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**Happy  
Spouses  
Appreciation  
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**May is  
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Guardian  
Challenge***



# The Difference

Colonel (Ret.) Steven Arrington

Over the years, I've talked a lot about military spouses... how special they are and the price they pay for freedom too. The funny thing about it, is most military spouses don't consider themselves different from other spouses. They do what they have to do, bound together not by blood or merely friendship, but with a shared spirit whose origin is in the very essence of what love truly is. Is there truly a difference? You have to decide for yourself.

Other spouses get married and look forward to building equity in a home and putting down family roots. Military spouses get married and know they'll live in base housing or rent, and their roots must be short so they can be transplanted frequently.

Other spouses decorate a home with flair and personality that will last a lifetime. Military spouses decorate a home with flare tempered with the knowledge that no two base houses have the same size windows or same size rooms. Curtains have to be flexible and multiple sets are a plus. Furniture must fit like puzzle pieces.

Other spouses have living rooms that are immaculate and seldom used. Military spouses have immaculate living room/dining room combos. The coffee table got a scratch or two moving from Germany, but it still looks pretty good.

Other spouses say good-bye to their spouse for a business trip and know they won't see them for a week. They are lonely, but can survive. Military spouses say good-bye to their deploying spouse and know they won't see them for months, or for a year-long remote. They are lonely, but will survive.

Other spouses get used to saying "hello" to friends they see all the time. Military spouses get used to saying "good-bye" to friends made the last two years.

Other spouses worry about whether their child will be class president next year. Military spouses worry about whether their child will be accepted in yet another new school next year.

Other spouses can count on spouse participation in special events... birthdays, anniversaries, concerts, football games, graduation and even the birth of a child. Military spouses only count on each other; because they realize that the flag has to come first if freedom is to survive. It has to be that way.

Other spouses put up yellow ribbons when the troops are imperiled across the globe and take them down when the troops come home. Military spouses wear yellow ribbons around their hearts and they never go away.

Other spouses worry about being late for mom's Thanksgiving dinner; Military spouses worry about getting back from Japan in time for dad's funeral.

Other spouses are touched by the television program showing an elderly lady putting a card down in front of a long, black wall that has names on it. The card simply says "Happy Birthday, Sweetheart. You would have been sixty today." A military spouse is the lady with the card. And the wall is the Vietnam Memorial.

I would never say military spouses are better or worse than other spouses are. But I will say there is a difference. And I will say that our country asks more of military spouses than is asked of other spouses. And I will say, without hesitation, that military spouses pay just as high a price for freedom as do their active duty husbands or wives. Perhaps the price they pay is even higher. Dying in service to our country isn't nearly as hard as loving someone who has died in service to our country.

Bless our military spouses for all they freely give.

## Hoops' Shots

Like most wings, we do a great job celebrating success and sacrifice. You see it in ALS graduation dinners, retirement ceremonies, NCO inductions, promotions, awards luncheons, inspection out-briefs, competition send-offs and more. But there's one important part of our team that often doesn't get the fanfare they deserve—our military spouses. Today is Military Spouses Day and it seems inadequate compared to the contributions they make all year long.

Our military spouses are terrific. From volunteer work to personal sacrifices, they are integral to the health and well being of our families and successes as military members. They play a critical role ensuring our Air Force and Team Warren can successfully achieve our mission.

As we all have experienced, military family life is no stranger to challenges and rewards, especially when our nation is at war. We are all expeditionary Airmen. The trials faced during deployments, for two-income families, for dual-military families and more are daunting. Yet, our spouses rise again and again to the occasion with their own brand of tenacity, determination and hope. We have many programs to help military families and spouses in these times of great need. However, the very best of these programs are the ones that are the simplest and most personal—the neighbor that helps mow the lawn or shovel snow, the unit that helps with time-outs and diversions, the fellow spouses who

are there to listen and offer advice.

Our spouses take on awesome responsibilities to sustain their homes and families. Often, by default, they must take on the duties of both mother and father dealing with those complex issues of daily life within a military context. As one of our most senior leaders once said, "The military spouse is truly the engine that keeps our homes and our lives on track."

Today is your day and I hope you take advantage of the many activities and specials being offered in your honor around the base. More importantly, I hope you know how special you are to us all and how you make our Air Force strong. On behalf of all of Team Warren, I salute you and wish you a happy Military Spouses Day and know you have our respect all year long.

We're going to tap into that strength again in a big way in just a few short weeks. The countdown to the Operational Readiness Inspection is on and no doubt the Inspector General will put us through our paces. That will mean long hours, uncertain schedules, delays around base and more. I know we are ready because we strive to be ready every day. We're ready because our military spouses and families are at our sides urging us on and taking care of the home front. When we earn that blue dot for an outstanding rating, it will belong as much to those at home as it does to those in uniform.

