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## Remember military this holiday season

With the military's current operations tempo overseas and the holiday season rapidly approaching, thousands of Americans are asking what they can do to show support for servicemembers.

Although the Department of Defense does not endorse any specific venue, there are programs available that the military uses and appreciates.

Operation Hero Miles helps fund return tickets for soldiers stationed in Iraq who are participating in the Rest and Relaxation Program authorized in September.

As part of the program, soldiers can fly to Germany or Baltimore International Airport at no cost, but they are responsible for any additional travel costs. Returning soldiers are often required to purchase high-priced, last-minute airline tickets in order to spend time with their families. For more information visit <http://www.heromiles.org/index.html>.

The Army Air Force Exchange Service Gifts from the Homefront allows individuals to send Post Exchange/Base Exchange gift certificates to a loved one, family member or friend associated with the military. These certificates are redeemable by authorized patrons of the PX/BX and are redeemable at all locations around the world including deployed areas. For more information visit <http://www.aafes.com/docs/homefront.htm>.

Individuals can donate to Operation USO Care Package at <http://www.usocares.org/home.htm>.

The Gift of Groceries Program helps meet the family needs of Guard and Reserve troops fighting the war on terrorism. For more information visit <http://www.commissaries.com/certifcheck/index.htm>.

Operation Uplink provides telephone calling cards to help servicemembers keep in touch with their families. For more information visit <http://www.operationuplink.org>.

Operation Dear Abby allows a venue to send greetings via e-mail to deployed servicemembers. For more information visit [anyservice-member.navy.mil](mailto:anyservice-member.navy.mil) or <http://www.OperationDearAbby.net>.

The Defend America Web site allows individuals to sign a virtual thank you card to the servicemembers. It can be accessed at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>.

### Other avenues of giving

Individuals may also donate to any one of the following military relief societies:

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

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

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

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

**Special Operations Warrior Foundation** at <http://www.specialops.org/contribute.html>

**American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services** at <http://www.red-cross.org/services/afes>

**Patriot Bond Program** at <http://www.ustreas.gov>

**Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors** at <http://www.taps.org>

**National Military Family Association** at <http://www.nmfaf.org>

The Stars and Stripes newspaper includes a daily Messages of Support section giving family and friends of deployed servicemembers a chance to pass along greetings, announcements and words of encouragement. These messages are limited to 50 words or less and will be printed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Message may be sent to [messages@stripes.com](mailto:messages@stripes.com).

Individuals can also make an impact at home by reaching out to military families in their communities.

Those wanting to give should not flood the military mail system with letters, cards and gifts. Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the Department cannot accept items to be mailed to "Any Servicemember." Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's address. This, however well intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays.

The support and generosity of the American people has touched the lives of the more than 300,000 servicemembers deployed overseas.

*(Courtesy of the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs)*

## Continuing the fight against terrorism



CAPT. PETER KERR



STAFF SGT. JEFFREY A. WOLFE

(Above) Capt. Albert Lemaire, C-130 co-pilot, (left) and Capt. Charlie Bolton, navigator, diligently search the skies for other aircraft at a deployed location in Southwest Asia. Both captains are assigned to Pope's 2nd Airlift Squadron.

(Left) An A-10 Thunderbolt II drops a flare over Kirkuk, Iraq, Monday during Operation Ivy Cyclone. The aircraft is from the 74th Fighter Squadron. The operation is a combined-arms operation designed to root out and crush insurgents in Iraq.

## Aviation History Month: Generations of flight

By 2nd Lt. Cathy Royster  
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

*Editor's note: This is the third story in a series of four highlighting aviation history at Pope.*

Passing through the Reilly Gate, you may have noticed the airpark. Some may know cargo planes currently displayed there were once based here. But some may not know the war stories behind some of these aircraft.

From the Fairchild C-119 Packet "Flying Boxcar" to the C-130 Hercules, Pope aircraft have participated in various important missions during the Korean War, Vietnam and Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada.

The 30 year span, between the 1950s and the 1980s, brought dramatic changes for Pope's aircraft and their operations. Instead of watching "I Love Lucy," the base was busy training forward air controllers for the Korean War.

By 1954, the 464th Troop Carrier Wing, specializing in



POPE HISTORY OFFICE

Lockheed C-130E "Hercules" assigned to the 464th Troop Carrier Wing line up at Stanleyville, Republic of the Congo Nov. 24, 1964 during Operation Dragon Rouge, a mission to rescue American and Belgian citizens held hostage during a civil war. The 464th TCW received the Mackay Trophy for the most meritorious flight of 1964.

tactical airlift, had transferred to Pope. In order to support the wing's C-119s, the base continued to expand the main runway, taxiways and ramps.

As medium-sized twin-

engine transport, the C-119 was capable of carrying 42 troops or 10,000 pounds of cargo. The versatile aircraft was popular during the Korean War because parachutists, cargo, litter

patients or mechanized equipment could be carried.

It was life at Pope, however, the mission changed as the

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This weekend's weather as of Thursday

SOURCE: 43RD OSS WEATHER FLIGHT



Today: Clear, high 71, low 43



Saturday: Clear, high 76, low 47



Sunday: Clear, high 78, low 44

**Total AADD saves this year**

# 298

**Total DUIs this year**

# 25

Last DUI attributed to:  
A senior airman from the 75th Fighter Squadron

Groups with no DUIs this quarter:

- 43rd Airlift Wing
- 43rd Medical Group
- 18th Air Support Operations Group

as of Wednesday

For a free, anonymous ride from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. Friday to Monday, call AADD at 309-4252.

# AROUND POPE



Senior Airman David Merrick, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, prepares to take the hill in confidence. Before beginning the race, he said his one concern was slowing the car down. "If my brakes fail, I'll just use my slippers."

STAFF SGT. VICTORIA MEYER

## Squadrons get creative with boxcar designs

By Senior Airman  
Becky J. LaRaia  
Carolina Flyer staff writer

Sixteen organizations from around base brought their wheeled creations to be judged and raced at the annual Pope Box Derby, Nov. 13 on Reilly Street.



SENIOR AIRMAN BECKY J. LARAIA

Airman 1st Class Bill Barclay, a 2nd Airlift Squadron flight engineer, pilots the squadron's mock C-130 in the Pope Box Derby on Reilly Street Nov. 13.

Food booths and judging opened up at 11 a.m., and the race kicked off at 1 p.m.

The 43rd Maintenance Squadron made an outstanding showing by taking 1st and 3rd place with their cars sponsored by the Top 3 Association and Maintenance Activity Committee One. They were awarded \$500 and \$300 dollars to put toward squadron funds.

The second place prize of \$400 went to the 743rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron with their streamlined revved-up shopping cart. Master Sgt. Brad Bokkean drove the car accompanied by the squadron's mascot, a stuffed skunk toy he referred to as Speedy the Wayward Skunk.

Participants were required to keep the weight of the vehicle below 100 pounds, incorporate in each car a steering and braking

system, have at a minimum three wheels, and stay within specified dimensions.

The race route ran down Reilly Street from the Pope Club to the 43rd Comptrollers Squadron. A two-person pit crew was required to push and gain an initial momentum down the route.

Cars raced two at a time, and a double-elimination method was used to determine winners.

Before the race, participants were most concerned with maintaining control of their vehicles and stopping at the bottom of the hill.

Tech Sgt. David Edwards of the 43rd Maintenance Operations Squadron said, "If the brakes (on the vehicle) don't work, it's got a hole in it, and the driver can 'Flintstone it.'"

Some organizations had been working on their designs since the beginning of this year. Others only recently began preparing with fine-tuning previous year's designs or just throwing something together.

Several bets were on the 43rd Mission Support Squadron,



STAFF SGT. VICTORIA MEYER

Although Staff Sgt. John Mellish's first run of the 43rd Security Forces' box car ended in disaster, SFS got back in the game on a second run down the hill.

the derby winner from 2001. Airman 1st Class Daniel Lopez of the First Term Airman's Center was tasked to drive the car. Before the race he was confident and said although the car didn't look like much, it was a weapon in disguise.

Other organizations went in with a brand new design and a little less confidence.

The 14th Air Support Oper-

ations Squadron made it to the final round with their entry created approximately 4 hours before the race. The design was simple consisting of some boards, mountain bike tires and a pair of old crutches.

Awards of \$50 were also given to the 2nd Airlift Squadron for best theme and 43rd Maintenance Squadron Activity Committee Two for best design.

### Flight

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C-123 Provider starting replacing the C-119 in 1958.

A larger and more versatile aircraft, the C-123 Provider could carry 60 fully-equipped troops and operate from shorter, unprepared airfields. It was also popular for medical evacuation since it could carry up to 50 litters, but was most often used for in-country airlift and re-supply.

Remember Mel Gibson's movie "Air America?" The true story was based on the C-123, unfortunately not in a good light. It was used as part of a covert CIA airlift organization during the Vietnam War.

In 1963, while Sugar Shack by Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs topped the music charts, Pope's first C-130 Hercules, appropriately named the North Carolina, rolled on in. The new four-engine turboprop plane could carry a 17-ton payload. It also could carry more personnel — roughly 94 ground troops or 64 paratroops.

One of Pope's first official C-130 missions in 1964 was the Belgian Congo Airlift.

During a brutal civil war in Stanleyville, Republic of Congo, 14 C-130s carried Belgian and American parachutists into the city. The mission rescued nearly 550 American and Belgian citizens held hostage by rebel forces. In honor of their efforts, the 464th TCW received the Mackay Trophy from the National Aeronautics Association for "the most meritorious flight of the year."

