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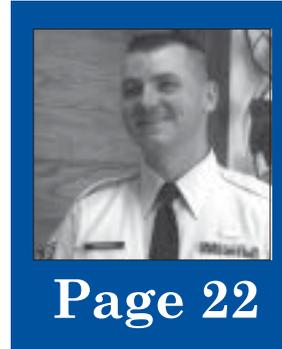
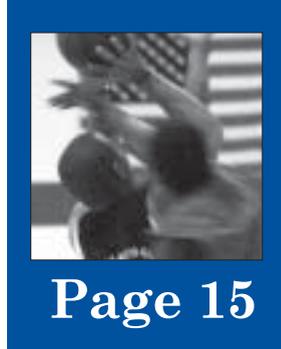
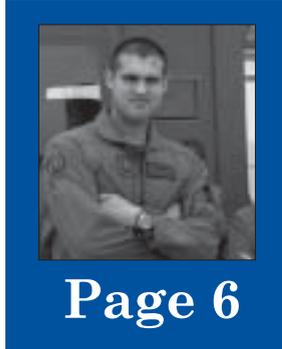
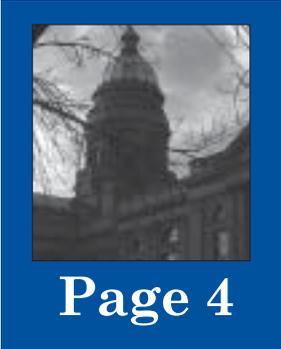


Photo by 1st Lt. Darrick Lee

Leadership in Action

Capt. Kristopher Geelan (Center), 90th Operations Support Squadron, explains the fine art of Missileering to students of the 2004 Leadership Cheyenne class April 9. Each class is made up of representatives from local organizations including utilities, hospitals, schools and businesses. The class sent 17 students to Warren to learn about the mission of the 90th Space

Wing and how the base affects the Cheyenne community. They toured several areas of the base including the 90th Operations Group where they were given a mission brief, Uniform 1 and Uniform 2, the Missile Procedures Trainer and received a weapons vehicle and K-9 demonstration from members of the 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron.



What Airmen Know About Loyalty That Dogs Don't

Lt. Col. Michael Smith
321 Missile Squadron

Dogs are loyal, but they don't seem to have a sense of morality. It's easy to imagine one of Gary Larson's Far Side cartoons showing some happy dog wagging his tail and drooling as he accompanies his master on a mass-murdering rampage. The caption might read something like, "Rusty and his master enjoying some quality time together," or "Rusty learned at a young age to just go with the flow."

Dogs. For a smelly can of dog food each day, a place to sleep, and a little play time, their loyalty can be yours-no questions asked. Totally amoral.

Airmen are loyal, but unlike the common dog, an Airman's loyalty is tempered with a sense of morality. Our moral beacon is our Constitution, not some charismatic leader, not some political movement, and not some religious cause. We express our loyalty in our oaths of office, our core values, and the everyday customs and courtesies that we extend to each other. Even beyond these precious cornerstones of national and service identity lies a commitment to uphold the Law of Armed Conflict. As Airmen, our loyalty to all of these moral principles-which we revere quite highly-is non-negotiable. Even though we are at war right now, we will not allow ourselves to degenerate into the "dogs of war."

We at Warren perform a difficult mission requiring the same unwavering

moral loyalty that Airmen have always demonstrated. With more than 150 ICBMs on alert in our missile field, we are America's largest combat-ready missile force. This places an awesome burden on us. Our loyalty demands that we take no shortcuts in making sure our systems are operated, maintained, and secured in the best possible manner. We do this in accordance with our instructions, technical data and other procedures. It's not always easy to do things by the book. That's where an Airman's sense of loyalty comes into play. We do it the right way, even though it may be difficult.

Things out of the ordinary may also test our loyalty. The White House lists "strategic missile sites and military bases" first among a list of potential terrorist targets inside our country. That means each of us needs to be on our toes at all times. We don't know from what direction an attack might come from or what form it might take. We must not only be loyal to our mission, but we also must be loyal to each other. As Airmen, we watch out for each other at all times, on duty and off. We watch each other's backs. We put in the extra effort to be as proficient in our duties as possible, and we look for opportunities to help all of our team members excel in their jobs as well. It is simply the right thing to do-the moral thing to do.

Dogs don't know anything about morality. Airmen do. That makes all the difference.