-Col Hoops

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# 20th Air Force: Take 'Skid Monster' Training, Manage Risks Better, Don't Run With Scissors

**Maj. Scott Mackenzie**  
**Maj. Kim Parker**  
**Master Sgt. Joseph Pape Jr.**  
*20th Air Force Safety*

As the safety culture of the Air Force changes, the Air Force has made safety a top priority. In the past, we focused on learning from our mistakes and on corrective actions from safety investigations following tragic events. We often said, "If we had only done this, the accident probably would not have occurred." Today, our focus is shifting toward a more active approach based on risk management. Twentieth Air Force embraced this change, developing a risk management and safety initiative.

Even safety experts cannot totally define what makes the perfect safety program. Twentieth Air Force tackled this problem head-on focusing on accountability, responsibility and planning contingencies for risks to our mission, people and resources. The safety council contributes to an improved safety posture, including the lowest number of government motor vehicle rollovers in our command in 10 years!

The 20 AF Safety Council was born three years ago, following a severe government vehicle accident. A two-member intercontinental ballistic missile crew in a GMV pickup sustained severe injuries and narrowly escaped death following an accident between the vehicle and a civilian tractor-

trailer. Poor road and weather conditions contributed to the accident and initial help was slow to arrive because of slow accident reporting.

After this incident, 20 AF senior leadership brainstormed ways to better manage the risks we face, including an alarming increase in GMV rollovers. The result: inception of the 20 AF Safety Council.

Over the last three years, safety council initiatives improved 20 AF safety posture. The council convenes every six months, with numbered Air Force and wing leadership attending. Commander involvement is the backbone of every strong safety program. Our commanders and safety staffs have attended eight councils and produced more than 100 safety initiatives since. Five 20 AF initiatives reaped enormous payoffs in lives saved and mission success.

One giant leap forward for safety was equipping our military vehicles with global positioning system technology. Combined with an initiative to stand up wing transportation control centers, GPS provides an effective means to safely manage travel and emergency response. Nearly all GMVs dispatching to the missile complexes have GPS terminals. The GPS gives units instant information on a vehicle's location, speed and status. The GPS units allow vehicle control centers and vehicle operators instant communication with each other and inform teams

of road, weather and construction advisories, permitting re-routing of vehicles onto safer roads.

The safety council also promoted gravel-road training courses and the skid-car driver-training program, giving drivers exposure to risks from winter and rainy driving conditions. Each 20 AF wing trains drivers on a prepared, controlled gravel-road course, using specially equipped vehicles. This course trains drivers on treacherous gravel road conditions. Qualified instructors give rollover training actually letting students drive into a ditch to simulate the experience needed to prevent a rollover. Twentieth Air Force also implemented skid-car, or "Skid Monster," training. The "Skid Monster" vehicle simulates the loss of rear-wheel control on icy, wet, or gravel roads.

In another positive safety council mishap reduction initiative, each 20 AF wing provides a form for drivers to determine mission-related travel risks, including driver's age, fatigue, travel distance, vehicle type, road conditions, weather and more. Risk fac-

tors to a crew dispatching to the ICBM complex are documented, weighed and measured. Units take mitigation steps for moderate to high risks to reduce or eliminate that risk to an acceptable level. If a driver's risk is too high based on fatigue, unit leadership can mitigate the risk by not allowing the tired individual to drive that day.

With these initiatives the 20 AF Safety Council made a truly positive impact on safety in our command. Our GMV rollover rate has been reduced significantly since the council first formed.

During the fiscal year 2003, 20 AF experienced only seven rollovers and they caused only minor injuries. Comparatively, in 2002, the general public had a rollover rate of 166 per two million miles, while 20 AF had only one rollover per two million miles driven.

The safety council initiatives have improved vehicle safety in the field while reducing the severity of associated injuries.

Through commander involvement and mishap prevention efforts, the 20 AF safety council has truly contributed to a safer command at all levels.

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—20th Air Force Safety

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## AF Personnel Manager of '03



- ◆ Worked OIF from cradle to grave
- ◆ Managed CC's most important resource - his people
- ◆ Best of the best as a personnel specialist

These are just a few of the bullets from the package that won the Air Force Personnel Manager of the Year award.

Tech. Sgt. Melannie Porter, 20th Air Force, took top honors in her career field for 2003, but according to her it came as quite a surprise.

"I didn't think I was doing anything special," said Sgt. Porter. "I did everything because I was trying to help."

"Whether it was during my deployment, here at Warren or downtown, I was just trying to help where I could."

Throughout the year, she volunteered her time to help school children with their reading, as a parade

marshal for numerous parades and as a representative to the annual International AFSA Convention to name a few.

"I was happy to see her when she showed up to work the parade," said Terry Ruiz, a CFD parade coordinator. "Especially considering she had only been back from her deployment for four days."