The C-130's importance increased as tensions around the globe escalated. During the mid-to-late 1960s, Fort Bragg drop and landing zones were frequently used for the training of both aircrew and paratroopers for combat duty in Vietnam. Having the capability to provide rapid transportation for personnel and cargo to the unprepared airfields was invaluable to operations.

Years later, in 1983, 18 Pope C-130s performed once again. Responding to a last minute call-to-duty, Pope aircraft served as the primary staging site for Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada. Their main role was to transport Fort Bragg's Army Rangers at short notice. As the rest of the world danced to Duran Duran and David Bowie, Pope crews rescued nearly 700 American medical students and Grenada citizens.

From the Korean War to Operation Urgent Fury, Pope AFB kept it's people busy as it participated in some of the most well-known and significant operations. As technology changed, the missions at Pope adapted to meet the needs of a changing world.

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## AROUND POPE

## Fired up



2ND LT. MARK WILLIAM HANSON

Chief Master Sgt. Joe Renteria, 43rd Services Squadron, grills steaks for the annual Chiefs and First Sergeants Steak Sale Nov. 14. More than 700 steaks, along with baked potatoes, baked beans and rolls were prepared for ticket holders.

# Fallen loadmaster receives dorm dedication

Story and photo by Claire Dattilo  
Carolina Flyer staff writer

A loadmaster for the 374th Tactical Airlift Wing was chosen for a dorm distinction.

Dormitory 395 was dedicated honoring Tech. Sgt. Charlie Shaub Nov. 10.

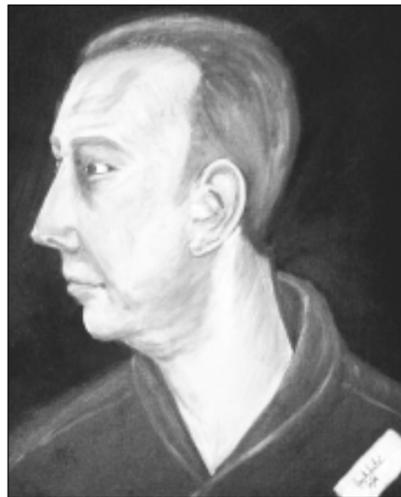
The dorm dedication ceremony is part of the Air Force memorialization program, which commemorates outstanding Air Force military and civilian personnel.

Sergeant Shaub earned the Air Force Cross and the William H. Pittsenbarger Heroism Award for his actions under fire on a mission over An Loc, Vietnam, April 15, 1972.

He served two tours of duty in Vietnam where he was also awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, six Air Medals and a Purple Heart.

Sergeant Shaub joined the Air Force in 1954 as an Air Passenger Specialist, the military version of a flight attendant, and was later trained as a loadmaster for the C-130E "Hercules" aircraft. He was ultimately promoted to Technical Sergeant and retired from the Air Force in 1976.

"Sergeant Shaub's performance as part of an airdrop mission to re-supply friendly forces with ammunition, distinguished him as a worthy recipient of the dorm dedication honor," said Staff Sgt. Chris Huelsenbeck, 2nd Airlift Squadron.



A portrait of Tech. Sgt. Charlie Shaub hangs in the first floor hallway of the newly dedicated Shaub Manor, the dorm named in honor of the decorated loadmaster.

During the mission, Sergeant Shaub's aircraft was hit by enemy fire, with one of the rounds piercing a pallet of ammunition and a hot air duct. As a result, the cargo caught fire and the air duct began releasing 700 degree air into the cargo compartment.

Sergeant Shaub had to release the pallets manually after the primary method failed. As the last two pallets cleared the aircraft, they exploded. A fire soon broke out in the cargo compartment. Sergeant Shaub reacted by grabbing the fire extinguisher, which was hot from the intense heat in the cargo compartment, and turned it on the flames.

Then, with two engines shut down, Sergeant Shaub manually cranked down the landing gear with badly burnt

hands and the help of another loadmaster."

"Sergeant Shaub's actions should serve as a reminder not only to loadmasters or aircrews members in general, but to everyone that he put his crew and aircraft above himself," said Sergeant Huelsenbeck.

His actions should also remind all in blue of what they are each capable of doing when the time and situation present themselves.

"Sergeant Shaub represents the Air Force core value of 'service before self' to the highest possible level," said Sergeant Huelsenbeck.

Others agreed Sergeant Shaub represented the kind of soldier young airmen should strive to become.

"It is an honor to be involved with a ceremony that recognizes the actions of a fellow loadmaster, especially during the Vietnam War," said Senior Master Sgt. Alex Madrigal, 43rd Operations Group.

"Young people need to know Air Force personnel have also witnessed the horrors of war. Since many young military people live in the dorms, this seems like a logical place to display the heritage of the USAF," said Sergeant Madrigal.

In recognition of his outstanding service, a commissioned painting of Sergeant Shaub and two of his medals will hang in the dorm's first floor hallway.

## Discuss money with your honey

Marital bliss can be undermined by financial problems, even if you're an "oldywed." There's no time like the present to implement sound financial practices.

Discuss money management before problems arise. Set aside times each month to sit down and evaluate progress.

Establish a realistic budget you can both live with. A good start is to track your actual spending for two weeks or a month.

Next, write out a spending

plan based on your actual spending and your shared values. Include irregular expenses such as emergency leave, car repairs and insurance, which you don't pay each month.

Pay yourself first before paying any of your other bills. Make savings a normal part of your budget.

Switch off financial chores. This way everyone gets involved in day-to-day financial decisions and is aware of financial concerns in case the primary financial manager is not available.

Save, invest and share information with each other.

More shared responsibility means you are better prepared for the inevitable financial surprises. Even if there's only one earner, financial decisions and goals should be shared.

Prudent financial behavior and planning doesn't guarantee marital bliss, but it can help smooth over some of the preventable rough spots in your relationship.

(Courtesy of the family support center)

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# Why does it take so long?

Commander's Helpline

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The Commander's Helpline is your direct link to Col. Frank J. Kisner, 43rd Airlift Wing commander.



If you have worked through normal channels and aren't satisfied, Helplines are an opportunity to ask questions, compliment someone or make suggestions. You must include a name and phone number for a response. Helplines of general interest will be published in the Carolina Flyer, others will be answered by letter or phone call.

Remember, the most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the responsible office or follow your chain of command.

You can call the Commander's Helpline at 394-4357 or e-mail to commandershelpline@pope.af.mil.

Helpful numbers

- Pope Clinic . . . . .394-4258
- Pass and Registration . . .394-2694
- Security Forces . . . . .394-2800
- Legal Office . . . . .394-2341
- Chapel . . . . .394-2677
- Military Personnel Flight . . . . .394-2276
- Pope Club, collocated . . . . .497-4031
- TRICARE Appointment Line . . .1-800-931-9501
- Civil Engineers . . . . .394-2821
- Inspector General . . . . .394-2302
- Family Support Center . . . . .394-2538
- Child Development Center . . . . .394-4323
- Kitty Hawk Inn Dining Facility . . . . .394-4377
- Housing Management . . .394-4867
- Bowling Center . . . . .394-2891
- Fitness Center . . . . .394-2671
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- AAFES Shoppette . . . . .497-8181
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Pope talks

By Claire Dattilo  
Carolina Flyer staff writer

## What are you most thankful for?



"Most importantly, family and friends."

— Airman 1st Class  
Brendan McGee  
43rd Civil Engineer Squadron



"Being home and not deployed."

— Staff Sgt.  
Derwin Dodson  
3rd Aerial Port Squadron



"My health and my family and friends."

— Senior Airman  
Andretta Gandy  
43rd Maintenance Squadron



"I am thankful for my friends and family."

— Master Sgt.  
Bryan Saving  
43rd Security Forces Squadron

By Maj. Marc Lopez  
43rd Contracting Squadron commander

Throughout my years in the contracting career field I have received a lot of customer feedback on the service that has been provided. Of course, like any other career field, there has been both praise as well as frustration received from our customers. I'd like to address one issue that seems to dominate every discussion I have regarding how we acquire goods and services.

The biggest concern is always, "This acquisition is taking too long to put on contract." Let me be the first to acknowledge that I feel your pain. We can all look to our personal lives and come up with multiple examples of how quickly we've acquired services and products. If I needed some roofing work done on my house, I'd ask friends and family for recommendations, as well as call a couple companies that offer that service, get some estimates and then check with the Better Business Bureau before I made my selection.

A few days at the most right? No argument there. So why does it take the government so long to procure similar projects? Very simply, it's to ensure we comply with Federal laws.

**"By keeping the lines of communication open and understanding the limitations we are faced with, we can forge a business strategy that will culminate in a successful contract."**

First and foremost is the competition requirement. Every company that can offer a service or product must be given an opportunity to bid. It is not unusual for the contracting office on a grounds and maintenance requirement, for example, to receive anywhere from six to 10 proposals. It takes time for source selection members to review these proposals and to come up with the one that will give the government the "best value."

Another reason we can't just open the phone book and call "Mega Large Construction Company" is because of the small business program. Congress wants to make sure small businesses receive a fair share of federal dollars. That means more competition. Roughly 90

percent of all businesses in the United States are categorized as small businesses and they employ about half of America's workforce. These small business entrepreneurs often bring innovative techniques and processes to the workplace, and it's important to give them the opportunity to compete.

