Ohio, is requesting donations of any type of Air Force uniforms, to include battle dress uniforms, blues, mess dress, flight gear, hats, boots, shoes and ribbon bars, to equip 750 cadets and their adult advisors. Donations can be mailed to Capt. Kim Picklesimer at 818 S. Richardson, Columbus, Ohio, 43204. Donations are tax deductible. A tax receipt can be received if an estimate of value is provided in a self-addressed stamped envelope. Include shipping charges in the estimate of value.

AFSA MEETING

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 367 is scheduled to hold their monthly general membership meeting at 11 a.m. on May 20 at the Pope Club in the Enlisted Bar. Lunch will be served from 11 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For additional information, call Staff Sgt. Teresa Smothers at Ext. 4871.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 43rd Maintenance Squadron is scheduled to hold a fishing tournament May 21 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shearon Harris Lake, Merry Oaks Wildlife Ramp. Registration is \$30 per team and \$10 per team for big Bass pot. For more information, contact Senior Airman Anthony Green at Ext. 6716 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Tech. Sgt. Robert Cline at Ext. 6319 from 4 to 11 p.m.

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WALK A THON

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 367 will join the WFNC radio station to participate in the March of Dimes Walk a Thon Saturday. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the J.P. Riddle Stadium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Teresa Smothers at Ext. 4871.

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The Air National Guard has the following positions open at Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.: medical services, aircraft maintenance, inventory management, power production, fuels, pararescue, security forces, services and liquid fuels. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Al Balatabat at 1-800-821-2433 or visit the website at www.calguard.ca.gov/129rjw/

TRICARE BRIEFINGS

TRICARE briefings will be held at 6 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare School Auditorium located at Ardennes and Reilly streets on Fort Bragg on the following dates: Thursday, May 27, June 10 and June 24. All beneficiaries are invited to attend to learn about TRICARE.

BAND BOOSTER YARD SALE

The Terry Sanford Band Boosters is scheduled to sponsor a yard sale Saturday at the Terry Sanford High School from 8 a.m. to noon. Space is available at \$10 for individual participation. Donations are also accepted. For information, call 486-8201.

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The Terry Sanford High School band is scheduled to sponsor a car wash Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jiffy Lube on Raeford Road. Donations are accepted.

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FAMILY

For more information on any of the family support center's programs, call Ext. 2538.

SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

The Pope Club will provide a free lunch or dinner May 14 to military spouses when the spouse is accompanied by the active-duty member. At the golf course, military spouses play free when the servicemember purchases one green fee. The bowling center will give the spouse a combo meal at half price when the servicemember purchases a combo meal. Register at the base shoppette May 14 for a chance to win a free gift basket.

INVESTMENT CLASS

Learn the "ABC's" of investing properly at a basic investment class taught at the FSC by a licensed practitioner on May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The class will include investing through mutual funds, tax deferred annuities and individual retirement accounts. Call to sign up.

HEARTS APART

With the continuance of deployments, Hearts Apart has scheduled the following activities for May. The monthly luncheon is scheduled for May 14 at the Bowling Center at 11 a.m. This luncheon is for adults only. The family function will be a special event for Mother's Day. Heart Apart is scheduled to host a Mother's Day breakfast for all Hearts Apart members

Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Please call the FSC office for information and to make reservations for May's functions.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

A free continental breakfast is scheduled to be served every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. for new Pope personnel lodging in the Carolina Inn. The breakfast will be served in the hotel's main lobby and the FSC staff will be on hand to discuss activities on Pope. Call Elizabeth Smothers for more information.

WELCOME SPOUSE SEMINAR

The seminar is scheduled to take place at the FSC May 27 at 11 a.m. Gain information about Pope AFB and the new community. Free child care is available to participants. Call for more information and to make reservations.

LOCAL AREA BUS TOUR

Join the local area bus tour around Pope, Fort Bragg and downtown Fayetteville on Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. The tour will acquaint newcomers with many local facilities that are available to Pope and Fort Bragg personnel. The bus departs from the FSC, at 902 Armistead Street. Free child care is provided. Call to make reservations.

SMOOTH MOVE

A seminar designed to help people who are making a permanent change of station, retiring or separating is scheduled to be held Thursday at 9 a.m. at the FSC classroom. Agencies will be there to answer questions concerning relocation. Call for more information.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

For anyone who is or will be a sponsor, this class will provide training and a guide that will prepare you to be a good sponsor. Included is information on initial contact, needs assessment, sponsor letter, base and community resources, PCS programs, meeting and greeting, and settling in services. Training is scheduled for Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. in the FSC classroom. Call to register.

INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

An interviewing techniques workshop is scheduled at the FSC May 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The workshop provides answers to the most frequently asked questions, how to recognize and answer difficult questions as well as other information. Free child care is provided, if available through the Family Child Care Program. Call for more information or to register for the class. The deadline for registration is close of business May 21.

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NEWS

Anger awareness seminar advances stress prevention

by Airman 1st Class
April D. Blumer

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Helping participants become aware of their alternatives and capacity to control their responses when they become angry is the focus of an Anger Awareness seminar held from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Mental Health conference room. The class is held on the last Wednesday of each month.

The seminars are designed to teach participants how to identify anger and prevent it from escalating into possible life and death situations, according to Michael Lydon, 43rd Medical Group Family Advocacy Program Outreach Manager and seminar leader.

The next class is currently scheduled for May 26 in the Mental Health conference room.

Included in the three-hour ses-

sion is a video on anger and violence, a question and answer session and dissemination of information. Participants are given literature to take home.

The group views clips from the Power and Control series by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project from Duluth, Minn.

Lydon speaks to the group about living with stress and finding ways to deal with anger.

"No one has the perfect way to deal with anger," said Lydon. "Find what works for you. When your heart rate starts going up, take a break."

Lydon also talks to the group about maintaining a sense of humor.

"You should be able to laugh about your own imperfections," said Lydon.

Lydon challenges participants to "remember that 'anger' is one letter from 'danger.'"

Pope scholarship winners selected

Several 'Team Pope' organizations help youth go to college

More than \$11,000 in Pope Academic Achievement Scholarship money will be awarded to nine students selected by the Pope Scholarship Committee for the 1998-99 school year.

The scholarships are awarded by several organizations on Pope AFB, including the Officers Wives' Club, the Noncommissioned Officers/Enlisted Wives' Club, the Chiefs' Group and the Airlift and Tanker Association.

This winners for 1999 are: Bradley Morris, Fayetteville; April Elliott, Pope AFB; Steven Lusk Jr., Sanford; Jonathan Aldridge, Cameron; Copper White, Fayetteville; Matthew Templeton, Vass; Jill

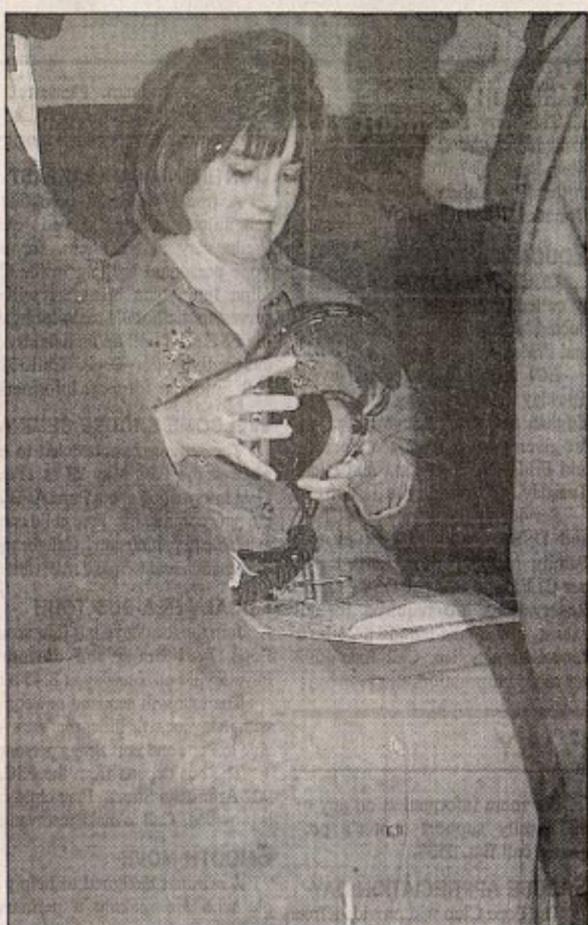
Shepherd, Fort Bragg; Richard Girdwood, Fayetteville; and Marlena Smith, Wichita, Kan.

"I think the scholarship is fantastic," said Senior Master Sgt. Steven Lusk, acting first sergeant of 2nd Airlift Squadron and father of Steven Lusk Jr. "Any teenager today who works hard, especially for four years of high school, deserves this great reward."

This is the second scholarship awarded to the West Harnett High School senior.

The Pope Academic Achievement Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding students who are, or are dependents of, active duty or retired Air Force personnel living in the Pope AFB and Fayetteville area.

(Courtesy of Pope AFB Scholarship Committee)



PREPARING FOR TAKE OFF

Tonya Koonts, wife of Capt. Todd Koonts, 41st Airlift Squadron, examines a headset while in the flight deck of a C-130 during the 45-minute Spouse Orientation Flight Friday. The flight gave military spouses a chance to get a closer look at the 41 AS mission and C-130's capabilities.