Hoops' Shots

Another terrific week visiting with the professionals of the Mighty Ninety. I had the privilege of signing a certificate acknowledging 30 years of service to our nation by **Mr. Larry Cisler**, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron. Then, I presented a 40 years of service certificate to **Mrs. Judy Whitley**, 90th Medical Group. That's not something you do everyday. Her career spans three different specialties and ranged from the Pentagon to the very beginnings of Air Force Space Command and now here with our Mighty Medics. For these two and so many more like them we owe a debt of gratitude for long and faithful service. We can't do our mission without a strong civilian workforce and we thank you.

I spent a few minutes with **Staff Sgt. Brian Thomas** of our Mighty Comptroller Squadron. He got me all squared away on MyPay and we chatted about how this powerful yet simple Web site has brought customer service to the fingertips of every member. We'll soon stop receiving paper Leave/Earning Statements. Thanks to Sgt. Thomas I'll now start downloading mine from home in my fuzzy slippers.

I attended 90th Security Forces Squadron's **Charlie Flight** guard mount. These are the big dogs guarding our gates, patrolling our streets and protecting our weapons storage area. After spending a few moments with them, I see why our "W" is the

hardest target on base. Later I went out to Gate 1 and was impressed with **Airmen 1st Class Rebbaka Prather** and **Justin Godfrey**. These two defenders knew their business cold and Amn Prather gave a superb post brief - amazing since she's only been certified for a month! **Airman 1st Class Lindsay Robertson** provided great leadership as gate supervisor.

Finally, I had a long talk with **Airman 1st Class Brian Carragher**. I've seen his name in the blotter quite a bit because of his stellar performance in spotting unsafe and criminal behavior. All of these defenders have my gratitude for protecting our most valuable resources - our families, property and assets. And I know they are saving lives every day when they make a stop.

I mentioned proper customs and courtesies last week. Let me foot stomp this in regards to our defenders at the gates. These professionals are out there in all kinds of weather dealing with all kinds of issues. They are the first impression of the base and are truly our ambassadors. I know they are dedicated to customs and courtesies balanced with force protection. Too often people fail to return the gate guard's salute or acknowledge their greetings with a kind word or thanks. We need to remember that respect is a two-way street - whether it's at the front gate, in the fitness center or passing someone on the sidewalk.

- Col. Hoops

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Award Winning Photos

The Boys and Girls Club at Warren's Youth Center sponsored a youth photo contest. First place went to the photo taken by Amber Herrera (Left.) Tyler Bedwell (Above) took second place for his photo, while Kyle Hix's photo (Right) was chosen for third.



Photo by Kyle Hix

Warren Turns VOQ into UOQ, Provides Single Officers an Opportunity to Live on Base

Elizabeth McClain
90th Civil Engineer Squadron

For single officers there are now 12 temporary lodging facility suites located in Building 44. Formerly designated as visiting officer quarters, the building has been redesignated as Unaccompanied Officer Quarters. These quarters are immediately available for residency to single officers. The units may be furnished or unfurnished. Each suite, according to Mr. Bob Farnsworth of the housing office, is all-inclusive, with its own kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. The units also come with a washer and dryer.

lent opportunity for a new lieutenant to get their feet under them financially, professionally and socially before making a long-term financial decision about housing. This is especially appropriate considering the constrained housing market, current economic incentive of ownership and BAH rates." said Maj. Eric Hoversten, acting commander of the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Forfeiture of single rate BAH is the disadvantage of being assigned to a UOQ. AFI 32-6005, paragraph 2.6, is the governing directive for unaccompanied quarters assignment. For more information, call the housing office at 773-5825.

"The UOQ provides an excel-

Advantages associated with an assignment to a UOQ:

- ◆ Reduces the competition with military families for housing in the local community
- ◆ There is no shared living space
- ◆ No additional expenses for utilities or deposits
- ◆ Access to laundry facilities
- ◆ Single car garages may be available
- ◆ Furnished unit, if desired
- ◆ No requirement for occupant to do yard work or cleaning of common areas in the building
- ◆ Approximately 500 square feet per unit
- ◆ Mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades
- ◆ Additional storage is available in the basement of the unit

Think You Know How to Pick up a Prescription? Think Again

Article Courtesy 90th Medical Group

With the implementation of HIPAA privacy rules, the procedures for picking up patient prescriptions have changed and those picking up prescriptions for someone no longer need both written authorization and a copy of the patient's military ID card.

