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The Wright Times will not be published again until Jan. 10.

The deadline for stories for that edition is Jan. 3 at noon.

Happy Holidays from all of the WT staff!



The Anthrax vaccine: Behind the shot

By Airman 1st Class Samuel King Jr. Public Affairs

The anthrax vaccination is making its way to the airmen of Seymour Johnson, but before it inhabits bodies and the base, people should be aware of its history.

Anthrax, or bacillus anthracis, was the first bacterium to cause any kind of disease. In 1877, Robert Koch produced the organism in pure culture and created an experimental anthrax by injecting the strand into animals.

Most natural anthrax is found growing on the bodies of dead animals. Humans can be infected with it through contact with the remains of an animal.

The bacterium is not specific to any

part of the world but human cases of disease are extremely rare.

There are three ways for people to be infected with the virus. The first and most common form is called a cutaneous infection, which means through the skin. The virus enters through a cut in the skin and forms an itchy bump like an insect bite, but within two days forms an ulcer with a black center and then continues to spread throughout the body. Twenty percent of untreated cases of cutaneous anthrax result in death.

The second form is inhalation anthrax and is received through breathing in infected dust particles. The first symptoms resemble the common cold, but with its extremely rapid growth rate, death usually occurs in most cases.

The third form is gastrointestinal

anthrax, which occurs from the consumption of contaminated meat. Initial signs of nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting and fever are followed by abdominal pain, vomiting of blood, and severe diarrhea. Intestinal anthrax results in death in 25 percent to 60 percent of cases.

The actual anthrax toxin, whose properties were not recognized until 1954, has a lethal mode of action that is not understood at this time. Death seems to be due to oxygen depletion, secondary shock, increased vascular permeability, respiratory failure and cardiac failure. Death from anthrax in humans or animals frequently occurs suddenly and unexpectedly. The level of the toxin in the circulation increases rapidly late in the disease.

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Staff Sgt. Timothy Roe, an Allergy and Immunization Technician, displays the needle used for the Anthrax vaccinations. An experimental form of the Anthrax organism was first created in 1877.

Senior Airman Charity Jules / WT

TSP Open season ends Dec. 31

Wright Times Staff Report

Civilian and military employees still have time to sign up for or change Thrift Savings Plan accounts during the current open season.

"With the holiday season rapidly approaching, we want to remind everyone that open season dates have changed and this year ends earlier than in past years," said Janet Thomas of the civilian Benefits and Entitlements Service Team. The last day TSP open season elections can be made is Dec. 31.

Greg O'Donoghue, personnel finance manager at Seymour Johnson thinks this tax deferred program is a great step for airmen to take to start saving, and he even has a way for people to justify the deduction.

"If airmen say they don't have the money, then the deduction can be from the January raise that's coming up. The TSP is an excellent place for that new income to go, and it will only benefit them in the long run," O'Donoghue said.

Changes made after Dec. 1 will become effective the beginning of

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UP-FRONT FOCUS | Correctional Custody

FTAC class tours CC facility

By Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski Public Affairs

Seymour has a new way to encourage airmen to stay out of trouble. The First Term Airmen Center staff has begun escorting those enrolled in the FTAC program to Camp Lejeune, N.C. to see and tour the Correctional Custody Unit, brig and, on a lighter side, the Marine Corps Exchange.

"We've been trying to start this up for some time, but we always seemed to run into snags," said Master Sgt. Rob Spaulding, FTAC superintendent. "We've seen some troubled airmen receiving Article 15s and sent to CC, so we wanted to do something as a deterrent to keep airmen from going down that road."

Thirty-six students and three staff members were bused to the Marine installation, about 90 miles from Seymour. The tour began with six volunteers from the FTAC class participating in a mock indoctrination in front of the rest of the class while all stood at the position of attention and observed. Two corporals very loudly impressed upon the airmen what the rules and expectations of them would be



Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski / WT

(From left to right) Airman 1st Class Vincent Kalem, Joshua Cameron and Airman Howard Schmitz were introduced to life at Camp LeJeune's Correctional Custody Unit Dec. 10 where the class learned, amongst other things, how to sound off - Marine style.

as "awardees" - as everyone in CC has been "awarded the opportunity to better themselves."

The FTAC "awardees" then had to quickly perform various teamwork-building tasks and then sound off with a resounding "Awardee (name) reports mission accomplished,

aye-aye, Corporal, ERR!"

"My dad was in the Navy, and I've seen CC instructors break people down before," said Airman 1st Class Joshua Cameron, one of the volunteers.

"I knew it was all a mind game, but I wanted to show the instructors as much respect for their job as I would hope they

would show for mine."

That respect and enthusiasm was well noted by Spaulding as well as the Marines.

"Airman Cameron was great; he really took the exercise seriously and it gave me a bit of pride to hear the chief warrant

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Polar airmen earn an "A"

By 1st Lt. Brandon Lingle Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Airmen with service time in the Arctic Circle are now eligible for a new Overseas Short Tour Ribbon device.

A bronze-colored letter "A" device will recognize active-duty, Reserve and Guard members who complete a short tour at latitudes higher than 66 and one-half degrees north. Thule Air Base, Greenland, located 950 miles below the North Pole is the northernmost U.S. military base and currently the only one within the Arctic Circle boundary.

Airmen on active duty Feb. 10, 2002 and after can wear the "A" device, regardless of when they served in the Arctic.

This is the first new device since 1990, when the "M" device - for contingency support - became available for wear on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, said Tech. Sgt. Jeff

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Under construction

Berkeley gate improvements to begin next week

By Airman 1st Class Samuel King Jr. Public Affairs

A major revamping process begins at the Berkeley Boulevard gate Monday in hopes of making the lives of the 4th Security Forces Squadron and the people accessing the base a little easier.

"There are four changes that the construction will provide," said Maj. Richard McComb, commander of 4th SFS.

The changes coming will give an overhead cover for the gate guards during bad weather and heat, increase the parking area around the visitor's center, as well as widening the inbound and outbound roads and creating side areas for car inspections.

The construction has been split into four phases so

the gate can maintain functionality, with minimal delays.

The first phase which is scheduled through January, will only allow one lane outbound and there will be no Elm Street exit from the visitor's center. The second phase which is planned through March will allow only one lane inbound, but both outbound lanes will be used. In the third phase, which is scheduled through April, there will be one lane in and outbound. During the last phase, which is scheduled to end in May, the Berkeley gate will be closed on weekends and the visitor center will be located at the Oak Forest gate during down times.

"These modifications from the construction will help us in the random anti-terrorist inspections with safety and security," McComb concluded. "But it will also help our customers in gaining access to the base."

