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Honor on Ice

Members of the Warren Honor Guard post the Colors at Saturday's Colorado Eagles game in Windsor, Colo. The Eagles were celebrating military appreciation day by offering discounted tickets through outdoor recreation. In addition to the honor guard and stands packed with military members, Capt. Sylvette Ortiz, 90th Operations Support Squadron, sang the national anthem.

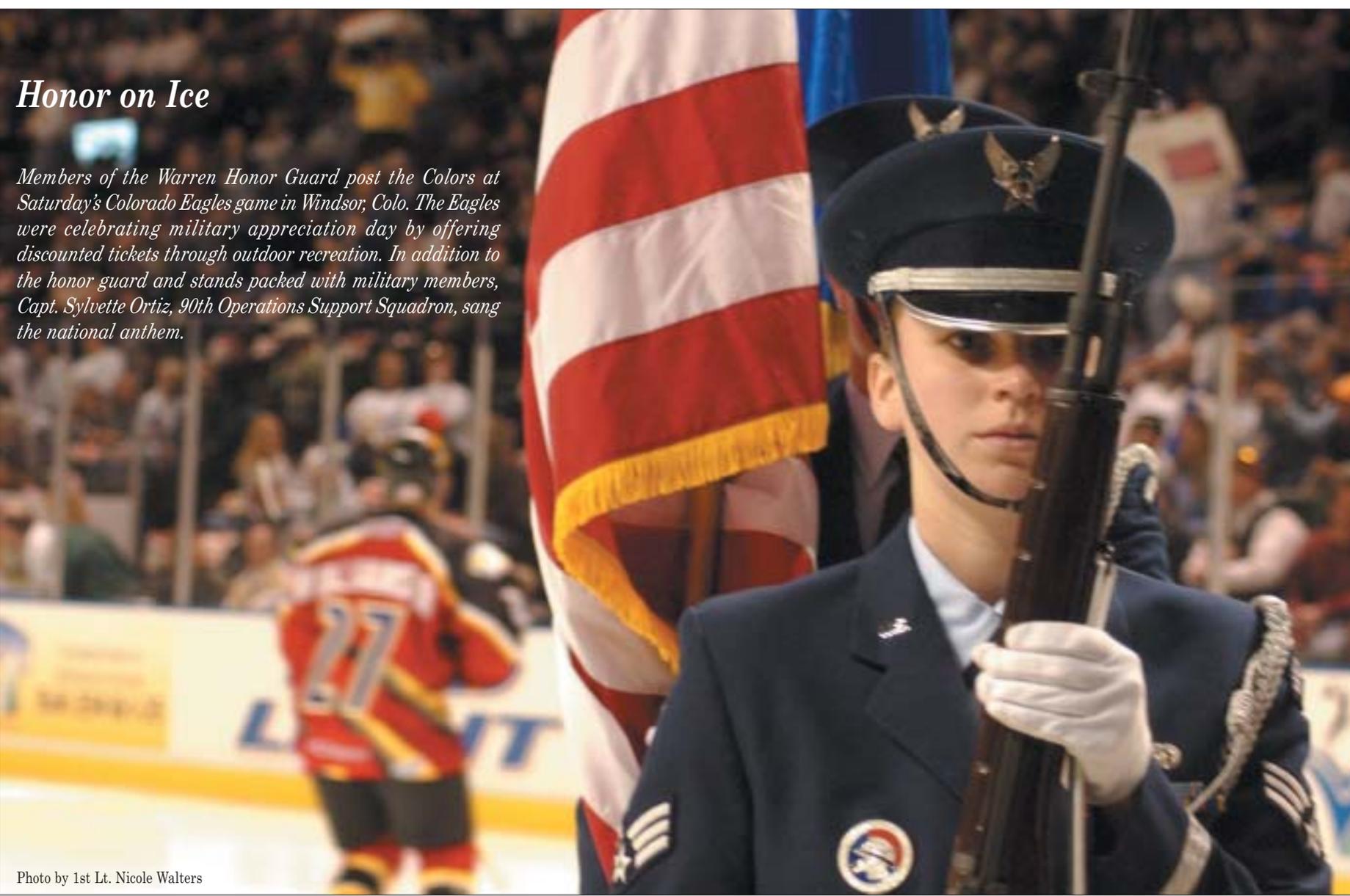


Photo by 1st Lt. Nicole Walters



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MSS Takes Care of Your Emergencies

Maj. Anita Leach
90th Mission Support
Squadron commander

One of the most important things we do in the Mission Support Squadron isn't pleasant, but it is necessary to ensure that a military member's family is informed and taken care of in the event the active duty member becomes a casualty.