Competition requirements and small business goal attainment are but a few of the many reasons why sometimes it "takes a bit longer" to put a service requirement on contract or seal a deal for large dollar product purchases.

The Federal Acquisition Regulation has 52 different parts that we, in contracting, need to abide by. That doesn't include various other laws, regulations and Air Force Instructions. But hey, I know every one of us has guidance that we need to abide by, the key is to understand each other's limitations.

The bottom line for a successful acquisition is communication and teamwork. We're here to assist you throughout the acquisition process. We'll ensure you understand the restrictions we're dealing with regarding your requirement.

By keeping the lines of communication open and understanding the limitations we are faced with, we can forge a business strategy that will culminate in a successful contract.

# AFSA: Not Just For Sergeants Anymore



By Staff Sgt. Steve Szeszko  
Air Force Sergeants Association

There are many reasons why people join professional organizations. Some of those reasons include caring for a military future, protecting the rights of the retirees, AFI 36-3618, the Enlisted Force Structure, tells them they should and some people join for fellowship.

Everywhere we turn, professional organizations, like the Air Force Sergeants Association, fill our mailboxes and e-mail accounts with information on issues that concern us the most. Issues like military pay increases, housing costs and TRICARE.

There are people lobbying congress on our behalf.

AFSA has a paid lobbyist on their staff to talk with our representatives ensuring the people who we elect to make decisions know what we are concerned about. AFSA is about the total force, and membership is not just for sergeants.

Pope's local chapter is a sponsor at all base awards ceremonies, such as quarterly annual awards and Airman

Leadership School graduations. The association is present in Fayetteville as well, with representation on the Cumberland County Veterans Council to the Freedom Memorial Park Fundraising committee.

If there is an issue concerning the Air Force veterans; we are there with a voice.

AFSA represents only Air force Enlisted people. The members are active duty, retired, former Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command or Air National Guard enlisted professionals and their families.

Action: You have a voice on Capitol Hill ... A voice that is heard. When Congress wants the enlisted point of view, it asks AFSA. And, we stay in touch with your elected leaders everyday.

Information: Sergeants Magazine sees the news from your perspective. You get Sergeants delivered to you eleven times a year.

Updates: Long before an issue becomes a done deal ... You will know about it. AFSA's toll-free Capitol Hill Update Line gives you the latest on pending and proposed legislation so you — and we — can react to effect policy.

Security: With affordable insurance programs, \$1,000 of accident insurance is yours with membership. Affordable group life, health, cancer, dental, youth and auto insurances are available.

Savings: With discount programs for you and your family, save 50 percent on eyewear, 10 percent and more on hotels, car rentals at lower-than-government rates and more.

Education: AFSA can help with scholarships and grants for you or your dependents. Get academic achievement scholarships through AFSA and the Airmen Memorial Foundation.

Services: Members-only services are chosen for your budget and lifestyle with more than 30 member services such as credit card programs, moving and relocation, discount eyewear and contact lenses and others.

Local Activities: Know others who share your concerns. Involvement in your local chapter brings you in touch with your local community. You'll meet others worldwide who share your concerns and interests.

Enlisted people working together: AFSA plans meetings and conventions for you. Lifetime friendships are formed here. These are planned with your budget as a top consideration and emphasize camaraderie and professional development.

While the general membership, to include spouses, meets monthly to explore community and congressional issues that affect the Air Force as a whole. If you would really like to explore us more, visit [www.afsa367.org](http://www.afsa367.org) for all the latest happenings around the community and the world.

We would be honored to visit your organizations whether individually or during commanders calls to let you know what Legislative Issues AFSA will be concentrating their efforts on this year.

Remember if you stand outside your house and scream, nobody is going to take much mind to you, but with 135,000 people screaming with you, you can make some people take notice, especially those in Washington, D.C.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Steve Szeszko at 394-2455 or e-mail at [Szeszko@afsa367.org](mailto:Szeszko@afsa367.org).

Above and beyond

## CES wins annual awards

The 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron received recognition within the 2003 Headquarters Air Mobility Command Outstanding Civil Engineer Annual Awards.

**Staff Sgt. John Dziok**  
Maj Gen Eugene A. Lupia Award, Outstanding Military Technician

**Lt. Col. James Welter**  
Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award, Sr Military Manager

**Lt. Col. Allison Hall**  
Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award, Air Reserve Component Officer Manager

**Master Sgt. Douglas Dean**  
Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award, Air Reserve Component Senior NCO Manager  
*(Courtesy of the 43rd Airlift Wing)*

## Process for submitting stories and photos outlined

Readers can use several options to submit a story for publication consideration for the 43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office's *Carolina Flyer* newspaper.

Articles, which include headlines, more than three paragraphs and facts supported by quotes, can be e-mailed, faxed, or hand carried with an accompany-

ing disk to the newspaper office.

The *Carolina Flyer* e-mail address is [Carolina.Flyer@pope.af.mil](mailto:Carolina.Flyer@pope.af.mil) and can be found on the Pope Global Address list. The fax number is 394-4266. The newspaper office is located behind the 43rd Comptroller Squadron building at 5453 Reilly Street.

Other submissions for the

newspaper, including briefs or announcements and story ideas, can be submitted using the same methods.

Photograph submissions can be either 3 inch by 5 inch prints, negatives or digital images with a minimum pixel dimension of 1,200 by 900 pixels. Photos and digital images may be delivered

in person on disk or e-mailed to the *Carolina Flyer*.

The deadline to submit articles is Friday noon the week before the next publication. The newspaper staff offers assistance in preparing articles for publication in the newspaper.

When submitting a story, remember to include the name of

the author of the story and a full name and telephone number of a point of contact in case the staff has questions about the article.

For more information and further details, call the editor at 394-4185, or send e-mail to [Carolina.Flyer@pope.af.mil](mailto:Carolina.Flyer@pope.af.mil).

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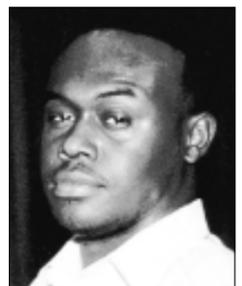
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43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron

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## News

*Editor's note: To maintain the newsworthiness and timeliness of the Carolina Flyer, briefs will run for a maximum of four weeks or until the event occurs, whichever comes first. If there's a need to extend the publication of the brief, call the editor at 394-4185.*

■ Undergraduate flying training board:

The next undergraduate flying training board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center March 2, 2004. The selection board will review applications for pilots and navigators.

Officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1974 and TFCSD after April 1, 1999 will be eligible to apply for UFT.

Applications can send the completed application, post-marked by Jan. 16, 2004 to HQAFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4733.

Applicants can advise commanders and supervisors providing Air Force Form 215 comments of the application deadline. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed. All applicants competing for pilot training must complete the basic attributes test.

For more information on application procedures, call James Whitaker at 394-3022.

■ Gatehouse meeting: A meeting will be held today discussing the designs for new gatehouses from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Civil Engineer Conference Room. For more information call 2nd Lt. Justin Youngbluth at 394-407.

■ PESA Christmas party: The Pope Enlisted Spouses' Association will hold its annual Christmas party and potluck dinner at the Log Cabin, 6 p.m., Dec. 3. New members are welcome, and babysitting will be provided upon request. For more information call Deanna Zambrana at 497-5420 or Maricris Farr at 826-9560.

■ Road Closure: Jackson and Capron streets will be closing for construction beginning Monday. Attempts to re-open the streets will be made as soon as they are deemed safe to

the general public. Both roads will tentatively re-open in February of 2005. For more information call 394-1035.

■ ALS graduation: Airman leadership school class 04-A is scheduled to graduate at 6 p.m. at the Pope Club Dec. 16. A banquet is also scheduled. The guest speaker will be Col. Frank Kisner, 43rd Airlift Wing commander. People who received an invitation from a student should R.S.V.P. directly to the student or by leaving a message at 394-4366. Individuals who received an invitation from ALS should respond to the staff at 394-4417. Due to the expected number of personnel wishing to attend and the limited number of seats available, R.S.V.P.s will not be accepted after Dec. 3. Military uniform is Mess Dress or Semi-Formal and civilians should wear after-six attire. Call 394-4607 for more information.

■ Reserve vacancy: The 302nd Airlift Wing Maintenance Group Reserve, Colorado Springs, Colo., has vacancies for traditional and full-time Air Reserve technicians.

For more information call Master Sgt. Brendt Traicoff at DSN 834-8095 or 1-800-446-9624.

■ Honor Guard vacancy: The Pope Honor Guard is looking for a new NCOIC. This is a full-time position requiring a temporary change of assignment for a minimum of a year and a half. Applications are available at the Honor Guard office. For more information call Master Sgt. Derrick Ritchie at 394-2732.

■ Air Force TV News: Videotape copies of Air Force Television News are available for checkout at Visual Information for commanders calls or other functions. The shows cover items of interest to Air Force people twice monthly. For more information call Bill Allen, Visual Information, at 394-4212.

■ CC apprentices graduate: A graduation of Combat Control Apprentice Course Class 04-01 is scheduled for Dec. 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Pope Club. Military personnel should wear service dress and civilians should

wear a coat and tie. The cost is \$18. Make reservations before the close of business Dec. 15 by calling 394-2811.

■ Administration vacancy: The 43rd Airlift Wing Command Section Information Management Office is looking for a master sergeant or technical sergeant with a strong background in reviewing high-visibility correspondence, leadership and management skills, knowledge of computers and the ability to interact with high-ranking officers. Call Master Sgt. Gibson at 394-2357 for more information.

