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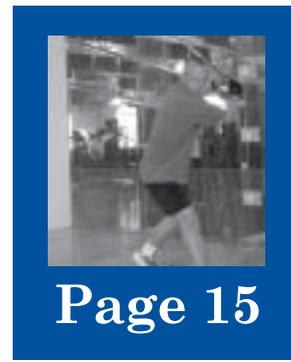
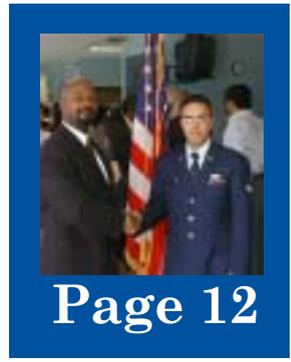
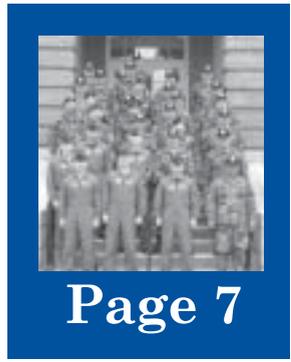
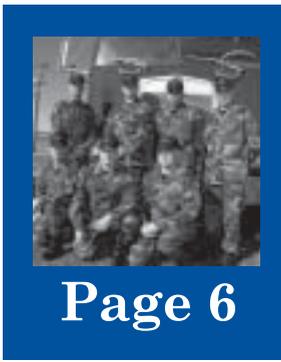
Photo by 1st Lt. Nicole Walters

## Walk for the Cure

*Staff Sgt. Sandra Nunes steadies her son Marco as they prepare to complete the Multiple Sclerosis 'Walk for the Cure.' The annual 5K walk took place Saturday at Lion's Park. Twenty-eight Mighty Medics completed the walk and raised more than \$1,000. All the money raised will help Wyoming citizens who suffer from MS.*

*Approximately one in 400 Wyoming citizens are afflicted with MS, which is an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system.*

*The next 5K the medics are sure to participate in is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 6 at Freedom Hall. The fun run will have prizes and many other cool freebies. For more information about the fun run, call 773-6172.*



# Today's History Lesson

Paula Taylor  
Warren Museum

Have you ever wondered where the 90th Space Wing and operational squadrons got their designations? Well, 62 years ago the 90th was activated as the first Bombardment Group (heavy). They flew the Consolidated B-24 aircraft called the "Liberator." There were four squadrons designated to create the 90th Bombardment Group: the 319th, 320th, 321st and the 400th. The unit's mission was to bomb Japanese installations on New Guinea. To the 90th troops, the war was new and fearsome. The combination of weather, distance and terrain encountered during this war was only one of many dangers during this war. The group got together and decided to be called the "Jolly Rogers" in honor of Col. Arthur Rogers, their group commander. They also decided each airplane was to carry a skull and cross-bombs on the huge vertical fin on the tail, the one-time insignia of a pirate named Rogers from the South Pacific. These soldiers considered this appropriate since the group had constantly raided the Japanese sealanes as pirates did with ships years before. The only difference in the two insignias was the 90th carried cross-bombs instead of cross bones, but since both depicted death, the grim picture of the Jolly Rogers was not altered. This insignia distinguished the unit from others and put fear in the hearts of the Japanese. The 90th took part in destroying 126 aircraft and inflicting heavy damage to airdrome and wharf areas. They also sunk three large merchant vessels, three destroyers, 43 small merchant vessels and 70 harbor craft. The 90th's last wartime mission came on Sept. 2, 1945, after the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The unit was inactivated in January 1946.

The 90th remained an inactive unit until July 1, 1947 when the newly formed United States Air Force reactivated and re-designated the 90th a very heavy bomb group under Strategic Air Command. Once again it was inactivated Sept. 6, 1948 only to become part of the Korean War when it was once again activated Jan. 2, 1951. Only three of the original squadrons were assigned and flew B-29 aircraft: the 319th, 320th and the 321st Bomb Squadrons. The 90th was given the primary mission of training crews for many of SAC's bomb wings going to war in the B-29 "Superfortress."

Later in the 90th's flying career, it would again become a major trainer, this time assuming the role of the RB-47 Combat Crew Training Wing for SAC. This mission would continue until the wing was again inactivated on June 20, 1960.

Following the end of the 90th's flying career, June 20, 1960, it would not be called upon again until July 1, 1963. On this date, the 90th was reactivated and re-designated a Strategic Missile Wing with ICBM Minuteman within SAC. With its reactivation the 90th was destined to become America's first Minuteman unit to possess 200 missiles and a home for the 5th Minuteman Missile Wing. Oct. 1, 1963, saw the first of the 90th's four strategic missile squadrons, the 319 SMS, reactivated. The 320 SMS followed on January 8, 1964, the 321 SMS on April 8, 1964 and the 400 SMS on July 1, 1964. These reactivations were unique since they were the wing's same WWII squadrons. During January 1983, the 90th Strategic Missile Wing was again placed in history when President Ronald Reagan announced his decision for the 90th to deploy the "Peacekeeper" missile system in existing Minuteman silos in Wyoming.