When an active duty member dies or is seriously injured, the command post contacts a Casualty Augmentation Support Team member. The casualty member on call contacts the other team members. The team meets in the Military Personnel Flight and the notification process begins. The first thing they do is to determine who the next of kin is and then, how to

contact them.

To determine whom to contact, the team uses the DD Form 93 or a printed copy of the vRed-Emergency Data, and the Service-Member's Group Life Insurance form. The forms list the next of kin's current address, which tells the team how to contact the family members.

Unfortunately, sometimes the information on the forms is incorrect. For example, of the three active duty cases worked at our base last year, two of the members had incorrect information on their emergency forms, which slowed down the notification process. In one case, the military member had been physically separated from his spouse for months, yet the vRed listed them living

at the same address. They didn't live together and the correct information had to be obtained through squadron and family members. This caused a 10-hour delay; the spouse wasn't notified for hours because we didn't have her correct address and had to find it.

If the next of kin is in the local area, a notification team will be formed. It consists of a notification officer, who is usually the squadron commander from the active duty member's unit, a medical officer and a chaplain. The notification team will meet in the MPF where the casualty team will give them instructions for notifying the family. In addition to notifying the family, the notification team will also advise the family members that a representa-

tive will contact them within 24 hours with benefit information. If the next of kin is not in the local area, HQ AFPC determines who will do the notification.

Within 24 hours, the casualty assistance representative will contact the family and make arrangements for immediate payment of the death gratuity check, which is currently \$12,000. Other benefits take longer because they are based on the particular military member's situation. The benefits include SGLI, unpaid pay and allowances, leave, and enlistment bonuses.

How can you help make sure your family is notified quickly and receives the

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Those Who Expect More, Get More

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SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — I occasionally hear people use the phrase, "What did you expect?"

This is usually just after the person has explained the failure of some project or task, goal or benchmark. The problem with "What did you expect?" is that it automatically presupposes a certain outcome, like the breakdown was imminent or some sort of divine fate.

I prefer to think, "What DO you expect?"

Thinking in the "do" realm is action; it is forward-looking. "Did" is past tense; the outcome is a forgone conclusion not worth trying to overcome.

When you expect to succeed, when you expect the best, when you are "excellent in all you do," you will find obstacles are merely bumps in the road that do little to change your course. This isn't a warm and fuzzy ideology. It is hard science.

In a recent Wall Street Journal article, Sharon Begley chronicled the newest research on the "expectation effect" or "Pygmalion effect." Simply put, scientists have proven time and time again the expectations we have of students, athletes, workers and even laboratory mice have a direct effect on their performance.

One study Ms. Begley cited is of particular importance to the Air Force. Elementary-school teachers were told one particular group of students scored high on

an aptitude test and were identified as having attributes that would lead to great academic success.

After a few months, the group achieved "significant gains over the other students."

You can probably guess the punch line: There was no aptitude test! In fact, the group of students teachers thought were extraordinary included children from every ability level. They were just like any ordinary classroom.

"The only difference was in the mind, and expectations, of the teacher," said Dr. Robert Rosenthal, one of the researchers in the study and professor of psychology at the University of California-Riverside.

The Journal reports 479 different studies have found teacher's expectations affect

student performance. These expectations can be communicated overtly, or through nonverbal, often subconscious and unintentional cues.

When teachers expect students to excel, they unknowingly become partners in their success by teaching with warmth and excitement.

Test these theories yourself.

In your relationship with subordinates and peers, teach and lead to the highest level, not the lowest common denominator.

Expect more from yourself physically and mentally. Jog that extra mile. Read that extra page. Believe in others and believe in your mission. Your attitude and expectations will show through your work whether you know it or not. Research proves it.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Darrick Lee

Original American Art

Master Sgt. Darick Cailing, 90th Communications Squadron, talks with Ome, a volunteer with the Wyoming Arts Council, at the Cheyenne Day of Arts Saturday at the Union Pacific Depot in Cheyenne. Sgt. Cailing was invited to the event to show his Native American art. The Wyoming Arts Council used the event to raise \$100,000 to match funds from the Wyoming legislature used for grants to Wyoming schools and other non-profit organizations.

Two New Pieces of Flair For Your Uniform

Joe Carbaugh
90th Mission Support Squadron

A new campaign medal and a service ribbon have been approved for wear by eligible Air Force members.

The Air and Space Campaign Medal recognizes members not eligible for the Kosovo Campaign Medal or other Operation Allied Force DoD Campaign Medals but did provide direct support of combat operations at home station or an area outside the geographic area of combat.

No individual shall be eligible for both an ASCM and a DoD campaign / service medal awarded, unless the member supports a subsequent, separate operation.