■ Change in office hours: The Pass and Registration Office will close at noon on the last Friday of every month to conduct in-office training. During the closure, the Visitor's Center will remain open and will be able to issue vehicle and personnel passes.

■ Position vacancy: The Civilian Personnel Flight has temporary dietician opening available. Interested candidates must apply through the Air Force Job Kit Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs) or calling 1-800-699-4473. The job vacancy closes Nov. 20.

■ Testing information: College mathematics, English composition, natural sciences, U.S. history I and II, principles of accounting and Spanish exams will not be administered at the testing center until after Nov. 30. For more information, call the education center at 394-4692.

■ Thrift shop open: The Pope Thrift Shop hours of operation are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the first Saturday after the 10th of each month. Consignments can be taken from 10 a.m. to noon each day of business.

Call the thrift shop at 394-2427 during business hours for more information.

## Family

For more information on any of the Family Support Center's programs or to register for a class, call 394-2538.

■ Resume and interview workshop: This workshop is designed to teach effective resume writing and interview preparation. Topics of discussion include starting a job search, what information to include in the resume and which format to use, as well as preparing for the interview, interview attire, and interview questions. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on November 25.

Free child care is provided if available through the Family Child Care Program. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call FSC to register.

■ Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop: The three-day workshop is scheduled for Dec. 1-3 and is recommended for anyone planning to retire or separate from the Air Force within the next year.

To attend, members must request a registration form from the FSC and get signatures from their supervisor and commander authorizing attendance. Priority is given to members who are within six months of their retirement/separation date.

For additional information call the FSC. Pre-registration is required.

■ Separating or retiring?: Schedule your mandatory pre-separation counseling now. By law, all transitioning military personnel are required to receive pre-separation counseling no less than 90 days prior to leaving active duty. However, the FSC strongly recommends setting a pre-separation counseling appointment at least 180 days prior to separation. During pre-separation counseling, you will learn



about your benefits and rights, as well as the services that are available. You will also complete the DD Form 2648, Pre-separation Counseling Checklist, which is required for out-processing. Briefings are held at the FSC on Mondays at 9 a.m. for retirees and on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. for separatees.

Reservations are required. Call the FSC to schedule your appointment.

■ Welcome Spouse: This program is designed to help newly arrived spouses gain valuable information about Pope AFB and their new community.

Highlights include an information fair and a basic introduction to Air Force life for new spouses. The seminar will be held December 4 from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. at the Pope Club. Childcare costs can be paid by the FSC; however, attendees will need to make their own arrangements with an on-base childcare provider.

Call the FSC to make a reservation or for more information.

■ Hearts Apart Luncheon: A support group designed to assist Air Force spouses who are temporarily separated due to military TDY's, remotes and permanent change of station. Lunch will be provided Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Call the FSC for reservations. Limited child care is available, make sure to request this

service when calling.

■ Breakfast with Santa: Santa is coming to Pope. The FSC will host its annual breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Pope Club. Seatings with Santa are from 8 to 10 a.m. Every family can have their picture made with Santa. Bring your appetite and your camera. Reservations are required.

Call the FSC for more information.

■ Job vacancy: An upcoming military vacancy exists for a superintendent at the FSC.

The position is a special duty assignment (DAFSC 8C000) with a three-year controlled tour of duty and a possibility of a one-year extension.

Primary responsibilities include leadership and management support for FSC operations, FSC functional mission support, budget development and execution, information management operations and providing assistance to service members and families. Requires the grade of E-7 or E-8.

Interested applicants should submit a military resume and copies of their last three performance reports to 43rd MSS/DPF no later than Dec. 3.

Call the FSC Director for more information.

■ "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career": A representative from the Military Officer's Association of America, an expert on transitioning from the military to civilian employment, will be at the FSC Dec. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. to talk to transitioning officers, senior non-commissioned officers and spouses who are less than three years from separation or retirement.

To reserve a seat and for additional information call the FSC.

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# COMMUNITY

## Volunteer opportunities

*Editor's note: To request volunteers, submit briefs to the Carolina Flyer by calling 394-4185, e-mailing carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil or clicking on "Submit a Brief" at www.carolinaflyer.com.*

■ **Volunteers and donations needed:** The Pope Airmen's Attic is in need of donations. The Attic provides furniture and various items free of charge to E-5s and below with less than 8 years of service.

We are currently accepting furniture, small and large appliances, household goods, military uniforms, and maternity and infant clothing. All donations are tax deductible.

There is also a great need for volunteers. Free childcare is available. The Attic is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call Sheena Mitchell, Family Services Coordinator at 394-2119 for more information.

■ **Tour guides needed:** Volunteers are needed to provide tours of Pope to mili-

tary and civic groups including ROTC, Junior ROTC and veterans organizations. Tours will be pre-coordinated. Volunteers will use background materials provided by the Public Affairs office to conduct the tours.

Contact Ed Drohan, Public Affairs, at 394-4183 for more information.

■ **Tutors needed:** Pope Elementary School is looking for reading and mathematics tutors for third and fourth grade students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

Please call Annette Coleman or Rob Richardson at 497-6136 for more information.

■ **Young Heroes:** Call Capt. Megan Maslowski or Master Sgt. Daren Reid at 394-2341 to be part of a program that recognizes the courage, dignity and valor of youngsters who have battled or are currently fighting life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

■ **Heritage committee volunteers sought:** The

base Native American heritage committee is seeking volunteers to participate in year-round activity planning.

Interested people of any ethnicity should call Master Sgt. William Bedell at 394-4922 for more information.

■ **Role models needed:** Pope Elementary School is looking for "Cracker Jack Dads and Role Models."

To donate time and act as a male role model or mentor, call Dr. Joan Montgomery at 497-6136, ext. 130.

■ **Pharmacy help needed:** The 43rd Medical Support Squadron is seeking volunteers interested in performing limited duties within the base pharmacy.

Call Tech. Sgt. Susie Organ at 394-4873 or 394-1802 for more information.

■ **Civil Air Patrol:** Veterans, non-veterans and students between ages 12 and 17 can

attend Wednesday CAP meetings in the basement of the personnel building.

Call (800) 359-2338 or visit www.CAPnHQ.gov for more information.

■ **Volunteer retirees wanted:** The 43rd Airlift Wing is seeking veterans or retirees interested in volunteering to help with deployment preparations and to backfill stressed units on base.

Call 2nd Lt. Iris Coleman at 394-5600 for more information.

■ **On-base opportunities:** Volunteers are needed throughout the base. Openings currently exist at the American Red Cross, life skills center, dental clinic, Boy Scouts, family services center, Pope schools, thrift shop, youth center and more.

Call Wanda Mercial, the volunteer resource program manager, at 394-2538.

## Outside the gate

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Meetings are scheduled at noon Mondays through Fridays for AA and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Al-Anon at building A-4628 on Fort Bragg. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Syndi Wilkie at 394-4032 or 273-7452.

■ **Parent's Night Out:** The Spring Lake Recreation and Parks Department will host a Parent's Night Out Dec. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. for children ages 6 to 14. Fee is \$2 per child and includes a snack. For more information call the Spring Lake Recreation Center at 436-0011 or 436-0241 extension 602.

■ **Service Academy Info:** An information seminar

on the United States service academies is scheduled Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh. For more information call Maj. Sandy Willey at (919) 518-0784.

■ **Seussical, the Musical:** The magic and genius of Dr. Seuss is celebrated in this witty, wild and whimsical new musical that will be presented at the Givens Performing Arts Center at the University of North Carolina Pembroke, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. For more information or to order tickets call (910) 521-6287 or (800) 367-0778.

■ **Aquarium:** The North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher is offering several environmental-related classes throughout the month of November.

For more information or for a program schedule call 458-7468.

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# 100-percent tuition assistance available

Since October 2002, the Air Force has seen a significant increase in people taking advantage of the Department of Defense tuition assistance policy that pays 100 percent of the cost of tuition for off-duty courses, according to education officials.

"With the Air Force paying 100 percent TA, right now is the best time to go to college," said Charles Graham, an education technician at the Pope Education Center.

"The policy pays tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course," said Jim Sweizer, chief of the Air Force voluntary education branch at the Pentagon.

The policy also includes a

\$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling.

"In the past, we only paid instructional fees, such as a lab fee for science courses," Mr. Sweizer said. "Under the new policy, as long as the total cost falls under the authorized total, the student doesn't have to pay any money out of (his or her) pocket."

TA still cannot be used to pay for textbooks unless they are included in an academic institution's published tuition rates, he said.

However, according to Mr. Graham, there are two colleges at Pope that offer cost of books as part of their tuition rate.

Mr. Sweizer is concerned that with 100-percent TA available to airmen, some people may opt to waive contributing

to the Montgomery GI Bill. He encourages airmen to take advantage of the GI Bill's benefits.

"Not everyone will be able to complete his or her education while on active duty," he said. "Having the MGIB as an alternative for later use is a wise investment."

Individuals need to understand TA is available only to active-duty members to pay the cost of one associate's degree, one bachelor's degree and one master's degree.

The MGIB can also be used for second and third degrees, continuing education and technical certifications such as mechanics, vehicle operation and cosmetology.

He encouraged service-members to take advantage of all of their education benefits while they can.

*(Courtesy of Air Force Print News and 43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs)*

For more information call the Pope Education Center at 394-4692 or visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center at <https://afvec.Langley.af.mil/afvec>.

