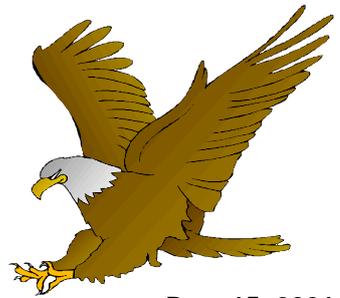




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Construction Complete

Pentagon Opens as Base’s New Social Hub

*By Tech. Sgt. Carole Steele
Public Affairs*

The new social gathering spot for the base opened Monday in the center

of the circle of morale facilities in Tent City.

Dubbed “The Pentagon” for its shape, as well as being a tribute to those who suffered in the terrorist attack on

the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., the area can accommodate a large number of the base populace.

Used regularly by the base club, it will also be the location of special base events like commander’s calls, base picnics, and “Christmas Under the Stars” on Dec. 25.

“The idea of the Pentagon started when we first got here and began looking at a way to lay out the rec area,” said 2nd Lt. Ryan McLean, base civil engineer. “We started out with a wagon wheel design and our site developers came up with the idea of the Pentagon. Then the carpenters took over and came up with the idea for the deck and the bar.”

It took base civil engineering troops about five days to complete the project. After surveying and leveling, they poured a sidewalk that borders the five-sided wooden deck.

Several outlying poles and a center pole were installed to secure a large



U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Carole Steele

A1C Hector Bono, structures specialist, saws the final decking panels for the floor to the base Pentagon.

(See “Pentagon,” page 4)

Program lets troops’ family, friends send free postcards overseas

Family and friends may now send free postcards to servicemembers stationed overseas, courtesy of the Air Force Times.

Through “Operation Postcards,” people in the United States may create and send color postcards through the U.S. Postal Service to APO/FPO addresses.

The service is available for family and friends of both deployed mem-

bers and those permanently assigned to an overseas base.

To participate, they should go to the Air Force Times Web site and click on the “Postcard” icon, then fill out a brief registration form.

From there, they simply select a photo or piece of art from the online gallery or upload a personal photo for the front of the card.

The back of the card contains

space for an 800-character message.

The personalized postcards will be printed and mailed to the overseas servicemember within one business day.

Postcards sent to an APO/FPO address will include a code that the recipient may use to send up to five free postcards anywhere in the world, although access to an Internet-connected computer is required. (AFPN)

Editorials

Nation needs us now more than ever

By Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

As operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle continue to evolve, we are learning more about their impact on our aerospace expeditionary force rotation patterns. We have all heard the president and secretary of defense speak. This will be a long struggle and our expeditionary Air Force must adjust to its pace and rhythm.

Already, in two short months, the war on terrorism and protecting our homeland from further attack have put significant strains on our air and space forces, as well as our Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

You have responded magnificently to unprecedented events - our nation is proud of its Air Force. We still have much to do, and it's important that I explain what we've done over the last two months and what you can expect in the future.

On Sept. 11, our Air Force - our total force - was among the first to respond, launching interceptors and tankers from alert across the United States. Within hours we provided disaster assistance and began flying homeland defense missions that have continued around the clock since then - fighter, tanker, Airborne Warning and Control System, and air control squadrons all across America stood up overnight to prevent another airborne attack.

Our security forces also responded magnificently when, for the first time ever, all our installations went to Force Protection Conditions Charlie and Delta.

We mobilized the Air Reserve Component in large numbers, and they have met every challenge at home and abroad.

Once it became clear we needed to send air and space capability forward, we responded with forces from the on-call aerospace expeditionary wing supplemented with residual capability from AEFs 7 and 8.

In addition, our global reach structure responded and established the air bridge, enabling our forces to deploy expeditiously. The requirements continued to grow, and we soon exceeded the capability resident in the on-call AEW and AEF pair. Staying within the AEF con-

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struct, we rolled forward to the next AEF pair, 9 and 10, which was in the spin-up process for their upcoming on-call period.

Unlike past experience, much of the deployment strain has fallen on our expeditionary combat support forces. Some high-demand support areas have exceeded their on-call capabilities in AEFs 7/8 and 9/10, and we have rolled forward into later AEFs.

We are in surge mode and will likely stay there for some time. Many have asked when we will rotate forces support-

ing Operation Enduring Freedom. We are studying all the options and anticipate making a decision before the end of the calendar year. We do not foresee the capability to rotate Enduring Freedom forces at the three-month point. We expect to provide relief in February or March.