Look for more information in the Sentinel about our rich heritage during this year as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Space and Missiles. Feel free to call the museum at 773-2980 or the Wing History Office at 773-6062.

## Hoops' Shots

Last week was a terrific one; though I have to admit it wasn't shaping up to be. We had tax day. We had the re-inspection. And then, as if the IRS and the IG weren't enough, why not get the Mighty Medics involved - that's right, it was time for my physical - one of those special five year types no less. Well it all turned out fantastic - got my return filed on time. The Limited Nuclear Surety Inspection returned the highest rating possible. But even better, the IG found no errors, many command benchmark and best practice initiatives and left here not only erasing our previous score, but also knowing we had the best Personnel Reliability Program in the business. Quite a turnaround in a short 90 days. Our PRP Surge Team lead by **Lt. Col. Tim "PRP Czar" Adams** and supported by **1st Lt. Shari "PRP Goddess" Lopez** as well as 50 other Mighty Ninety professionals who blew the inspection out of the water. Now it's up to us to continue the momentum and keep PRP uppermost in our minds at all times.

As for the physical, it appears I have a clean bill of health. **Ms. Maggie Doss** had a superb touch and caring manner as she took a blood sample from me. She's very involved in the community providing her services to health fairs for those with less access to medical care. **Capt. Kevin Anderson**, a flight surgeon, took great care of me. I appreciated the extra effort and attention he took to explain all the results and outcomes of the exams and tests.

Also highlighted for exceptional customer service and courtesy was **Senior Airman Erica Baker**. Freedom Hall is a wonderful

fitness facility and the people who run it are dedicated to supporting the best of the west with the best in service.

I'd also like to express my appreciation to **Maj. Robert MacKenzie**, 20th Air Force. "Spuds" gave us a helping hand working through a safety issue for our Mighty Helicopter Flight. He was thorough, professional and his results will make us safer and more effective. Thanks!

So as you can see there's a lot to be proud of here at Team Warren. But we can't rest - the pace is relentless and our mission is too critical. While the IG was here they dropped the 30-day letter that gives us notice of an upcoming Operational Readiness and Compliance Inspection. We will be tested again, but I know we are up to that challenge. Our motto is WIRED - We're Inspection Ready Every Day - and we'll show the IG again why we've earned that motto.

Finally, let me remind everyone that another indicator of pride is how well you take care of your work center or base house. With spring here and our eternal winds, it's time to renew our commitment to keeping the area around us picked up. The vast majority of trash around base comes from us not picking up newspapers at home, letting debris collect in street gutters, not closing trash can lids, overstuffing dumpsters, not bagging loose trash and more. If we can stop it at the source - your building and your base home - we'll have a beautiful and professional looking place everywhere - an appearance worthy of our hard working people, that shows our visitors this is a proud wing.

-- Col. Hoops

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# Reel-y on the Move

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Maj. General Frank Klotz, 20th Air Force commander, lauded the 90th Communication Squadron's Hardened Intersite Communications System cable shop for being the first in Air Force Space Command to bring their entire HICS cable yard inside. These HICS cable reels are the same ones used to span the entire missile complex, more than 2,100 miles of cable. Remanufacturing HICS cable is an expensive proposition; by moving the remaining HICS cables inside, they're now protected from the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation and

weather.

Getting the cables moved was no small feat.

It took months of planning to determine where and how to emplace the cable, as well as coordination with civil engineers, logistic readiness, and PK maintenance members.

Many of these reels were so large they required a special forklift and training to move them.

Once given the order to execute, they completed the move of 38 cable reels from outside of Building 1260 to inside the highbays of Building 332 in just three days.

The HICS cable shop, led by Master Sgt. Kyle Watkins, cut the estimated time to move by more than half.



Courtesy Photo

Forklifts were needed to move the 38 HICS cable reels to the highbays of Building 332.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Hasinger

## Her Heart will go on

Alicia Granger sings "My Heart Will Go On" at the youth talent show, sponsored by Warren's youth center, at the Pronghorn Center April 16. Taking home first place for the group dance category were Matthew and Katherine Halas. Mattie Lemke won first place for the solo female vocalist category. The solo dance category first place went to Krista Tallerdy. Moriah Rehr won for the special category, while Noah Harter took home first place for the instrumental category.