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(Above) Cecy Hu, custom frame designer, puts the finishing touch on framing a canvas.

(Left) Jen Salvemini, custom frame designer, carefully frames a canvas at the Frame Design Arts Center Nov. 14. The designers at the center receive around 14 to 20 orders a day. The hours of operation are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Frame and Design Arts at 394-4192.

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# Airmen get honorable, general discharges

The following is a summary of the administrative discharge cases given by commanders under of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in September and October. Note that in all the cases a discharge is given after progressive punishment has been tried and failed.

**A senior airman from the 23rd Maintenance Squadron** was notified of discharge for mental disorders. The airman was found medically unfit for continued military service. The airman was separated from the Air Force with an honorable discharge.

**An airman first class from**

**the 23rd MXS** was notified of discharge for mental disorders. The airman was found medically unfit for continued military service. The airman was separated from the Air Force with an honorable discharge.

**An airman basic from the 23rd MXS** was notified of discharge for drug abuse. The airman wrongfully used and possessed marijuana and received an Article 15. The airman was separated from the Air Force with a general discharge.

**An airman first class from the 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron** was notified of discharge for a pattern of

misconduct.

The airman wrongfully displayed obscene images from the internet on a government library computer, wrongfully and falsely altered his military ID card, used his falsified ID card with the intent to deceive, drinking under the legal age of 21 and misuse of his government travel card.

The airman received two Article 15s. The airman was separated from the Air Force with a general discharge.

**An airman first class from the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron** was notified

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# Airmen punished for not following rules

The following is a summary of the nonjudicial punishments given by commanders under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in September and October. Note that drug related offenses are also addressed in the administrative discharge arena as well.

**A senior airman from the 23rd Maintenance Squadron** was served an Article 15 for wrongful use and possession of a controlled substance. The airman used marijuana on more than one occasion and was in the possession of marijuana. The punishment was reduction to the grade of airman basic, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

**An airman basic from the 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron** received an Article 15 for failing to obey a lawful order. The airman wrongfully displayed obscene images on a government computer. The punishment was 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

**An airman first class from the 43rd CES** received an Article 15 for disrespect to a superior noncommissioned officer and failure to go to his appointed place of duty. The airman was disrespectful to his superior noncommissioned officer and failed to report to physical conditioning at his squadron. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman,

forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

**A senior airman from the 43rd CES** received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The airman failed to use his government travel card for official purposes. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction and a reprimand.

**An airman first class from the 43rd Maintenance Operation Squadron** received an Article 15 for writing worthless checks. The airman wrote sev-

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of discharge for homosexual conduct. The airman made a statement regarding homosexual desires. The airman was separated from the Air Force with an honorable discharge.

**An airman from the 3rd Aerial Port Squadron** was notified of discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. At a deployed location, the airman made highly inappropriate and derogatory comments about a supervisor on two separate occasions.

The airman was separated from the Air Force with a general discharge.

**An airman from the 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron** was notified of discharge for commission of a serious offense. The airman was involved in the off-base commission of grand larceny and breaking and entering.

The airman was separated from the Air Force with a general discharge.

**An airman first class from the 43rd Maintenance Operations Squadron** was notified of discharge for pattern of misconduct, specifically discreditable involvement with military or civil authorities. The airman was convicted of falsely making and uttering checks, stealing checks and currency of over \$500 from a fellow Air Force member.

In addition, the airman operated a motor vehicle with expired registration and insurance, and failed to pay a debt. The airman was separated from the Air Force with a general discharge.

**A staff sergeant from the 43rd Security Forces Squadron** was notified of discharge for unsatisfactory performance, specifically, failing to progress in On-the-Job Training. The sergeant failed the end-of-course exam. The sergeant was separated from the

Air Force with an honorable discharge.

**An airman first class from the 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron** was notified of discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The airman failed to obey orders and multiple failures to report to duty. The airman was separated from the Air Force with a general discharge.

**An airman first class from the 43rd CES** was notified of discharge for pattern of misconduct, specifically, discreditable involvement with military or civil authorities. The airman wrongfully displayed obscene images on a government computer and wrongfully used a government computer for personal use. The airman received two Article 15s. The airman was separated from the Air Force with a general discharge.

*(Courtesy of the 43rd Airlift Wing legal office)*

### Punished

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eral checks and failed to maintain funds in his account for payment of the checks. The punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, 15 days extra duty, 30 days restriction and a reprimand.

**A staff sergeant from the 43rd MOS** received an Article 15 for failing to pay a debt. The sergeant failed to make payments to his credit card accounts on several occasions. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

**An airman first class from the 43rd Maintenance Squadron** received an Article 15 for wrongful use of marijuana. The airman used marijuana on one occasion. The punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman, with a suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

**An airman basic from the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

received an Article 15 for making, uttering worthless checks and failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The airman wrote checks and failed to maintain funds in his account for payment of the checks. He also failed to go to work on one occasion. The punishment was 30 days extra duty, 30 days restriction, and forfeiture of \$50 a month for two months.

**A staff sergeant from the 43rd Comptroller Squadron** received an Article 15 for a false official statement. The member falsified the measurements on his weight management record. The punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman and a reprimand.

**A technical sergeant from the 43rd Communication Squadron** received an Article 15 for a false official statement. The sergeant falsified the measurements on his weight management record. The punishment was a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, 20 days extra duty and a reprimand.

*(Courtesy of the 43rd Airlift Wing legal office)*

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## AROUND THE AIR FORCE

# Discrimination, harassment hot line available

The Air Force's hot line for reporting unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment remains open for business. The quickest method to resolve complaints is by visiting the local base military equal opportunity or the equal employment office, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

"But the hot line is here for anyone who thinks they need to call, whenever they need to call," said Greg Den

Herder, the personnel center's executive director.

"We take the Air Force's 'zero-tolerance' policy for sexual harassment and discrimination very seriously," said Lt. Col. Lee Shick, chief of center's field activities.

The phone numbers are toll free (800) 616-3775, DSN 665-5000 or commercial (210) 565-5000. People overseas without easy access to overseas

lines can e-mail [contact.center@randolph.af.mil](mailto:contact.center@randolph.af.mil), visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) to send Web mail or chat live with a customer service representative. Letters can also be sent to the MEO office at HQ AFPC/DPSFOS, 550 C Street West Post K, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.

Officials said they accept calls from active-duty airmen, their family members, retirees, civilian employees and

cadets at Air Force commissioning sources.

Callers with a discrimination or sexual-harassment concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity counselor. The counselor explains the options to pursue a complaint. All complaints are channeled to the proper authority, officials said.

Cases can be referred for investigation — in most cases to the local com-

mander and MEO or EEO office officials.

Counselors take calls Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. After hours voice mail takes messages. Counselors return phone calls the following duty day, officials said. For emergencies, people should contact a supervisor, commander, command post or the police, officials said. *(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

# Executive Leadership Development Program available to Air Force

The Department of Defense has allocated a minimum of two Air Force nominees to participate in the 2004 Executive Leadership Development Program scheduled to begin in September 2004.

This program is designed specifically for highly motivated, active-duty officers who have

demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, commitment to public service, integrity and who have an interest in moving into senior management positions.

While placed in simulated environments, these officers must be able to operate in real-life situations which involve short dead-

lines, be receptive to a unique training methodology whereby the participants assume responsibility for their learning and have the ability to conceptualize and analyze problems effectively.

Military participants contribute a vital perspective on the missions, operations, culture and customs of the military and in turn, learn from their civilian counterparts and senior

managers/executives.

To be eligible, individuals be an O-4 and have completed Squadron Officer School and Intermediate Development Education.

For more information visit <http://www.afpc.Randolph.af.mil/pme> or call James Whitaker at 394-3022.

*(Courtesy of Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center)*

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# Chaplain recalls journey from communism

By Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor  
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs  
Lajes Field, Azores

They would have arrested and interrogated him if he were not so sick.

The Communist Party in Poland had heard enough of Father Stanislaw Pieczara's Masses on Dec. 14, 1981. Just one day before, Soviet Union-based martial law locked the nation down. Chaplain Pieczara prepared what he called a "joyful" Mass for the third Sunday of Advent.

However, as the iron curtain's shadow loomed, Chaplain Pieczara abandoned the more upbeat sermon to rail against the communist injustices.

"I couldn't preach the more joyful Mass because people were crying. A lot of mothers, fathers, husbands and wives were killed the night before," he said about the first hours of martial law. "It

was not a happy time."

Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara, one of three chaplains here, recalled his journey out of communism and into an Air Force uniform with vivid clarity: dates, times, places and even room numbers. The 52-year-old remembers the details that led him from a Polish schoolhouse to this Portuguese island — with stops in interrogation rooms, England and Indiana — instantaneously.

Chaplain Pieczara was stationed at Pope from the fall of 2000 to the fall of 2002.

The chaplain said he felt his calling to the priesthood as a 5-year-old growing up in Bagnow, Poland. An altar leader by fourth grade, the young Pole knew of nothing more he wanted to do than become a priest. By age 16, Chaplain Pieczara's sights were set on attending the seminary and joining the diocese in Krakow, Poland. Com-

munist, instead, stepped into his high school and lowered the curtain farther.

"At the end of my school year, one of my teachers tried to get all the children to become members of the Socialist Youth Party — and I refused," Chaplain Pieczara said. "When I refused, the teacher ensured me I would not make it through my next year."