A second ASCM or subsequent award of the ASCM is only authorized to individuals who supported a separate ASCM approved operation. Multiple awards of the ASCM are denoted with a service star.

The Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon was approved as recognition for deployed status and consists of a ribbon only; there is no medal or promotion point value. Members may receive any DoD/Air Force Service or Campaign awards and decorations with the AFESR. This award is to recognize completion of any contingency deployment beginning on, or after Oct. 1, 1999.

For more information, contact Ms. Marsha Glaser at 773-2344.

Eligibility For ASCM:

Operation (inclusive dates)

Allied Force (March 24 through June 10, 1999)

Joint Guardian (June 11, 1999 through end of operation)

Allied Harbour (April 4 through Sep. 1, 1999)

Sustain Hope/Shining Hope (April 4 through July 10, 1999)

Noble Anvil (March 24 through July 20, 1999)

Kosovo Task Forces Hawk (April 5 through June 24 1999)

Saber (March 31 through July 8, 1999)

Falcon (June 11, 1999 through end of operation)

Hunter (April 1 through Nov. 1, 1999)

Source documents: Qualifying members must show TDY orders, travel vouchers, EPRs/OPRs or decorations mentioning applicable operation and inclusive date(s).

Eligibility For AFESR:

Completion of a contingency deployment beginning on, or after, Oct. 1, 1999. Deployment on contingency, exercise, deployment orders, or members sourced in direct support of expeditionary operations (in-theater or out) with an overnight away from home station.

Completion of at least 45 consecutive days or 90 nonconsecutive days on a deployed status. Any contingency qualifies, (overseas or stateside) regardless of the duty, destination or location of the temporary duty.

There is no time limit to accumulate the 90 nonconsecutive days, however members are authorized only one AFESR per deployment regardless of the number of days deployed.

Source documents: Qualifying members must show CED orders, travel voucher, citations, certificates or decorations mentioning applicable contingencies.

Tax Center Open for Business Monday

Basil Heise
Base Tax Center

The free base tax center will open its doors 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday from Feb. 2 through April 15. The office is located in the southeast corner of the basement of Building 232, Room. 3.

Many taxpayers received Advance Child Tax Credit during the summer with the increase of the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1,000. You will need to know this amount, whether you received nothing or up to \$400 per child. Information can be accessed by phone at 1-800-829-1040 or by the Internet by going to www.irs.gov and double click on Your 2003 Advance Child Tax

Credit to get to the information page. In both cases, social security number(s), filing status and number of exemptions claimed in 2002 information will be needed. If payment was received but the qualifying child no longer exists in 2003, the amount may not need to be paid back.

For those filing jointly, the "marriage penalty" ended with the rate changing to twice the single rate. This year the single rate went from \$4,700 to \$4,750 for singles and \$7,850 to \$9,500 for those filing jointly.

After many years, the child dependent care credit was overhauled to allow a greater possible credit for those who qualify. The main change is that qualifying expenses increased from \$2,400

to \$3,000 for one child and from \$4,800 to \$6,000 for two or more children.

For those continuing their education past the sophomore level, the Lifetime Learning Credit was raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 of qualifying expenses, making it now possible to receive up to \$2,000 worth of credit. This should especially help those parents sending their children through college and still claim them on their tax return.

Any amendments to previous years' tax returns can be made as well for 2000, 2001 or 2002.

Those filing a return and having a balance due, should make checks payable to the "United States Treasury." If, for some rea-

Tax Center Hours

Monday through Friday

8 a.m. to noon

1 to 4 p.m.

Call 773-5TAX for an appointment.

son, members can't make the full payment, they may file a Form 9465, which allows taxpayers to work out a payment plan with the IRS.

Hopefully, the information in this article, or the help received at the tax center, will lead to a larger return of the taxes paid in 2003. For tax questions or to make an appointment, call 773-5829.



<http://www.warren.af.mil/leadership/index.html>

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Dancin' to the rhythm of the night...

Tops in Blue performed their 50th anniversary show in front of a packed house Tuesday at the Cheyenne Civic Center. The 35 member team performs more than 200 shows a year, and they recently returned from a performance for the troops in Baghdad, Iraq.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Hasinger

CASA Recruiting Volunteers to Benefit County Children

Gayla Lindquist
CASA Volunteer coordinator

Children in Laramie County need help. Court Appointed Special Advocates of Laramie County, is now recruiting for its winter and spring training to provide that help. Volunteers research the details of their court-appointed child's case to help the court make a sound decision about that child's future. The heart of CASA's mission is to train volunteers to provide "a powerful voice in a child's life," national CASA's motto.