First flight



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Wolfe / USAF

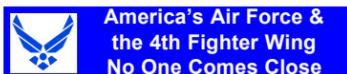
KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. (AFPN) - Surviving members of the family of John Daniels, one of the few eyewitnesses to the Wright brothers' first flight, place a wreath at the foot of a monument commemorating the event during a celebration of its 99th anniversary held at the Wright Brothers National Memorial.

Weekend weather

Saturday Partly Cloudy
High: 58
Low: 34

Sunday Cloudy
High: 56
Low: 36

Weather information provided by the 4th OSS weather flight.



America's Air Force & the 4th Fighter Wing No One Comes Close

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To the team: *Thank you for making us "Forth but First"*

By Col. Rick Rosborg
4th Fighter Wing Commander

As we enter the heart of the holiday season, Elizabeth, Matthew and I would like to extend our warmest holiday wishes to the members of the 4th Fighter Wing and "Team Seymour."

We have been through a challenging and fulfilling year. Our duties this year covered everything from Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom to the Air Combat Command Installation Excellence Award and the Daedalian Maintenance Trophy, and you are the reason we have been and continue to be "Forth but First."

Your dedication to the mission, commitment to excellence, and unmatched professionalism have not gone unrecognized and have made a lasting impression on our community, Air Force and nation.

This holiday season is a time to focus on your most precious resource-your family.

Enjoy your time off and show your family how much you appreciate them.

Also, as you sit down with our families during the upcoming holidays, please keep your thoughts and prayers with those men and women who are currently deployed, defending our way of life. Their dedication to duty during a time when most are with their loved ones is a testament to their selfless service to our country.

We want each of you to enjoy the holiday season, but we also want you and your families to remain safe. Plan for the worst-case scenario, know your personal limits and know when your friends are exceeding theirs. Step forward, apply risk management and common sense during your holiday. Finally, don't drink and drive.

Once again, thank you for all that you do and may you have a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone return safely to meet the challenges ahead in 2003.

ACC commander sends holidays wishes

By Gen. Hal Hornburg
Commander, Air Combat Command

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) - During this holiday season we are once again reminded of how fortunate we are to serve our Nation.

To each of you - whether home or deployed - I extend my sincere thanks for a job well done. Your dedication, professionalism, and selfless service inspire our Nation, our allies, and peace-loving people around the world. It shows our commitment to making the world safe from terror.

Take some time this holiday season to reflect on the importance of your family and loved ones. Without their support, we

could not achieve our goals.

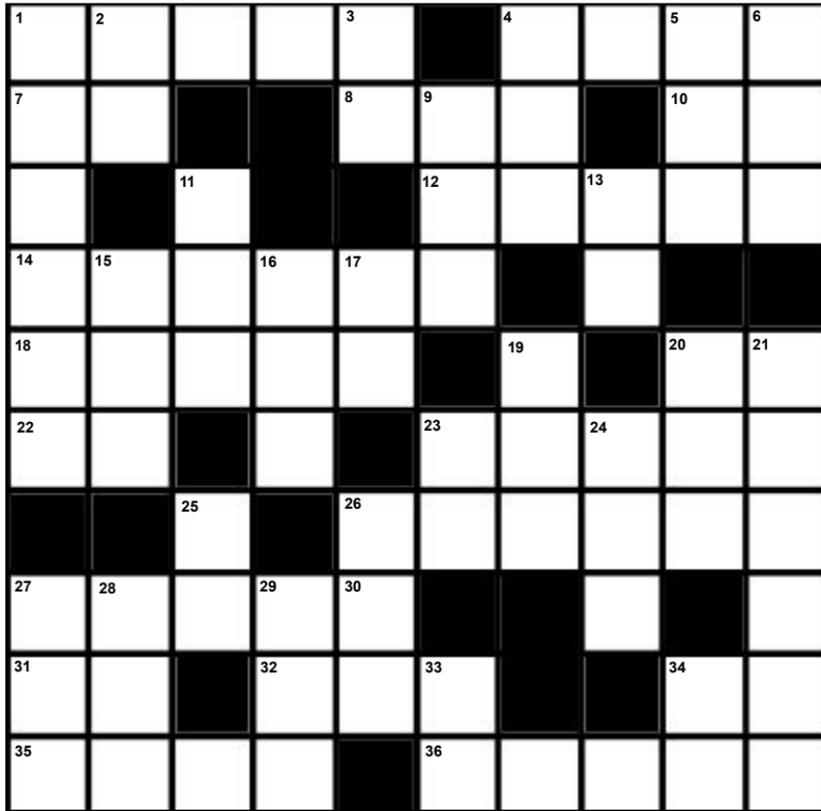
Families are an integral part of the ACC team, and I will continue to ensure they are well taken care of when worldwide commitments take us away from home.

Cynthia and I thank you for the sacrifices you and your loved ones make every day-and especially during this holiday season. We wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.



Happy Holidays

By Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski



ACROSS

1. With 36 across, gift bringer
4. Naughty or ____
7. Elvis' daughter (inits.)
8. Toast follower
10. Video game company (inits.)
12. Jack ____
14. Homes for neighbors of 1 across
18. Presents
20. Disneyworld state (abbr.)
22. Half a laugh
23. Hawaiian island
26. Holiday potent portable (two words)
27. Places for ornaments

DOWN

1. Vehicle for one across
2. Time for gift opening
3. "___ the World Turns"
4. PBS radio equivalent
5. Military org. that keeps heaters running
6. Dinner action
9. "No, ___, and/or butts"
10. "Star Trek" ensign
11. Helper for 1 across

13. Off opposite
15. Role for Angelina
16. Bridge from sgt. to lt.
17. Windows NT, i.e.
19. Holiday travel woe: jet ____
20. NYC toy company: ____ Schwarz
21. Colorful house decorations
24. Compass dir.
25. "Let it ____"
26. Psychic's power (abbr.)
27. "Insert ____ A into slot B"
28. ____ Speedwagon
29. 9/11 heroes
33. "It's a Wonderful Life" dir.
34. Gold sym.

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Gen. Jumper and Dr. Roche salute members of the Air Force

By Gen. John Jumper
and Dr. James G. Roche
Chief of Staff of the Air Force
and Secretary of the Air Force

In this season of thanksgiving and reverent celebration, we send our warmest wishes to our entire Air Force team of Active, Guard, Reserve, Civilian, and retired airmen, and to

your loved ones and families.

As defenders of America, we salute you for your honor, courage, and commitment - values worthy of our nation's deepest gratitude and profound respect. For each of you who voluntarily wear the uniform of our nation, this holiday season offers General Jumper and I an opportunity to simply say - thank you.