Sgt. Porter was deployed to two austere, bare-base environments for nearly six months.

As close as 34 miles from the Iraqi border, Sgt. Porter was responsible for reporting status of 6,600 troops and 7,500 tons of supplies moving through the theater of operations... all after convoying with a Patriot Missile Battery for 22 hours through territory peppered with terrorist sympathizers only to arrive at a small commercial airport without the support systems needed to get an Air Force de-

tachment up and running.

"Once we arrived, we had to have 100 percent accountability of our operations, support, tenant and transient personnel," Sgt. Porter said.

Sgt. Porter's workload at Warren may be under better conditions, but it's equally as comprehensive.

"I know that whatever the problem, Sgt. Porter will see it's solved, and solved right," said Maj. Craig Ramsey, 20 AF executive officer.



## 2.7 Million More Still Needed

**Capt. Christopher L. Archer**  
90th Medical Operations Squadron

There are currently 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States. If compared to the number of hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, home health care agencies, schools, universities, and most of all - sick people - that number is far below what it should be.

Nurses aren't just "pill-pushers" any more. The old-fashioned mindset of nurses being dressed in white, giving pills, and hand-holding wound menders is just that - old-fashioned. Sure, they still give pills. They still hold someone's hand once in a while. Treating wounds is second nature to an RN. In fact, they still do everything they used to do, only now they do much more. The constantly changing health care system in America, combined with the nationwide nursing shortage, has forced nurses to be more flexible and dynamic than ever before. Here are a few not-so-well-known nursing facts to consider:

\* The nation's registered nurse workforce is aging significantly and the number of full-time equivalent RNs per capita is forecast to peak around the year 2007 and decline steadily thereafter, according to Peter Buerhaus of Vanderbilt University's nursing school. Buerhaus also predicted that the number of RNs would fall 20 percent below the demand by 2010.

National Nurses' Week began Thursday and will continue through Wednesday. Take a minute and let nurses and medical technicians know how much everything they do for you and your family is appreciated.

In an Emergency,  
Dial 911,  
Safehouse  
24-Hour Crisis Line  
307-637-7233 or  
1-800-591-9159

**Safehouse: Safe Haven From Violence**  
Safehouse, a not-for-profit United Way agency, offers safe, confidential shelter and peer support groups for domestic violence.

## Sexual Assault Not Tolerated At Any Level

**Capt. Angie Blair**  
AFSPC Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command is leading the way in establishing command-wide standardized sexual assault education, training and prevention programs following an Air Force-directed major command sexual assault team assessment that concluded March 31.

"We found that everybody understood the issue, but there were better ways to do things as we looked across the command," said Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC commander.

The 13-member AFSPC assessment team identified several best practices, four of which are scheduled to be implemented by the end of June, according to Gen. Lord:

- A responsible drinking program from Warren, designed to promote a responsible drinking culture
  - Educational prevention and reporting videos and briefings for training personnel used at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
  - Strong local law enforcement and base organization relationships that help keep the base informed of sexual assault reports at Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
  - A checklist for responding to an incident used at Patrick AFB, Fla.
- The AFSPC assessment effort was

part of an Air Force-wide review of procedures in place to deal with sexual assaults and was directed by Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James G. Roche, and the Air Force Chief of Staff, General John P. Jumper following sexual assault allegations and handling of sexual assault cases surfaced at the US Air Force Academy in February 2003.

"Air Force Space Command and the United States Air Force take sexual assault very seriously," said Gen. Lord. "Our team was tasked to make sure we are doing everything in our power to prevent it from happening and that if prevention does fail we insure a climate where it is reported and dealt with in a sensitive, appropriate and timely manner."

Space Command's assessment team, led by Col. Robert Worley, AFSPC mission support director, consisted of a mix of men and women - five officers, four enlisted Airmen and four civilians. The team conducted focus group discussions, leadership in-

terviews, documentation reviews, open-door opportunities and meetings with key organizations during their month-long assessment tour.

"Our goal was to provide senior leaders with a candid assessment of best practices, special issues, problems, and challenges," said Col. Worley. "This was not about investigating specific cases or allegations but we were tasked to look at policies and procedures in place for both reporting and dealing with sexual assault."

AFSPC's SAAT report will be combined with other Air Force major command reports that will provide Air Force leadership with an overall "state of health" on sexual assault programs, procedures and policies and identify areas for improvement and highlight existing best practices.

"We want to give everyone an equal chance to prosper in Air Force Space Command and our Air Force," said Gen. Lord. "Professionals treat each other with respect. And if they don't, we work to take the proper and appropriate action against the perpetrator while taking care of the victim. Sexual assault in Air Force Space Command will not be tolerated at any level."