The training starts Feb. 10 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and will be completed March 16. Screening must be completed by Feb. 6.

"There is a tremendous need for volunteers who have a heart for these kids as less than a

quarter of the identified children now have volunteers," stated Lindi Kirkbride, CASA director. Volunteers must complete 32 hours of the required training, be available to gather information and to attend court and meetings on behalf of the child.

The role of a CASA volunteer is to provide advocacy for a court-assigned abused or neglected child, to see that he is placed in a safe, permanent home, and to follow through on the case until it is legally resolved. Studies show that children who have been assigned CASA volunteers tend to spend less time in court and less time within the foster care system.

For more information on CASA or how to become a volunteer, call 630-1601 or e-mail at casalc@sisna.com.

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benefits they deserve? It's simple, keep your emergency data and SGLI forms current. If you've moved, married, remarried, di-

vorced, added to your family or if your next of kin has moved, update your emergency data and SGLI forms. They are two separate

documents. Updating one form does not automatically update the other. To update your emergency data, log on to the following Web site: <https://>

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/ and click on Virtual MPF. To update your SGLI, visit the MPF. Help your family by keeping all form current.

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Circuit Training Offered

The Warren Health and Wellness Center is offering a 30-station exercise class from 3 to 4 p.m., each Tuesday and Thursday at the new gym. The program can be modified as to help both beginners and more advanced participants. Classes begin Feb. 3. For more information, call the HAWC at 773-4292.

Women's History Meeting Scheduled

The next Women's History Committee meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Trail's End Club.

Scholarship Offered

First Command and the Officer's Spouses' Club are now offering scholarships to seniors seeking financial assistance for college in Fall 2004. Scholarship packets may be picked

up now at school guidance offices. They must be completed and ready for pick up from school guidance counselors by March 31, 2004. For more information, contact Jan Ritter at 632-0256.

Some Tax Statements Now Online

Tax statements are now posted on myPay for Army, Navy and Air Force Reserve, Department of Defense and Department of Energy civilian employees, military annuitants, military retirees and active duty Air Force members.

Employees can view their tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. For assistance call myPay customer support toll-free at (800) 390-2348.

MEO Offers Classes

90th Space Wing Military Equal Opportunity teaches First Duty Station and Newcomers

Orientations twice a month. Both classes focus on Air Force Equal Opportunity and Treatment Policy and our responsibilities in the human relations resolution process. Attendance is open to all base personnel. FDS is required for all personnel new to the Air Force: enlisted, commissioned and civilian. Newcomers Orientation is a refresher course required for all personnel arriving at Warren from a previous duty station.

For more information, call the MEO office at 773-2741.

Dorm Escape

The First Term Airman's Center will open its doors for Warren's first ever Dorm Escape weekend. FTAC will be open to all Airmen today from 6 p.m. to midnight with free pizza and soda, and Saturday noon to midnight with free snacks and soda. FTAC will be also be open Super Bowl Sunday from noon to mid-

night. Watch the game on two giant screen TVs at 4:25 p.m. and enjoy free snacks and soft drinks all day long. Afterward, watch Survivor: All-Stars. For more information, contact Chaplain Noel or Airman Rickman at 773-3434.

Speakers Needed

Military Equal Opportunity is seeking squadron commanders, senior NCOs, first sergeants section chiefs and key personnel who would be interested in opening an MEO class with a short two to three minute introduction on wing policy for the morning MEO First Duty Station Orientation and the same on sexual harassment for the afternoon MEO First Duty Station Orientation.

For further information and to schedule a time and date, call the Military Equal Opportunity office at 773-2741.

Sweetheart Dance Scheduled

The Warren Youth

Center is hosting a Sweetheart Dance, Feb. 15, at the Trail's End Club. Tickets are available at the Youth Center through Feb. 9.

The Preteen Dance will be from 4 to 6 p.m. and the Teen Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Each dance will feature DJ music for dancing, snacks, door prizes, games, karaoke and lots of other fun things to do. Tickets are \$5 for pre-teens and \$7 for teens.

For more information, call the Warren Youth Center at 773-2564.

Tax Exemption For Military

Active duty members owning and living in mobile homes, who don't claim Wyoming as their state of residency, must file an affidavit of non-residency with the Laramie County Assessor's office by March 1 to be tax exempt. For more information, call 633-4307.

Mighty Ninety Road Warriors Build Convoy Skills

Staff Sgt. John M. Slattery
790th Missile Security Forces
Squadron

“Attack! Attack! Attack!” blared my radio. My team member, Senior Airman Cody Belt, and I had just crested the side of a barren hilltop in our HUMVEE to set up an over-watch position for a tractor trailer carrying a resource vital to national security. At least it would have been, but this was a staged exercise.