# Warren Servers to Get Free TIPs

1st Lt. Darrick Lee  
Public Affairs

Employees at Warren Lanes, the Trail's End and other establishments that serve or sell alcohol may soon be receiving free TIPs training from the Wyoming State Liquor Association and the state of Wyoming. The Training for Intervention Procedures program is a nationally-recognized course designed to prevent intoxication, drunk driving and underage drinking. Although usually taught to employees of liquor stores, bars and restaurants as an industry standard class, Warren has teamed up with the state to offer the training to all base DoD employees who have a direct hand in the sale, service and consumption of alcohol.

In addition to services employees, commanders are also encouraged to take the four-hour class, which teaches subjects such as identifying fake IDs, computing blood-alcohol content and legal concerns related to alcohol sales and service. The class normally costs \$60 per student, but recent grants from the

Wyoming Department of Health Substance Abuse Division and permanent funding to the liquor division from the state legislature make the training free to Wyoming businesses, including Warren. Mr. Tom Montoya, the chief of enforcement with the Wyoming Department of Revenue Liquor Division, met with Warren representatives April 1 to discuss bringing the training to the base.

"After attending the focus day last month, I looked for ways to establish a partnership with the base," said Mr. Montoya, referring to March 5 when the 90th Space Wing unveiled its plan to develop a responsible drinking culture.

"The base is a great avenue to help the state with its goal of promoting safe, legal and responsible alcohol enforcement."

Lt. Col. Jack Mitchell, Commander of the 90th Services Squadron agrees.

"We're glad to team up with the state, because it supports our 0-0-1-3 campaign," Col. Mitchell said. "This training is an attempt to equip and take

### TIPs Class

April 30 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Trail's End Club. R.S.V.P by Wednesday.

To sign up, contact Maj. Brendan Patton at 773-4552.

care of our people."

Students are tested at the end of the class, and results are sent to TIPs headquarters in Arlington, Va. Graduates remain certified for three years, and many insurance companies offer discounts to businesses that have their employees complete the training.

There is talk of a future "Train the Trainer" course, to allow units on base to be certified to train troops on TIPs. Organizations with high employee turnover will be able to provide the training on-site, without requesting an instructor from off-base. This will also be useful for occasional events, such as Cheyenne Frontier Days, when many Warren troops volunteer to serve food and beverages during the celebration.

# How Can You Help Stop Child Abuse?

Article Courtesy of Family Advocacy Program

*April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. In order to put a stop to the abuse and neglect affecting many children within our communities, we need to understand that we all can play a role in recognizing and preventing abuse before it occurs. Below are several things you can do as a member of the Warren community to protect children and help families who may be at risk.*

### Reach Out to Someone in Need

Be a friend to a parent you know. Ask how their children are doing. Draw on your own experiences to provide reassurance and support. If a parent seems to be struggling, offer to baby-sit, run errands or just lend a friendly ear. Show you understand. Talk to your neighbors about looking out for one another's children. Encourage a supportive spirit among parents.

### Raise the Issue

By educating yourself and others, you can help your community prevent child abuse and neglect from happening in the first place. Check out publications, other resources and photocopy information to

post in your workplace, apartment building, library, laundromat, church, beauty parlor, supermarket or school.

### Check Risk Factors

Child abuse and neglect occur in all segments of our society, but the risk factors are greater in families where parents:

- ◆ Seem to be having economic, housing or personal problems
- ◆ Are isolated from their family or community
- ◆ Have difficulty controlling anger or stress
- ◆ Are dealing with physical or mental health issues
- ◆ Abuse alcohol or drugs
- ◆ Appear uninterested in the care, nourishment or safety of their children

By helping parents who

might be struggling with any of these challenges, you reduce the likelihood that their children will be abused or neglected. Also, reach out to the children and show them you care.

### Notice Warning Signs

The behavior of children may signal abuse or neglect long before any change in physical appearance. Some of the signs may include:

- ◆ Nervousness around adults
- ◆ Aggression toward adults or other children
- ◆ Inability to stay awake or to concentrate for extended periods
- ◆ Sudden, dramatic changes in personality or activities
- ◆ Strange interest in sex

◆ Frequent or unexplained bruises or injuries

◆ Low self-esteem

◆ Poor hygiene

If you see these signs in any children you know, reach out to them and to their parents and offer a helping hand.

### Refer to Help Agencies

There are many agencies on base that offer support services.

Many of the agencies are members of the People Helping People-Integrated Delivery System. These agencies include:

Life Skills Support Center, Family Advocacy Program, chaplains and the Health and Wellness Center.

Report suspected abuse to family advocacy at 773-4228.

If you suspect abuse or neglect may be occurring, report it. If you think a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or the law enforcement desk at 773-3501.

These agencies along with other base support services maintain a public Web site [www.php-ids.com](http://www.php-ids.com) that has a listing of resources, classes and events occurring on base and within the local area.