Starting immediately, an individual acting as the patient's representative can pick up a prescription for the patient under the following circumstances:

◆ The patient has identified, either verbally or in writing, a family member, personal friend, or any other person authorized to pick up prescrip-

tions.

◆ If the patient is not present to give consent, the healthcare provider may use professional judgment to determine if it's in the patient's best interest to provide the prescriptions to the representative.

Likewise, HIPAA regulations permit the conveyance of limited protected health information to the patient's representative. For instance, the pharmacist may explain that the medication should be taken on an empty stomach, but should not disclose that the medication is for the treatment of a particular condition.

HIPAA privacy requirements, as outlined above, govern prescription pick-up by patient representatives.

It Happened This Week!

April 16, 1946 - The U.S. Army launches a German V-2 Rocket at White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico. It was the first launch of a V-2 on United States soil.

April 17, 1970 - The first Minuteman III was emplaced in a silo of the 741st Strategic Missile Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

April 19, 1946 - Army Air Forces awards a research and study contract to Consolidated Vultee (Convair) Aircraft Corp. for a 1,500 to 5,000 nautical mile surface-to-surface guided missile in both subsonic and supersonic versions.

April 20, 1965 - SAC completed the phase-out of the Atlas missile, the first generation of ICBMs.

April 21, 1964 - The number of ICBMs equaled the number of bombers on alert for the first time.

April 21, 1988 - Due to shifting winds on Warren, a live-fire exercise becomes out of control and tragic, taking the life of Fireman Airman Steven T. Huitt and injuring eight other firemen. In less than five minutes, with firefighters inside, Building 1601 is completely engulfed in flames.



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Guardian Challenge 2004 Helicopter Flight

Capt James Cline
37th Helicopter Flight

The 37th Helicopter Flight is anxiously anticipating Guardian Chal-

lenge and is ready to help the 90th Space Wing bring home the Blanchard Trophy. Like many other 90 SW Guardian Challenge teams, the 37 HF will have only minimal preparation time, but they're confident they'll return as winners of Best

an aircraft re-configuration phase. All three phases are weighted equally for a total of 600 points. This is the largest weighted value ever placed toward the helicopter phase of Guardian Challenge.

The flight scenario competition will no doubt be challenging, as it will be in conjunction with the security forces tactical evaluation.

The crew will likely be given a tactical scenario that will require time critical execution. The hover competition challenges each pilot's ability to operate the aircraft in a precision hover with directions from the flight engineer. The hover competition will

challenge the aircrew's flying ability and communication skills as they maneuver their aircraft through a challenging obstacle course. Finally, the aircraft reconfiguration competition demonstrates how well the aircrew and maintenance representative work together to prepare an aircraft for flight.

Maj. Michael Powers, 37th Helicopter Flight commander, is proud to present this group of talented individuals to compete for Space Command's Best Helicopter Operations Team. The team is ready to demonstrate their ability to accomplish each phase of the competition with precision and determination. The 90 SW is destined to "Bring Home the Blanchard!"



Photo by Liz Saucier

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The 37th Helicopter Flight is Ready to help the 90th Space Wing bring home the Blanchard Trophy
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Helicopter Operations for 2004.

The competition consists of a flight scenario, precision hover competition and

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Guardian Challenge 2004 Operations Group

Capt. Pat Baum
90th Operations Support Squadron

The time has come for the showdown in the West. After a one-year hiatus, Guardian Challenge will begin less than four weeks at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The missile operations crews have been training hard for the past month and are ready to take out Minot and Malmstrom and help the Warren Wranglers win the coveted Blanchard Trophy.

For months, members of the 90th Operations Group have been in intensive training and are ready to display their superior warfighting skills. More than 120 missileers competed for the right to represent Warren and, after three grueling

selection rounds, only four remain.

The operations team has two missile combat crews competing, one Minuteman and one Peacekeeper, and all believe, "with the training we've received, we will beat Minot and Malmstrom."

The missile operations competition consists of a 90-minute intense evaluation in the missile procedures

trainer administered by 20th Air Force personnel. The evaluation can contain any task the missile

combat crew is responsible for, which include normal weapon system operations, weapon system malfunctions - both in the

launch control center and at the missiles - security violations, emergency situations - fighting fires - and emergency action procedures where the crews simulate launching their missiles.

The members of the Missile Operations

in their quest to be "the best of the best." They express great gratitude and thanks to the wing for its continued support.