As we dived out of our vehicle and began to hug the ground, we heard the telltale short beeps from our MILES gear - a type of “laser tag” harness that simulates shots and hits when used in conjunction with an M-16 rifle with a laser projector and blank ammunition.

These short beeps told us a sniper was somewhere across the road in the tree line scoring near misses on us. We scrambled backward, trying to get to the reverse slope of the hill, and out of the line of fire. In the intersection below, about one hundred yards away, the tractor trailer had been stopped and several of the opposing forces were approaching it from out of the woods with a truck to carry off the resource.

During the next 11 minutes, the rest of our forces closed in around the tractor trailer, rapidly fighting their way through snipers, ambushes and rocket

propelled grenades, closing off any escape routes and ensuring containment of the resource.

It was too little, too late, for the opposition forces. They failed to make off with one of

our nation's most dangerous weapons.

This exercise and training, called Road Warrior II, tested the primary mission of the 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron's Convoy Response Force security forces, maintenance drivers and helicopter crews.

Support personnel from Warren, Minot and Malmstrom Air Force Bases.

Participants traveled to Fort Hunter-Liggett in central California for two weeks of training in early December.

We were joined there by 14 Marines from the 23rd Marine Infantry Regiment who had recently returned from combat operations in Iraq. Their force included two of the legendary Marine scout snipers.

The training, conducted by the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, placed an important emphasis on convoy, team and individual tactics and weapons marksmanship.

The first week consisted primarily of weapons marksmanship training and involved not only the security

forces, but also all the other personnel in attendance as well.

The course kicked off with a class on mental conditioning, stressing the importance of pre-



Road Warrior II Training teaches security forces members needed skills to keep Warren assets safe during transportation to and from the 12,600-square-mile missile complex.

Courtesy Photo

paring a defender's mind as well as his body for the defense of these vital resources.

The second week of the exercise consisted of tactics, techniques and procedures for the defense of a convoy. Basic techniques for individual and team fire and maneuver were practiced and brought to bear against an exercise opponent with MILES gear.

Maintenance as well as helicopter crews participated, getting a taste for what security forces go through on the ground and outside of a payload transport van. This type of cross training gave all convoy team members a clearer understanding of what each player will be doing during a defense of the resource.

The last three days consisted of full MILES exercises of both rolling convoy and static convoys daily that involved the opposition forces, several dozen controllers and personnel from at least two of the three bases at any given time. These exercises allowed the participants to put together everything they had learned from the previous week and a half as well as de-

velop and implement new procedures recommended by the NNSA instructors.

For all of us whose job it is to ensure our nation's most dangerous weapons do not fall into the hands of an enemy, who would use them against us, the training had critical meaning. The exercises were as close to actual combat as you can get and they got everyone involved in thinking about new and better ways of doing business. Many of our tactics and procedures were validated, while others were found to be lacking in certain areas.

I spoke with one of the elite Marine snipers about the exercises on the night before we were to return home.

“You guys got harder and harder to kill with each day that went by as you adapted to the aggressive enemy, the unpredictability of the battlefield and the new tactics and techniques you were taught and practiced,” he said.

In my book, that's the true measure of what our three Northern Tier bases were able to accomplish during Road Warrior II.

“*For all of us whose job it is to ensure our nation's most dangerous weapons do not fall into the hands of the enemy, the training had critical meaning.*”

—Staff Sgt. John M. Slattery
790th Missile Security Forces
Squadron

Warren All-Star Ballers Take to The Hard Court



Photos by Airman Tessa Cubbon

West All-Star Robert Santana controls the opening tip.



East All-Star T-Real is out-jumped by West All-Star Nick Flowers for a board down low.



West All-Star Nick Flowers grimaces in pain after suffering a high-ankle sprain. Both teams played with the intensity of a regular-season game during the Under-30 All-Star game.



Under-30 All-Star J. Marks pushes the rock up the court.



East All-Star T-Real slashes to the rack and splits the defenders for the finger role. The West All-Stars defeated the East 51-50 and advanced to crush the Over-30 All-Stars.



West All-Star Art Ross attempts to knock down a free throw. Ross was a gamer against the East club, despite not finding his stroke until the Under-30 -vs- Over-30 All-Star game.

CE Outlasts MMXS to Win Over-30 Championship

Staff Sgt. Kurt Arkenberg
Public Affairs

It took the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron two games, but they did triumph over the 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron to take the Warren Over-30 Intramural Basketball Championship Jan. 23 at the new gym.