To those separated from loved ones during this special time of year - whether a result of a deployment or mobilization - we send our heartfelt appreciation for your sacrifice and willingness to bear the burdens of freedom.

Your devoted service underscores all that is great about America and in an era of grave new challenges to the

values of liberty and equality, you represent the strength of this diverse land, and symbolize all that is good about your generation.

Wherever you are stationed or deployed, we urge you to reflect on the abundant blessings and privileges we enjoy as Americans.

Indeed, we are richly blessed. But with such riches come responsibility;

the responsibility to preserve and defend freedom-loving people, and to ready ourselves for the future battles we must fight for our nation.

In this season of giving and thanks, take a few moments to reflect on the value your gift of service brings to every man, woman, and child in

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Seymour Johnson's Action Line is brought to the base by 4th Fighter Wing Commander, Col. Rick Rosborg.

It provides a communication channel for people to obtain information and assistance in making Seymour a better place to live and work.

The colonel asks that before calling the Action Line, people try to resolve their particular problem with the responsible base agencies listed here:

Base exchange	735-8512	Military pay	722-5373
Chaplain	722-0315	AFOSI	722-1220
Civil engineering	722-5139	Public Affairs	722-0027
Civilian pay	722-5358	Safety	722-4093
Commissary	722-0321	Security forces	722-0121
Military equal opportunity	722-1180	Services	722-5331
Inspector general	722-0008	Transportation	722-5089
Housing maintenance	736-7021	Travel pay	722-5362
TRICARE	(800) 931-9501	Youth center	722-0339

722-0006 or 4fwactionline@seymourjohnson.af.mil



To place an ad in the Wright Times, call the Goldsboro News Argus at 778-2211

BAH!

New housing allowance rates set

Wright Times Staff Report

The Department of Defense released the 2003 Basic Allowance for Housing rates Dec. 12, continuing the Department's initiative of reducing military members' out-of-pocket housing costs, as well as protecting other elements of the program.

In total, the planned increase in housing allowance funds for 2003 is about \$800 million above the 2002 amount.

Average increases in BAH range from 1 to 27 percent by grade with the typical increase in the range of eight percent. For example, while stationed at Seymour, an E-5 with dependents will receive \$698 per month for BAH, compared with the \$615 in 2002.

Out-of-pocket expenses have been reduced from 11.3 percent last year to 7.5 percent this year for the average servicemember and are expected to fall to 3.5 percent by 2004. This increase is the third in a series of steps to bring the average member's out-of-pocket expense to zero by 2005.

An integral part of the BAH program is the provision for rate protection for all members. No matter what happens to housing costs in the area, no one will see their BAH rate decrease. This policy ensures that anyone who has made long-term commitments in the form of a lease or contract will not be penalized if their housing costs decrease.

To find out what your BAH might be, use the zip code search at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdie/m/bahform.html>.

Making the Air Force lethal

Precision Guided Munitions shop implements Pope's wartime training

By Airman Cassandra Locke
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs



Airman Cassandra Locke / 43rd AW

Staff Sgt. Paul Wenzl, a munitions inspector with the 23rd Maintenance Squadron, inspects 5.56 mm ball rounds.

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. - Hidden in the shadows of Pope, the 23rd Maintenance Squadron performs their mission within the fenced-in, gate-guarded bomb dump located down Vass Road in Spring Lake.

"The precision guided munitions shop's primary focus is to ensure that munitions are readily available for any training scenario," said Staff Sgt. Esteban Martinez, PGM crew chief.

The PGM shop is one of nine maintenance squadron shops that operate in the bomb dump. All nine belong to a tenant unit here, the 23rd Fighter Group, that is attached to the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. The shop is responsible for testing the guidance control unit of the Air Intercept Missile-9 Sidewinder, an air-to-air missile, and the Training Guided Missile-65

Maverick, an air-to-ground inert missile. They are both carried by the A-10s.

"It's our responsibility to determine the quality of the training munitions we provide for the two bases to sharpen their wartime skills," said Martinez.

The guidance control unit of the AIM-9 enables the 200-pound missile to home in on target aircraft engine exhaust, Martinez said. The unit can be used anytime and in electronic countermeasures conditions. The PGM shop tests the TGM-65, a non-lethal air guided missile, so it can be used for training purposes here, said Airman 1st Class Brian Lilley, PGM crew member. Lilley said they test the Maverick with power and software, while locking it onto a target to see if it is functional for training use. The AGM-65 is the live missile designed for close air support and defense missions. The missile strikes a realm of targets including

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Support our troops

But don't send care packages

Wright Times Staff Report

With the holidays approaching, thousands of Americans are again asking what they can do to show their support for servicemembers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war.

People are asked to not to send letters, cards, and gifts through the military mail system because of security concerns and transportation constraints.

Additionally, the Department of Defense cannot accept items that are mailed to "Any servicemember"

Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's address, which however well intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays.

While it would be inappropriate for DoD to endorse any specific organization, servicemembers do value and appreciate such expressions of support.

Therefore, DoD has compiled the Web sites of several organizations for people who are interested in participating in programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas:

- Donate a calling card to help keep servicemembers in keep in touch with their families at Operation Uplink at <http://www.operationuplink.org/>

- Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at www.OperationDearAbby.net

- Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America site at <http://www.defendamERICA.mil/>

- Make a donation to one of the military relief societies:

Army Emergency Relief at <http://www.aerhq.org/>

Navy and Marine Relief Society at <http://www.nmcrs.org/>

Air Force Aid Society at <http://www.afas.org>

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at <http://www.cgma.org/>

- Donate to "Operation USO Care Package" at <http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html>

- Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at <http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/>

- Volunteer at a Veterans Affairs Hospital. Find locations at <http://www.va.gov/vetsday/>

Error fuels base service station blaze

By James Coburn
37th Training Wing
Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) - A 50-year-old retired technical sergeant was severely burned on both legs after static electricity ignited gasoline as he filled gas cans in the bed of his pickup truck at the base shoppette here.

Lackland Fire Chief J.L. Ball said a placard on the gasoline pumps warns motorists to put gas cans on the ground to fill them, but people might not notice them.

In a video taken by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service store's security camera, four bystanders are shown frantically using their own clothing to help put out the flames burning on the man's gasoline-soaked pants legs and shoes.

Tech. Sgt. Ed Jones, a Warrior Week instructor and one of the bystanders, removed his battle dress uniform top and wrapped it around the man's legs to help extinguish the flames, but they kept re-igniting. Thinking quickly, he pulled a window cleaner reservoir from a rack at the pump and poured the water on the man's



Mario B. Gutierrez

Firefighters responded to the scene after static electricity ignited gasoline as a man filled gas cans in the bed of this pickup truck at the shoppette at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Static electricity can ignite gasoline fumes, according to safety officials.

legs.