“*We want to give everyone an equal chance to prosper in Air Force Space Command and our Air Force.*”

**-Gen. Lance Lord**  
Commander AFSPC



*Photos by Airman 1st Class Craig Cisek*



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## 6 by 6



**These photos are of day one and two of GC '04. Be sure to show your support and welcome your team back to Warren 6:30 p.m., today at the Trail's End Club.**

*Photos by Airman 1st Class Craig Cisek*



## **ORI Tips**

*The 'Dirty Dozen' of a Successful Inspection*

**Safety First**

**No Repeat Discrepancies**

**Fix it Now**

**Ask Questions**

**Hustle**

**Personal Appearance, Customs and Courtesies Count**

**Be Prepared**

**Be Positive**

**Use The Checklists**

**Maximum Demonstration**

**Every Day is Day One**

**Don't Argue**

## **Congrats 90th Space Wing Quarterly Awards Winners**

### **Honor Guard Member of the Quarter**

Airman 1st Class Brian Lazarchick  
*90th Medical Group*

### **Airman of the Quarter**

Airman 1st Class Luke Storhe  
*90th Security Forces Group*

### **NCO of the Quarter**

Staff Sgt. Lakesha Washington  
*90th Operations Group*

### **SNCO of the Quarter**

Master Sgt. Sean Griffin  
*90th Security Forces Group*

### **CGO of the Quarter**

1st Lt. Vincent Montano  
*90th Operations Group*

### **First Responder of the Quarter**

Staff Sgt. Alissa Stroh  
*90th Security Forces Group*

### **Cat I Civilian of the Quarter**

James McMaster  
*90th Medical Group*

### **Cat II Civilian of the Quarter**

Jo Dee Fraley  
*90th Medical Group*

### **Cat III Civilian of the Quarter:**

Harold Sharp  
*90th Operations Group*

### **Civilian NAF Cat I of the Quarter:**

James Kuhns  
*90th Mission Support Group*

### **Civilian NAF Cat II of the Quarter:**

Dion Lange  
*90th Mission Support Group*

### **Civilian NAF Cat III of the Quarter:**

Trenton Morrell  
*90th Mission Support Group*

### 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.

### Asian Pacific Heritage Month

An Asian Pacific Heritage Month food sampling is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Trans High Bay, May 14. Along with the food will be performances, contests and demonstrations. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Jessica Luna at 773-4448.

### Caslot Sale

The commissary will be having a caslot sale on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 15 from 8 - 5 p.m. Name

brand items will be offered at low prices, and first come first served! For information about the Defense Commissary Agency, log on to [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

### Youth Tennis Lessons

Youth ages 6 to 16 can learn the basics of tennis during a two week session held June 14 through 25. Registration begins May 17 to June 4. Classes will be held Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10 to 11 a.m., at the base tennis courts across from 20th Air Force. All equipment is provided. The cost is \$20 per child and includes a tennis polo shirt and an end-of-class ice cream party. The class is limited to the first 20 students. To register stop by the Youth Center and sign up today. Volunteers needed: for more information contact Youth Sports 773-2564.

### PGA Show/Demo Day

Come out to the Warren Golf Course May 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and "test drive" the latest clubs from Nike, Titleist, Wilson and more. Enter the draw-

ing for one of four, \$25 Pro Shop gift certificates. Save up to 20 percent at the pro shop sale! The PGA Show is sponsored in part by Warren Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 773-3556.

### Youth Track and Field Day

A youth track and field day will be held 10 a.m. May 10 at the Parade Field. Participants may begin signing up at the Parade Field at 9:30 a.m.

All family members ages 5-18 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. In the event of inclement weather the meet will be postponed until May 22.

### Spring Arts and Crafts Show

All are invited to attend the Spring Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 14 and 15, at the Skills Development Cen-

ter, 6905 Diamond Creek. Enjoy refreshments, displays and demonstrations! For more information, call 773-3166.

### Mayoral Day

The next Mayoral day will be held May 14 in preparation for the ORI.

### Large Item Pick-up

Spring clean up is scheduled for Monday in base housing areas. The 90th Civil Engineer Squadron will be picking up discarded items such as sofas, mattresses, stoves, washer, dryers, televisions, etc. They will not pick up items such as automobile engines & parts, tires, batteries, household waste, refrigerators, freezer, air conditioners, and hazardous waste items. Items to be picked up should be placed at the curb in front of your house by 8:00 a.m. It may take 2-3 days for everything to be picked up. For more information, call Master Sgt. Lumbrez at 773-3948.

### Armed Forces Day Celebration

The Armed Forces Day Celebration will be held on May 15, at Frontier Mall. If your unit is interested in

setting up a booth or a static display, please call Lt. Col. Elizabeth Cowles-Harrell at 773-5730.