"... with the training we've received, we will beat Minot and Malmstrom."

teams have worked tirelessly



Photo by Liz Saucier

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Voting by Absentee Ballot is Now Easy

1st Lt. Sean Brazel
90th Mission Support Squadron

The 2004 general elections for federal office are approaching fast. The right to vote can be exercised by all U.S. citizens in every corner of the world. Generally, all members of the uniformed services and their family members who reside outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election for federal office. Simply complete

a federal post card application and submit it to your local election official. Specific information on how to apply for absentee registration and a ballot can be found at the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Web site, www.fvap.gov. This Web site answers frequently asked questions concerning absentee voting as well as the procedures and deadlines to vote absentee in your state of residence. Group voting assistance officers can also be contacted for more information.

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90 MXG:

Capt. Jordan Murphy
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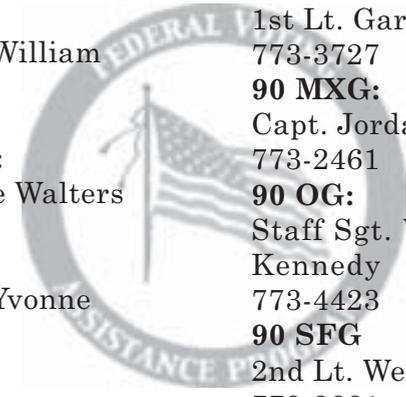
90 OG:

Staff Sgt. William
 Kennedy

773-4423

90 SFG

2nd Lt. Wendy Allison
 773-3881



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No Strikes Concert

The Chapel will sponsor a night of rockin' music at the Pronghorn Center Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free. The Movement, Palisade and Our Hearts Hero are the hottest Contemporary Christian bands in America!

VA Gift Drive

The Warren Chapel is sponsoring a VA hospital gift drive until April 23. 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 hy-

drant 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

Volunteer Appreciation Week is Sunday to April 24. Nominate your volunteer for the 2004 Volunteer Excellence Award, which is an Air Force Chief of Staff award. 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 Information/ Family Support Center/VEA. Nominations must be

dropped off at the FSC by April 26. For more information, call Mr. Mike Boggs at 773-5944.

Siren Testing

Warren will be conducting a natural disaster response test Monday through Thursday. Tornado warning sirens will be tested and any increased activity is part of the exercise and not in response to any existing threat. Temporary traffic delays may be noticed.

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.

Barbecue

A Guardian Challenge

Santa Maria Barbecue is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., today at the PK Highway. To purchase tickets, contact your group's Guardian Challenge point of contact. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Richard Tavenner at 773-4976 or Lt. Col. Jeffrey Smith at 773-3684.

Promotion Board Briefing

There will be a Senior Master Sergeant promotion board briefing at 8 a.m. on April 23 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 while serving 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 April 23 at 1p.m., for an official function and will re-open 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.

Lacrosse Registration Saturday

Cheyenne Lacrosse Club is in search of players from age 8 through adult, for its inaugural season. They are also looking for adults with any Lacrosse experience to volunteer for coaching and refereeing.

Registration will be conducted from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., Saturday at the Bicycle Station on Del Range Boulevard.

For more information, call Dan Hesson, Cheyenne Lacrosse Club president, at 638-0103.

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Space And Missile Competition Legacy Resumes

Jenna McMullin
*Air Force Space Command
Public Affairs*

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - Guardian Challenge, the Air Force's only space and missile competition, returns to glory this May following last year's hiatus.

Air Force Space Command has announced that all systems are go for the May 2-7 Guardian Challenge at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., ultimately determining the top space and missile warriors in the Air Force.

"Guardian Challenge embodies the spirit, expertise and drive of the world's greatest space and missile warfighters, and it's time for the competition to resume," said Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command.

Recent military operations have demonstrated the integral and integrated nature of space to national defense. Guardian Challenge provides the testing ground for the readiness and combat capabilities key to America's space and missile professionals.

"Guardian Challenge is all about cultivating and refining the talent of our space and missile warriors," Gen. Lord said.

"The competition demonstrates our commitment to our mission - I look forward to an exceptional Guardian Challenge."