The family advocacy staff offers prevention programs, outreach services and the New Parent Support Program. Professional counselors are available to ensure families are safe and to help members learn coping skills that do not involve violence.





## We Are Fast Approaching Tornado Season

Cheyenne is just outside the official tornado risk zone, but can experience tornado activity. A tornado watch will be issued if the conditions are right for a tornado to develop. If a tornado watch is in effect, you should remain alert, listen to local weather information for more details and minimize movement. If a tornado is spotted in the area, a tornado warning will be issued. A tornado warning can be issued through the National Weather Service on TV, the radio, the Commander's Access Channel or over sirens using the peacetime emergency notification signal.

This is a three to five minute steady tone played over the base and downtown sirens. When you hear this, you should take cover immediately. Tornadoes strike fast, so it's safest to shelter in place if you are inside a building. If you are in your vehicle or outside you should move to safety indoors if possible.

The ideal place is a basement or ground level, center room away from glass or other loose objects. While sheltering, stay alert for further information by using a battery operated radio or TV. Do not use any light switches or electric devices due to the potential for gas leaks. Once the tornado has passed, remain vigilant and inspect your area, using a flashlight, for dangerous situations like downed power lines and other damage.

## Warren Maintenance Officer On His Way To Air Force Test Pilot School

**Capt. Justin Knutzen**  
*90th Maintenance Operations  
Squadron*

The Air Force Test Pilot School only accepts the absolute best. According to Dr. George Ka'iliwai III, a member of the scientific and technical cadre of senior executives and Technical Advisor for the Air Force Flight Test Center and the Test Pilot School's former commandant, "We're looking for the best of the best - the world's finest pilots, navigators, and engineers. Our goal at the USAF Test Pilot School is to take the world's best pilots, navigators and engineers and produce the world's best experimental test pilots, flight test navigators and flight test engineers. Because of the high caliber of the students entering TPS, almost 200 of our graduates have gone on to the stars, either as astronauts or general officers."

Recently the school found an officer of such a demanding quality - Capt. Jason M. Hasker, 90th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Capt. Hasker works as a technical en-

gineer providing the 90th Maintenance Group commander technical expertise and guidance solving Minuteman III and Peacekeeper Intercontinental Ballistic Missile anomalies beyond the scope of normal technical data.

He has been assigned to the technical engineering section for the past two and a half years. At the same time, Capt. Hasker was aggressively pursuing requirements to enter the flight test program.

Capt. Hasker's qualifications to enter into the flight test engineer program include: a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, followed by a masters degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder. His graduate course work included writing GPS algorithms and control theory. He also worked as a research assistant at the Laboratory of Atmospheric and Space Physics researching light spectroscopy instruments for Solar Radiation and Climate Experiments.

In December, Capt. Hasker will PCS to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

**Anime Night**

New and classic anime movies will be featured at the FTAC center every Thursday beginning this week from 6 to 11 p.m. Old school video games will also be available. Free pizza and candy will be offered opening night. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Ian Redding at 773-4204.

**VA Gift Drive**

The Warren Chapel is sponsoring a VA hospital gift drive until today. Requested items include headphones, slippers, pajama bottoms with drawstrings, AA batteries, calling cards, postage stamps, DVDs, and VCR tapes. Drop off your donations at the Frontier Chapel, High Plains Chapel and Dorm Escape. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Noah Wells at 773-3434.

**Hydrant Flush**

The Civil Engineering utilities shop will be conducting fire hydrant flushing and sewer maintenance until June 18. This is required testing and maintenance - not a water break. You may experience discolored water. This should last just a short period and will only require occupants to run the taps for a short time. For more information, contact Tech Sgt. Michael Yuktonis at 773-2792.

**Nominate Your Volunteers**

Nominations for the 2004 Volunteer Excellence Award, which is an Air Force Chief of Staff award, are due to the Family Support Center by Monday. Warren awards two VEAs semi-annually; the winners in the past receive a VEA Certificate, pin and VIP parking at the commissary and BX for six months, a shopping spree at the commissary and BX and more. Criteria and nomination forms are available on the O-drive at Base Informa-

tion/Family Support Center/VEA. For more information, call Mr. Mike Boggs at 773-5944.

**Sesame Street Live**

Join Oscar, Elmo, Ernie & the gang at Sesame Street and be a kid again! Tickets now available for the 7 p.m. show on April 27 and 28 and the 10 a.m. show on April 28. Avoid the traffic hassle and parking fees and let us do the driving for you!

Tickets cost from \$9 - \$21. Add \$5 for transportation, minimum participation restrictions apply. For more information, call 773-2858.

**Briefing**

There will be a Senior Master Sergeant promotion board briefing at 8 a.m. today at the base theater.

Col. John Faulkner, 90th Maintenance Group commander, will brief any interested Senior NCOs and others who write Senior NCO EPRs on what the board looked for and what he saw on the board.