A shoppette mechanic rushed the man to nearby Wilford Hall Medical Center in his pickup. Jones, who accompanied the man, also was treated for minor

burns he received as he smothered the flames.

Safety officials have warned people not to fill gas cans sitting inside vehicles or in truck beds because of the danger of gasoline

vapors being ignited by static electricity.

Another hazard reported recently is getting back into a car

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OPSEC doesn't stop for the holidays

By Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski
Public Affairs

An explosive ordnance disposal team and members of security forces responded to the visitor's center Dec. 4 after two containers of unidentified chemicals were left behind the building. The incident turned out to be two bottles of window cleaner, however, and some forethought and attention to operational security could have avoided needless hassles and saved valuable resources.

OPSEC doesn't take holidays, and because of that fact, Master Sgt. Adrian Asselin, the 4th Fighter Wing's anti-terrorism superintendent, reminds everyone to stay vigilant during the season.

"Everyone needs to make sure they take the appropriate security measures," Asselin said.

In addition to taking the regular precautions

with mail and other packages, Asselin also reminds people that it's important to discard things properly to avoid mistakes like the incident at the visitor's center.

"Don't leave things outside your dorm room just because you don't want to walk down to the dumpster," he said. "Everyone on base should break down their boxes and discard them in a recycling bin."

Asselin also suggests reminding friends and family to wrap cookies or other treats and to use proper titles, labels and return addresses to avoid any confusion as to the source of the package. If you don't know who sent you something, have it checked by its tracking code or call security forces at 722-STOP.

When calling about a suspicious package, make sure you have a description, location and any other information that may be needed.

Things to look out for on suspicious packages include restrictive markings, excessive postage, misspelled names, protruding wires and stained or damaged wrapping.



Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski / WT

ALS: 34 Seymour airmen join NCO ranks

Wright Times Staff Report

Thirty-four airmen joined the NCO ranks last week when they graduated Airman Leadership School.

Senior Airman Shane Jennings of the 4th Component Maintenance Squadron received the John L. Levitow Award. Senior Airman Jabari Giles of the 4th Logistics Readiness Squadron received the

Leadership Award. Senior Airman Darla Gibson and Timothy Lansdowne from the 4th Operation Support Squadron were Distinguished Graduates, and Lansdowne also received the Academic Achievement Award.

The other ALS graduates are Senior Airman Kristy Singleton of the 335th Fighter Squadron, Senior Airman Teany Velazquez of the 4th

Medical Support Squadron, Senior Airman Leah Morris of the 4th Mission Support Squadron, Senior Airman Jennifer Dubea, Joseph Pollock, Jennifer Holmes, Norlishia Harris, Wonda Ross and Andre Glover of the 4th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior Airman Harold Baine, Patricia Feliciano, Marcus Hall and Nivea Hall of the 4th Security Forces Squadron, Senior

Airman Wendy Gibson of the 4th Services Squadron, Senior Airman Amanda Lopez and Staff Sgt. Timothy Roe of the 4th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, Senior Airmen Steven Sloan and Matthew Latham of the 4th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Airman Jayson Harris, Felicia Smith and Jennifer Haynes of the 4th Operation Support Squadron, Senior Airman Amy Daniels of the 4th

Contracting Squadron, Senior Airman Lashae Snider of the 4th Comptroller Squadron, Senior Airmen Nicholas Brooks, Keith Chism and John Torres of the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Senior Airmen Chad Quesenberry, Derrick Penner and Ergun Uluc of the 4th Component Maintenance Squadron and Senior Airman Julia Robinson of the 4th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

NEWS BRIEFS

Major selections announced

Congratulations go to all major promotes:

Capt. Paul Hibbard, 4th Fighter Wing; Capt. Steven Johnson, 4th Operations Group; Capt. Eric Jachimowicz, 23rd Fighter Group; Capts. Daren Sorenson, George Truman III and John Deyonke, 4th Operation Support Squadron, Capts. Tab Brinkman and Walter James, 23rd Operations Support Squadron; Capt. Raymond Blaney, 4th Training Squadron; Capts. Kelley Marcell and Clinton Mixon, 333rd Fighter Squadron; Capts. John Fotheringham, Sean McCarthy, Jeffrey Ray, Kirk Rieckhoff and Shannon Rogers, 335th Fighter Squadron; Capts. John Fitzsimmons, Gregg Kopeck, Christopher Niemi and Dylan Wells, 336th Fighter Squadron; Capt. Robert Cadwallader II, 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Capt. Lee Nelson, 4th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Capt. Holly Ginn, 4th Medical Operations Squadron and Capt. Timothy Middleton, 4th Medical Support Squadron.

MFH and Strike Eagle closed today

The Strike Eagle Hardware store and military family housing flight will close today at 11:30 a.m. for an official function.

Spring registration under way

Registration for the spring term is underway through Jan. 3 at the base education office. For more information, call 722-5800.

Tax volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help Seymour with the annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Volunteers receive free training by the IRS in exchange for working a few hours each week during the tax season. Active duty, family members and retirees can all volunteer. For more information, call 722-5322.

Another ride home

Anyone needing a ride home when Airmen Against Drunk Driving is not available may call the fire department for a ride at 722-4109. AADD is available Fridays and Saturdays 11:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. at 722-3333.

Storage sheds still available

The 4th Civil Engineer Squadron has 6' by 6' storage sheds for base housing residents. A sign-up roster is posted on the counter of the Strike Eagle Hardware, and will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. The sheds weigh about 70 pounds and come with pavers for the floor and four bags of sand to form a base. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kimberly Danihel at 722-0303.

MDG automates kids' shot records

The Seymour Johnson public health office now has the capability to automate children's shot records. Some of the benefits associated with this program include ready access to a child's immunization history, centralized data storage which is transferable from base to base, and on-schedule immunizations when primary care managers review the stored information. People with children under three years of age must bring a copy of their child's shot record to the immunizations clinic and a technician will update the database.

For more information, call the immunizations clinic at 722-1845 or public health at 722-1172.



Dec. 11-17

This section of the Wright Times features excerpts from the 4th Security Forces Squadron blotter entries as provided by the 4th SFS.

Theft: An unsecured bike was stolen from base housing and a cell phone was taken from a person's coat at the enlisted club this week.

Unauthorized photography: Film was confiscated when someone was caught taking unauthorized photos of the flightline. Remember to call Maintenance Operation Center before taking photos of aircraft.

Threat: An airman was apprehended for threatening and attacking another airman.

Drug possession: Two people were apprehended for having a substance suspected to be marijuana. The first incident was in a civilian's car during a random inspection and the other was found along with drug paraphernalia in base housing.