### Hometown News Release Program

If you recently PCS'd, got promoted, or received an award, let your family and friends know back home by participating in the Hometown News Release Program. Simply fill out a DD Form 2266, sign it, and either fax it back to Public Affairs at 773-2074 or drop it off at the Public Affairs Office, Bldg 250, room 201.

### Water Outage

A water outage will take place Wednesday at 8 a.m. for approximately eight hours. In order to install two ten-inch gate valves -- one south of Piute Dr. and one north of Building 152. The following buildings will be directly affected - 34, 37, 152 and 1755. MFH units affected are 1600 thru 1670 in Atlas housing. For more information please contact Clark Varnum, construction inspector at 773-3271.

## It's Never Too Soon to Plan The Hunt

**Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn**  
*Public Affairs*

If you want to hunt this year, some of your options of where you will go are waning fast as the limited hunt permit application deadline draws near May 31.

Resident applications for limited quota elk, deer and antelope licenses must be received at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Cheyenne office by 5 p.m. May 31 or May 15 if you are a qualifying landowner-tag applicant.

Unlike tax returns, the applications won't be accepted if it is post-marked May 31, it must be in WG&F's possession by the deadline.

While many areas offer over-the-counter deer and elk licenses that can be purchased throughout the year, all antelope permits are drawn. So, no application means no antelope. Hunters are encouraged to also survey their big game areas as general areas may have

become a draw unit based on the needs of the specific hunting area.

Why not wait until the last week of May?

Mail delays, incomplete applications, or inadequate proof-of-residency top the list of potential reasons your application could be rejected or not arrive in time. Like forgetting to chamber a round, a

misfire in the application process could leave a hunter missing a chance at a great hunting opportunity.

Military members permanently stationed at Warren must be here for a minimum of 90 days to qualify as resident on their applications — 90 days before submitting an application, not 90 days before the hunt date or draw date.

The resident elk, deer and antelope applications are processed by WG&F officials and drawn July

3 according to the WG&F Web site. Normally permits are received in the mail within a week after the draw.

While there is a second draw window July 10 to 20 for leftover tags, the point here is to compete for the coveted tags in the first draw.

Hunters can check season dates and quotas before applying by calling **(800) 842-1934** or by picking up a "summary map" for deer, elk or antelope at license agents or WG&F offices.

One sure-fire option of ensuring the paperwork is filed correctly is to visit the WG&F headquarters office near the base's Gate 5, off of the Interstate 25 Central Avenue exit.

For more information, look WG&F up on the Web at: <http://gf.state.wy.us/>.

“*All antelope permits are drawn. So, no permit: no antelope.*”

**—Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn**  
*Public Affairs*

### America's Armed Forces Kids Run, Bike Rodeo and Track Meet

Kids ages 5 through 13 are invited to the Kids Run and Bike Rodeo May 15, 9 to 11 a.m. Sign up by today.

Ages 5 and 6 run 1/2 mile at 9 a.m. Ages 7 and 8 run 1 mile at 9:15. Ages 9 through 13 run 2 miles at 9 a.m.

The bike rodeo will begin at 10 a.m. DARE and safety officers will have safety displays and bike inspections.

Track meet events for kids ages 5 through 18 begins at 10 a.m. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m. on the parade field. Events include long jump, relay races, 70-meter dash, sack race, 500-meter run and balloon races. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each event.

This is a May Fitness Month activity. For more information call 773-2564.

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# Choose a Hunting Ground

**Master Sgt. Ric Bollen**  
*90th Civil Engineer Squadron*

Hunting in Wyoming is much more than getting a gun or a bow and heading into the woods or the Plains after an animal. Knowing where to go is as important as any preparatory activity.

Most Warren members aren't familiar with the areas open for hunting, or may over-simplify the fact Wyoming is 50 percent public land. Some basic research needs to be done before selecting a prospective hunting area so the hunter doesn't find themselves in an area where there is little to no public access, or few game animals.

Prospective hunters can pick up the 2004 Wyoming Resident hunting information and booklet at the Wyoming Game and Fish Depart-

ment; this has the application forms and hunting areas listed. The department can also provide booklets and information on the private wildlife access program for walk-in areas and hunter management areas. This document lists the areas open to the public from private landowners. Sometimes the land also connects with federal and state land that is open to the public.

Another WG&F resource is the Resident Demand Index. The index shows all species of big game and their hunting areas, type, limitations, quota given for prior year, and odds of drawing a permit. This helps in determining what areas have success in drawing a permit.

Different maps are available from the Bureau of Land Management, located off of Yellowstone

Road. Some sporting goods stores sell U.S. Geological Survey maps... known in the outdoor realm as "topo" maps.

Personally, my favorite map just for general-purposes is the Wyoming Atlas & Gazetteer. This gives a broad view of the land and shows public and private land. The topographic pages show terrain and there are listings that show recreational areas. These maps are available at most sporting goods stores.