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USAF chaplaincy celebrates fiftieth anniversary

by Chaplain (Capt.) Shannon K. Phillo
POPE AFB CHAPEL

Monday marks the celebration of the USAF Chaplain Services' fiftieth anniversary. Founded on May 10, 1949, it was charged with the responsibility of ensuring that every member of the Air Force could enjoy their Constitutional right to the free exercise of their religious faith, wherever they might be stationed around the globe. The USAF Chaplain Service has historical, Congressional/Constitutional, and Air Force directed precedence.



Chaplain Charles Greenwood provides an informative survey in his article, "The Constitutionality of the Military Chaplaincy: An Historical Study." He writes that the early settlers of America brought chaplains with them, e.g., Chaplain Robert Hunt of the Jamestown settlement of 1609. The diary of President Stiles of Yale indicates that on November 17, 1774, 83 armed men of East Guilford marched off with Mr. Todd their pastor; 100 men of Hadden with their pastor Mr. May, and 100 more from Chatham with their pastor Mr. Boardman.

On July 29, 1775, the Continental Congress put chaplaincy on a legal federal basis by providing that their pay be twenty dollars a month. Within the year, George Washington

issued the following order: "The Honorable Continental Congress [is] pleased to allow a Chaplain to each Regiment—The commanding officers of each Regiment are directed to procure Chaplains accordingly—to pay them a suitable respect and attend carefully upon religious exercises." The Original Rules and Articles of War published in 1777 referred to "every chaplain who is commissioned to a regiment—" Thus, the military chaplaincy became an official part of our new nation.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." USAF Chaplaincy is committed to providing opportunities for the free exercise of religion through worship, rites, religious education, visitation, pastoral counseling, and a responsiveness to individual needs, especially in those deployed locations wherein that freedom might not be easily exercised.

On March 3, 1791, Congress enacted a provision that "in case the President of the United States should deem the employment of a chaplain essential to the public inter-

est, that he be and hereby is empowered by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint some accordingly."

Finally, Air Force Policy Directive 52-1 and Air Force Instruction 52-101 provide legitimacy and guidance for chaplain service.

President George Washington affirmed from this Nation's birth the necessity of promoting faith by stating, "Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

President Ronald Reagan once spoke, "If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." As we celebrate fifty years of dedicated service, may we remember that our national motto is "In God We Trust," adopted in 1956, and humbly

look to Him for continuous blessing and provision as we defend these great United States through control and exploitation of Air and Space both now and well into the 21st century.



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PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

Brig. Gen. D. L. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing commander, (left center) digs a hole to plant a Dogwood tree with Pope Elementary School children April 29 in celebration of National Arbor Day April 30. Pope AFB was named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and celebrated by planting trees here. This was the first year Pope AFB has received this national recognition. Pope AFB received the Tree City USA award consisting of two signs for base entrances, a Tree City USA flag and a plaque from the National Association of State Foresters. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Services

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TIGERS' HISTORY — PAST AND PRESENT

Members of the Flying Tigers Association and their family members get a briefing about the A-10's capabilities during the 1999 Flying Tigers Association Reunion held from April 28 through May 2. The Flying Tigers landed on the Fayetteville area and Pope AFB and met with several "Team Pope" members to get a closer look at the present day Flying Tiger's mission. Reunion attendants included 23rd Fighter Group members from all points in time whose experiences span from the earliest days of World War II up to now.

NEWS

Extension cords can be deadly conveniences

by Doug Wise
43RD CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

Most people use extension cords for their convenience without knowing how dangerous they can be. The Pope AFB Fire Department warns that using the wrong size cord or misusing/abusing extension cords causes hundreds of devastating fires in homes annually.



The following safety rules should be applied in using extension cords:

- Use extension cords as temporary, not permanent, wiring
- Match the extension cord to the number of amps or watts of electricity used by the appliance. Using too small or too short a cord can start fires. Check the label when purchasing cords to see how many amps or watts they can handle.
- Never hang cords over nails. Don't run cords under rugs where people walk or through doorways or windows. Do not

staple cords to walls or baseboards. Never put a cord anywhere it might be smashed, cut, or split. Damaged, frayed or worn cords can start fires.

- Use cords approved for outside use with outdoor appliances.
- Avoid coiling cords to prevent overheating.
- Use only 3 wire extension cords for 3 prong plugs. Never remove the third prong.
- Inspect cords frequently for worn or frayed areas and for cuts or splits. Check behind furniture. Replace damaged cords.
- Use special heavy-duty cords for high wattage appliances, such as air conditioners and freezers.
- Buy cords with the UL or FM label, which indicate that they have passed certain safety tests.

Pope honors nurses during National Nurses Week

by Lt. Col. R. Milberry-Watson
43RD MEDICAL GROUP

Nurses around the world and at Pope have been honored for their hard work and dedicated service to people in need.

Air Force Nursing is not just a job, it's a way of life. Whether they work in a clinic on Pope AFB, in the air on a C-130 or on operational deployments in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Albania or Bosnia-Herzegovina, nurses are an intricate part of the care and wellness for our troops.

Nurses around the world are celebrating National Nurses Week May 3 through today. Show your appreciation for Pope AFB, 43rd Medical Group Nurses and 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Nurses.

Deadlines: The deadline for all new material, stories and pictures to be considered for publication is noon, Friday the week before publication to the 43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office, 259 Maynard Street, Pope AFB, N.C., 28308-2391 or e-mailed to: ursula.lee@pope.af.mil, carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil or faxed to 394-4266

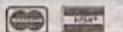
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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFP) — Air Mobility Command has flown more than 1,100 missions in support of NATO's Operation Allied Force and the humanitarian relief efforts in Eastern Europe.

Of those missions, more than 150 were dedicated to flying relief supplies under Joint Task Force Shining Hope, the relief operation to Kosovars seeking refuge in Albania and Macedonia. More than 250,000 men, women and children have fled their homes, hoping to escape an invading Yugoslav army and Serbian police intent on purging the province of Kosovo of its ethnic Albanian population.

cargo aircraft have delivered thousands of tents and blankets and more than 1 million humanitarian daily rations.

The recent exodus has resulted in an international effort to feed, clothe and shelter the growing number of refugees. Thirty-five NATO and non-NATO countries are already helping international relief agencies provide humanitarian assistance.

Military troops in the Albanian capital of Tirana and in Skopje, Macedonia, are distributing humanitarian supplies to the refugees. (Tech. Sgt. Joe Bela, U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service, contributed to this report.) (Courtesy of AMC News Service)

FBI seeks fugitive with military ties

SEATTLE (AFP) — The FBI is looking for a fugitive with military ties who is wanted for parental kidnapping.



Debra Mae Jeschke

Debra Mae Jeschke was last seen near Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 14. There is a federal warrant for her arrest for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Jeschke fled when she was charged on a state level for kidnapping her son, Justin Jeschke.

Jeschke is prior Army and has many acquaintances in the military. She is known to have contacted friends in the Grand Forks, N.D., area and is expected to go to other military

members if she needs assistance. According to an FBI spokesperson, she is not considered dangerous.

"For the sake of everyone involved, we just want to find her," he said. Jeschke, 31, is 5 feet 6 inches tall, 120 pounds and has blue eyes and blonde/red hair. She has also used the names Debra Mae Yarnell and Debra Mae Bruce.

Four-year-old Justin Jeschke has blue eyes and blonde hair.

Contact the local FBI office, the Seattle FBI office at (206) 622-0460, or the local police with any information on the fugitive.



Justin Jeschke



'GOTCHA!'

Chris Yates, wife of Capt. Joseph Yates, 43rd Transportation Squadron, smashes a whipped cream pie in the face of Master Sgt. Cornell Williams, 43rd TRANS first sergeant April 30 during 43rd TRANS "Pie-in-the-Face" contest. The competition involved participants paying \$.25 per vote for a squadron "Top Four" enlisted personnel, or officer. The top three people with the most votes won the pie honors while their top bidders earned the privilege of smashing the pie in their faces. The unit raised more than \$100 for their 43rd TRANS Association booster club which provides funds for going away gifts and other needs for their airmen and family members.

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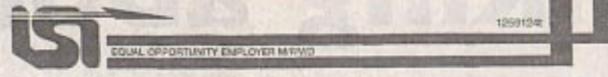
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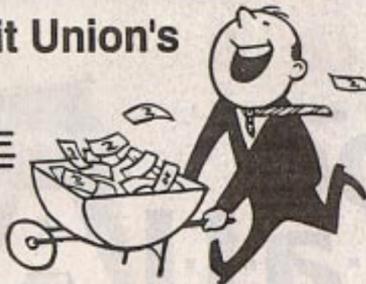
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NEWS

Tax Center service ends with successful season

by Capt. Jill Thomas
POPE TAX OFFICER

The Pope Tax Center closed its doors on April 15, after preparing taxes for more than three months, ending with a successful season. This year, the tax center saved its customers more than \$160,000, which exceeded last year's savings by \$35,000.

This number was reached through a pricing index that shows how much a professional tax preparer would charge for comparable services. The tax center served more than 3,500 customers. The Internal Revenue Service refunded Pope Tax Center customers more than \$1,680,000.

More than 85 percent of the tax center customers filed their taxes electronically saving them preparation and mailing time. Electronic filers benefited because they received their refunds faster than if they mailed their taxes into the IRS.

The number of electronic filers surpassed last year's e-filers by increasing the number from 1,308 to 1,583. The tax center also electronically filed 288 North Carolina state tax returns, and prepared 400 other state tax returns.