**Awards Luncheon Scheduled**

The 90th Space Wing Quarterly Awards Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., April 28 at the Trail's End Club.

To reserve a place, contact your First Sergeant no later than April 23.

**Med Group Closure**

The 90th Medical Group will close today at 1p.m., for an official function and will reopen April 26 at 7:30 a.m.

This includes all pharmacy and laboratory services. For urgent care, call 773-3461 and in case of an emergency, call 911.

**Parade Needs Volunteers**

The "Cinco De Mayo Hispanos Unidos" Committee will be having their Annual Cinco De Mayo parade 10:00 a.m., May 1 in downtown Cheyenne.

They are in need of volunteers to be parade marshals and parking coordinators.

Parade marshals will

be charged with standing by parade barricades during the parade to ensure that traffic does not interfere with the parade. After the parade, the festivities will continue at the Holiday Inn (off S. Greeley Hwy & I-80). Parking Coordinators will be in charge of directing traffic and making sure all vehicles are parked in the designated areas at the Holiday Inn.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Tech. Sgt. Clemente Soto at 773-5428 or Master Sgt. Rob Palos at 773-4613.

**Airmen Icebreaker**

Airmen only icebreakers are scheduled every Wednesday at 4:30 at the Trail's End Club. Wings are priced at only 10 cents.

For more information contact Senior Airman Dejournette Walker at 773-5386 or Airman 1st Class Emily Antoinetti at 773-4982.

# Warren's Newest American

## Salvadoran Airman Achieves Citizenship

### During Denver ceremony April 7

**Airman 1st Class Lauren Hasinger**  
*Public Affairs*

"Our country has never been united by blood or birth or soil."

That's what President George W. Bush wrote in a letter welcoming new American citizen Airman 1st Class Alirio Flores, 90th Mission Support Squadron evaluations clerk.

Born in San Salvador, El Salvador in 1982, shortly after the country's civil war began, Amn. Flores lived in what he described as "kind of a third-world country."

"Sometimes we couldn't go out of the house because of violence," he said.

Amn. Flores never saw violence as a child, but he heard it. Seventy-five thousand people in El Salvador eventually lost their lives during the 12-year-long civil war.

The economy was not very stable. There was the opportunity for job training, however the jobs were scarce. Nearly half of all Salvadorans live below the poverty line, Amn. Flores included.

All of that changed when he and his family were given the opportunity to come to the United States.

September 5, 1994, is a day he will never forget. That was the day he left the only home he'd ever known for a brand new world. That was the day he, his mother and his 13-year-old sister joined his father, who left El Salvador earlier to find work, at their new home in Falls Church, Va.

It was a little overwhelming at first for the 12-year-old.

"I was happy because it was a better place to live, but I didn't know the language and didn't understand the culture."

Amn. Flores only knew one English word his first day of school, and that was "yes."

"School was great. I didn't have to wear a uniform," he said. "The teachers were nice and helped me understand the culture."

He learned English by taking an English as a second language class. It took him just six months to go from knowing one word to speaking the language fluently.

Six months after graduating high school he joined the Air Force. Amn. Flores wanted to "serve the world's greatest nation that gives freedom to everyone who comes here."

He did all of his processing, signed all of the papers in June of 2001 and was set to leave shortly after the new year.

"After what happened on Sept. 11, my parents didn't want me to go, but I had made up my mind," he said.

On Feb. 12, 2002, he became Airman Flores.

He's been at Warren since Oct. 10, 2002. Here, he is a member of the base honor guard and is an avid soccer player. He even coaches a youth team in Cheyenne.

It wasn't difficult for him to enlist not being a citizen, but the opportunities for foreign assignments and reenlisting aren't available to foreign nationals.

"I wanted to become a citizen because of the better job opportunities," he said. "Doors to everything open once you become a citizen."

It took Amn. Flores "forever and a day" to complete the citizenship process. After completing all the necessary forms and a background check, he passed his citizenship test with flying colors and was sworn in on April 7.

During the hour and a half long ceremony, the national anthem was played, an Immigration Nationalization Service officer gave a speech about why people become citizens, he took the Oath of Allegiance, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and, along with 47 others, was handed a certificate stating his citizenship. Culminating the end of the ceremony, a video with the president was played to the tune of "I'm Proud to be an American."

"It was very moving," said the new American. "It was a proud day for me."

His father and sister have become citizens, while his mother is still working on it.

"They think it's a great thing that I've done," he said.

Amn. Flores is looking forward to the opportunities his new citizenship holds. Eventually he would like an overseas assignment, his college degree and to one day own a small business.

He doesn't forget the life he left in El Salvador. When he visits his family still living there, he's reminded of the freedoms that come with living in the United States.