It is important for everyone in the Air Force to realize the mission has changed, and they may have to spend more than the usual three months in the field. Also, in a few cases, we have insufficient capability to relieve currently deployed forces - a very small number of individuals, currently about a dozen, will be frozen in place until we can identify their replacements. We are working hard to reduce that number to zero so everyone can rotate. My objective is to keep the AEF construct intact as long as possible to maximize stability for our total force.

Looking to the future, in the near-term I expect we will experience significant impacts to our training, organization and resources. I have tasked the air staff and our major commands to analyze the short- and long-term impacts of this war on our Air Force and our people. We will adjust our rotational patterns to meet the challenges we face and remain combat capable.

Our nation is at war with terrorism - there is no more "business as usual." The AEF essentials of predictability, stability, rhythm and capability will remain intact to the maximum extent practical, but we must do whatever it takes to continue meeting our war fighting and homeland defense commitments.

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Editorials

Deployments Require Many Adjustments

By Chaplain (Capt.) William Bartoul
Senior Base Chaplain

Human beings are the most adaptable creatures on this planet. We can adjust to almost anything. From the weightlessness of outer-space to the pressures of deep sea diving, we can adjust. Yet, there are some aspects of our life that are harder on our adjustment skills.

When it comes to matters of the heart, feelings and emotions, we often agonize over adjustments we have to make. It takes a lot of time and energy to develop good and healthy relationships. Military deployments disrupt those relationships. But, temporary separation is not the same as being lost forever. And, so, we adjust.

The quote by Ray Charles, "Don't go backwards, you have already been there," is right on the mark. Remembering is a good thing, but it does no good to *dwell* on the past.

Using our talents for adjustment, we must find ways to keep our relationships alive, healthy, and ever present. E-mails, morale calls, special gifts, and hand-written letters are just a start. Coordinating days and times for mutual gift opening over the phone, digital pictures, taped recordings, etc. are just the tip of the iceberg of ways to adjust to this tem-

porary separation.

Nothing can take the place of being with our loved ones. But, we can adjust to the next best thing instead of only looking backwards to where we've already been.

This somewhat applies to our relationship with God. Our setting has changed. We are temporarily separated from our regular place of worship, away from the support of our respective communities of faith, and apart from family and friends who normally accompany us. Yet, God is with us. God is still the same "yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

So, we must adjust to our new surroundings and find ways of continuing our relationship with the Lord. Bible study classes are a great start -- opening oneself to hearing God's word, the mutual support of a community of faith, and time spent in a setting of peace and calm.

Furthermore, a regular personal prayer discipline, journaling, and spiritual direction are just the tip of the iceberg of ways to adjust to this temporary situation.

As priceless as our relationships are with loved ones back home, our relationship with God should not be ignored. The following quote is from an unknown author: "Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart... One who looks outside, dreams.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Mass

Saturday	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Daily	Noon

Protestant Services

Sunday	11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sunday at 2 p.m.

Catholic Programs

Bible Study: Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Rosary Day: Wed, 6:30 p.m.
Adult Catechism: Wed, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: Friday, 5:30 p.m.

Protestant Programs

Bible Study: Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Choir Practice: Thursday, 7 p.m.

One who looks inside, awakens."

In this column I spoke of matters of the heart. Remember that God is also found in the depth of our being. With a few adjustments, our stay in this deployment may be our time in the desert that will strengthen our relationship with God. And, from my vantage point, that's a good thing.

Word Game from The Chapel

(Find the books of the Bible)

I ONCE MADE A REMARK ABOUT THE HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. IT WAS A LULU, KEPT PEOPLE LOOKING SO HARD FOR FACTS BUT FOR OTHERS IT WAS A REVELATION. SOME WERE IN A JAM. ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAME OF THE BOOKS WERE NOT CAPITALIZED.. BUT THE TRUTH FINALLY STRUCK HOME TO NUMBERS OF READERS.. TO OTHERS IT WAS A REAL JOB. WE WANT IT TO BE A MOST FASCINATING FEW MOMENTS FOR YOU. YES THERE WILL BE SOME REALLY EASY ONES TO SPOT. OTHERS MAY REQUIRE JUDGES TO HELP THEM. I WILL QUICKLY ADMIT IT USUALLY TAKES A MINISTER TO FIND ONE OF THEM, AND THERE WILL BE LOUD LAMENTATIONS WHEN IT IS FOUND. A LITTLE LADY SAYS SHE BREWS A CUP OF TEA, SO SHE CAN CONCENTRATE BETTER.. SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN COMPETE. RELAX NOW FOR THERE REALLY ARE SIXTEEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THIS STORY.