Robbery and threat: Two military members were suspected of stealing a skate helmet from a minor and making a threat after a dispute at the shoppette.

Domestic disturbances: An airman was arrested for assaulting his wife during an altercation in base housing that resulted in damage to government property.

Underage drinking and driving in a government owned vehicle: An airman was apprehended for three different crimes, yet he was caught doing all three at the same time. The airman was drinking underage and then was caught while driving a GOV.

Vehicle stickers: Don't forget to replace the "02" vehicle sticker before the new year. The stickers expire Dec. 31. Avoid delay, act today.

FTAC: Visits CC at Camp LeJeune

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officer compliment all of our airmen," Spaulding said.

The class was taken around the facility to see the open-bay barracks, academic instruction room and other training areas. A corporal answered questions to dispel some of the mystery surrounding the specifics of CC.

Awardees lack privacy, perform hard labor, participate in physical conditioning (Marine Corps style), and are still required to observe military customs and courtesies. Those enrolled in FTAC are given minimal personal time and often use what they are granted to prepare for inspections, the Marines explained.

"It's like basic training times 10," commented Airman Maria Rosales. "I don't even want to come back to visit."

Spaulding also hopes to improve the tour of the brig at Camp Lejeune, which will give those enrolled in FTAC the next level of perspective on the consequences of bad decisions. He also commented that the goals of the field trip are twofold:

"By actually seeing the facilities, this becomes all too real for people and they will know exactly what they'll experience if they get in trouble," said Spaulding. "But also, we are mentoring these airmen to be future supervisors, and they know what they might send their future subordinates to if it ever comes to that."

According to Airman 1st Class Vince Kalem, the visit definitely had an impact.

"This experience makes me want to stay out of trouble," he said. "If everyone saw what we did, we'd all be better airmen."

Spaulding is happy with the way the program is progressing. He hopes to one day open it up to other squadrons so supervisors or other interested individuals will have the option of sending potentially troubled individuals along with an FTAC class. The trips are scheduled twice a month to ensure that all first term airmen can experience the tour.

"If we can save just one airman from going down the wrong path," Spaulding said, "it'll be worth it and we'll have done our job."



Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski / WT

Airman Nathan Thompson pauses to admire photos of Marine heroes past as the FTAC class is ushered through a narrow hallway during the tour.

LETHAL: Wartime training begins

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armor, air defenses, ships, transportation equipment and fuel storage facilities. "We provide a central protection for our pilots by ensuring the quality of the training munitions," said Lilley.

The infrared seeker allows the pilot to launch the missile and then take evasive action while the missile guides itself to the target, Lilley said. This would take place in

a wartime scenario with the AGM-65, but the inert training munitions tested at Pope are not released from the aircraft. The munitions items cannot be used in wartime and training scenarios until they are thoroughly inspected by the munitions inspection shop. "We receive and inspect all of the assets for PGM prior to their testing of them," said Master Sgt. Lawrence Shellhammer, munitions inspector. The

shop inspects all of the explosive items that come through Pope. "We assure that any munitions item is a safe and reliable product," said Tech. Sgt. Larry Keys, munitions inspector.

Senior Airman Cleveland Brailsford, PGM crew chief, said the duties of a PGM crew member highlight Pope's wartime capabilities. "Without the ammunition flight, it's a non-lethal Air Force."

TSP: Season ends AF: Says 'thanks'

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the following pay period for civilians and the following month for military.

For more information or to sign up, call 722-1123 or visit the Thrift Savings web site at

<http://www.tsp.gov/> or the BEST homepage at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm> and for Air Force military personnel at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

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America and around the globe. Your gift is freedom, and all who live under its protective wings benefit from this great offering of peace and hope. Whether you live here in the United States, or are stationed in a foreign land, the shelter

and security of the Stars and Stripes goes with you.

To all members of the world's greatest Air Force, we offer our most sincere thanks for all that you do for America. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and hope for peace in the New Year. Happy holidays!

In the spotlight

Airman 1st Class Melissa Moreno

Hometown:
Corpus Christi, Texas

Job Title:
Intelligence Analyst

Strongest attribute:
I strive for success in all I do

Worst flaw:
Impatient and self-critical

Personal goals: **4th OSS**
To further my education and be successful in my career field.

Most memorable moment at Seymour:
Being given the opportunity to receive combat survival training.



A: New device

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Simmons, superintendent of awards and decorations here.

The new award recognizes the isolation, harsh climate and limited services airmen deal with at extreme northern latitudes. Temperatures around minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit are common at Thule and the nearest "town" is the village of Qaanaaq, 65 miles away.

A morale visit to Thule in 2000 by the former commander of Air Force Space Command led to the rekindling of an idea for Arctic recognition, which was submitted in 1999, by former Thule airman, Tech Sgt. Edward Crowson, now a Master Sergeant at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, officials said.

Crowson proposed an Air Force Arctic service award after hearing about the Navy's Arctic Service Ribbon from some visiting Navy divers.

"I never expected anything to come of it and quite frankly, I'm floored," said Crowson who had

all but given up on his idea since he'd originally been informed that it had been rejected.

"Thule was something totally different than anything I've ever experienced. I'm really glad that this got approved, especially for everybody there now," he said.

An Antarctic Service Medal has been given to members of all branches who served there since 1946 but there is no universal award denoting Arctic service.

The "A" device needs to be centered on the Overseas Short Tour Ribbon officials said. If the wearer has oak leaf clusters, the "A" goes to the wearer's right of them. Only one "A" can be worn.

The "A" devices are expected to arrive at clothing sales stores and military personnel flights by next summer, said Lt.Col. Mike Goolsby, chief of recognition programs at the Pentagon.

"The Arctic service device is part of an ongoing strategic plan to ensure Air Force people get the recognition they deserve," he said.

334th triumphs as V-ball champs

By Airman 1st Class
J.G. Buzanowski
Public Affairs

With a pair of 15-8 wins, the 334th Fighter Squadron's defeated the 4th Equipment Maintenance Squadron in the intramural volleyball championship game Dec. 13.

The 334th dominated the season with a healthy mix of offense and defense, but most importantly, teamwork.

"We're a strong team all around," said team captain Keith Gibson. "Everyone got involved and we played as a unit."

The first game began with the teams going back and forth, jockeying for control. The game stayed even at 5-5, and then 7-7, until the 334th's Ferrelle Smith delivered four of his signature jump serves to give his team an 11-7 lead. Although the EMS team had two more possessions and tried to mount a comeback, the 334th allowed just one more point before taking the game.

"We knew all season it'd be our two teams," said the 4th EMS's Victor Babauta of the championship. "They're a really good team and that

jump serve was tough to deal with. It was rewarding to make it this far, but I think our passes were the only thing holding us down."