In game one of the double-elimination tourney finale, MMXS raced out to a 13-4 lead and CE looked sluggish as they heaved shot after shot, finding nothing but iron. CE did find their stroke, and rallied late in the half fueled by timely threes, stingy defense and an old-school, playground inbound play as Dan Conrad threw the ball off an unwitting defender's backside and scored the "hoop and harm," cutting the MMXS lead to four with seven minutes left. CE capped their 11-2 run by tying the game at 15 with under two left in the half, but two Andre Hope free throws

gave MMXS the 19-15 first-half lead.

The second half of game one became the Andre Hope and Bob Gauthier show as Hope shut down the CE passing lanes and Gauthier knocked down trey after trey. The dynamite duo took turns stopping CE runs by stopping the feed to the paint and dropping daggers from downtown. An iceman-like lefty finger role by Gauthier ran the lead to eight; another trifecta extended it to 12 and Chris Olson's three placed CE's hole at 15 with less than three minutes left. MMXS forced the "if" game by holding on for the 51-40 victory.

Gauthier led MMXS with 16 points, Hope chipped in a dozen; Olson dropped in 11; Hurrey Smith added eight; and Ray Foster, Kirk Aytch and Jason Fason rounded out the MMXS scoring with two each.

Conrad led all scorers with 18; Robert Roddy muscled in eight; Roger Harder had six; Tim Francois had a bucket and a couple of freebies; and Anthony Pitts and Scott Newman closed out the CE scoring with each dropping a deuce.

MMXS broke out the shiny uniforms for game two, but their game was a little tarnished. It was their third game of the night and it showed as CE pounded it inside to Roddy and the big man made his presence felt on both ends throughout the game.

The first half was nip and tuck throughout, but CE slowly pushed the lead to five at the half, led by Roddy's eight first-half points and the long defensive shadow he cast in the paint.

MMXS made few cooperative runs at CE in the second half, but Hope continued to do all the things that don't show up on the stat sheet - steals, boards, dimes and all around hustle plays to help the maintainers cut the CE lead to two with five minutes remaining. However, with both teams running on

fumes and

Hope's only real second-half help coming from Olson, MMXS couldn't get over the hump. Harder hit four-of-six from the charity stripe down the stretch and Hope's runner from 16 feet out came after the final horn, giving CE the 39-38 win and the crown.

Harder led all scorers in game two with 15; Roddy chipped in a baker's dozen; Anthony Pitts added six; Conrad finished with three and Francois rounded out the scoring with a deuce.

Olson led MMXS with 11; Hope contributed nine; Smith had six; Gauthier battled leg craps and could only muster five; and Aytch and Fason finished with two apiece.



Roger Harden drops in two of his 15 Game-2 points.



Chris Olson muscled up two of his 11 Game-2 points.



Harden toes the line and lets a bomb fly over the tenacious defense of Andre Hope. Hope gave it his all in a losing effort.



Tim Francois knocks down a jumper from the low block during Game-1 action.



Bob Gauthier pulls the trigger on a three in Game-2 action.



U.S. AIR FORCE BRIEFS

Exercise Tests Shuttle Rescue Capabilities

LAJES FIELD, Azores — Lajes Field's capabilities to save a downed space shuttle crew will be put to the test during a day-long exercise here.

The exercise involves American and Portuguese forces and a Defense Department agency for space flight.

The combined event joins 65th Air Base Wing and Portuguese Air Base four emergency forces in the mid-Atlantic Ocean. Joint fire, medical, search and rescue as well as other forces here will take part testing a wealth of capabilities, said Portuguese Air Force Maj. Albano Coutinho, Chief of the Air Operations Center here.

Air Force Saves Native Remains

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — Quick action and the use of high-tech radar at an old radar site allowed an Air Force team to find 15 unmarked graves of Alaska natives that were in danger of being washed out to sea this winter.

Earlier in the year, the rural village of Port Heiden, Alaska, saw their old graveyard get torn apart by a winter storm.

"The first big wave took out the cross that marked the grave, and the second took the coffin out to sea," said Gerda Kosbruk, the village administrator for Port Heiden.



Photo by Airman Fallon Shea

Smoke-n-Mirrors

Airmen from the 5th Aircraft maintenance Squadron conduct a fuel enrichment valve test on a B-52H Stratofortress here Jan. 15 while the temperature was 6 below zero. Contractors from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Wichita, Kan., helped the squadron in a week-long test to modify the fuel control for cold weather engine start ups.

Hold Off on Embroidering Logo

WASHINGTON - Air Force clothing office officials are asking airmen to wait a few weeks before having their lightweight blue jackets embroidered with the Air Force logo.

"We've had an overwhelmingly positive response in regards to placing the logo on the jacket," said Libby Glade, Air Force clothing office chief. "However, we have also received numerous questions from embroidery vendors and private individuals about the logo. We are revising the technical data to obtain an embroidery software format to ensure a high-quality, consistent appearance."