The 43rd Airlift Wing Legal Office and tax center would like to thank all of those who volunteered to assist in the tax center this year.

Tax center volunteers were as follows:

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Airman 1st Class Jason Cummings, 23rd Fighter Group, and Tax Center volunteer, assists a customer with filing his 1998 taxes.

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101 Critical Days of Summer briefings set for May 28

The 43rd Airlift Wing Safety Office is hosting an Annual "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign. The campaign is designed to promote safety awareness during the summer season. Traditionally, this time of year is the most dangerous season for Air Force members engaging in off-duty activities.

In an effort to remain proactive, the safety office is sponsoring three briefings May 28 to kick off the "101 Critical Days of

Summer." Briefing times are 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the base theater. The 7 a.m. briefing is targeted for the support and medical groups, the 9 a.m. briefing for the operations and fighter groups and the 11 a.m. briefing for the logistic group. All Pope personnel should attend one of the three briefings. Fayetteville Police and Coast Guard officials will give the presentation. (Courtesy of the 43rd Safety Office)

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HEALTH

'A symptom, not a disease:' Education can ease 'fever phobias' in parents

by Shari Kushwaha, M.D. and Patricia Hand, R.N.
43RD MEDICAL GROUP

Fever is a symptom, not a disease. Fever is good because it is the body's protective mechanism. Fever is the body's normal response to infections and turns on the body's immune system to help fight infections.

The body's average temperature when measured orally is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit but normally fluctuates during the day from a low of 97.5 degrees Fahrenheit in the morning to a high of 99.5 F in late afternoon. Other work had shown that the upper limit of normal body temperature in adults is 99.9 F and 100.2 F in children.

A variety of methods and devices are available to measure temperature from the skin, tympanic membrane, oral cavity, and urine. Studies indicate that a rectal temperature usually obtained with a glass thermometer, left in place for three minutes, highly correlates with core body temperature. In older children who can hold a device beneath their tongues for three minutes, the mercury thermometer is still the best method for measuring temperature.

Mild elevations in temperature (100.4 to 101.3 F) can be caused by

exercise, excessive clothing, a hot bath, or hot weather. Warm food or drink can also raise the oral temperature. If any of these effects are suspected, re-take the child's temperature in one-half hour.

Therefore, fever is defined as rectal temperature of 100.4 F or oral temperature of 99.5 F.

The usual temperatures that all children get, which range from 100 F to 104 F, are not harmful. Most "fevers" that remain under 101 F are simply due to hot weather or overdressing. Most fevers associated with viral illnesses range from 101 to 104 F and last for two to three days. Generally, the height of the fever does not relate to the seriousness of the illness. The most important aspect is how sick the child acts.

Fever causes no harm (such as brain damage) until it reaches 107 F. All children get fevers; however, only 4 percent develop a febrile seizure. This type of seizure is generally harmless.

"Fever phobia" is a term that describes the parents' anxious response to the fevers that all children experience. Barton Schmidt's (well-known pediatrician) study in 1980 found that 80 percent of parents thought that fevers between 104 to 106 F cause brain damage. In addition, 20 percent of parents thought that if you didn't treat a fever, it would go higher. Neither statement is true. Because of these myths, many parents treat low-grade fevers with unnecessary medicines and sponging.

Fevers should be treated to relieve discomfort, for a patient history of febrile seizure, or for an underlying illness to prevent an increase in metabolic rate. Treatment for all fevers (especially 100 to 102 F) are good hydration with cold fluids, dressing in light clothing (bundling can be dangerous), and keeping blankets to a minimum. Action is indicated for temperatures greater than 102 F, only if the child is uncomfortable. Do not awaken a sleeping child to give medication. The goal is to bring the temperature to a comfortable level. Fever medication usually only lowers the temperature by two to three degrees, it may not completely take the temperature away. Never take aspirin because of the risk of Reye's syndrome. The recommended drug of choice is acetaminophen; the main advantage to ibuprofen is longer duration of action. Sponging is controversial, only lukewarm water (not alcohol) is recommended. Children may sometimes shiver themselves to a higher level than the initial temperature. Seek immediate medical evaluation if:

□ The fever is greater than 104 F.
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(Reference: Schmitt, Barton; Instructions for Pediatric Patients, Second Edition; Saunders Company, 1999; pp. 50-54)

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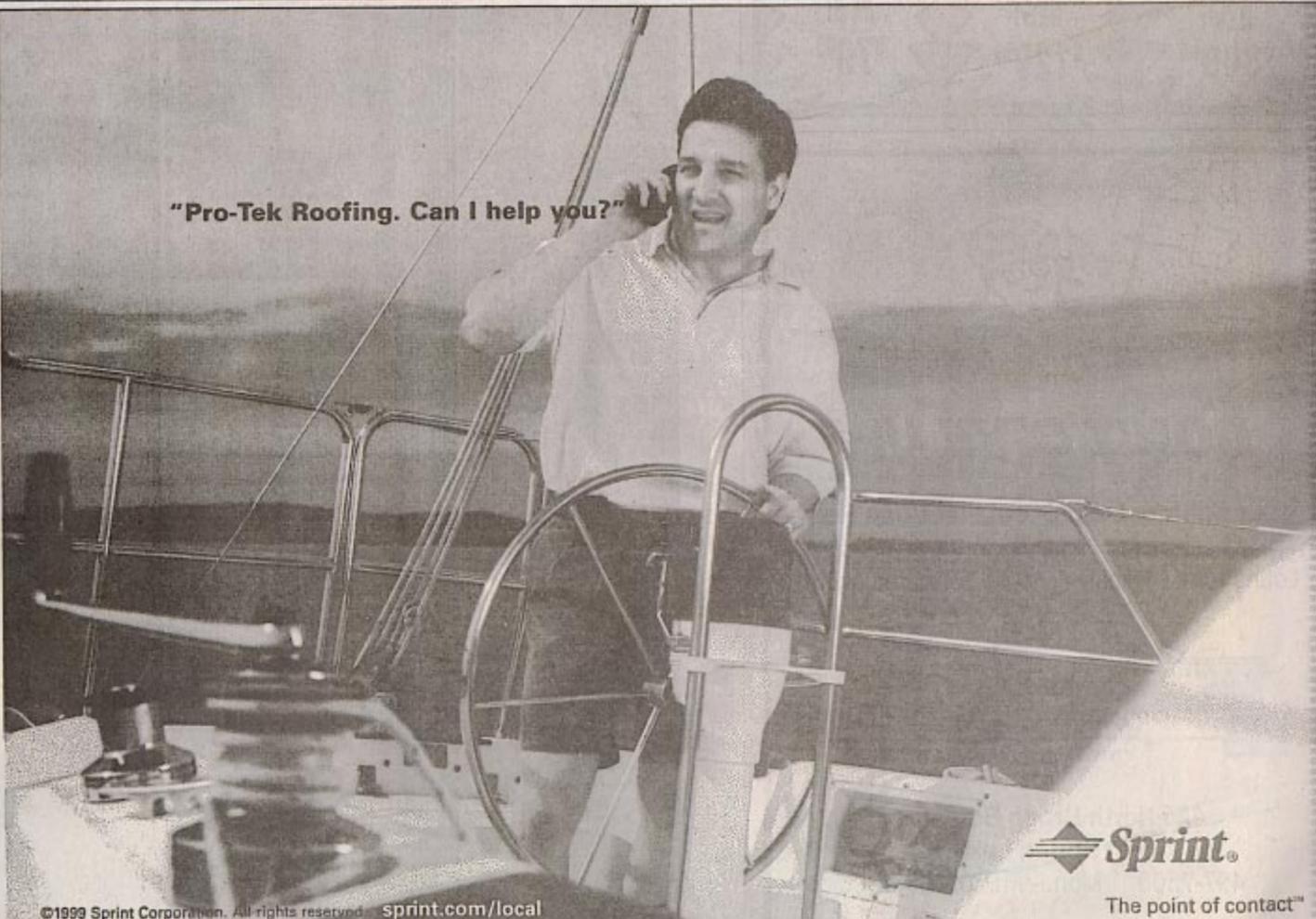
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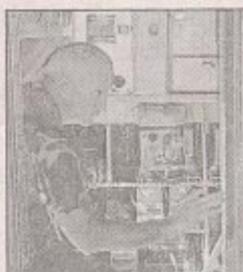
KEEPING POPE'S C-130 AIRCRAFT IN THE SKY

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by 1st Lt. Yancy Doguet
430 AIRCRAFT GENERATION SQUADRON

There's little glory in an aircraft maintainer's life. The photos plastered on the television, the Internet and in the newspapers show cargo and people being loaded or unloaded from C-130 aircraft and C-130s landing and taking off again. There are no maintenance people in sight. That's because they've done their job. If they hadn't, the flightline would be at a dead stop and nothing would be flying.

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Command Chief Master Sgt. Ron Carter does a thorough inspection inside a Pope C-130.

The squadron was activated on May 27, 1998 and is comprised of 314 people with an authorization of 381 positions. The premier talent in the 43 AGS lies in its various flights: Sortie Generation Flight A (crew chiefs), Sortie Generation Flight B (specialists), and Sortie Support Flight. These flights comprise the bulk of the unit, and provide the

technical expertise and C-130 aircraft knowledge critical to safely generate reliable aircraft. The flights provide



Senior Airman John Livermon, 43rd Aircraft Generation Squadron assistant crew chief, listens to Col. Steven D. Acuff, 43rd Airlift Wing vice commander, brief him on what he'll inspect on the C-130 for the "Pride of the Fleet" competition.

fully trained and qualified personnel to deploy in support of command mobility requirements.