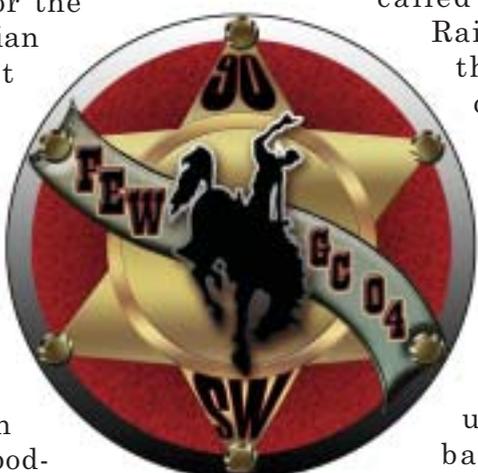
This year marks the 37th year of competition. Since its inception, the competition has gone through three major commands and several name changes. It began in 1967 as Strategic Air Command's first missile combat competition called "Curtain Raiser."

In 1969, the name changed to "Olympic Arena" and stuck for 25 years, including one year in which the competition was held under Air Combat Command. AFSPC took over

the reins and renamed it Guardian Challenge for the 1994 competition, reflective of the command's motto "Guardians of the High Frontier."

Last year's Guardian Challenge was cancelled due to a high operations tempo related to the onset of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; Air Force Space Command assets were fully tasked, and the command felt the workload needed to train for and conduct the competition would stress resources needed for day-to-day operations. The competition has only been canceled one other time - in 1968 at the height of the Vietnam War.

Guardian Challenge features about 200 competitors from AFSPC units participating in a five-day competition to improve space and missile procedures and operations. All AFSPC installations are represented this year, including the inaugural participation of Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB. Sent as observers in 2002, SMC will send a security forces team



to compete this year.

Teams display their capabilities to a squad of evaluators from their fields. Competition areas in-

clude evaluations of chefs, security forces, missile operations, space operators and helicopter aircrews.



Help Bring Home The Blanchard

Support your GC Team by having lunch at the Guardian Challenge Santa Maria Barbecue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., today at the PK Highbay. Get tickets and GC coins, patches and pins from your group's Guardian Challenge point of contact. Proceeds go to support your GC Team.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Richard Tavenner at 773-4976 or Lt. Col. Jeffrey Smith at 773-3684.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Kurt Arkenberg

Midnight Madness

Warren ballers battle under the boards during the midnight basketball open gym April 9 at Freedom Hall. More than 50 gym rats showed up to run the floor from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Freedom Hall hosts midnight basketball every other week with the next scheduled for April 23. For more information, contact Joe Kelly at 773-6178.

Youth Bowling Scores

Pee Wee (Ages 3-6)

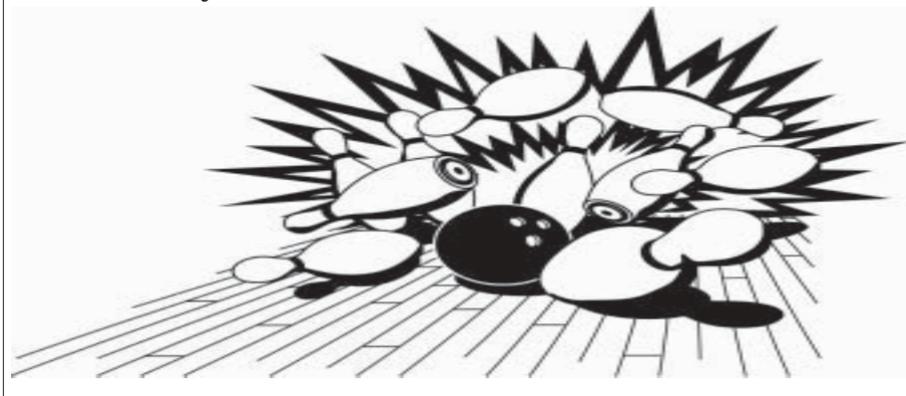
Eric Johnston	89 (Average 59)
Madison Murray	74 (Average 62)

Bantam-Prep (Ages 6-11)

Tyler Hall	525 (High Series Hdcp)
Ashley Howard	578
Brandyn Hall	186 (High Game Hdcp)
Sabrina Sawicki	184
Kawai Punahale	184

Junior-Major (Ages 12-21)

Corey Bates	695 (High Series Hdcp)
Shanna Niewald	614
Rob Bates	254 (High Game Hdcp)
Tasha Hayes	235



Golf Club Offers 'Link up 2 Golf' National Program

Article Courtesy Warren Golf Club

Warren Golf Club is now offering Link Up 2 Golf, a new player program which makes learning the game simpler, fun and more affordable than ever before.