(One preacher found 15 books in 20 minutes...but it took him 3 weeks to find the 16th one)

PENTAGON**(Continued from page 1)**

cargo parachute that provides shade to the entire area.

The crowning touch is the pentagon-shaped bar, named "Ground Zero," that encircles the center pole.

"TSgt. Bob Erb designed (it) to keep the theme of the Pentagon. He's one of those McGuyver-type guys — very creative with a good imagination," said Tech. Sgt. Larry Mullen, structures superintendent.

"Also, if you notice, everything is in the shape of a pentagon, even down to the holes where the poles come through the deck," he added.

Power, water and sewer connections were also designed into the plan to provide service to Ground Zero as well as

lights and electricity to the entire area. For good measure, CE later added a stage on the outskirts of the Pentagon.

The entire project was the combined efforts of many CE flights and other base people came by and volunteered their assistance.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal troops spent two days helping with the construction. "Without them, we may not have made our deadline of Monday," said Mullen.

The Monday deadline had been set to coincide with the British bar closing for renovations.

With the project completed on time, about 400 people came to christen the new recreation area on its first night and have been showing up steadily ever since.

"It was a challenging job, but the guys came through and did a really good job," said McLean. "I'm proud of them and the work they've done here."

News Briefs**Finance Hours**

The customer service hours of operation for Finance are as follows:

Saturday - Wednesday

2:30-4 p.m.

Thursday - Friday

Closed

Paydays

8:30-10 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m.

These hours may vary due to short notice vendor payments.

Christmas Cards

The Services Recreation Tent has free Christmas cards and envelopes

**Do you have a problem
with drinking?
If you do
and want to stop,
AA can help.**

**Meetings are held
at the Base Chapel**

**Tuesdays 5 p.m.
Saturdays 2 p.m.**

Monthly Award Winners

Congratulations to the following monthly award winners for the 320th Air Expeditionary Group:

Airman

SrA. Cedric Pancho (Logistics Support Squadron)

NCO

Tech. Sgt. Glen Blackshear (Medical Operations Squadron)

Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Peter Ooms (Support Squadron)

CGO

Capt. Preston Schlachter (Support Squadron)

available for people who would like to fill them out to send home.

These cards were sent to the base by our parent unit, the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing and are free to military members.

Math Tutoring

The base has a volunteer tutor for those preparing for math CLEP and DANTES tests.

The next upcoming tests will be given Dec. 21.

Cliff Giampietro has offered to hold a class if there are enough people taking the same math test. Otherwise,

he will make one-on-one appointments.

For scheduling and to sign up, e-mail: cliff.giampietro@seeb.af.mil.

Medical Records

All new personnel arriving on base should deliver their medical records, except their shot records, to the Medical Control Center at the hospital.

Medical records of permanent party, fliers and those on PRP will be maintained by the flight surgeon's office at the H building.

For more information, call TSgt Zapata at 472-1114.

Stocking from Scratch

Supply Delivers 'The Goods,' Keeps Base Running

By Tech. Sgt. Carole Steele
Public Affairs

Four people, one laptop, one table, and a mission. That was the humble beginning of the supply operation here.

It may have seemed a scary prospect to the foursome when they landed here on Halloween day, but the Supply Flight quickly turned an empty warehouse into the booming outlet it is today.

"We didn't know what we were coming here to do until we arrived," said Staff Sgt. Susanne Fonseca, deputy chief of supply. That's when it hit home that their mission was to start a supply unit from scratch.

They swiftly began making things happen. "We teamed up with contracting and started buying things for the base, trying to meet the base's requirements," said MSgt. Derick Asturias, chief of supply.

"I have to give a lot of credit to [Fonseca] because she has been really engaged in purchasing downtown, gearing up the blanket purchase agreements with local vendors so we can get our supplies in an expeditious manner," he said.

Although the flight is beginning to receive a lot of supplies from the states, goods purchased locally are essential to productivity here due to timeliness.