Sortie Generation Flight A, consisting of C-130 crew chiefs and

flight supervision, is responsible for general maintenance of the aircraft, which includes servicing, maintenance, pre- and post-flight inspections, ground handling, and launch

and recovery. Charged with ensuring a safe and airworthy aircraft is provided to the pilot, the crew chief maintains his or her aircraft and its various systems.

The squadron's crew chiefs have their hands full since the 43rd Airlift Wing is tasked for airlift operations around the world. Crew chiefs must fly with their planes into locations worldwide, providing maintenance, inspection and aircraft servicing where no maintenance capability exists.

Normally, they recover, maintain and launch their aircraft by themselves. While AMC's En Route system, a network of 13 units worldwide, is designed to service and maintain AMC aircraft, many times crew chiefs are needed to perform specific maintenance because of their qualifications on unique systems. They are required to maintain the aircraft on their own and must be trained on specific tasks, such as engine runs, door and ramp operations, fueling supervisor, and powered and non-powered ground equipment operations.

On April 15th two crew chiefs from SGFA and their aircraft won the first 43d Airlift Wing's "Pride of the

Fleet Award." Staff Sgt. Timothy Cutnaw and his assistant Senior Airman Jamie Cross won the competition between eight other aircraft and the crew chiefs judged by Col. Steven D. Acuff, 43rd Airlift Wing vice commander and Command Chief Master Sgt. Ron Carter. Aircraft, 64-0495 (64-meaning the year it was manufactured) was selected for its appearance, "air worthiness", forms documentation, and reliability.

These two top dog crew chiefs distinguished themselves and their aircraft by continually striving to increase their knowledge of the air frame and its many systems, calling on specialists whenever a task was beyond their AFSC, and never letting their aircraft pass as "air worthy" against their better judgment. To top dog crew chiefs, the safety of others is always their number one priority.

As the Air Force moves ahead into the 21st century, we're finding that it takes more than just a wrench and a keen eye to keep our multi-million dollar, classic C-130 aircraft in the sky. Today's aircraft require the whole family approach, a cohesive team working together to generate sorties.

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Opportunities for tours of duty available in Eastern Europe

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFPN) — The U.S. European Command is looking for Air Force reservists to serve six-month tours in the Balkans as members of military liaison teams.

Most of the job opportunities are for senior noncommissioned officers. The 179-day tours of duty are in Albania, Macedonia, Slovenia, Slovakia and the Ukraine. There are also openings for a lieutenant colonel or major in Moldova, and a major or captain in Romania.

Volunteers serve on multiservice military liaison teams of three to five members from active-duty and reserve components. They live and work in the host nation, apart from the U.S. embassy, and interact with the country's ministry of defense and general staff. Ability to speak the language is not required but is beneficial. An English-speaking member of the host-nation military usually serves with the team.

Because the MLT mission requires dealing effectively with senior officers in countries that have had few previous contacts with the U.S. military, applicants "must possess a high level of interpersonal skills, as well as exceptional maturity, flexibility and self discipline." Trans-

lation: Timid, impatient hot heads need not apply, says Chief Master Sgt. Carol Smits, the Military-to-Military Program point of contact for Air Force Reserve Command.

Deadline to apply for Albania, Macedonia, Slovenia and one of the jobs in Slovakia is May 20. Selectees will report to their assignment Aug. 16 and attend orientation training Aug. 20 at U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

Application deadline for Romania, Ukraine and the other Slovakia job is June 20, with an Oct. 4 reporting date and training Oct. 22. The Moldova position is deputy chief of the MLT.

Tours for senior NCOs and their estimated reporting dates are Moldova, Oct. 23; Estonia, Nov. 20; Czech Republic, Dec. 30; Lithuania and Poland, Jan. 2; and Hungary, Feb. 14. A captain or major can sign up for a tour in Croatia, reporting in late November.

Volunteering does not ensure selection, according to program managers.

For more information, Air Force reservists should contact Smits by telephone at DSN 497-0337 or 1-800-223-1784, Ext. 70337. Her fax number is DSN 497-0687.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Ryan releases reading list for officers, enlisted

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Libraries across the Air Force will begin offering the chief of staff of the Air Force's new professional reading list titles this month.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Professional Reading Program began in 1997. After the initial success of the program, Gen. Michael E. Ryan has announced the following changes to the list:

ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8:

Basic (Airman basic to senior airman):

"The Passing of the Night," by Brig. Gen. Robbie Risner; "Ten Propositions Regarding Air Power," by Col. Phillip Meilinger.

Intermediate (Staff sergeant to technical sergeant):

"They Also Flew: The Enlisted Pilot Legacy," by Lee Arbon; "Lincoln on Leadership," by Donald Phillips; "Ten Propositions Regarding Air Power," by Col. Phillip Meilinger.

Advanced (Master sergeant to chief master sergeant):

"Killer Angels," by Michael

Shaara; "Makers of the USAF," by John Frisbee; "This Kind of War," by T.R. Fehrenbach; "Winged Victory," by Geoffrey Perret.

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Intermediate (Major to lieutenant colonel and GS-13 to GS-14):

"USAF in Korea" by Robert Futrell "Storm over Iraq" by Richard Hallion "Rise of the Fighter Generals" by Col. Mike Worden "Beyond Horizons: A Half Century of AF Space Leadership" by David Spres "Over Lord" by Thomas Hughes "General Kenney Reports" by Gen. George Kenney "The First Air War" by Lee Kennett "Makers of Modern Strategy" by Peter Paret "Air Power: A Centennial Appraisal" by Tony Mason.

Advanced (Colonel and general officers, GS-15 and above):

"Dereliction of Duty" by H.R. McMaster "Airpower Against an Army," by Lt. Col. William Andrews; "The Air Campaign," by Col. John Warden; "The Sky on Fire,"

by Ray Fredette; "Strategy for Defeat," by Adm. Ulysses S.G. Sharp; "Joint Air Operations," by James Winnefeld and Dana Johnson; "Hoyt S. Vandenberg," by Col. Phillip Meilinger; "Why the Allies Won," by Richard Overy; "The Heavens and the Earth," by Walter McDougal; "Flight of the Buffalo," by James Belasco and Ralph Strayer; "On War," by Carl von Clausewitz; "Ideas and Weapons," by Maj. Gen. I.B. Holley.

The changes to the list were based on the availability and price of books, as well as recent publication of new books by Air Force historians. Most of the titles on the list were chosen because of their readability.

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Latest edition of Air Force television news now showing

KELLY AFB, Texas (AFPN) — Support for Air Force men and women involved in the air campaign against the Serbian military high-lights the May 3 edition of Air Force Television News.

The program also highlights Air Force support for U.S. Army elements in Albania, as well as the intense operations tempo at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Acting Air Force Secretary Whit Peters' visit to Air Education and Training Command to bolster the effort to increase recruiting is also detailed, as is an examination of how active-duty pilots are being trained by a Texas Air National Guard unit. The show also features current jet pilots teaming with fighter pilots of the past as part of a series of Heritage Display air shows.

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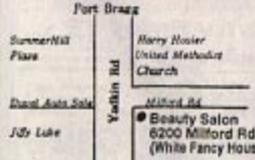
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Re-employment law spells out responsibilities

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — Whether on active duty in the United States or deployed overseas to support operations in the Balkans, reservists have the law on their side that they will still have a job when they return home.

Their rights and the rights of their employers are spelled out in the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994, a byproduct of the Gulf War. After that conflict, Congress identified several shortcomings of the previous 58-year-old Veterans' Re-employment Rights Law.

Clearer wording and reduced government red tape make it easier for reservists and their employers to communicate and resolve disputes. USERRA addresses a number of issues, ranging from notifying an employer of military duty to giving employees expanded re-employment rights.

Under the law, reservists, or an officer in their command, must give prior oral or written notice of their service obligation to an employer, regard-

less of the category of service. In rare cases, notice is not required. Exceptions include military necessity, such as classified recalls, or when it is determined that giving notice is "impossible or unreasonable."

USERRA expands the anti-discrimination protection for reservists in hiring, retention and advancement on the basis of their military obligation. Employers must make reasonable efforts to retrain or upgrade skills to qualify workers for re-employment. The law expands health care and employee benefit pension plan coverage. It also improves protection for disabled veterans and strengthens enforcement mechanisms for service members who believe their re-employment rights have been violated.

These and other provisions of the law are available for viewing on Air Force Reserve Command's home page Web site. Under the News and Infor-

mation icon, computer users can call up "NCESGR" — National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve — to review the law and frequently asked questions. Reservists and employers can also get help by calling NSCEGR toll free at 1-800-336-4590.

One AFRC unit that's taking the lead in employer-reservist relations is the 927th Air Refueling Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. When unit reservists deploy, the wing commander, Col. Robert E. Bailey, sends a personal letter to the employer, letting him or her know what kinds of duties the employee is performing and how valuable the employer's support is to the unit and Air Force Reserve Command.

If local efforts fail to resolve a conflict, reservists can contact a NCESGR ombudsman through the toll-free number. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Law helps reservists deal with civil obligations

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — Buying a new sports car or other big-ticket item may seem like a good idea as long as the money keeps coming in. However, making payments may become impossible for reservists if they take a cut in pay when called to active duty.