This industry-wide player development initiative, operated by Air Force Services in association with the PGA of America, National Course Owners' Association and USGA, focuses on bringing more players to the game and keeping them playing

for a lifetime.

It is designed to attract new golfers to the game, as well as infrequent and former golfers.

Link Up 2 Golf provides participants with a solid foundation about the game of golf, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain speed of play.

For \$99, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction and a variety of on-course playing experiences. A free orientation preceding the clinics will be held at 4:30 p.m.,

May 10, 17 and 24 and allows participants to learn more about the program, get a tour of their host facility and meet other participants.

The Link Up 2 Golf sessions are May 10 - 13, May 17 - 20 and May 24 - 27, 5 - 7 p.m. For those who do not have golf clubs, rental clubs and range balls will be provided free of charge during the clinics. Those completing the program will receive a free polo shirt and ball mark repair tool.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the game of golf,

develop good skills and meet new people," said Dave Blyth, director of golf. "Link Up 2 Golf provides a relaxed learning atmosphere without the intimidation factor with emphasis on having fun. We look forward to offering this exciting program to members of our community and encourage those who sign up to bring a friend or family member."

For more information about Link Up 2 Golf visit their Web site at <http://www.linkup2golf.com> or call the Warren Golf Club at 773-3556.



Now Pay Gov't Card On-Line

2nd Lt. Mandy Young
90th Comptroller Squadron

Although split disbursement of Bank of America payments is still mandatory for all military members and civilians, there are unavoidable situations when the split disbursed amount does not cover the total BoA charges. For example, the foreign exchange rate may change before the overseas merchant charges the account, or a mistake on a travel voucher that reduces the total payment, which subsequently reduces the amount split disbursed. When split disbursement does not pay the bill in-full, members can now log-on to Bank of America's MyEasyPayment Web site at www.myeasypayment.com and pay the outstanding balance.

As with any other credit card, it's the cardholder's responsibility to reconcile the statement and keep track of all charges. Account balance can be obtained at any time by calling the toll-free number on the back of the card. This feature is available to all BoA cardholders. Needed are the following: the dollar amount to pay, account number and security code (from the back of the card) and the checking account and bank routing numbers for the account from which funds will be transferred.

For more information, contact Bank of America's customer service at 1-800-472-1424.

C-4 Classified

KATAN ALKABER, Iraq — Senior Airman James Hodge (front) and Airman 1st Class Glenn Henthorn put C-4 explosives on 100 mm armor-piercing rounds during an ammunition cache demolition here April 7. Airman Hodge is a member of 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron and Airman Henthorn is a member of 380th ECES. Squadron workers destroy ammunition disposals to prevent anti-coalition forces from using them for criminal and terrorists acts in Iraq.



Photo by Army Sgt. April Johnson

CMSAF Covers Force Shaping to Fitness Standards

Article Courtesy Armed Forces Print News

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. - Force shaping, housing plans, the proposed uniform and fitness proved hot topics for the Air Force's top enlisted leader as he talked with Airmen during a visit.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said the retention rate for first-term Airmen is the highest the Air Force has seen in the last six years. At the same time, there are more Airmen than funding available.

Force shaping, he said, will maintain our quality force by keeping the highest caliber Airmen in specific career fields.

"If you request to remain in a career field and are disapproved, then you have the option to retrain into another career field that needs people," Chief Murray said.

"If you believe in serving this

nation and in the mission we do, then you have to be out there doing what our Air Force needs," he said.

"Serving is serving," Chief Murray said. "There are about 100 chiefs (who) will have to move to other career fields due to an imbalance in that rank. They are leaders, and we'll ask them to lead through this for the greater good of the force."

Chief Murray said one topic concerning many leaders is improving the quality of life for Airmen. One way to do this is with pay increases and added benefits.

An Air Force chief master sergeant makes about \$800 more a month today than four years ago. The 2000 pay scale shows that senior airman through chief master sergeant make 70 percent of what their civilian counterparts do, based on education and experience. Airman basic through air-

man first class are equal to the civilians.

"That means that today there is not a job in America a young Airman could find that gives the pay and benefits in the civilian world that can equal the United States military," Chief Murray said. "There is hardly a job in America that gives you 30 days leave a year or complete medical care."

He also spoke on housing plans. New quads for single Airmen will replace the standard dormitories.

"For those who are married and living off base, next year you are going to have an increase [in basic allowance for housing]," Chief Murray said. "For the first time in history BAH will be funded at 100 percent."