Capitalizing on that shortcoming looked easy for the 334th, as the team controlled both games with its tough serves. However, it wasn't just

power that kept the EMS off-balance, but the topspin Eric Durol put on the ball with his serves proved just as effective.

"It took a lot of practice, but it shows you don't have to have a jump serve to be good," Durol explained. "Mine is a fast serve with a fast topspin that makes the ball drop as soon as it clears the net."

EMS found seven of Durol's serves too difficult to handle throughout the second game, but that wasn't Durol's only contribution. He also proved to be the go-to setter for the team.

"These guys are awesome when they swing," Durol said, "but there aren't any hits without a setter. I've played for 18 years and found that's my favorite position to play."

In addition to Smith and Gibson, Durol constantly set up Chuck Kirk, a retired colonel.

"I just wanted to come out and play," Kirk said. "I put my name in a players pool and was lucky I got on such a good team."

There were many factors that made the 334th a good team, and ultimately, champions.

"We never gave up," Gibson said. "We had strong hitting, a tough defense and great serves, but when it comes down to it, we were all out here to have fun."



Senior Airman Charity Jules / WT

In a repeat performance from the quarter finals, Ferrelle Smith, of the 334th Fighter Squadron, powers the ball past three members of the 4th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Dec. 13.

Sports Shorts

Basketball

The fitness center is requesting letters of intent for the upcoming intramural basketball season. Scrimmage begins Jan. 13, and the season begins Jan. 20. The completely filled

out LOI's should be turned in by Jan. 5. For more information, call 722-0408.

Nutrition workshop

A diet and nutrition workshop is held Fridays at 11 a.m.

in the family support center. Topics vary from healthy recipes, food cost, hands-on cooking to cooking for picky eaters. For more information, call 731-1525.

Air Force wrestling

The Air Force is looking for men and women with experience and an interest in wrestling to apply for the AF

training camp March 2 to 15 at Mountain Home AFB Idaho and Colorado Springs, CO. The deadline for applications is Jan. 30. All men's and women's weight classes are open. For more information or an application, call 722-5298.

Coaches needed

The youth center is looking for basketball coaches for

many of the base youth teams. Coaching is open to active duty, retired or dependents. Registration ends tomorrow. For more information or to volunteer, call 722-0503.

BellaMorphosis

BellaMorphosis offers massage therapy sessions. The club also offers motivational weight loss meetings every

Wednesday at 6:45. To schedule an appointment, call 722-0413.

Diabetes education

Learn about the importance of diet and exercise in managing the fight against diabetes Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the health and wellness center. For more information, call 722-0579.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic Services

- Weekend Masses: Saturday - 5:30 p.m., Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
- Weekday Masses: Weekdays - 11:30 a.m. to noon
- Confessions: Saturday - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., weekdays by request
- The Catholic Women of the Chapel meets the first Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For information, call 751-0140.

Protestant Services

- Sunday services: 8 a.m. - Liturgical worship service
- 9:30 a.m. - Religious education, ages three through adult, meets in the community center
- 10:45 a.m. - Extended religious education
- 11 a.m. - Traditional service
- 12:30 p.m. - Inspirational service
- The Protestant men meet at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of every month.
- The Protestant women meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month.
- For more information, call 722-0315. To contact a chaplain after duty hours, call command post at 722-2679.

Jewish, Orthodox and Muslim Services

Call the chapel at 722-0315.

Crossword answers

Happy Holidays:

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Gather round: Story time begins Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Library youth room for children 3 to 6-years-old. Storyteller Na Na Belle hosts a program that consists of a story and an activity. For more information, call 722-5825.

Lunch at Shady J: The enlisted club offers a lunch buffet weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.75 and includes salad, soup, rolls, assorted desserts and beverage. Club members receive a \$1 discount. For more information, call 722-1192.

Happy New Year: The 4th Services Squadron hosts the New Year's Eve block party Dec. 31 from 5-9 p.m. in front of the bowling center. The event is open to all ages. Refreshments and activities will be available. For more information, call 722-5318.

Enlisted club New Year's party: The enlisted club hosts a New Year's Eve party Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$9 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Three DJs are scheduled for the event. Costs include party favors, a champagne toast and breakfast. For more information, call 722-1192.

Be a sandwich architect: The officers' club offers a build your own sandwich bar Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.75 for members and \$5.75 for nonmembers. For more information, call 735-8547.

Clean cars: The auto skills center offers car detailing services for cars, trucks, vans, and sports utility vehicles for people on base by

appointment. For more information or to make an appointment, call 722-1309.

Have a party: The community center is open Friday evenings from 6-8 p.m. for hosting youth or adult birthday celebrations. People provide the refreshments and the community center staff handles set-up and clean up. For more information, call 722-0339.

WOOFF fundraiser: The Welfare of our Furry Friends organization are wrapping gifts for donations at the Goldsboro Mall today from 5-8 p.m., tomorrow from noon to 8 p.m., today and tomorrow from noon to 8 p.m. and Dec 22 from 1-8 p.m. For more information, call 722-3924.

Trolley rides: Christmas trolley rides through downtown Goldsboro are Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 735-4959.

Museum: The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh offers many exhibits such as live animals, nature programs, art galleries and hands-on displays. Museum hours are Mondays through Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 733-7450.

Nutcracker: The Carolina Ballet and the North Carolina Symphony perform the Nutcracker through Dec. 29 at the Center for Performing Arts in Raleigh. For ticket information, call 919-834-4000.

Musical: A musical show titled "A Carolina Christmas"

will be performed at the Paramount Theater in Goldsboro today at 7:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (919) 689-9638.

Actors needed: Auditions are being held for Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn" Jan. 2 and 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Herman Park Center in downtown Goldsboro. People are asked to bring a prepared one-minute monologue. For more information, call 778-7300.

Christmas lights: Christmas light displays with nativity, Last Supper, and Old Glory are on display through Dec. 31 in Meadow, off NC route 96 on Godwin Lake Road. The free display is open Mondays - Thursdays, 5-10 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 5-11 p.m. For more information or directions, call (919) 894-4370.

N.C. State Capitol: Take a tour of the N.C. State Capitol, restored to the original 1840s appearance with furnishings, artwork, monuments and a State House exhibit. Tours are weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Public guided tours are Saturdays 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (919) 733-4994.

Got Doughnuts? The Krispy Kreme Doughnut factory located on Person St. in Raleigh offers a factory tour Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. through Dec. 31. For more information, call (919) 833-3682.