For help, reservists can turn to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, which provides a wide range of protections. The SSCRA is intended to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations to enable service members to devote full attention to duty. The act does not apply to criminal matters.

The protections generally begin when a person starts active duty and end within 30 to 90 days after the date of discharge from active duty.

Besides installment contracts, the act covers such issues as rent, rates of interest, stay of proceedings, default judgments, insurance, state taxes and adverse credit actions. More information about these subjects is available on the Air Reserve Personnel Center home page under legal assistance, in the judge advocate general section.

Members of Air Force Reserve Command can obtain more information about SSCRA from base legal offices. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Mobilization results in added benefits

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFPN) — When mobilized by a Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up, reservists receive most of the benefits of active-duty service.

They get active-duty pay and allowances, are authorized full medical and dental benefits, and have unlimited access to commissaries, according to Master Sgt. Karen Julian, chief of the entitlement branch at the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

Besides basic pay, other entitlements include basic allowance for housing and family separation allowance.

If they are in the Balkans or the region, they qualify for \$150 imminent danger pay and combat zone tax exclusion. That area includes the land area and the air space above Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Croatia, Macedonia, the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea north of the 39th parallel.

If they serve one day during a month in a combat zone, officers and enlisted people earn combat zone tax exclusion for the entire month.

For enlisted people, all income is excluded from income tax. An officer's exclusion cannot exceed the highest rate of basic pay for an enlisted person plus imminent danger pay.

If reservists have an emergency, they can request advanced military

and travel pay. However, they are not entitled to moving family members and household goods at government expense.

Family members are authorized medical care under TRICARE Extra, similar to a civilian preferred-provider organization, or TRICARE Standard, similar to the Civilian Health and Medical Plan of the Uniformed Services, better known as CHAMPUS.

If a reservist is on active-duty orders for more than 179 days, the family is eligible for TRICARE Prime, similar to a health maintenance organization. This option is not automatic, and enrollment is for one year at a time.

For a family to qualify for the Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan, a reservist's orders must indicate active-duty service for at least 24 months.

More information about pay and allowances is available on the Air Force Reserve Command Web page by selecting "Operation Allied Force Personnel and Family Support Guidance."

The Web site also provides information for federal civilian employees called to active duty. Congress may authorize additional entitlements for reservists, such as expanded educational benefits. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

January F-15 accident investigation report released

LANGLEY AFB, Va. (AFPN) — Air Combat Command officials here released the aircraft accident investigation report May 3 on the Jan. 28 collision of two F-15C aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico.

The aircraft were from the 53rd Wing's 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. At the time of the accident, the two were flying a defensive counter air mission against three F-16s.

The report concluded the accident was caused by one pilot's failure to maintain sight of the other pilot's aircraft and thereby avoid a collision.

During the tactical intercept of the three F-16s, Maj. Joseph Hruska misperceived the direction and flight path of Lt. Col. Curtis Rackley's F-15 and did not realize his own aircraft was on a collision course with his flight lead. Rackley was the flight lead in the two-ship F-15 formation and Hruska was his wingman.

When he saw he was about to collide with Rackley's aircraft, Hruska executed an emergency maneuver, but it was too late. The two aircraft collided. Unable to control their planes, both pilots ejected safely and sustained only minor injuries. (Courtesy of ACC News Service)

Reading

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become so important," Ryan said. "Many of the books are also a window into the rich heritage of the U.S. Air Force."

The general also emphasized the value of this reading list. "Engaging in professional reading can help Air Force members of all grades articulate the historical significance of aerospace power," he added.

Besides stocking three to five copies of each title, Air Force libraries will sponsor a "book-of-the-quarter" program. Many libraries will offer the resources for squadrons, groups and wings to establish their own book discussion group, so airmen and civilians can read one of the books and get together to discuss and critique the book.

According to Capt. J.R. Riddell, program manager from the Air Staff History Office, books on the list will be located in a special area in the libraries. Readers can also pick up a new brochure that highlights changes to the list in their library or military clothing sales stores.

In addition to base library involvement, beginning this month Air Force readers can buy their own copies of reading list titles from select Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales stores or through the AAFES Web site at <http://www.aafes.com>.

Those who visit the reading list Web site at <http://www.af.mil/readinglist> will find a list of the stores that stock the books. The site also has reviews of books, answers to frequently asked questions and materials for discussion groups, among other interactive features.

"The aim of 'The Chief's List' is to promote pride in our strong heritage and to understand the Air Force's role in meeting our nation's security objectives," Riddell said. "It's a valuable resource that can be used to enhance our professional knowledge and to gain more insight into the proper employment of aerospace power."

Divided into three levels: basic, intermediate and advanced, the list aligns closely with professional military education. Those who attend Airman Leadership School, Non-commissioned Officer Academy or Senior NCO Academy receive appropriate books from their instructors.

"Regardless of your functional specialty, Air Force people should be familiar with the development of aerospace power," Riddell said. "The chief's list can either help you launch a career-long reading program or supplement your previous readings."

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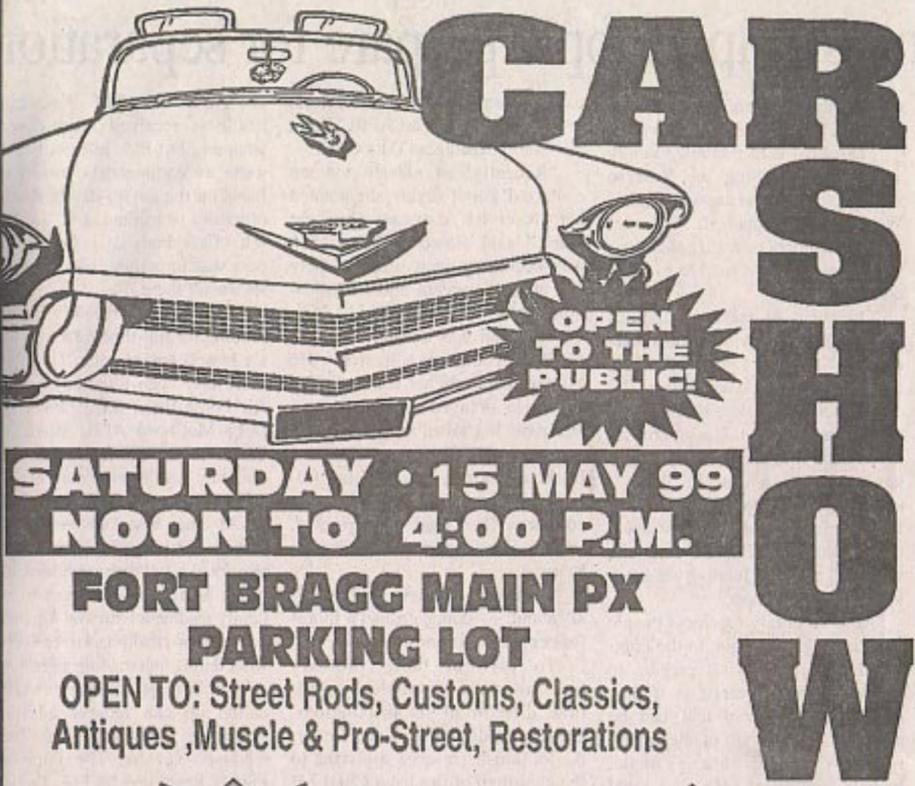
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Tinker AFB responds after deadly tornado strikes

by Capt. Rich Curry

507TH AIR REFUELING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TINKER AFB, Okla. (AFPN) — An tornado ripped through central Oklahoma May 3, carving a mile-wide path of destruction that stretched 25 miles from Norman, Okla., north past Oklahoma City.

The twister, with winds clocked at more than 250 mph, flattened hundreds of homes, killed scores of people and left thousands homeless. For those in its path, it was devastating.

Within minutes after the tornado had passed, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., threw open its doors. Reservists from Air Force Reserve Command's 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group, along with their active-duty counterparts, hurriedly put together a makeshift hotel for hundreds of people left with literally nothing more than the clothes on their backs.

Immediately after the storm had passed, 507th ARW members took a unit KC-135 out of its hangar to make room for survivors. Dozens of trucks rolled up to the hangar doors, bringing with them the basics of survival.

In the hangar, volunteers began to set up food lines and more than 300 cots. Bus after bus rolled up to the hangar doors bringing more survivors of what will most likely become known as the worst tornado disaster in history. Their stunned faces were met with open arms and warm kindness.

"We're going to do everything we can to support this disaster," said Col. Mark Pillar, 507th ARW vice commander. "And that's still not going to be enough."

All across the base military members rushed to help throughout the evening hours.

Search-and-rescue teams formed to search the rubble. Medical technicians reported to the base hospital, fitness center and 507th ARW hangar to provide care for those injured. At the 507th ARW hangar, one of three set up on the base, a makeshift processing line was formed to register people's names so others could know their loved ones were still alive.

Standing at the perimeter of what once was Del City, Okla., only 100 feet away from the base, twisted homes could be seen in the glare of portable military light-all units. Across the road where a thriving res-

idential community once stood, there was nothing but splinters and rubble.

The tornado, which had earlier been headed directly for Tinker, swerved at the last minute, plowing through the heavily populated area. The twister skirted the perimeter of the base then thrust on northward through Midwest City, Okla., immediately north of the base, again destroying everything in its path. The fence that once separated the base from the community, lay flattened on the ground from the tornado's blow.