When questioned about the proposed uniform, Chief Murray gave direct answers.

"Producing a uniform that will last longer and cost less in the long

run because of low maintenance costs will benefit you," he said.

Leaders also believe Airmen's overall health is important to force success and are making it a top priority, Chief Murray said. He added overall health encompasses physical, emotional and mental.

"We used to concentrate on measuring fitness rather than changing and improving our overall fitness. We need to shift the mindset to change the culture," Chief Murray said. "That is why it is important that it is led by (the leaders) — because we lead by example."

It is a different Air Force today than when he joined in 1977.

"High-deployment rates are a fact of today's force. You are the most motivated group of Airmen I have ever seen," he said. "You are the most experienced I have ever seen. That motivation and experience make our force high quality."

Off Limits

Motor Vehicles are Prohibited From the Following Areas

- ◆ North Perimeter Road from base stables to the new CATM range facility
- ◆ Obstacle course adjacent to Missile Drive (gravel roads adjacent to base along west perimeter fence line)
- ◆ All dirt roads adjacent to the Weapons Storage Area (Cheyenne Road and along South Perimeter Road)
- ◆ Perimeter Road south of Carlin Heights housing area (southern perimeter fence)
- ◆ Perimeter Road adjacent to the golf course (adjacent to the northeast perimeter base fenceline)

These roads are strictly for security forces vehicles only. Motorized vehicles driven in the above listed areas will be cited. The north perimeter area is off-limits to all personnel because of the unexploded ordnance hazard. The area around the Weapons Storage Area is also off-limits to unauthorized personnel for security purposes. The roads along the fence line may be used for running, walking or bicycling only.

For more information, contact the law enforcement desk at 773-3501.

Youth of the Year

Joanna Harter has been named the 2004 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club at Warren. The national program recognizes superior leadership skills, academic achievement and outstanding service the club and the community.

Harter is a straight-A student who also expresses herself musically by playing the piano. She has competed at state and local levels in piano competitions. She will compete for the national honor that will be given by the president in a White House ceremony in September.



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Warren NCOIC Chosen For Tops in Blue

Staff Sgt. Ricky Hendricks Jr., recently chosen for Tops in Blue, talked with Airman 1st Class Lauren Hasinger about his entertainment dreams and his love of country. The 90th Civil Engineer Squadron NCOIC of pavements and equipment left Warren this week to sing and dance his way across hearts of Airmen all over the world.

Why did you want to join Tops in Blue?

Once I get out of the Air Force I want to be an entertainer. Tops in Blue allows troops to do that while in. This was my second year to audition. I didn't make it the first year. I'm the biggest patriot of anyone I know. Anyone who's in Tops in Blue is not there for himself or herself; they're there for the people.

What did you have to do to audition?

I sent a tape to headquarters entertainment. They decide whether they want you to audition or not from those tapes. The audition, in San Antonio, is a very involved process. There's a closed-door vocal audition, a specialty audition where they make you do things I can't disclose. They test your spontaneity, and the way you react to pressure. I also interviewed with the chief of entertainment, Mr. Tom Edwards, who's a retired chief master sergeant. Current Tops in Blue members were there taking notes. The very last audition is a solo performance on stage in front of 600 to 800 people. Then you go home and they make you wait seven to eight days before you find out if you were chosen.

How did it feel when you didn't make it the first time?

Being an entertainer you know deep down whether you're what they're looking for. Last year I didn't feel very confident. It was still devastating.

What will you be doing for Tops in Blue?

The first 70 days we'll be doing staging.

Tops in Blue sets up 40,000 pounds of equipment. We'll learn to set up the stage, choreography and songs. We won't start touring until June.

Have you done anything like this before?

I started singing professionally when I was 13. I sang for soundtracks when I was 13 and when I was 17, I put together a band and we toured the local area. I've played with four or five bands here.

When do you leave for Tops in Blue?

I leave tomorrow (Wednesday). I'll be with them for almost a year total.

What are you looking forward to the most?

I'm looking forward to our Christmas show. I don't care whether we go to Korea, Turkey or smack dab in the middle of the desert.

Who is your favorite entertainer?

George Strait. He's classic. He's been in the business for 30 years and is still making number one records. He's got more number one hits than anyone in country music. He's a class act.

Describe your job here.

I was responsible for making sure jobs were handed out. Basically I was a manager. On tour I'll wear a dual hat. They'll hand me a certain number of folks that I'll have to evaluate as well as be a loadmaster. I'll have to set up the stage. I'll still be an NCO. Part of the actual selection process is to make sure there're a certain number of airmen, NCOs, senior NCOs and officers. This will be the hardest job I've ever done.