Failing to finish school meant losing a spot in the Krakow seminary.

Devastated, the 16-year-old boarded a train from home to the school the next day to pick up paperwork. Slumped and sitting with a long face, Chaplain Pieczara made a chance encounter with his uncle, himself a priest.

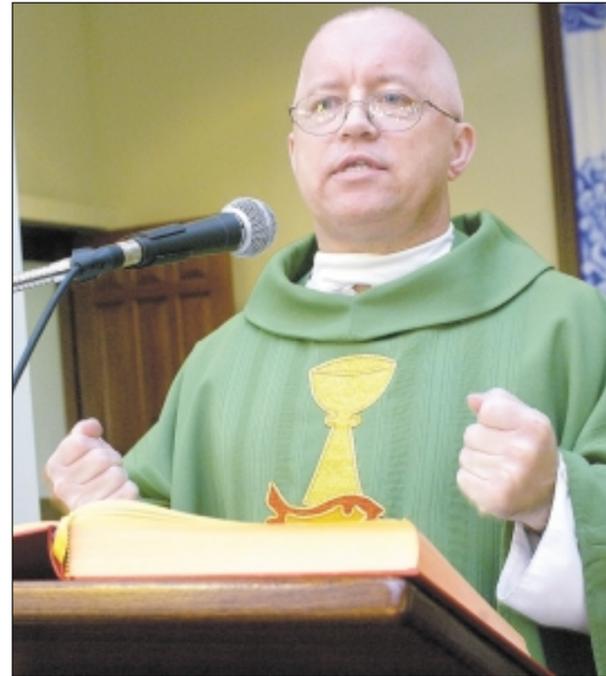
"He said 'Don't worry. I'll help you.' A week later I had an appointment with the provincial superior. Two weeks after that, I got a letter approving my

entrance into the lower seminary for three years," Chaplain Pieczara said.

Nine years later, the Catholic church ordained him a priest. When he could not join the diocese in Krakow, Chaplain Pieczara joined his uncle's religious fraternity, the Society of the Divine Savior.

Seven years after receiving his collar, the Communist Party came to haul him away. Chaplain Pieczara was so sick he almost died. The communists simply ignored him, thinking he would die; however, fortune was not as kind Dec. 30, when three members of the party showed up again — at 8 a.m. —

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STAFF SGT. MICHELLE MICHAUD

Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara celebrates Mass at the chapel at Lajes Field, Azores. Pieczara joined the Air Force in 1992, after receiving his U.S. citizenship. He is a 65th Air Base Wing chaplain.

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## AROUND THE AIR FORCE

### Chaplain

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and hauled him off to police headquarters — Room 206.

In a period of just 16 days, his faith was being tested. The fact that he had nearly died of blood poisoning got him out of this meeting before; however, the three men in long coats who stood before him saw him as fit enough to interrogate and began tossing "thousands" of questions, Chaplain Pieczara said.

"After four hours of interrogation, they got nothing," he said. "After that, I just started telling jokes. It made them completely mad."

Chaplain Pieczara said he knew their tactics well. In his first years as a priest, party members would follow him everywhere. He would duck and bob

in and out of places to evade them. He taunted them by bowing in his black outfit and cincture, smiling all the way.

Antics aside, he said he knew this was serious business.

"I was making fun of them, but at the same time, I was trembling. They could have killed me if they had a chance," he said.

By October 1983, enough, he said, was enough. He talked with Catholic officials in England who agreed to help him get his passport, teach him English and bring him to the United Kingdom.

Chaplain Pieczara wanted to leave. Thirty years of communist rule was enough. His father, who was interrogated and refused a job, was enough. His countrymen dying because of Soviet martial law was

enough. And the four hours he spent in Room 206 — weaving through interrogator questions until confidence and faith set him free — was enough.

Chaplain Pieczara never considered American citizenship when he bolted Soviet oppression in 1983. His eyes were fixed on Canada, Australia and, his first destination, England. He served the church in Great Britain for nearly four years.

However, his order asked him to move to Indiana in 1987. Chaplain Pieczara said he fought going but eventually conceded to the idea.

Fulfillment of another goal in his life was taking shape to become a chaplain.

"I always wanted to be a military chaplain — even in Poland," he said. "I gave up that idea

because I dreaded the thought that the communists would pay me. My father instilled in me a great animosity against the communists. We were occupied by the Soviets, and I did not want to serve the Soviets."

Conversely, the thought of serving the American military suited him just fine; however, when the goal reignited its flame in 1992, Chaplain Pieczara was not an American citizen. He asked a recruiting official at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., if he could become a chaplain without the citizenship and was told "no."

So, he called a few friends — like Senator John McCain — to pull a few strings. Still the answer was the same — no citizenship, no chaplain job.

On July 17, 1992, Chaplain

Pieczara earned his U.S. citizenship. Within a month, he was able to join the Air Force chaplain corps.

With 11 years of service, Chaplain Pieczara has deployed five times to places like Saudi Arabia, Cuba and Bosnia. He's one of 104 priests serving more than 68,400 Catholics wearing blue, said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

Adjustment to the military life took time. When he entered the service, he literally had nothing. The Salvatorians provided almost everything he needed — a place to sleep at the rectory, clothes, transportation and more.

"I had to buy everything from a needle to a car," he said. "I depended so much on the order. I learned to live and appreciate

how other people live."

Since then, Chaplain Pieczara said he has learned about diversity and working with other denominations to bring comfort to troops across the spectrum.

He admitted his work was not done. He still feels the frustrations any lay leader might. There are "difficult moments" that make him question his role in the chaplain corps, he said, but they are not nearly as difficult as arrest and interrogation. For that, he said he is thankful.

"There are moments — things that happen — that make me convinced that I should stay," he said. "When I see those moments, I see the reason why I am here. That makes it very worthwhile." (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

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AROUND THE AIR FORCE

**First call-to-service airmen graduate**

The first person to enlist into the Air Force under the National Call to Service program graduated from Basic Military Training on Nov. 14 at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Airman Hector Barreto of Ingleside, Texas, joined seven other airmen graduating who were among the first to take advantage of the Air Force's 15-month active-duty enlistment. Following graduation, Airman Barreto will train in the security forces career field.

National Call to Service is a congressionally mandated program passed as part of the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

The 15-month active-duty enlistment period begins after the completion of basic and technical training. The initial enlistment is followed by either a 24-month active-duty extension or selected regular Reserve duty. The recruit chooses how he or she spends the remainder of the military-service obligation — active duty, selective regular Reserve, inactive Ready Reserve or other national-service programs designated by the secretary of defense.



ALAN BOEDEKER

Airman Hector Barreto graduates from Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, Nov. 14. Airman Barreto was the first person to enlist in the Air Force under the National Call to Service 15-month enlistment.

The recruits will serve in one of 29 career specialties and receive one of three incentives that include a \$5,000 bonus, \$10,000 in college-loan repay-

ment, or education benefits mirroring the Montgomery GI Bill program, officials said.

*(Courtesy Air Force News Service)*

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AROUND THE AIR FORCE

# Rumsfeld: Up-or-out policy 'lousy idea'

By Kathleen T. Rhem  
American Forces Press Service

The U.S. military's "up-or-out" personnel policy is "a lousy idea," Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said in Yokosuka, Japan, Nov. 15.

Speaking aboard the USS Blue Ridge, flagship of the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet, the secretary told airmen, sailors, soldiers and Marines that he believes the practice of forcing people to separate or retire if they are not promoted is wrong for the military.

"There's something wrong with a process that (forces people to retire in their 40s)," he said. Other reasons to consider longer military careers are that people are living longer and that knowledge and experience are becoming more and more valuable, he said.

Secretary Rumsfeld made

brief remarks and took questions aboard the ship.

Secretary Rumsfeld's comments included remarks on the situation in Iraq and the importance of the U.S. military presence in Asia. He also spoke about a number of personnel issues. Aside from the up-or-out policy, Secretary Rumsfeld shared his thoughts on troop rotations, the balance of the active and reserve components, and civilian versus military people in various jobs.

Regarding assignments, Secretary Rumsfeld said he believes military servicemembers change assignments too quickly to "clean up their own mistakes." He said he is concerned people "just trip along the tops of the waves and never really get engaged."

He said he hopes to be able to lengthen the average length of military tours and expand the number of years people are

able to serve in the military.

He expounded on the virtues of the total-force concept as "the right concept."

"We need to have active-duty forces, and we need to have ready Reserve and Guard forces that are capable of supplementing the active force during a period of spike in activity, as we have now in Iraq and Afghanistan," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

"The problem we've got is

that we have an imbalance. We have people in the Guard and Reserve where we really need to have those skills on active duty," he said. "And we probably have some skills on active duty that would be better off in the Guard and Reserves."

A decrease in the total number of U.S. military forces is not likely, Secretary Rumsfeld said; however, an increase may eventually be in order.

"One of the things we can do is increase the size of the force," he said, "but we've got a lot of things we can do before we increase the size of the force."

Current commitments, such as in Bosnia, Kosovo and the Sinai, need to be looked at very closely, he said. Officials are also looking closely at moving some jobs into the civilian workforce.

"At the moment, we have something like 300,000 men

and women in uniform doing jobs that everyone agrees could be done by civilians," Secretary Rumsfeld said, acknowledging it makes more sense to keep some jobs in the military that technically could be done by civilians.

"There (are) a lot of things we can do to reduce the stress on the force," he said. "The people part of it is so critically important that we've got to make sure we do it right."