"People tend to take their freedoms for granted until they're taken away from them,"



*Courtesy photo*  
Airman Flores shakes hands with the Immigration Naturalization Service officer who performed his ceremony.

he said.

At the end of the president's letter to Amn. Flores he wrote, "We are bound by principle that moves us beyond our backgrounds, lifts us above our interests, and teaches us what it means to be a citizen."

## New Law Allows Easy Citizenship

A new law that will allow foreign-born servicemembers an easier, cheaper and faster time with U.S. citizenship applications will go into effect Oct. 1.

This allows the president to authorize expedited citizenship when the United States is engaged in armed conflict with a hostile foreign force. Also effective Oct. 1, the new law waives the \$310 citizenship application and fingerprint fee.

The new citizenship application rules cover active duty service members and National Guard and Reserve personnel who are classified as members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve.

For more information about obtaining U.S. citizenship, contact the 90th Military Personnel Flight at 773-3430.



*Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Hasinger*  
Amn. Flores (Right) performs his honor guard duties at a retirement ceremony. Senior Airman Carlos Tomala-Valarezo, 400th Missile Squadron (Left), a native of Ecuador, received his United States citizenship in January.

## Youth Sports Briefs

### Youth Track And Field Day

A youth track and field day is scheduled for 10 a.m., May 15 at the Argonne Parade Field. Participants may begin signing up at the parade field at 9:30 a.m.

All family members ages 5 to 18 of active duty, DoD civilian, guard, reserve and military retirees are invited to participate in: long jump, relay races, 70-meter dash, sack race, 500-meter run and balloon relays. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event. Note: In the event of inclement weather the meet will be postponed until May 22.

### Youth Intro Golf Program

Registration: May 17 through June 4.

Youth Sports and the Warren Golf Club are offering an introductory Tee Level Golf Clinic to the first 60 kids ages 6 to 18 to sign up. Participants will be taught the fundamentals of golf from Warren Golf Club PGA teaching professional Carroll Sharratt and staff. All equipment will be provided.

Each participant will receive a golf polo shirt, rule booklet, and refreshments. A morning and afternoon session will be offered each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. Dates are June 15, 17, 22 and 24. The cost is \$22 per child.

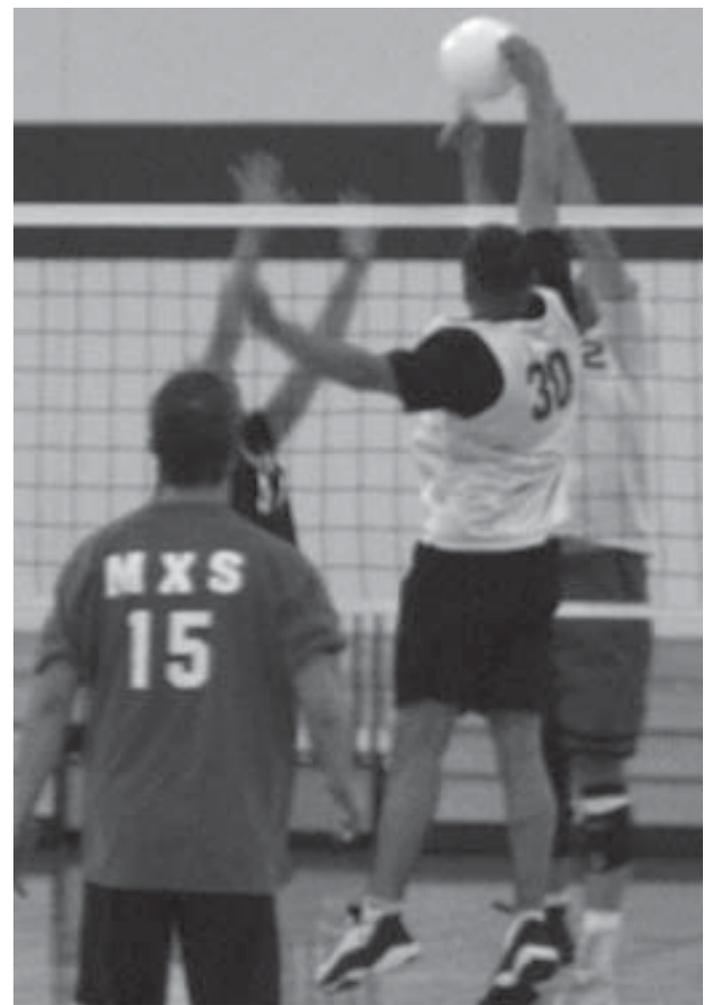


### Backhand Smash

*Master Sgt. Dave Adams, 90th Security Forces Squadron, warms up before a racquetball match. Sgt. Adams won the singles Intramural Raquetball Championship over Capt. Conrad Patraro, 90th Medical Operations Squadron, April 15 at Freedom Hall.*

### Bump, Set, Spike

*The North and the South All-Stars competed in the Intramural All-Star Volleyball Championship game April 15 at Freedom Hall. South edged North during the first game 25 to 21. The second game wasn't as close, with the South squad knocking off the North 25 to 19.*





## U.S. AIR FORCE BRIEFS

### NASA selects Air Force pilot for training

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — An Air Force pilot was recently selected by NASA to be an astronaut candidate for the space shuttle program.