The majority of their business revolves around providing office supplies and individual equipment unit items like desert camouflage uniforms, boots and hats. Their reach also extends to providing DCUs to forward locations.

Additionally, the unit provides backup for aircraft maintenance crews and civil engineering which have their own supply elements. "They bring their supplies with them and also purchase some of what they need here," said Asturias. "But we're always available if they need us to help find a part or other supplies."

The other two invaluable members of the core of four are SrA. Damion White and A1C Shaun Ekins-Moore.

White works the night shift inter-

acting with suppliers in the U.S. to get mission critical parts for units like the vehicle maintenance and communications flights. He orders and tracks all MICAPS, or mission capable parts, that are needed immediately to carry out essential operations.

Ekins-Moore receives incoming materials, verifies it belongs here, and ensures it gets to the right customers. "She makes sure the right part gets to the right people at the right time," said Fonseca.

Reinforcements arrived three weeks after the initial group in the form of Staff Sgt. Jack Hatfield, SrA. Jason Archer, and A1C Erik Evans, and addi-

tional personnel arrived this week to join the round-the-clock operation.

Together this crew feeds the base everything it needs to perform its various missions.

They receive the supplies, catalog them, store them and make them available to base customers. And if they don't have it, they do their best to get it off base or from the states.

"These troops have been doing an outstanding job. We brought the right people with us to get the job done," said Asturias. "We're providing the base with what it needs and every day, any challenge that comes, we meet it and press on."



U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Carole Steele

SrA. Damion White, supply specialist, stores incoming property in the supply warehouse.

JAG Outlines TSP Investment Opportunities

9/763 Staff Judge Advocate Report

Last week's article on the Thrift Savings Plan addressed the basics of the plan. This article will focus on where retirement money can be invested.

For new participants, all money invested in TSP is allocated to Government Securities Investment (G) Fund. After a TSP account is established, investors can change all or a percentage of the investment into any five of the TSP funds.

To change an existing account balance, investors must request an inter-fund transfer. This will move some or all of the existing balance among the five funds.

An inter-fund transfer is different from a contribution allocation because it involves only money that is already in the account. It does not change the way future contributions will be allocated to the five funds.

The most efficient way to request inter-fund transfers is on the TSP website at: www.tsp.gov.

Inter-fund transfer requests may also be made by mailing an Investment Allocation Form (TSP-U-50) to the TSP Service Office. The TSP record keeper must receive requests by the 15th of each month (or the next business day if the 15th is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday) in order for the request to become effective at the end of that month.

The TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan that provides special tax advantages. Limitations on withdrawals help ensure that retirement savings will be used for the intended purpose. Therefore, uniformed services TSP participants (whether in active service or members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard) can withdraw funds from their accounts in only two cases:

- Age-based in-service withdrawals for participants who are 59½ years or older.
- Financial hardship in-service withdrawals for participants who can document financial hardship.

Those who take an in-service withdrawal cannot return or repay the money. Additionally, any contributions

made to the TSP will be automatically terminated for six months after each financial hardship withdrawal. Thus, before taking an in-service withdrawal, evaluate all options to see if a TSP loan would be more beneficial.

The TSP loan program allows investors to borrow their own contributions and attributable earnings from their account for a general purpose loan or for a loan to purchase a primary residence. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000. The maximum loan amount is \$50,000; however, the amount investors are allowed to borrow may be less depending on any outstanding TSP loans already taken and certain limits set by the Internal Revenue Code. Interest must also be paid on the amount borrowed. The loan repayment, including interest, will go into the TSP account.

When separating from the uniformed services, investors have the following options with their TSP account:

- Receive a single payment. All or a portion of the account can be transferred to an Individual Retirement Account or other eligible retirement plan (e.g., a 401(k) plan or civilian TSP account). Tax-exempt contributions to the TSP are not eligible for transfer to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan. These contributions will be paid directly to the investor. However, earnings attributable to the tax-exempt contributions are eligible for transfer to an IRA or other retirement plan.

- Request a series of monthly payments based on a dollar amount, a number of months, or life expectancy. All or a portion of certain monthly payments can be transferred to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan.

- Request a TSP annuity. At least \$3,500 must be in the account to purchase an annuity.