The goal for obtaining these maps and research resources is to ultimately draw a tag in an area a hunter has enough game animals located on ground that is open for access. In Wyoming, many private parcels are leased out to hunting clubs — so unless paying big dollars is the hunter's style, researching an area that has good public access options will eliminate a lot of frustration this fall.

Applicants get three choices in

Questions? Contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at **777-4655**, Web site <http://gf.state.wy.us>, or visit them — they are just off Interstate 25 at the Central Avenue exit.

the first drawing for each species. The trick is planning to get the best area, and having backup areas to ensure the applicant is drawn. For example, in some areas of the Red Desert, drawing an antelope tag is difficult. Lots of people apply for relatively few tags — but the animals can be of trophy proportions. On the other hand, in an area around Lusk one might have near a 100 percent chance of being drawn — but there is a lot of private property. One might find that they can draw the tag, but have no place to hunt.

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Photo by Capt. Angela Smith

## Keeping Refuelers in the Air

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Airman 1st Class Michael Shirey places landing gear downlock pins on a KC-10 Extender aircraft. He is assigned to the 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at a forward-deployed location.

## Rocket Launch

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** — Cadet 1st Class Chris Nations sprays lubricant on the launch track before the rocket he and 17 other cadets built for a class project is fired. U.S. Air Force Academy cadets taking Astronautical Engineering 452/453 Rocket Engineering classes completed their project April 25 by successfully firing the 11.5-foot tall, 7-inch diameter projectile from the Pinon Maneuver area here.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James A. Rus



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor

## Dream Retrievers

**LAJES FIELD, Azores** — Portuguese and American workers tend to the Antonov An-225 Mriya, or "Dream," April 28 on the flightline here. The aircraft landed here to refuel and get serviced. Currently the world's largest aircraft, the An-225 was designed mainly to transport the Russian space shuttle and its components from a service area to a launch site.

# Airman Help Warriors Get Home Safely

by 1st Lt. Mike Chillstrom  
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — At an hour when most people are fast asleep, 59th Medical Wing medics from Wilford Hall Medical Center here were wide-awake anticipating the return of 14 servicemembers injured in Iraq.

Standing sentinel, a row of 14 ambulances lined the San Antonio International Airport flightline awaiting the arrival of the patients April 29.

Medics watched as the C-141 Starlifter glided onto the San Antonio runway nearly one day after leaving Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

The mission from Germany began with 43 Operation Iraqi Freedom patients, bringing 29 of them to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., before continuing to San Antonio.

Fighting the wind and rain,

two critical care air transport teams, some observers and a handful of people from the 59th MDW's aeromedical staging facility moved patients from the C-141 into the ambulances.

All the patients were driven to nearby Brooke Army Medical Center, where they received care mostly for burn and shrapnel injuries.

The medics accompanied four extremely ill patients to the medical center.

"(The) teams were required because four patients needed critical-care ground transport. Our job is to treat patients who need to be continuously monitored," said Capt. Julia Kiss, CCATT program coordinator and critical-care nurse.

The 59th MDW teams were able to jump in and take over for



Photo by Sue Campbell

the team from Germany, ensuring that the critically ill patients had continuous care.

A CCAT team comprises a critical-care physician, critical-care nurse and respiratory therapist who are able to provide in-transit care for the most severely

ill patients. The team essentially forms a mobile intensive care unit anywhere it goes.

The San Antonio mission lasted less than two hours, concluding with the safe arrival of the patients at the medical center.

# EOD Mascot 'Speaks' About Old Age, Old Yeller and Blowing Stuff Up

Staff Sgt. Kurt Arkenberg recently heeled, sat and rolled over with the 90 Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal's mascot, Cosmo. For a dog, he was an excellent interview.

## What's the best part about being in the Air Force?

Traveling around to many different places and meeting new people. Making people happy and being the EOD Mascot.

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

I was stationed at McChord AFB, Wash., for seven years. I liked Washington because of all the water. You can go from salt to fresh water in the same day. I've traveled with EOD on many TDY'S, throughout the western United States.

## What's your favorite part about your job?

Making people happy and blowing stuff up, "fire in the hole, woof!"

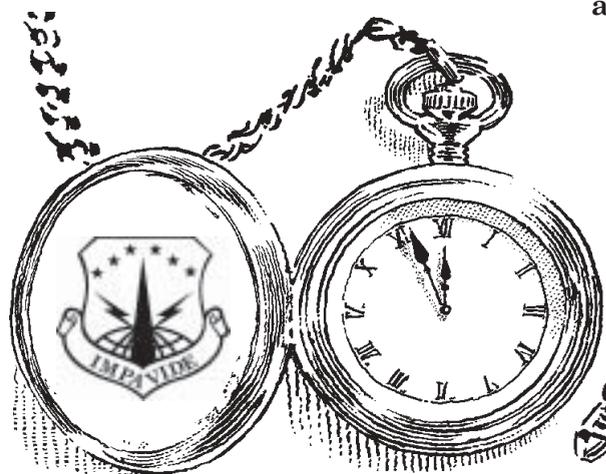
## Where do you see yourself in five years?