Maj. James P. Dutton of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., is the only Airman among 11 military and civilians to be accepted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration this year.

### Officers must complete online application

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Officers who want to compete for a developmental education opportunity in the 2005 to 2006 school year must now complete the required preference application online. The 2004 Developmental Education Designation Board meets here Oct. 4 to 8.

The application, available from any Internet-connected computer, must be completed by the officer and senior rater by May 21.

### Air Force restarts job reservation system May 1

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As part of force-shaping efforts, the Air Force will restart the career job reservation system May 1.

The CJR system will reduce career field shortages and overages, and balance the career force within each skill, according to officials. The CJR system allows Air Force officials to limit the number of first-term Airmen re-enlistments in certain skills.

## Online System Reduces Trips to Education Office

Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
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WASHINGTON — Four features now available under the Air Force's virtual education system give Airmen more control of their academic pursuits.

The Air Force Virtual Education Center is a Web-based system available to the total force that allows Airmen to do many of the things online that once required a trip to a base education office.

Airmen with accounts on the virtual center can now update personal data through the system, including rank, duty phone, e-mail and postal mailing addresses.

New features allow users to view a complete history of their enrollment in courses taken using tuition assistance. Users will also be able to access a list of notifications concerning missing grades and payment suspenses, and they can check Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and College-Level Examination Program test results.

The virtual center came online in early 2003 and was designed to streamline the process of participating in off-duty education, said Jim Sweizer, Air Force chief of voluntary education.

The center's development is in line with similar developments in the civilian world. Being able to make payments online or to conduct business without leaving your home is something Airmen are familiar with and demand, Mr. Sweizer said.

One of the most apparent benefits to customer service is the center's tight integration with the Community College of the Air Force, Mr. Sweizer said.

"Airmen can view their CCAF academic progress reports on the system," he said. "That process used to take six to eight weeks when done with a paper request .... Today, (students) can go on the (virtual center) and immediately see what they need to complete their coursework."

The center also makes it easier for Airmen to have their CCAF transcripts sent to other universities. Mr. Sweizer said the CCAF sends out as many as 65,000 transcripts a year to various schools.

"It was also a paper intensive process in the past," he said.

Sending out a transcript from CCAF to another school could have taken as many as six weeks when it was done entirely through paper mail and handwritten forms. With the virtual center, he said, the Air Force has reduced that process time to 24 hours.

While the virtual center does not currently allow Airmen to apply for tuition assistance online, officials said it soon will. In fact, application for tuition assistance will be a focal point on the site.

"The primary reason an Airman visits the education center is to start or continue college," Mr. Sweizer said. "The key component of that is tuition assistance. We fully fund tuition ... the goal is to have them sit at a computer and be able to apply for tuition assistance in the virtual world."

From a military computer, Airmen can sign up for an account at <https://afvec.langlely.af.mil>.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Craig Cisek

## Experiment testing Einstein's theory of relativity

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A Delta II rocket launched April 20. The rocket carried the Gravity Probe-B experiment, a project between NASA and Stanford University to test Einstein's theory of relativity. The experiment will check tiny changes in four gyroscopes on a satellite orbiting 400 miles directly above Earth's poles. Scientists will use the experiment to measure how space and time are warped by Earth's presence.

# Everybody's NCO of the Year Says Have Fun, Give 110 Percent and Enjoy Life

Twentieth Air Force's NCO of the Year, Tech. Sgt. Teresa Mossoni, sat down with Airman 1st Class Lauren Hasinger to discuss her recent recognition. Sgt. Mossoni is a chef NCOIC with the 319th Missile Squadron.

## Describe your job.

I have 15 people under me. I do schedule dispatch. I also do site visits and chef inspections. When I first got here I worked (at the missile alert facility) for eight months. I've been doing what I do now for about a month and a half.

## What is your favorite part about your job?

I like meeting people. I also like cooking. I really like all aspects about it.

## How long have you been in the Air Force?

Twelve years.

## Do you plan on retiring?

We'll see how my career goes, but I'm shooting for 20.

## How long have you been at Warren?

Since 2002.

## Other than Warren, where's the coolest place the Air Force has taken you?

I've had two other assignments. I spent seven years at Fairchild, and then I went to the Azores.

I liked the island life and the Portuguese are very nice.

## Where do you see yourself in five years?

I plan on making master the first time I test in 2006. I'd like to be doing a different job to keep my career progressing.