KITTY HAWK THEATER

Admission: \$1.50 for children, \$3 for Adults

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Formula 51 (R) 7 p.m.	Santa Clause 2 (R) 2 p.m.	Santa Clause 2 (R) 2 p.m.
Ghost Ship (R) 9 p.m.	I Spy (PG-13) 7 p.m.	Santa Clause 2 (R) 7 p.m.
	Punch Drunk Love (R) 9 p.m.	The Ring (PG-13) 9 p.m.

By Airman 1st Class Samuel King Jr. Public Affairs

Formula 51

Samuel L. Jackson and Robert Carlyle star in this action-drug comedy about an American chemist played by Jackson, who creates the new designer drug for the European underground and plans to make a fortune selling the formula. Those plans fail when he is comically mismatched with his English escort, played by Carlyle. Now the two have to get to the bottom of all the double crosses so the drug goes public and they both get paid.

Ghost Ship

This is another haunted house film, but this time it takes place on a ship. A boat salvage team happens upon the remains of a once luxurious cruise ship. Once onboard, the crew learns of the horrors that took place, and must experience them one by one until someone figures out a way to appease the evil within.

I Spy

Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson star in this mismatch espionage comedy about a top

U.S. spy and a cocky boxer teamed up to stop an arms dealer who has just stolen a new prototype stealth fighter. Hi-jinks ensue as the two opposites have to get along and work together to save the world.

Punch Drunk Love

Adam Sandler is the centerpiece in this romantic comedy that brings to life what it is like to fall head over heels in love. Sandler plays Barry Egan, a repressed and scared man who falls for a very endearing woman Lana, played by Emily Watson. However, choices Barry made before meeting Lana threaten his chances at happiness with her. Barry has to do everything in his power to keep that from happening.

The Ring

Naomi Watts stars in this gothic horror film about a supernatural videotape that if watched, the viewer will die in seven days. Watts discovers the tape through details following her niece's death, but when her own son watches the tape, she must discover the history and truth behind the images in time to save both their lives.

Shows subject to change. To confirm movies, call theater or check the theater marquee. For more movie information, visit the AAFES web-page at https://odin.aafes.com/conus_ner/seymour_johnson/movie.htm.

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Holiday hours for 4th Services Squadron Agencies

Library:

Dec. 24 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 25 closed, Dec. 31 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 1 closed.

Fitness center:

Dec. 25 closed, Dec. 23, 24, 26, 28 and Jan. 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Flight kitchen:

Dec. 25 to 29 and Jan. 1 closed.

Bowling center:

Dec. 24, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 25 closed, Dec. 31, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Jan. 1 closed.

Enlisted club:

Dec. 24 and 25 closed, Dec. 31, 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Jan. 1 closed, except the bar which will be open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Golf course:

Dec. 24, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 25 closed, Dec. 31, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 1 closed.

Officers' club:

Dec. 23 to Jan. 1 closed.

Auto skills center:

Dec. 23, 25, 26, 29, 30 and Jan. 1 closed, Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 31, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BellaMorphosis:

Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30, 31, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 24, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 28, 8 a.m. to noon and Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 closed.

Skeet and paintball:

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 closed

Animal care:

Dec. 24, 25, 28, 29, 31 and Jan. 1 closed.

Testing office:

Dec. 23 to Jan. 1 closed.

Child development center:

Dec. 24, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 25 closed, Dec. 31, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 1 closed.

Community center:

Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 25, 31 and Jan. 1 closed.

Family child care:

Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1 closed, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Youth center:

Dec. 24, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 31, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 closed.

Teen lounge:

Dec. 23, 27 and 31, 1 to 5 p.m., Dec. 24 and 26, 1 to 4 p.m. and Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 closed.

Changes to mail order pharmacy

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) - More than 400,000 military pharmacy mail order customers will be switched March 1 to a new TRICARE mail order pharmacy program, according to Army Col. William D. Davies of the TRICARE Management Activity.

Services will continue under the National Mail Order Pharmacy contract until Feb. 28, he said. The next day, March 1, Express Scripts Inc. will provide the services.

Davies, director of DOD pharmacy programs, said beneficiaries who have refills remaining on prescriptions as of March 1, will be transferred to Express Scripts so they can continue ordering medications on time, with a few exceptions.

"We can't transfer narcotics or other controlled substance prescriptions," said Davies. "Nor can we transfer compounded prescriptions, those that are

physically prepared by the pharmacy."

Medication that requires refrigeration is shipped through priority mail or a courier service, he said.

In early January, current users should receive a post card announcing the new services. That will be followed by a mailing which will include a registration form, a description of benefits and a brochure covering the TRICARE program.

Those eligible to use the current mail order program or the retail benefit are eligible to use the new TRICARE mail order program. New customers have to register for the program.

The usual delivery time for medication is five to seven days. The easiest way for patients to ensure they don't run out of their medication is to have the provider write for up to a 90-day supply with up to three refills. The beneficiary can request a refill once 75 percent of the medication has been used.

Patients can fill prescriptions three ways: by direct care at military treat-

ment facilities, the retail pharmacy network or the mail order program, Davies said. The direct care system serves the bulk of the beneficiary population, he said. About 2.5 million beneficiaries use the retail pharmacy network because they don't have access to a military facility.

Most of the beneficiaries who use the mail order program do so for chronic medication or maintenance medication needs, Davies said.

"We want beneficiaries who have long-term medication needs to consider using the mail order program. It provides up to a 90-day supply of most medications for a single co-pay, whereas they only receive a 30-day supply for a single co-pay in the retail network pharmacy system," he said.

For more information, including a complete section on the co-pay structure, visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil. Reservists can check the site for details of their benefits under the program.

Twelve days of safety tips

By Airman 1st Class
Samuel King Jr.
Public Affairs

The basic holiday safety briefing has a new twist this year. The guide to the holidays is brought to you by the people of the 4th Fighter Wing Safety office and Sparky the Fire Dog and is in the theme of '12 Days of Christmas'.

The first tip of the holidays safety briefs to you:

Be prepared physically for your road trip.

The second tip of the holidays safety briefs to you:

Avoid traffic problems and take your trip during daylight hours.

The third tip of the holidays safety briefs to you:

Thoroughly prepare your car before the trip.

The fourth tip of the holidays safety briefs to you:

Check all pertinent car components and emergency equipment.

The fifth tip of the holidays safety briefs to you:

Wear your seat belt and persuade others to as well

The sixth tip of the holidays safety briefs to you:

Be aware and cautious of other drivers on the road.

The seventh tip of the holidays Sparky now briefs to you:

Keep a live tree moist and check it often.

The eighth tip of the holidays Sparky briefs to you:

Make sure an artificial tree is labeled fire resistant.

The ninth tip of the holidays Sparky briefs to you:

Do not overload light sockets and turn off lights when leaving the house.