The survivors' stories were heart-wrenching. Most lost all their worldly possessions. Many thanked God for sparing their families. Others said they were never so scared in their lives.

There were also stories of courage.

"I saw the twister go past my home," said Senior Airman Scott Branscum of Moore, Okla. "It was only 150 yards away. The noise sounded like a jet engine revving up, only it just kept getting louder and louder. My wife and I had our children in the bathtub. Our home had some damage, but some of my neighbor's homes just aren't there now."

Immediately after making sure his family was safe, the aeromedical technician from the Reserve group's 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron got in his car to drive to the base. It was a trip that would take him four hours.

"I stopped by an elderly housing complex to help. It was a terrible sight. Totally destroyed," said Branscum, who said he pulled eight bodies from the debris.

"I heard a woman screaming. She was buried under five feet of rubble," said Branscum, who worked frantically with several other strangers to dig the woman out. "A wall had fallen on top of her," he said. "But by some miracle her walker, which had fallen on top of her, saved the woman. It formed a brace and kept everything from crushing her. She had a dislocated shoulder and cuts, but she was alright," he said. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Family readiness helps people prepare for separation

by Jim Miller

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFPN) — "Doing ordinary things for people in extraordinary times" might well be the motto of Air Force Reserve Command's Family Readiness Program.

The mission of family readiness is to help Reserve families adapt to the unique demands of military life. Readiness becomes a key issue for military families when a reservist deploys overseas or is mobilized.

To prepare for contingencies, family readiness directors have determined what important information families need to know and can immediately access referral agencies to meet the needs and concerns of an individual or family. The program is designed to direct families to appropriate counselors if there is a personal crisis, arrange for volunteers to help the family with shopping and other chores, and call together support groups to help families cope with separation.

"Since 1993, we've been helping families prepare for possible family separations," said Natalie Bassett,

chief of the family readiness branch in AFRC's directorate of personnel.

"Our goal is to minimize family stress — something the Reserve wasn't prepared for during the Gulf War," Bassett explained. "We want family members to realize that their well-being allows reservists to focus on the mission."

One way to make separations more tolerable is video teleconferencing. Statewide family readiness centers are equipped with video teleconferencing consoles, which permit family members to talk with and see loved ones who are overseas if they have access to a console. When a unit deploys overseas from a Reserve installation, unit members take a console. Bassett said she would like to get funding so every unit could have phones.

Reserve family readiness people offer a program unique to the command. When reservists prepare to deploy, they ask reservists if they have a special need that can be accomplished by one of the family readiness people. For example, include a pregnant wife who could use a reassuring phone call, a birthday card that was forgotten, check on Meals on Wheels for an elderly

parent. To authorize these services, reservists complete an AFRC Form 73, Family Readiness Data Card.

"Recently, an elderly woman contacted a unit saying she wanted her reservist daughter brought home," said Bassett. The woman was becoming increasingly lonely and elicited concern about medication needs.

"The call was transferred to the family readiness director. He assessed correctly her fears of being alone. He arranged to have a volunteer mow her lawn, another to pick up some groceries and medications. In the meantime, he called her frequently to assure her the daughter completed her tour uninterrupted, and decided to re-enlist in the Reserve.

"That's what family readiness is all about — doing ordinary things for people in extraordinary times."

To perform those ordinary tasks, the Reserve employs a full-time director at its installations. Bassett credits Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, reserve assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former AFRC commander, with making sure these positions were filled.

"After the Gulf War, family readiness received much-deserved attention, but then interest began to wane as commanders turned their focus on the day-to-day business of running a peacetime unit," said Bassett. "Everybody knew family readiness was important, but the emphasis wasn't there."

The Reserve recently received funding for full-time directors for its six largest tenant units. Those positions have been filled at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.; Dover AFB, Del.; McChord AFB, Wash.; and Travis AFB, Calif. Bassett hopes directors are hired soon at Kelly AFB, Texas, and McGuire AFB, N.J.

At other bases where a Reserve unit is a tenant, the command has appointed a full-time air reserve technician as a point of contact to work family readiness issues on a part-time basis and two traditional reservists who work during unit training assemblies.

Families of reservists who are called up can receive additional assistance from active-duty family readiness centers. The Pope AFB Family Readiness NCO is Tech Sgt. Sheila Baker at the Family Support Center at Ext. 2538. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

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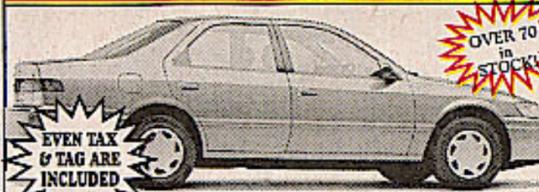
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May 15: Worldwide Fitness Armed Forces Day 5K Run/1.5 Mile Walk -8 a.m. at the fitness center.

The Pope AFB Youth Center will also co-sponsor a Family Field Day from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

May 21: The Health and Wellness Center (located in the fitness center) will sponsor Blood Pressure Checks from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

May 22: Kick Box Marathon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the fitness center's group exercise room. Take the hottest group exercise class going today and see if you can endure.

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May 28: One Pitch Softball Tournament begins at 8 a.m. on the fitness center's softball fields.

The tournament will be kicked

off by a game between the "Chiefs and the Eagles" (Chief master sergeants and colonels). A closing ceremony will immediately follow the tournament.

For more information on the above events, call Ext. 2677.

The Health and Wellness Center will also sponsor the following activities:

Wednesday, May 18 and 25: A four-part series on Fitness and Nutrition for Life.

May 25: Tobacco cessation class two from 2 to 4 p.m.

May 26 and 27: Stress seminar from 3 to 4 p.m.

May 26: Blood pressure/cholesterol class from 10 to 11 a.m.

To sign up for the HAWC classes, call Ext. 4292.

SPORTS

Golden Dragon Karate Chi Academy gets students in shape mentally, physically

by Senior Airman Ursula C. Lee
 CAROLINA FLYER EDITOR

It has a myriad of benefits, class instructor say, but discipline is the best of them all. The Pope AFB Fitness Center sponsors the Golden Dragon Karate Chi Academy with classes on Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

One of the instructors, Sergeant 1st Class Thomas Felder, a 30-year veteran of karate and Black Belt, says the class offers several advantages in helping its students get in shape mentally and physically.

"For those interested in taking the karate class, consider this; don't think you're too old to start karate lessons, don't think you're not flexible enough — we'll train you to become more flexible, and the karate methods we teach help our students lose weight at a rapid pace," Felder said. "I've seen students lose from 6 to 10 pounds in a month."

The instructors teach their student meditation and relaxation techniques, physical conditioning, weapons training, self defense and more.

"Within 30 days, a student will see a change in their life-in their discipline, weight and mentality."

The class costs \$30 per month and students are encouraged to visit the class first and speak with an instructor prior to taking the course.

Students can purchase their karate uniform, called a Gi, through their instructors for \$30. For more information about the course, call the fitness center at Ext. 2677 or Felder at 396-9880 or by e-mail at felder@bragg.army.mil.



Students learn self defense techniques and more in the Golden Dragon Karate Chi Academy's karate class at the fitness center. The classes are held Monday and Wednesdays.

Hurlburt airman completes Boston Marathon

by Staff Sgt.

William J. Seabrook Jr.
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HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFP) — After finishing his second consecutive Boston Marathon in April, Gary Moroney is motivated by the sense of accomplishment of running 26.2 miles.

Moroney finished 466 out of 13,500 runners, with a time of 2:52:32. "Everyone should run at least one marathon in their life because you learn a lot about yourself and what you're truly capable of doing," Moroney explains. "It makes a lot of life's other challenges seem doable."

The 32-year-old staff sergeant knows all about life's challenges - he's a single parent of three children, and has a demanding job in the 20th Special Operations Squadron as an aerial gunner on MH-53J Pave Low helicopters.

"Four years ago, I was dealing with a lot of stress in my life, and I needed an outlet," Moroney said. "A friend of mine turned me on to running

and it helped turn my life around." When he began running, he weighed around 190 pounds and had trouble running any distance at all.

Now at 142 pounds, with various marathons under his belt, he's able to maintain sub-seven-minute miles for the entire distance.

Although he had a goal of running the marathon in less than 2:50, Moroney said he's happy with his time.

"I found the course to be more hilly than I remembered and that stowed me down a little," Moroney said.

His next marathon will be the Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, in September where he'll captain the Air Force Special Operations Command marathon team.

"Last year we finished fourth out of 13 team entries," said Moroney. "We have a good team and I look for us to be very competitive in September," he said about the race.

In the future, Moroney hopes to be selected to the Air Force marathon team so he can represent the service in the Marine Corps

Marathon and other marathons and running events.

Running is something that takes dedication and commitment seven days a week, year-round, according to Moroney.

He runs close to 100 miles in a typical training week, running around 10 miles before dawn and another five miles after work on his home treadmill. He spends two to three hours on the road on Sundays covering even longer distances.

"It takes a lot of dedication to do this every day, but the calmness and satisfaction I feel after a run keeps me going," Moroney explains. "After I finish my morning run I can go to work knowing that I'll be able to handle any of the day's challenges."

He credits his squadron with really helping him with his running career.

"Everyone at work, from my commander on down, is great in supporting my efforts," Moroney said.