## What kind of job?

That all depends. I'd like to be an instructor at the schoolhouse.

## What are some of your accomplishments that allowed you to be chosen for both the 90th Space Wing and 20th Air Force NCO of the Year?

I had a lot of job accomplishments. My chefs were the only ones who got outstandings during inspections. I also

## Do you have any advice for Airmen who want to be recognized?

People have to get out there. They have to want it.

They have to be involved in their career. Don't just hide on your days off.

If you hate your job, cross-train. But make the most of it while you're there. Be involved.

## What's something the people you work with would be surprised to know about you?

Nothing really. I'm an open person.

## If you could have dinner delivered to you from anywhere in the world

tonight, what would it be and where would it be from?

I like home cooking and all kinds of ethnic foods. I eat pretty much anything.

## What's the last movie you saw in the theater?

'Scooby Doo 2'

## What's a book you can read over and over again?

The Left Behind series.

## What would you do with a time machine?

I'd go forward to see where I'm going to be in five or ten years. It's what's in the present and

future I'm concerned with.

## Where are you originally from?

Spokane, Wash.

## What do you miss most about living there?

I miss my family. They're all there except my older sister who's in Florida. I also have friends there.

## What's your life's motto?

Have fun. Give 110 percent. Enjoy life.

## What CD is in your stereo right now?

Allison Kraus



had a lot of community involvement, like Operation Provide Joy and Feed the Children. I helped build a Habitat for Humanity house and I volunteered at my daughter's school.

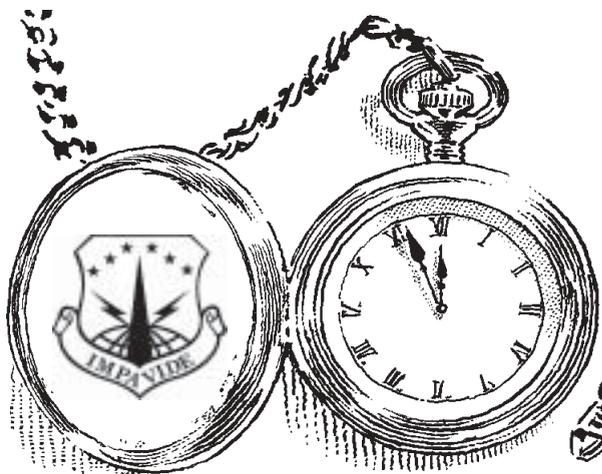
## How old is your daughter?

Kristen is 9.

## What does a recognition like that mean to you?

I don't think it has sunk in yet. I was very surprised.

This is the most I've been recognized in the 12 years that I've been in. The people I work with helped me get recognized.





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## **DJ Illest on the Wheels of Steel**

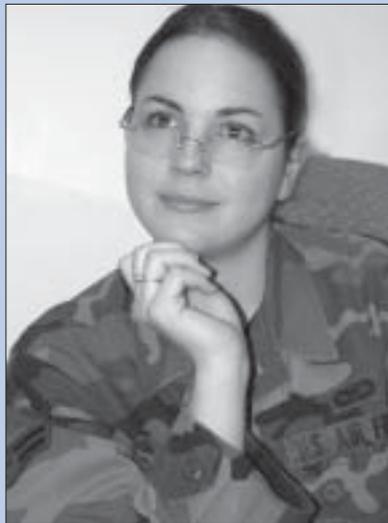
*Get M.A.D.! DJ Illest cuts it up in the place to be on the ones-and-twos at The Basement. The M.A.D. crew throws down jams every Saturday night at the Trail's End. The events are cheap and often open to the public.*

**Q** - My wife and I work out often at Freedom Hall. While it's a great new facility, I wish music could be played in the work out area. I hear it being played in the lobby area so that leads me to believe the gym has the capabilities to pipe the music throughout the gym. Studies have shown that workouts go better with music, so why isn't the system used in the gym?

**A** - I tell you what, you sure came to the right place! According to 2nd Lt. David Everson, 90th Services Squadron, they're working on it. Even though 98 percent of the cardio equipment are set up with receivers for headphones, many folks have asked your same question. They've sent a package that is awaiting approval from base leadership for selected radio stations to be played throughout the facility, including the cardio theater. In the meantime, headphones can be used to listen to the various TV stations and radio station.

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## **Ask Lauren Beth**



**If she doesn't know the answer, there isn't one.**

## *Give me Your Two Cents*

*What is Your favorite place to eat in town?*



**"Home, because the food is made from the heart with love."**

**-- Airman 1st Class  
John King  
790 MSFS**



**"Texas Roadhouse, because I love steak."**

**-- Airman Garret  
Thompson,  
90 MSFS**



**"The Luxury Diner. They've got good food, great prices and they're very personal."**

**-- Mr. Dave Clark,  
90 SW**

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