The tenth tip of the holidays Sparky briefs to you:

Be very careful with candles and never put them on the tree

The eleventh tip of the holidays Sparky briefs to you:

Watch children around holiday plants and candles.

The twelfth tip of the holidays the Wing now briefs to you: **Don't drink and drive!**

ERROR: Improper safety measures cause fire at Lackland

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and not touching a metal ground before returning to the refueling nozzle and causing a static electricity spark.

In a video of the incident, the man is seen standing in the bed of his pickup as he fills five 5-gallon gas cans (three plastic and two metal) over a period of several minutes before a flash fire erupts.

Lt. Col. Brian Mullin, a former safety officer at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, is seen driving up to an adjacent pump and

starting to fill his vehicle when he notices what the man is doing just before the fire.

Mullin, now undergoing instructor pilot training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said the retiree "did one of the classic things you shouldn't do ... refueling external gas cans (above ground) with plastic or rubber shoes on. This is an extremely textbook case of static electricity igniting an instantaneous fire.

"I was moving my lips to tell him, 'Sir, don't do that,' when the first flame started

in the back of his truck," added Mullin.

"I saw the flame, and I told him to jump," Mullin said. "He dropped the hose, which sprayed gas all over the truck. I told him to jump and run, which would have been really a good thing to do, but instead, he tried to throw the 5-gallon can that he had just fueled out the back to get it away from his truck, and that started the whole area on fire."

"So now he's on fire, the back of the

truck's on fire, and the can that just hit the ground started a big fire behind the truck."

The man ran between the burning truck and the pump toward the store before he dropped and rolled on the pavement.

Mullin ran after the man, ripping off his two T-shirts to beat out the burning clothes, "but they didn't do much good because they (caught) on fire," he said.

Jones used his BDU top on the flames, and another man and a

woman also helped the retiree.

Firefighters arrived on scene and extinguished the blazing truck five minutes after arriving.

Ball said the damage to the AAFES fuel pump was estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000 and to the retiree's 1993 Mazda pickup, \$2,500. The retiree, who received third-degree burns of his legs below the knees, later was transferred to local Brooke Army Medical Center's burn unit for further treatment.

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Recruiting's Raptor rolling at Seymour

By Senior Airman Beth Orlen
337th Recruiting Squadron
Public Affairs

The Air Force's newest recruiting tool, the Raptor, has made it to Seymour Johnson. The Raptor is a sport utility vehicle loaded with a high-tech sound and video system, and a data collection system that will be used at recruiting events to bring attention to the Air Force and its opportunities. The Raptor replaces the Air Force Experience Eagle trucks.

"It'll allow us to get back more into the grassroots recruiting, taking the Air Force to the local people," said Tech. Sgt. John Edwards, 337th Recruiting Squadron NCO in charge of marketing.

Edwards said he feels the Raptor is on the right track to recruit the Air Force's target audience - men and women, age 16-24.

"Most high school kids, (part) of our target market, are into music, vehicles and cool rims," he said, "and the Raptor has all of that."

Earlier this month, Edwards displayed the Raptor at a Carolina Panthers football game and North Carolina Central University where thousands of people talked about the vehicle's attributes.

"It's top of the line," said Edwards. "The Air Force went all out, even to the smallest details."

Details include a 42-inch plasma tel-

evision; a 2600-watt AM/FM, public address, CD and DVD capable stereo system with four 10-inch sub woofers, two 6.5-inch midrange speakers, four 2-inch high-end tweeters and two amplifiers; a backlit billet grill on the front; custom 20-inch rims with self-balancing, custom-center caps featuring the Air Force symbol; leather interior with the Air Force symbol embroidered on the headrests and custom blue, white and gray paint scheme.

"From talking to the kids, the coolest thing is the big screen plasma television," said Edwards.

But being cool isn't what it's about - generating leads is.

From the university visit alone, the squadron received seven officer leads.

"When you are talking about the nurse program and Officer Training School, (two of the hardest recruiting goals), that's pretty good," said the marketing NCO.

The vehicle is only the first part of the display.

In the near future, the squadron will receive a pull-behind, interactive trailer which serves as a mobile recruiting office and houses a scaled-down model of the F/A-22 Raptor fighter, said Air Force Recruiting Service officials.

The Raptor debuted at the nation at the UAW-GM 500 race at Lowe's Motor speedway in Charlotte, N.C., in October.

Thousands of people faced the wind and the rain to get a closer look at the



Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski / WT

Recruiter 1st Lt. D. Zerell Hall, Operations Flight Commander of the 337th Recruiting Squadron, discusses officer career opportunities with nursing student Nicole Porter while showing off the squadron's new recruiting vehicle, the Raptor.

display that includes two computer kiosks with Air Force information displayed on two 15-inch computer screens, and a CD/VHS/DVD player interfaced with a 42-inch plasma screen used to display recruiting videos.

There is also a fold-down porch used to give recruiters an area to talk to

potential applicants about the benefits of "Crossing into the Blue."

"It's going to provide, basically, a traveling Air Force billboard," said Jerry Thomas, an Air Force Recruiting Service spokesman. "It's another tool recruiters can use to attract the attention

of potential Air Force recruits.

"I think recruiters will see having another tool in their toolbox will provide great dividends as they visit high school venues."

The 337th RS will use the vehicle at North and South Carolina recruiting events, such as parades, festivals, sporting events and high school visits.

VACCINE: *The story behind the Anthrax virus*

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and it parallels the concentration of organisms in the blood.

Anthrax is a long lasting bacteria that if in specific conditions can live for many years and can only be destroyed by steam sterilization or burning.

Since inhalation of the dis-

ease is simple and unnoticeable many countries have experimented with anthrax as a biological weapon. Anthrax can be loaded onto other weapons as aerosols as well.

According to www.bact.wisc.edu, Iraq, Russia, North Korea and as many as 10

nations have the capability to

load spores of bacillus anthracis into weapons.

Which leads to the shot. The vaccination was put on a two-year hiatus when the manufacturer closed for updating and improvements. After the renovations the Federal Drug Administration licensed the facility to pro-

duce the vaccine again.

Problems and misconceptions about the vaccine were rampant throughout the military during the last administration. Those fears have subsided somewhat, but there is still hesitancy.

"There were a lot of misconceptions about the vaccine

regarding side effects, long term effects and more," said Maj. (Dr.) Robert Nyquist, commander of the Public Health flight. "This made people nervous about what was getting injected into them. We are desperately trying to change people's perception. The vaccine is safe. It's to pro-

tect our people and country and that is our biggest priority."

The three sources of the facts and figures of this history can be viewed on the Internet at these three websites: www.bact.wisc.edu, www.bt.cdc.gov, or www.anthrax.mil.