- Leave the money in the TSP. Although unable to continue to make contributions, investors will continue to accrue earnings and be able to continue to make interfund transfers. Withdrawals from the account must begin no later than April 1 of the year following the year the investor turns age 70½ and are separated from service.

Any tax-deferred money with-

drawn before age 59½ as a financial hardship in-service withdrawal is subject to the IRS 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. The money will also be taxed as regular income for income tax purposes.

Withdrawals made by those who separate from service during or after the year in which they turn 55 are not subject to the early withdrawal penalty. Those who separate before the year they reach age 55 can transfer their TSP account to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan (e.g., 401(k) plan or civilian TSP account) or begin receiving annuity payments without penalty.

Members of the uniformed services are subject to the same spousal rights rules as are civilian FERS participants. Spouses must consent in writing to all loans and in-service withdrawals. Additionally, when making a post-separation withdrawal, the spouse has a right to a specified form of joint annuity (i.e., no cash refund, 50% survivor benefit, level payments). Those who do not want this type of annuity must have their spouse waive his or her right to it in writing.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board administers the TSP. However, investors should contact the office in their service branch that is responsible for administering the TSP with any questions about their account or if their personal information is incorrect.

The TSP has a contract with the NFC in New Orleans, La., to provide record keeping services for the TSP. NFC maintains the accounts of TSP participants, including those for members of the uniformed services, and mails out semiannual participant statements to all TSP participants.

The TSP Service Office at NFC processes contribution allocations, loans, withdrawals, and inter-fund transfers, as well as participants' designations of beneficiaries. The TSP Service Office is also the primary contact for information about accounts after separation from the uniformed services.

For more information on the TSP, visit their website at: www.tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html.



Bigger Bytes

Master Sgt. Dale Bussell, left, and Staff Sgt. Robert Brown upgrade the base's network infrastructure with additional hardware to expand the capability and reliability of the system. Both are Network Operations and Security Center-Deployed installation team members with the Communications Squadron.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Carole Steele

R and R

Pool Tournament

There will be a pool tournament on Dec. 21 in Recreation Tent P-5. Players should sign up now through Dec. 20 at the Recreation Tent in P-6.

Standard eight-ball rules apply. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all participants on Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Recreation Tent in P-6.

Audio Books

Services now has books on cassette and CD. A list is available at the Recreation Tent. Audio books may be signed out for a week at a time.

Base Club

The base club will now be open from 8-10 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Volunteers are needed to help bartend. This is a great way to raise money for squadron booster clubs as the groups that bartend keep all tips for their cause.

Services is also looking for people to DJ. Those interested in bartending or DJing may sign up at the Recreation Tent.

Talent Search

The Christmas Party committee is looking for anyone with talent to participate in the basewide party on Dec. 25.

Any kind of talent will be considered such as singing, joke telling, dancing, juggling, etc.

Those interested should sign up by Dec. 17 by e-mailing Capt. Karen Hines at: karen.hines@seeb.af.mil.

Armed Forces Salute

To honor American men and women fighting for freedom, the Walt

Disney World Resort and the Disneyland Resort are providing active U.S. military personnel complimentary admission into Disney's U.S. theme parks, as well as ticket discounts for family members and friends.

Disney's "Armed Forces Salute" will be offered Jan. 1, 2002, to April 30, 2002, by both the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and the Disneyland Resort in California.

Active U.S. military personnel, with proper U.S. military identification, are eligible, including active members of the United States Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard or Reservists.

For more information or to make reservations, military personnel may call 407-939-7424.

Disney Cruise Line is also extending special rates to active military personnel from January 2002 through May 2002. For more information, check out their website at: www.disneycruise.com or call 888-325-2500.

Sports

Services Clinches 3-On-3 Tourney

By SrA. Bruce O'Guinn
Fitness and Recreation

The 3-on-3 basketball tournament kicked off Dec. 7 with the Services Flight taking on the team everyone thought would win it -- CE-Daniels.

To everyone's surprise, Services beat CE-Daniels and put them in the second round. The next game of the night put APS vs. CE-Jordan. APS took the victory in a hard, physical game.

The next game of the night was

Supply against Security Forces and SFS advanced due to forfeit.

CE-Farrell was in the next round due to a bye.

The second round kicked off putting Services vs. APS. This was a physical, hard-fought match with Services winning on a last second shot by Tyrone Ceaser. This advanced Services into the semi-finals.