Retired, but still visiting veterans homes and young children. I spend a lot of time volunteering to visit these people around the community, it cheers them up.

## Do you plan on retiring from the Air Force?

Yes, next year, I might look at being a reserve EOD mascot, but the active duty has gotten to be too much for my old bones — I'm pushing 63, and that's nine human years.

You've been allaround the



## base, what is Warren's best-kept secret?

The base lakes. They're nice to take a dip in on the way home from work in the summer.

## If you could have dinner delivered to you from anywhere in the world tonight, where would it be from?

Don't really eat human food, but a little elk burger mixed into my kibbles would be sweet.

## Name three things that are on your desk right now?

I don't have a desk, just some floor space, but I have my dog bowl, biscuit and a ball.

## What was the last movie you saw at the theater?

Ah, I don't really get out to the movies much, and most establishments frown on us four-legged folks.

## In your opinion, what is the greatest book ever written?

Old Yeller. It's about a good hearted dog who had a lot of people love him.

Kinda the way I'd like people to remember me.

## Who's your hero?

Anyone that gives me a neck massage.

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

I was an abandoned puppy in Washington state, only three weeks old, found in the woods.

Ric Bollen adopted me from the humane society and brought me to the EOD flight at McChord AFB, that was Dec. 19, 1995. I have been with EOD ever since.

## Was there something that happened when you were a child that influenced your decision to join the Air Force?

Just thankful that I was adopted by Air



Force EOD.

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

When dogs ruled the world. Dang, I knew I wasn't suppose to say that, disregard.

## What's history's greatest sports moment?

It hasn't been played... they haven't started competition cat racing yet.

## What's your life's motto?

Play hard. Sleep hard.

## What's your secret to a good uniform?

Always wear black, it hides the dirt.

## Are you nervous about the upcoming inspection?

Not at all. I know the guys I work with are ready, and I've noticed everyone is preparing.

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

The Big Dog on the block.

## What CD do you have in your stereo right now?

I think that's a biped question.

## What would you do with a time machine?

Go back and see my mom, being an orphan tends to leave one wondering about their heritage.

# Warren Airman Pleads Guilty to Multiple Charges

Article courtesy 90th Space Wing Legal Office

An Airman with the 320th Missile Squadron was found guilty of conspiracy to commit larceny of military property, desertion, five specifications of false official statement, two specifications of larceny, housebreaking, and unlawfully transporting stolen weapons in interstate commerce during a general court-martial held April 15.

The Airman confessed and pled guilty to all charges and specifications, to include conspiring to break into the missile alert facility at Fox-1, breaking into the MAF and stealing government property within the MAF and desertion. He was sentenced to a Dishonorable Discharge, five years confinement, reduction to airman basic, and total forfeitures of all pay and allowances.

Counsel for the United States argued that the accused should receive a Dishonorable Discharge and be confined for his criminal behavior. He stressed that breaking into our MAFs and stealing military property is intolerable.

2004 Freedom for All, A Nation We Call Our Own

FREE FOOD SAMPLING  
May 14th  
11:30 - 1:30  
Trans High Bay

Asian Pacific Heritage Month  
performances....contests....food....demonstrations

food tasting  
Lucha Libre  
Iau-kuon-da  
sumo wrestling contest

## HUNTING, From Page 16

Often an area with a high-draw percent is mostly private land, but through homework with the resources available, there may be WG&F Walk-In Areas, small pockets of state and federal land, or perhaps a landowner who is willing to give permission. A common strategy is to apply for one of the coveted, hard-to-draw permits with the first and second choice, and using the third choice toward an area with a nearly certain success rate.

One often overlooked element deals with hunting friends. Friends

are a great source of information if they have the experience, but ensure they are on the same thought process. It's sad when two pals apply for a draw to hunt together, and find out the priorities were different or the hunting units requested didn't match.

Using these sources will eliminate much of the guesswork and mystery in selecting an area to hunt this fall. Having a well defined place to hunt not only increases the enjoyment of the season, but will most definitely increase one's chance of success.

**Q** - Lauren Beth, everyone in my office is totally stressed about the ORI. I mean, sometimes we get aggravated and we end up taking it out on each other. How can we all just get along?

**A** - I tell you what, you sure came to the right place! ORIs are very stressful, trust me! Inspections are meant to test capabilities, not to create vulnerabilities. So take a minute to relax and try my proven de-stressers:

1. Get your office cafe lattes or chai teas.
2. Take your office for a spring run (the antelope don't mind).
3. Slurp a large Icee from the shopette (watch out for brain freeze!)
4. Relax in the massage chair at the HAWC.
5. Chill at the Trail's End Club (They haven't had ANY DUIs!)