When Moroney returned from the marathon, his "fan club" met him at the airport with balloons and a sign saying "you're our Boston Marathon winner."

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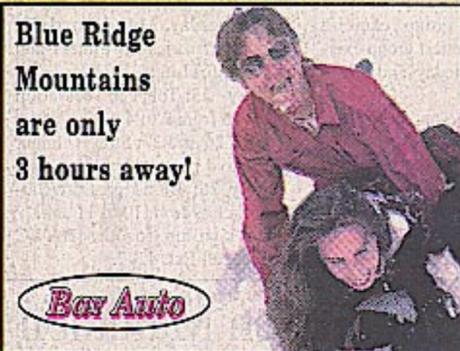
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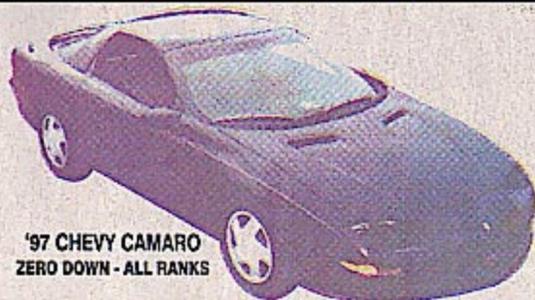


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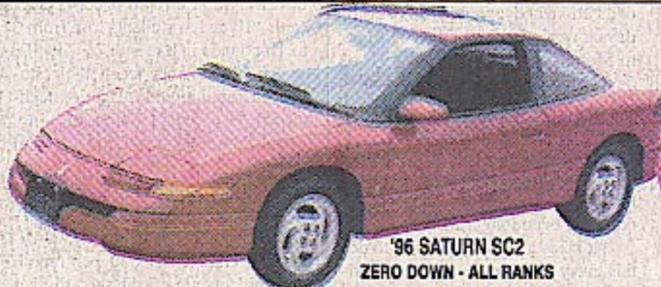
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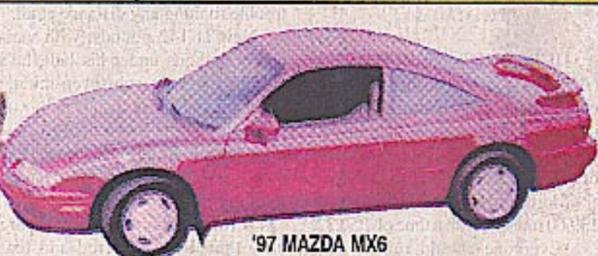
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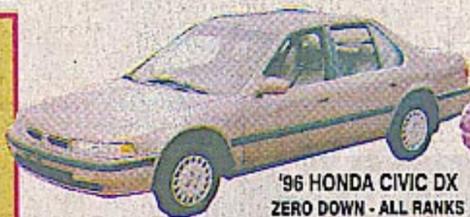


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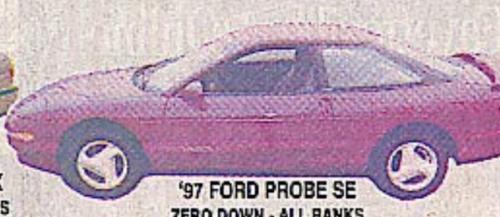
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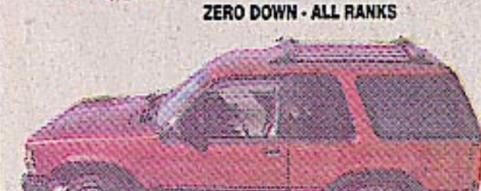
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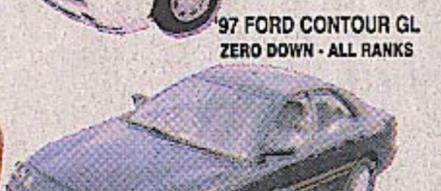
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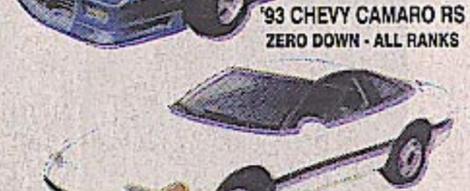
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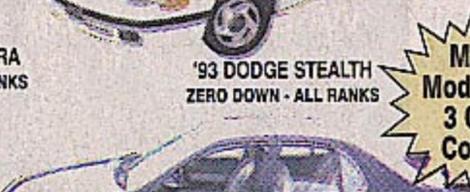
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TODAY

Lunch
*Barbecue Chicken
*Vegetarian Tostadas
Steak Strips

Dinner
Stuffed Cabbage Rolls
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SATURDAY

Brunch
*Baked Scallops
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Supper
*Baked Chicken
Fried Shrimp

SUNDAY

Brunch
*Chicken Parmesan
Cantonese Spare ribs
Supper
Hamburger Stroganoff
Veal Paprika Steak

MONDAY

Lunch
*Spicy Baked Fish
*Glazed Chicken Breast
Beef Pot Pie
Dinner
*Crispy Baked Chicken
Cajun Meatloaf

TUESDAY

Lunch
*Roast Beef
*Baked Fish
Chicken a la King
Dinner
*Chicken Enchiladas
*Ham Steak

WEDNESDAY

Oriental Lunch
*Szechwan Beef

Chicken Adebo
Gingered Pork
Dinner
*Tuna Casserole
Stuffed Beef Rolls

THURSDAY

Lunch
*Baked Ham
*Spiced Chicken
Italian Meatloaf
Dinner
*Pork Chow Mein
Beef and Noodles

MAY 14

Lunch
*Roast Turkey
Beef Fajitas
Barbecue Spare ribs
Dinner
*Chicken Jambalaya
Pork Chops

*Denotes healthy choice selection.

All menus and entrees are subject to change, due to availability of ingredients from the supplier.

FLIGHT LINE CAFE

Hours of operation: The Flight Line Cafe hours are 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for midnight meal.

Saturday and Sunday offers a midnight meal only from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Menus unavailable at time of publication. Call Ext. 5907 for information.



POPE CHAPEL

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Each third Sunday is Year of the Air Force Family Day at the chapel. A family potluck is held at 6 p.m. with a short program.

For Jewish, Muslim or Orthodox Christian services, contact the chaplains at Fort Bragg by calling 396-1121.



PROTESTANT SERVICE

Sunday: Praise Service, 8 a.m.; General Protestant Service, 11:15 a.m.

Pope prayer time: Tuesdays from 7 to 7:20 a.m.

Adult Choir: Practices, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Logos Bible Study: Second and fourth Thursdays of the month at noon in the annex.

Sunday School: Sunday, 9:45 a.m. at the Pope Elementary School.

Youth Group: Call for schedule.

CATHOLIC SERVICE

Mass: Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Daily Mass is held weekly Tuesday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Room.

Reconciliation: Sunday at 9 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Monday at 7 p.m.

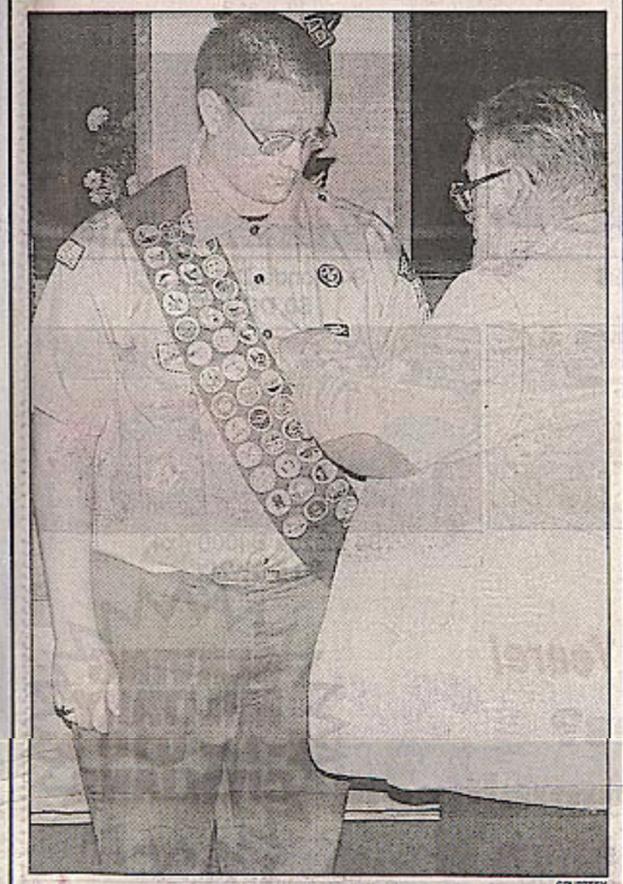
Parish Ministers of Service: Call for schedule.

Youth Group: "CuperTEENos" — Call for schedule.

CCD: Sunday, 11:15 a.m. at the Pope Elementary School.