Security Forces then beat CE-Farrell in a close game.

Next, the losers bracket began with

two CE teams going head to head. CE-Daniels took the game with no problem as CE-Jordan just didn't have enough gas to play the taller, faster team.

APS went into the quarterfinals with a forfeit by Supply.

CE-Farrell had to wait to play on Saturday against the loser of the Services vs. SF game.

Saturday's action started off with a great game between CE-Daniels and APS. APS took the victory from CE-Daniels in a very close game.

The next game was the semi-finals between Services and Security Forces. SF went to the loser's bracket to play CE-Farrell.

CE-Farrell pulled the big upset of the night beating Security Forces.

The semi-finals for the loser bracket put APS against CE-Farrell. APS had no problem beating CE-Farrell. It looked like CE-Farrell was out of gas after their earlier meeting with Security Forces.

This put Services against APS one last time for the championship.

APS would have to win twice to win the tournament while Services only had to win once. Services took the victory in a close, come-from-behind win, making them the 3-on-3 champions.

Services went through the bracket undefeated. Does this mean they are the ones to watch out for in intramurals? Who knows, but stay tuned, it should be very interesting.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Carole Steele

Staff Sgt. Tyrone Ceasar goes up for a shot during the 3-on-3 basketball tournament championship game on Saturday. Ceasar and his teammates, Staff Sgt. Kenny Clark, SrA. Sam Daniels, SrA. Narvell Hunt and SrA. Bruce O'Guinn won the game and the championship for the Services Flight. Their opponents on the APS team were Staff Sgt. David Cummings, far left, SrA. Brandon Banks and A1C Anthony Calogero.

Sports

This Week in Volleyball

(763 ESS Services Report)

The "game to watch" in intra-mural volleyball was held Friday between CES Team 11 and CES Team 17. Results from this game will be posted in the next issue of *The Dusty Times*.

As of Wednesday, EOD/CONS Team 13 was still undefeated with a record of 8-0.

CES Team 17, which was inadvertently not mentioned last week as being a contending team, stands at 6-0.

CES FD 1 Team 11 is 8-1 with the

one loss coming from EOD/CONS.

The season will be wrapping up on Wednesday and the playoffs will start on Thursday.

The top six teams will advance and play a double elimination championship tournament.

There will be a 4-on-4 volleyball tournament on Christmas Day which will be open to everyone that would like to play. This should allow the advanced players a chance to show who is the best on base. For specifics, see the *Sports Shorts*.

STANDINGS

(as of Dec. 12)

1. EOD/CONS (13)	8-0
2. CES (17)	6-0
3. CES FD 1 (11)	8-1
4. 10 MED (5)	5-2
5. 250 TH (10)	3-3
6. CES (1)	3-5
7. EAS (15)	2-3
8. CES FD 2 (12)	2-5
9. MED (9)	2-5
10. SFS (4)	1-5
11. TRANS (16)	1-6
12. MED (7)	0-6

Sports Shorts

Pickup Soccer

Pickup soccer matches are being held on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at the soccer field on the flightline side of the road that runs between the supply warehouse and tent city.

Everyone is invited to come and join in.

For more information, call TSgt.

Ric Sochor at cell phone 923-6221.

Hot Shot Basketball

Services is sponsoring a hot shot basketball tournament that will be held on Dec. 22 from 2-4 p.m.

Players will shoot five shots from designated points on the floor. Points vary from spot to spot depending on distance and difficulty.

Players may sign up now through Dec. 21 at the Recreation Tent.

4-on-4 Volleyball

A four-on-four volleyball tournament will be held Dec. 25 beginning at 9 a.m. This will be a single elimination tournament.

Players may sign up now through Dec. 23 at the Recreation Tent.

Chess Tournament Standings

- (TIE)
David Struble (3 points)
Cliff Giampietro
- Floyd Recto (2.5 points)
- (TIE)
John Grant (2 points)
Rodel Dungca
Aaron Drumgoolle
- Colin Dolin (1.5 points)
- Med Recibe (1 point)
- Shannon Lynch (.5 point)

Win = 1 point
Draw = .5 point



Your Move

Staff Sgt. Rodel Dungca, left, and Capt. Pete Fernandez battle it out on the board during the base chess tournament currently underway. Each player plays a match every day. Current standings, to the left, are as of Thursday.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Carole Steele