A contractor is currently working on a digitized pattern, which will be available online at www.af.mil/airforcestory by the first week of February, Ms. Glade said. This pattern should be compatible with 90 percent of the embroidery software programs used by vendors.

"We are advising vendors and individuals to hold off on embroidering until further guidance is available," she said.

Besides the digitized pattern, complete, updated specifications for embroidery will be available online. These specifications will include a diagram of logo placement and design elements, such as thread color

and number, font style and size, stitch style and count, and spacing.

Ms. Glade said those individuals who have already had their jackets embroidered based on the current Web site logo guidelines and the previous news article are authorized to wear their embroidered jackets.

"However, we are advising that since this software will ensure conformity with the AF logo guidelines and provide uniformity across the AF, it would be best if individuals refrained from having their jackets embroidered until the software is available," she said.



Have a news, sports or commentary story idea for the Warren Sentinel? Contact the public affairs office at 773-3381.



AAC VP Leads Warren Airmen With AADD Program, The Presidency and Hoops

Airman 1st Class Lauren Hasinger talked to the Airman's Advisory Council vice president Senior Airman Ashley Brunson, 90th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander support staff, to find out her hope for Warren's airmen.

Why did you want to get involved in the AAC?

There was nothing to do when I first got here February of 2001. So I just started volunteering for everything.

Why is it important for airmen to be involved? Isn't it easier to just stay home and watch cable?

Because it gives them something to do. Volunteering is also a lot of fun once you get into it.

With all of the recent DUIs and underage drinking incidents, what is the AAC doing about it?

Right now we're working with the focus day committee. We're trying to come up with something to press the issue and try to resolve it. We're looking for ways to prevent it from happening.

What are some of the ideas that are being thrown out there?

We'd like to do an airmen's call so we can talk airman to airman. We're also working with more advertising on base for the activities that are planned just for airmen like the Dorm Escape.

How does Airmen Against Drunk Driving work?

Basically we have two phones, one for males and one for females. When someone who's been drinking calls the number the AADD representative on call will pick them up, no questions asked. It's totally anonymous. They just need to see your

military ID card to make sure that you are military. The number for males is: 631-2500 and females: 631-2200.

How popular is it?

We're not getting too many phone calls right now.

What are some common misconceptions about AADD?

People think it's not anonymous. No one will find out about it. We don't even ask for your name.

What happens if the person's underage?

Nothing. We don't examine the ID. We just look at it to make sure they're military.

What is the best part about the Air Force?

The benefits, because I have a 2-year-old son.

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

"Gothica" with Halle Berry.

What's Warren's best kept secret?

There's no violence. It's a safe environment and easy to meet new people.

What's the greatest book ever written?

"Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. It's about getting your life right spiritually.

Who's your mentor?

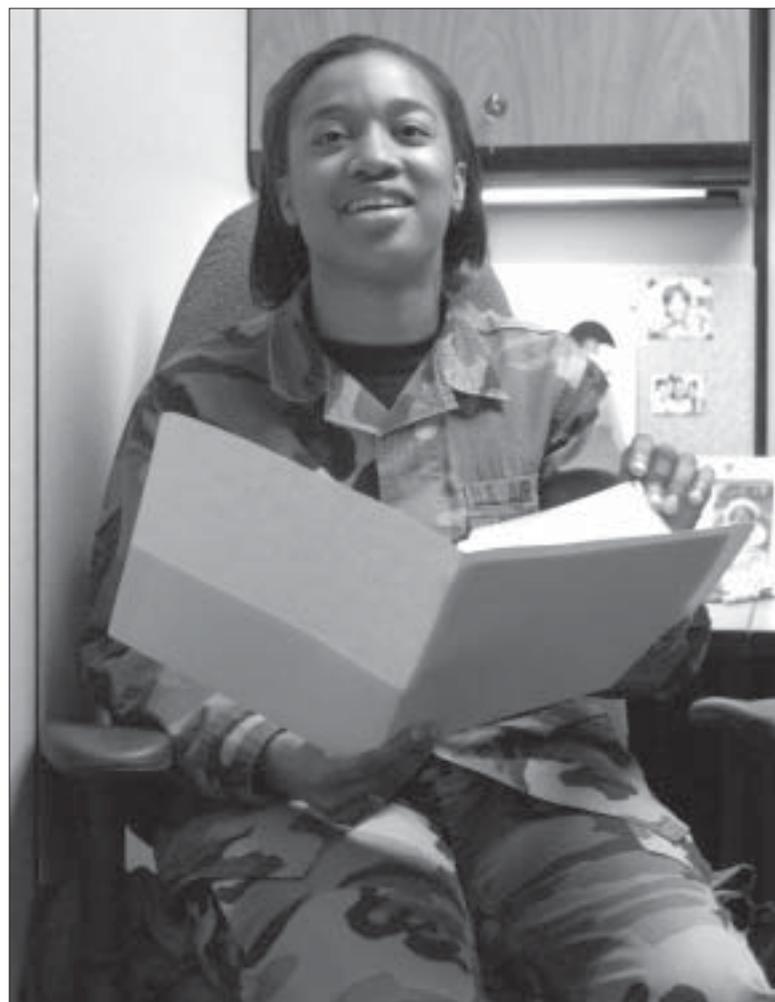
Retired Master Sgt. Sherry Egbert. For a while she was my supervisor. She took care of her troops. We could talk to her about anything. I still call her sometimes.