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SPORTS & FITNESS

# Pope 'smokes' it out

By Senior Airman  
Becky J. LaRaia  
Carolina Flyer staff writer

The Pope Fitness Center held a 5K Turkey Trot and Smokeout fun run Nov 14 at 7:30 a.m.

The run was scheduled to help promote fitness and encourage base members to participate in Thursday's Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Jeffery Powers of the 43rd Maintenance Squadron won first place with a run time of 16:57. He received a one-hour massage sponsored by the Nutrition Connection.

Second and third place winners respectively were Mark Hanson of the 43rd Airlift Wing, and Hannah Joyce with run times of 18:34 and 19:04. They received \$40 and \$20 gift certificates from the commissary.

The Health and Wellness Center provided gym bags, T-



MIKE MURCHISON

Fun run participants begin the race at the Pope fitness center Nov. 14.

shirts, water bottles and key chains to all participants.

The Pope HAWC realizes how important it is for Pope personnel to become familiar with the dangers of smoking. It reports 34 percent of Pope personnel smoke which is above the overall Air Force average of 29 percent.

The ACS made a national effort Thursday to encourage smokers to drop the habit for

a full day.

For more information about the benefits of smoking cessation or this month's Great American Smokeout call the Pope Health and Wellness Center at 394-4292 or visit the American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org>.

## WELLNESS TIP

### Facts about skin cancer

How many Americans will develop skin cancer during their lifetime?

**About 1 in 5\***

- Between 40-50 percent of Americans over the age of 65 will develop non-melanoma skin cancer
- Men are more likely to develop skin cancer
- The risk of developing skin cancer is about 10 times higher for those with fair skin than those with dark skin
- Protect yourself ... limit time in sun or under sunlamp, wear protective clothing and use sunscreen

\* According to the American Cancer Society

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

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SPORTS & FITNESS

# Lobos take bite out of Falcons bowl chances

by John Van Winkle  
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The University of New Mexico Lobos took a 24-12 bite out of the U.S. Air Force Academy's bowl aspirations with a dominating win at Lobo Stadium on Nov. 15.

"They certainly made the plays, their team deserved to win, and they were the better football team today," said Fisher DeBerry, Falcons head coach.

"We did not make enough plays in the game and they only

had the one turnover."

Lobos running back Don-Trell Moore scored twice on 1-yard runs to put the Lobos up by 14, before the Falcons got within scoring range. But the Lobos defense was tight on the perimeter against the run, which halved the Falcon's usually dominant rushing production and left the offense to again settle for Joey Ashcroft's field goals when touchdowns were needed.

"It was simply a matter of them being able to make plays," DeBerry said.

"I'm not disappointed with the way our guys fought today. They played hard, but we didn't make enough plays to be a good football team," DeBerry said.

The Falcons dropped to 7-4 with the loss, while the Lobos improved their record to 7-4.

The loss also deals a virtual

deathblow to the Falcons' outside chances of winning the Mountain West Conference title, and muddles the postseason bowl picture even further. Air Force now ranks third out of the four bowl-eligible teams in the conference who are all

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Air Force tight end Adam Strecker tries to break his fall, after making an off-balance catch for a 17-yard gain. The senior had four receptions for 55 yards during the Falcons' 24-12 loss to the University of New Mexico Lobos on Nov. 15.

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# SPORTS & FITNESS

## Sports briefs

*For information on any of the Pope Fitness Center's activities, call 394-2671.*

■ **Diabetes classes:** Classes providing initial education and counseling regarding diabetic management and treatment options will be the first Monday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Health and Wellness classroom in the fitness center.

To register call 394-1279.  
 ■ **Pope Running Club:** This is a base organization that promotes the sport of running while providing motivation and support for runners. Anyone at any fitness level is encouraged to join.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Jeff Powers at 394-6286.

■ **Twilight special at Willow Lakes Golf Course:** For 18 holes, greens fees are charged according to rank after 4 p.m.

Call 394-2325 for more information.

■ **Restricted Fitness Center hours:** The Pope Fitness Center will be open only to Pope personnel Monday through Friday from 5 to 8 a.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

■ **Tumbling Tots:** The Spring Lake Recreation and Parks Department is accepting preregistration for its Tumbling Tots program for ages 3 to 4. The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Spring Lake Recreation Center. The cost is \$25 per month per child.

For more information, call 436-0011 or 436-0241 ext. 602.

■ **Group Fitness Class schedule:** All scheduled classes are subject to change. Call the fitness center to confirm and for more information.

**Today**

6 a.m. — spin  
 11 a.m. — kick boxing  
 5 p.m. — yoga  
 6 p.m. — step aerobics

**Saturday**

10 a.m. — yoga  
 11 a.m. — step aerobics  
 noon — kick boxing

**Sunday**

2 p.m. — pilates  
 3 p.m. — muscles

**Monday**

6 a.m. — spin  
 11 p.m. — step aerobics  
 noon — spin  
 5 p.m. — yoga  
 6 p.m. — step  
 7 p.m. — Spin

**Tuesday**

11 a.m. — step aerobics  
 4 p.m. — spin  
 5 p.m. — total conditioning  
 6 p.m. — kick boxing  
 6:45 p.m. — abs and back

**Wednesday**

6 a.m. — spin  
 11 a.m. — kick boxing  
 noon — Spin  
 6:30 p.m. — spin

**Thursday**

No classes.

**Nov. 28**

11 a.m. — step aerobics  
**Step** — A 35-minute cardiovascular workout using the Step Reebok platform followed by abdominal strengthening and stretching.

**Kick boxing** — A combination of martial arts and boxing sport moves designed to build muscular strength, endurance and cardiovascular fitness.

**Muscles** — No-cardio, just an easy-to-follow fat-burning, group weight training workout.

**Spin** — Group cycling at all fitness levels. Class size is limited, so registration is required.

**Yoga** — Relaxing and gentle muscle strengthening class that increases flexibility.

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## SPORTS & FITNESS

### On the ball



CAPT. CARIE A. SEYDEL

Senior Airman Fernando Median, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, throws himself into soccer at the Pope Fitness Center Nov. 14. The inventory supply journeyman plays midfield for the squadron soccer team. He's originally from Columbia and has played the sport since he was a child for fun and fitness.

### Football

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aiming for the three bowl games for the conference. Three other conference teams can become bowl-eligible by winning each of their remaining games, which makes Air Force's game on Nov. 22 against San Diego State University all the more important, De Berry said.

"If we could figure out a way to win another game, that would give us eight wins, and

somebody would have to hopefully take a look at us," DeBerry said, who has led the Falcons to 18 winning seasons and 12 bowl games in his 20 years as Air Force's head football coach.

"But there are no guarantees. There are no assurances," he said.

"I think we're an attractive team for any bowl because of the way our people travel and the things we can bring to a bowl," DeBerry said. "But hey, we're not thinking about that. All we got to figure out now is how we can regroup, come

back and be a better football team next week."

For the players, the pain of the loss and giving up 188 yards to Moore will linger until they hit the field for practice Nov. 17, and for some, until the first snap of the final regular-season game Nov. 22.

"I'm just hurting inside, knowing that we could've played a lot better," said Trevor

Hightower, Falcons senior line-backer. "It's going to hurt me until we play San Diego. But I really just can't wait to get to practice because we're going to need to play our best game against them.

"I just know that ... this next week's game is going to have a lot to do with how we're remembered as a team," he said.

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# POPE EXTRA



## Pope chapel

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

■ **Jewish services weekly:** Every Friday, Hebrew class from noon to 12:45 p.m. and Sabbath prayer and meal from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Faith Community Chapel Annex at Ardenness and Messina streets. For more information, call 432-1653.

■ **Catholic Baptismal and Matrimony classes available:** For more information and to register, call Melissa Fink, pastoral/religious education coordinator, at 394-2677.

**Protestant service**  
*All locations are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.*

**Praise Service:** Sunday, 8 a.m.

**Sunday School (all ages):** 9:30 a.m. at Pope Elementary School

**Contemporary Service:** Sunday, 11 a.m.

**Gospel Service:** Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** Sunday, 6 p.m. Call the chapel for location.

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

**Singles Group:** Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Youth Group:** Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Call the chapel for location.

**Luncheon Study with Dr. Ralph Richardson:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays.

**Flightline Bible Study:** 11 a.m. at the 43rd Maintenance Squadron conference room.

**Ladies Group:** Friday, 11:30 a.m.

**Catholic service**  
**Mass:** JFK Chapel, Ardenness St., Fort Bragg — Saturday, 5 p.m.

Pope Chapel — Sunday, 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 6:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Friday from 10:30 to 11:25 a.m., Sunday from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. or by appointment.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Monday at 7 p.m.