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COURTESY

FLY HIGH LIKE AN EAGLE

John H. (Hank) Allen (left), receives his Badge of Rank from his father, William H. Allen (right), 43rd Communication Squadron, during Hank's Eagle Scout Court of Honor held April 28 at the Watters Family Center on Fort Bragg. His mother Charla K. Allen also attended the ceremony. A native of Austin, Texas, Hank moved to Fayetteville with his family in January of 1997. He is a member of Scout Troop 776 at Fort Bragg and has been active in the Scouting program since beginning with the Cub Scouts in 1989. Hank is currently a junior at Douglas Byrd High School.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

POPE THEATER

Armistead Street
Today: 8 MM (R)
Saturday: Saving Private Ryan (R)
Sunday: Wing Commander (PG-13)
Wednesday: Cruel Intentions (R)
May 14: Cruel Intentions (R)

ALVIN C. YORK THEATER

Ardennes Street, Fort Bragg
Today: Cruel Intentions (R)
Saturday: The Rage: Carrie 2 (R)
Sunday: The Deep End of the Ocean (PG-13)
May 14: Baby Geniuses

All movies, unless otherwise posted, start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are 99 cents.

8 MM: Director Joel Schumacher casts Nicolas Cage as a seedy private eye in this psychological thriller. A widow discovers an 8 millimeter "snuff" film in her husband's safe. Cage, aided by co-star Joaquin Phoenix, investigates the underground industry to determine its origins. Rated R for strong perverse sexuality and violence, and for strong language.

Saving Private Ryan: In the midst of World War II, a mother receives letters that three of her four sons have been killed in battle. Tom Hanks is the Army captain tasked to lead seven men into occupied territory to save her remaining son, played by "Good Will Hunting's" Matt Damon. Among Hanks' company are Tom Sizemore, Edward Burns and Jeremy Davies. Rated R for intense prolonged realistically graphic sequences of war violence, and for language.

CROSSROADS COFFEE HOUSE

The Log Cabin has been reserved for Crossroads Coffeehouse activities May 15, 29; June 12, 26; July 3, 17, 31; Aug. 14, 28; Sept. 11, 25; Oct. 9, 23, 31; and Nov. 6, 20.

For more information, call Ext. 6971/2677 during normal duty hours, or 822-1322 on evenings and weekends.

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WEDNESDAY
Breakfast
Scrambled Eggs or Cereal
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets or Pork Roast

THURSDAY
Breakfast
Scrambled Eggs with Sausage or Cereal
Lunch
Fried Chicken or Cheeseburger

MAY 14
Breakfast
Grits or Cereal
Lunch
Manager's Choice or Fish Sticks and Shrimp Pops

COMING ATTRACTIONS FROM SERVICES

POPE CLUB

□ Ext. 2154
Bar Bingo: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m.
Bingo in the ballroom: Every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Early bird starts at 6:45 p.m.
Pitcher beer night: Every Tuesday for \$3.75 per pitcher.
Family Buffet Night: Every Friday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.95 for adults, \$3.95 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under the age of 6.
\$5.50 Lunch specials: Monday: Potato bar, Tuesday: Roast Beef, Wednesday: Around the World Buffet, Thursday: Barbecue Ribs, Friday: Fish Fry
Block Party: Tonight from 7 to 11 p.m. featuring the rhythm and blues band, Charlie.
Free Steamship Round: Tonight from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Alma's and the End Zone.

COMMUNITY CENTER

□ Ext. 2779
Classes: Piano lessons are held Monday through Thursday for \$9 per half hour, depending on availability. Voice lessons are held Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$9 per half hour, depending on availability. Dance classes are held for children ages four and up. Square dancing classes are held every Friday night. Call for more information.

Congressional Award Program: The Congressional Award is a non-competitive program, open to all young people ages 14 to 23. Young people are recognized for achieving individual goals in four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration. The actual awards, (bronze, silver and gold) are presented by a United States senator or member of Congress during local, state or national ceremonies. Call for more information.

Video phones: The community center is one of the facilities on base equipped with a video phone so families can stay in touch with deployed servicemembers. The video phones allow the two parties to view one another during the call. The phones are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from 1 to 9 p.m. Call to schedule an appointment.

UPS service: Ground service, next-day delivery and two-day delivery through UPS is offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

□ Ext. 4478
Hours of operation: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from 1 to 2 p.m.
Harrah's Casino: This gambling tour in Cherokee, N.C., including lunch buffet, one night accommodations, \$5 coin buy bonus and transportation today and May 8 is \$74 for adults.
Deep Sea Fishing: Cast for grouper, snapper, amberjack and more off the Carolina Coast on May 15. Cost is \$50 for adults and \$40 for children under the age of 16. Cost includes rod, reel, bait, tackle and transportation. Sign up by Monday.
Visit Charleston, S.C.: Explore Rainbow Row, King Street and more May 29. Adult tickets are \$15. Children's tickets are \$8.

Price includes transportation. Sign up by May 26.
Victori Casino Cruise Boat: On June 5 visit Myrtle Beach, S.C. Cost is \$30 and includes \$5 in tokens, transportation, snacks and drinks. Sign up with full balance is due June 2.

Ticket Specials: Gaithers Homecoming Christian Concert is scheduled for June 5 at 6 p.m. at the Crown Coliseum. Cost is \$15.

Spencer, N.C.: Go on a steam engine train ride, to a transportation museum and antique shopping on June 12. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children ages 3 to 12. Price includes train ride and transportation. Sign up and balance is due by June 9.

Did you know that these tickets can be used nationwide? Discovery Zone \$4.50, Carmike Cinema's \$5, General Cinema's \$5.50, phone cards with 50, 100 and 200 minutes.

Tickets: Cross Creek Cinema's adult and children discounted tickets available.

What's new at ITT: Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center combination tickets. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Bush Gardens-Williamsburg tickets now available. Cost is \$29.75 for adults and \$23.75 for children ages 3 to 6. King's Dominion and Carowinds King Henry's Feast in Orlando, Fla., tickets are now available. 250 tokens are available for Fun Fun Fun. Tickets are available for Cape Fear Crocs games and Tweetsie Railroad.

PIZZA PARLOR

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Hours: Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and holidays from 1 to 8 p.m. There will be no lunch-time deliveries. Evening delivery is available Monday through Friday from 5 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 5 to 8 p.m. Opens at 7 a.m. for breakfast. Calzones are now available at the Pizza Parlor.

LIBRARY

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Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.
Story time: Every third Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the base library.

FRAME AND DESIGN ARTS

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Hours of operation: Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on Mondays. Payment and pre-registration is required for all classes and class sizes are limited.
Free YOFAM Scrapbook Class: Scheduled for May 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the community center. Beginners will need to bring 6 to 8 photos. Continuing scrapers can bring your latest project. This event is free to anyone from the age of 12 and up. Call for more information. Sign up at the Skills Development Center or youth center.
Basic Matting Class: Scheduled for Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Skills Development Center

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Free Clinic: A free, beginner's clinic will be offered every Saturday at 1 p.m. A 24-hour advance registration is required.
Intramural Season: The season begins at Willow Lakes this month. Call Bruce Watson for details.
Ladies Golf Day: Willow Lakes will be offering a free clinic for just for ladies on May 15. Call for details.
Spouse Appreciation Day: Military spouses play for free on May 14 when spouse pays for an all day green fee.
1 Person Scramble: Scheduled for May 22 and 23, beginning at 8 a.m. Players get a mulligan all day on both days. Call for more information.

GREEN RAMP SNACK BAR

□ Ext. 7730
Hours of Operation: Snack bar hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for breakfast and lunch.

YOUTH CENTER

□ Ext. 4512
Hours: Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The center opens at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday.
Tumbling at the youth center: A program for 24 months to 5 year olds. Prices vary by age.
Weightlifting class: A class for teens ages 14 and up is scheduled for every Monday and Wednesday at the Pope Fitness Center. Transportation will be provided from the youth center. Advance sign-up is required.
Key Stone Club Meetings: Scheduled for Thursday, May 20 and May 27 at 5 p.m.
May Skate Nights: Scheduled for tonight and May 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Members cost is \$2 and non-members cost is \$4.
Andrew Church Lake Fishing Trip: Scheduled for Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. for ages 9 and up. Sign up is required.
Movie Day at the Youth Center: Scheduled for Monday, beginning at 5 p.m. Enjoy "A Bug's Life" and free popcorn.
Torch Club Meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served to all members.
Craft Day: Scheduled for Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Annual Dog Show: Scheduled for Thursday at 5 p.m. Bring your dog on a leash for competition, fun and prizes. Categories for competition will include best trick and cutest.

BOWLING CENTER

□ Ext. 2891
Hours of Operation: Office hours are Monday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m.
Pick-a-price bowling lunch: Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., bowlers are invited to pick the price of their bowling game from the bowling barrel. Cost could range from 50 cents to \$1.25.

Family cosmic bowling: Every Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. \$10 per lane (non-smoking).

Cosmic bowling: Every Friday and Saturday night.

Lunch Time Red Pin Bowling: Every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., get a strike with the red pin in the one pin position and win a free game of bowling.

Summer Bowling Leagues: Sign ups are now available at the Bowling Center. Get 80 free games of bowling when league starts.

Saturday: 200 Club Ladies Tournament at 1 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Bowling Center.

Sunday: Mother's Day Special from 1 to 5 p.m. Mothers bowl two games and shoes for no charge.

Spouse Appreciation Day: Buy one daily special or 1 combo meal on May 14 and get one at half price.

Snack Bar: The snack bar is open every Monday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday from 10 to 12:30 a.m.; Saturday from 9 to 1:30 a.m. and Sunday from 1 to 8:30 p.m.

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Spring Special: Air conditioning service. Call for an appointment.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

□ Ext. 4323
Pre-school program hours: The pre-school program for ages three to five is 8 to 11 a.m. at the community center. Classes are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or choose the Tuesday and Thursday classes. For more information, call the child development center or Ext. 2724.

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