Once you've destressed, realize everyone in your office is a key part of a successful mission. We can't spell Outstanding ORI without U and I! :)

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## Ask Lauren Beth

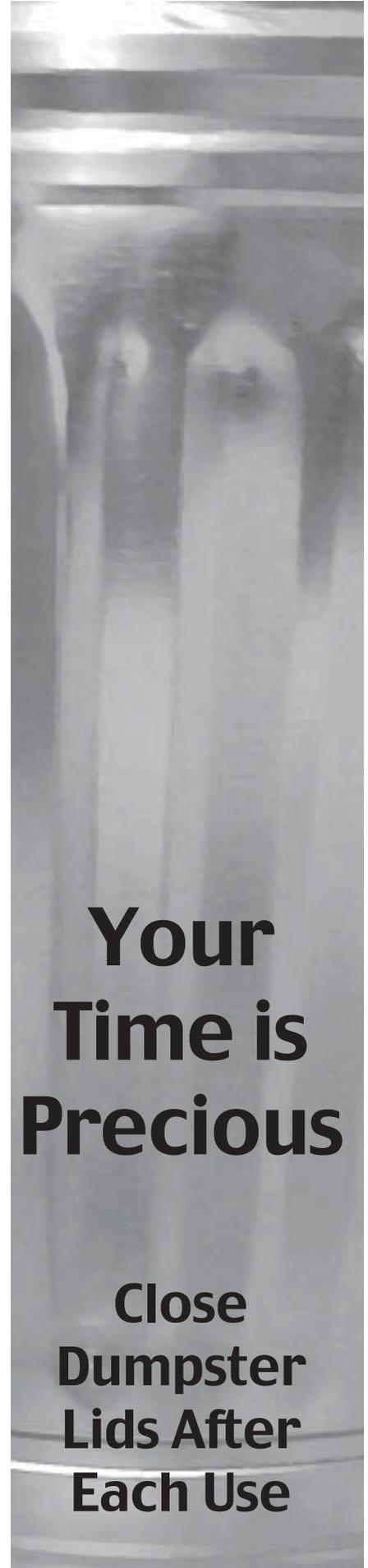


If she doesn't know the answer, there isn't one.

## Wing Commander's Call

Monday and Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

All commander's calls will be at the base theater. Be in your seats 15 minutes early. Late arrivals will be turned away at the door.



# Your Time is Precious

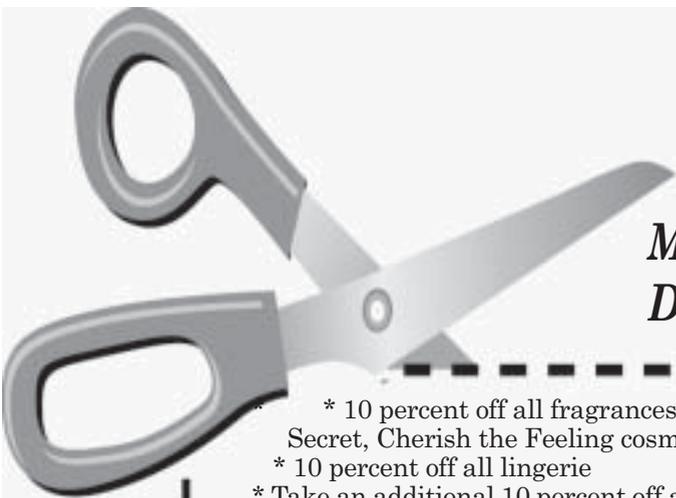
## Close Dumpster Lids After Each Use



Photo by 1st Lt. Nicole Walters

## There She is...

*Kathleen Garrett, Mrs. Wyoming, and Staff Sgt. Florentina Thibodeau, Mrs. Cheyenne 2004 and Mighty Ninety HAWC specialist, wave to the crowd during the Cinco de Mayo parade Saturday. Tech Sgt. David Thibodeau, 90th Mission Support Group FTAC NCOIC, drove the beauty queens as the crowd cheered their support. The parade was deemed a huge success. Warren members participated in the parade in several ways including riding on floats, serving as parade marshalls, and guiding traffic.*



## Military Spouse Appreciation Day - May 7th at the BX

- \* 10 percent off all fragrances, candles, Bath and Body Works, Victoria's Secret, Cherish the Feeling cosmetics
- \* 10 percent off all lingerie
- \* Take an additional 10 percent off all fine jewelry purchases or layaways. (As always, open a military star account that day and receive an additional 10 percent off your first day purchases - see a customer service associate for more details. See our current jewelry sales flyer for even more savings!)
- \* Godiva chocolate tasting and coffee - all day at the jewelry counter