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

That I'm not quiet. Everybody thinks I'm so quiet.

If you could experience any moment in history, what would it be?

When the schools segregated. I think it would have been a good experience to know what people had to go through.



What did you do before you joined the military?

I went to school in Jackson, Mississippi.

What do you miss most about home?

The weather. I miss the rain.

What would you do if you were president for a day?

I would try to go visit as many military bases as I could and let them know how much I appreciate them.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

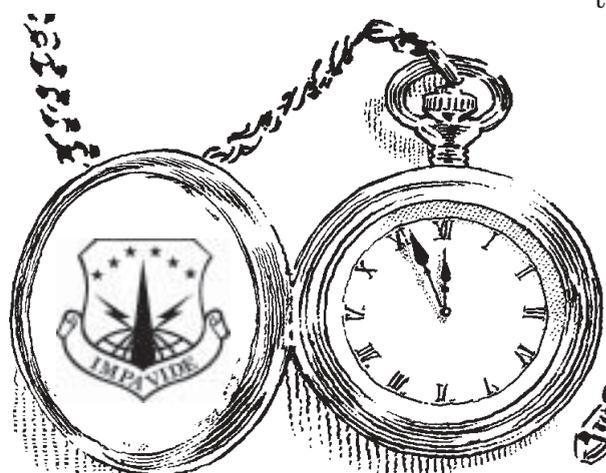
I wanted to be a basketball player. I was playing when I first got here and then I had my son so I stopped.

What's your life's motto?

Once you stop worrying about what people think about you, you start being yourself.

What is your hope for airmen?

Hopefully everyone realizes that bad decisions come with bad consequences. Take care of each other.



Ask Lauren Beth



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

Q - I drive around base often, and while I like antelope they have a tendency to jump in front of my vehicle without looking both ways. What is their problem and how do I avoid a major antelope incident?

A - I tell you what, you sure came to the right place! My good friend, Mr. Willie Conyers from safety happens to be an antelope expert and he has some sound advice for you. According to Mr. Conyers, treat the antelope like they are children. Children and antelope often run into the middle of the street without looking both ways. They just don't know any better. Mr. Conyers also pointed out that the antelope were here first so give them the respect that they deserve. This is their home. So keep your eyes peeled, and we will all live in harmony.

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Give me Your Two Cents

Who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl?



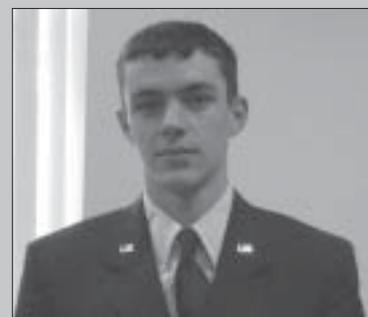
"The Patriots because they've got more Super Bowl experience."

-- Airman 1st Class Keith Green, EOD



"I'm going to go for Carolina because I like to root for the underdog."

-- Airman Martin Wallace, 90 CONS



"I want the Patriots to win because Carolina beat the Eagles."

-- Airman 1st Class Will Piasecki, 90 MMXS



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Let Them Eat Cake ...

Ms. Debra Morris, Child Development Center program assistant, helps children in the toddler's group decorate cup cakes during a parent/student activity Jan. 23 at the CDC. Every month the CDC has a parent and student activity.

Where On Warren?



*A place of honor to behold
Oh, their tales we have been told
But to know of history hence
And they made all the difference.*

Congrats to Staff Sgt. Jared Moran from 90 SFS/ SFOA, who correctly guessed the location of last week's "Where on Warren," located at the 20th Air Force Headquarters building.

Think you know the answer? Be the first to send an e-mail to sentinel@warren.af.mil with the correct building's address and you'll win a coupon book from Services.

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