**Parish Ministers of Service:** Call for schedule.

**RCIA:** Thursdays at 7 p.m.

**CCD:** Sundays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Pope Elementary School.

**Chaplains**  
**Chaplain (Col.)**  
**Wilfred Bristol**  
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**Chaplain (Maj.)**  
**Dondi Costin**  
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**David Barns**  
Southern Baptist

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**Alexander Palmaria**  
United Methodist

## Coming attractions from services

**Pope Club**  
☐ 394-2154

**Bar hours:** Mondays through Thursdays from 3 to 11 p.m.; Fridays from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Lunch hours:** Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Lunch Buffet Extravaganza Days:** Mondays — Italian Tuesdays — taco or German Wednesdays — oriental Thursdays — ribs and chicken Fridays — fish

**Bar Bingo:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

**Bingo in the ballroom:** Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Early bird starts at 6:45 p.m.

**NFL Sunday Ticket:** Sunday. Lounge opens at noon.

**Family Day:** Wednesday, during the lunch buffet, children 12 and under eat free and spouses are 50 percent off.

**Thursday:** Closed for Thanksgiving

**Information, Tickets and Travel**  
☐ 394-4478

**Hours:** Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service credit cards are welcome.

**Custom tours:** Organize your own tour using the ITT tour bus. Call for more information.

**Disney on Ice:** Tickets are available for the Dec. 13 and 14 Raleigh show.

**Willow Lakes Golf Course**  
☐ 394-2325

**Pro Shop hours:** Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to dusk and weekends from 7 a.m. to dusk.

**Snack bar hours:** Every day from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Lessons:** Private lessons are available upon request. Call for more information.

**Frostbite special:** After 1 p.m. cart and green fees are \$15.

**Library**  
☐ 394-2791

**Hours:** Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.

**Story hour:** For ages 7 to 15, at 6 p.m. Thursdays.

**Parents Night Out:** This program is designed to help parents learn more about the Internet and other research methods to help with homework assignments. Call for more information, seating is limited.

**Recipe swap:** Thursdays at 5 p.m.

**Youth Center**  
☐ 394-4512

**Center hours:** Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.; school nights, teenagers only after 7 p.m.; Fridays from 3:30 to 10 p.m.; and Saturdays from 2:30 to 10 p.m.

**Power Hour:** Developed to motivate and tutor children with their school work. Call for more information.

**Youth parties:** The Youth Center is offering two-hour parties for youth ages 5 to 17. The cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for nonmembers. Call 394-1046 for more information.

**Youth Programs**  
☐ 394-2869

**Resource and referral office hours:** Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**School-age program hours:** Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Openings:** There are openings for children ages 5 to 12 in the before and after school program. Program hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**days from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.;** Saturdays from 9 a.m. to midnight; and Sundays from 1 to 7 p.m.

**Snack bar hours:** Mondays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Fridays from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., \$9 a person.

**Family Night:** Sundays \$13 a lane with up to five bowlers.

**Birthday parties:** Children's parties can be reserved from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

**Turkey shoot:** Monday at 6 p.m., entry fee is \$5.

**Frame and Design Arts**  
☐ 394-4192

**Hours:** Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Wood Shop**  
☐ 394-5049

**Hours:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Equipment Rental**  
☐ 394-4730

**Hours:** Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed 1 to 2 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to noon.

**Auto Skills Center**  
☐ 394-2293

**Hours:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Auto detailing:** By appointment only. Packages range from \$12 to \$125.

**Free safety inspections:** The Auto Skills Center will serve customers of the "Car Care Because We Care" program managed by the Family Support Center. This program offers free safety inspections to spouses of deployed airmen. Call for more information.

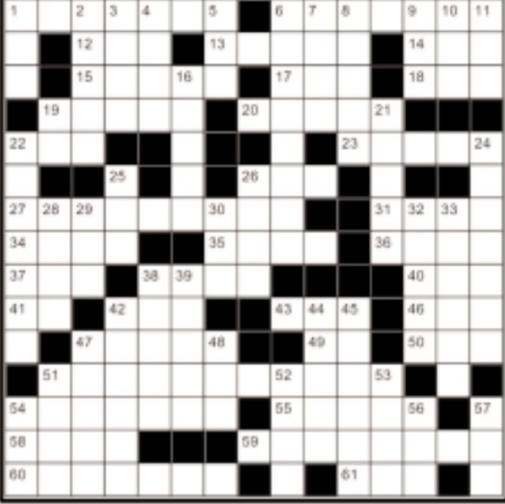
**Bowling Center**  
☐ 394-2891

**Hours:** Mondays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri-

## Crossword puzzle

### Happy Thanksgiving

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs



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  - Tiger's organization
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  - Hope for Thanksgiving
  - Actresses Thompson and Caulfield
  - Knight
  - Drop
  - Dirt
  - Wampanoag chief invited to first Thanksgiving
  - Item 1 ACROSS taught 6 DOWN colony to raise
  - Woodwind instrument
  - Stadium cheers
  - Saga
  - Mend
  - Mocks
  - Overseas address
  - Tail markings for a/c assigned to 28th BW
  - Supervisor change in USAF (abbrev.)
  - USAF assignment system (abbrev.)
  - Computer "laugh"
  - Terre \_\_\_\_, Ind.
  - Tail marking for a/c assigned to 180th FW
  - Center of the solar system
  - Thanksgiving items filled with food
  - Reason for first Thanksgiving
  - Mistake
  - Actress Archer
  - 1621 colony governor
- DOWN**
- Emergency code
  - Former US base, RAF \_\_\_ Heyford
  - Holy site in India
  - USAF E-4 aircraft
  - Lyrical poem
  - Colony founded by 6 ACROSS
  - Article
  - Actresses Turner and Clarkson
  - Talk
  - Simpson trial judge
  - French lady (abbrev.)
  - Cliques
  - Former home to Clark AFB (abbrev.)
  - The Final Frontier?
  - Native American who first interacted with Mass. colony
  - President who declared Thanksgiving a national day
  - Apply
  - Hamm and Farrow
  - Cain's brother
  - Female pig
  - Mining goal
  - October birthstones
  - Remove from a magazine (two words)
  - Ancient Germanic letter (two words)
  - Acronym for George W. Bush
  - Dress a turkey?
  - Actress Kelly of The Cutting Edge
  - Pieces of glass
  - What 52 ACROSS are made of
  - Shock therapy formally (abbrev.)
  - Walking stick
  - Lively
  - Cushy
  - Owned
  - Fish egg
  - Increase



## Crossroads coffee house

The Crossroads Christian Coffeehouse is open from 5 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for Bible study, games, videos and free coffee and cappuccino. Live Christian bands are featured from 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays.

The coffeehouse is at the old engineer dining facility, between Gruber and Ardenness roads, across from the Hall of Heroes (Grave Street). For more information, call 432-1769, 432-3289 or 396-2684, 394-0256 evenings and weekends.

**Thursday Lunch**  
Herbed baked chicken  
Southern fried fish  
Stuffed cabbage rolls

**Dinner**  
Jaegerschnitzel with mushroom sauce  
Roast loin of pork  
Glazed cornish hen

**Nov. 28 Lunch**  
Mexican baked chicken  
Stuffed green peppers  
Swiss steak with tomato sauce

**Dinner**  
Lasagna  
Spaghetti with meat sauce  
Italian sausage

**Monday Breakfast**  
Breakfast pizza

**Lunch**  
Chicken sandwich

**Tuesday Breakfast**  
Manager's choice

**Lunch**  
Hot ham and cheese sandwich

**Wednesday**  
No school

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## Movies



The Rundown, starring The Rock, captures the comedic adventures of two Los Angeles hustlers tied up in the Amazon.

**Pope Theater**  
Armistead Street

Today: The Rundown (PG-13)  
Saturday: The Fighting Temptations (PG-13)  
Sunday: School of Rock (PG-13)  
Wednesday: Closed  
Nov 28: Out of Time (PG-13)

**Alvin C. York Theater**  
Ardenness Street, Fort Bragg

Today: School of Rock (PG-13)  
Saturday: Once Upon a Time in Mexico (PG-13)  
Sunday: Underworld (R)  
Nov. 28: The Fighting Temptations (PG-13)

All movies, unless otherwise posted, start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and 99 cents for children 12 and younger.

**The Rundown:** The Rock, Seann William Scott. Beck, a bounty hunter travels to the South American jungle to settle a debt, but realizes that the bad guy isn't really the bad guy. The two join forces to search for hidden riches in Helladorado while avoiding the town's evil kingpin. Rated PG-13 for adventure violence and crude dialogue.

**Kitty Hawk Inn**  
Open Monday through Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, and 4 to 7 p.m. for dinner.

Open on weekends and holidays from 7 a.m. to noon for brunch and 4 to 6 p.m. for dinner. Call 394-1073 for daily menus. Menus are subject to change.

**Today Lunch**  
Seafood Newburg  
Veal paprika steaks  
Beef and corn pie

**Dinner**  
Yankee pot roast  
Simmered corn beef  
Pineapple chicken

**Saturday Brunch**  
Creole shrimp  
Swedish meatballs

**Dinner**  
Baked fish  
Barbecue chicken

**Sunday Brunch**  
Grilled mustard chicken  
Cantonese spareribs

**Dinner**  
Loin strip steak  
Turkey nuggets

**Monday Lunch**  
Pot roast  
Roast loin of pork  
Baked stuffed fish

**Dinner**  
Beef cannelloni  
Chili macaroni  
Southern fried chicken

**Tuesday Lunch**  
Teriyaki chicken  
Veal parmesan  
Salmon cakes

**Dinner**  
Turkey Ala King  
Country Captain Chicken  
Meat loaf

**Wednesday Lunch**  
Barbecue ham steak  
Beef ball stroganoff  
Turkey and noodles

**Dinner**  
Barbecue spareribs  
Lemon herb chicken  
Stuffed pork chops

**Water testing:** Check with the self-help store to test your water.

**Hours of operation:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Home repair supplies:** The self-help store offers home repair supplies such as furnace filters, insecticides, herbicides and toilet repair kits. No cost for items needed for minor repairs to on-base housing units (blinds, landscape timbers, lawn care products and other items). Call 394-2830 for requirements.