What's your favorite part about your job here?

Before I became the NCOIC I was an equipment operator. I enjoyed taking the environment and changing something. I like seeing a difference.

How long have you been in?

I'll have been in for eight years on May 1.



Why did you join?

I joined because I feel everyone owes it to his or her country to put on a uniform. I came in without the intention of making it a career. I felt it was my patriotic duty.

Where else have you been stationed?

Right here. I like it here. I hunt and fish and this place is great for that.

Where are you from originally?

West Monroe, Louisiana. It's about an hour east of Barksdale.

What do you miss most about it?

The food. I miss the Cajun food by and far.

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

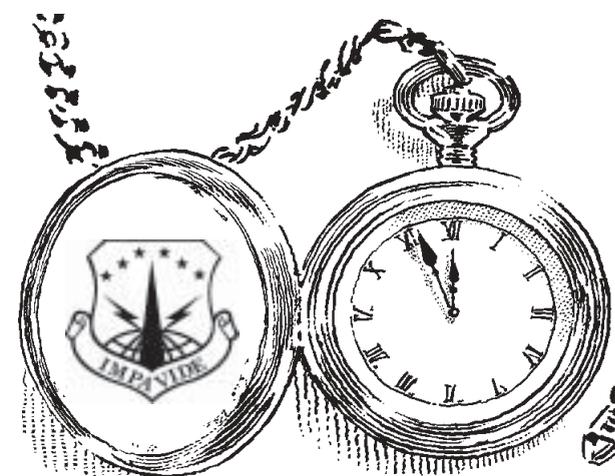
A baseball player - even still I play softball. Baseball is my passion for sports. I grew up with a baseball in my hand.

Who is your favorite baseball player of all time?

Dale Murphy from the Atlanta Braves. He wasn't even the best player. Now you have the players like A Rod who make millions of dollars. He didn't have tremendous ability, but he had tons of heart. He always gave 110 percent.

What's your life's motto?

If you can do it, do it. You don't want to look back 20 years from now and say I could have done that. Don't second-guess yourself.



LARAMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP
April 19-23,

School	Date		Time
	Day	Date	
Afflerbach	Wednesday	April 21	6:00 p.m.
Alta Vista	Tuesday	April 20	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Anderson	Tuesday	April 20	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Arp	Friday	April 23	9-11:30 a.m. & 12:30-3:00 p.m.
Baggs	Tuesday	April 20	4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bain	Thursday	April 22	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Buffalo Ridge	Friday	April 23	9:30 a.m.
Cole	Tuesday	April 20	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Corlett	Monday	April 19	6:00 p.m.
Davis	Tuesday	April 20	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Deming	Wednesday	April 21	3:00 p.m.
Dildine	Thursday	April 22	9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Goins	Thursday	April 22	9:00 a.m.
Hebard	Thursday	April 22	2:00 - 5:30 pm
Henderson	Wednesday	April 21	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Hobbs	Tuesday	April 20	6:00 p.m.
Jessup	Thursday	April 22	6:00 p.m.
Lebhart/Fairview	Tuesday	April 20	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Pioneer Park	Tuesday	April 20	1:30 p.m.
Rossmann	Tuesday	April 20	6:00 p.m.
Gilchrist	Thursday	April 22	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

*Kindergartners living on base with no older brothers/sisters in school should register at Corlett (this is not necessarily where they will attend)

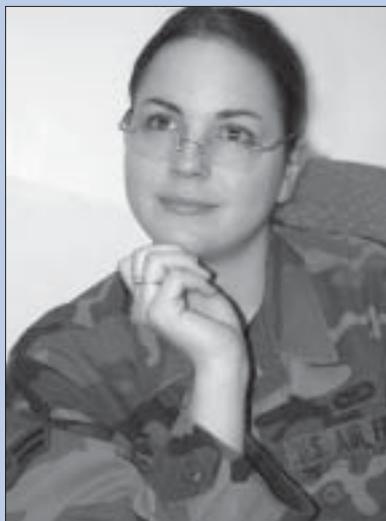
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Q - Here's the deal: normally my weekends are jam packed; however, this weekend is looking to be filled with a whole lot of nothing. What can I do around here so I don't end up reciting Shakespeare to myself in my bathroom?

A - I tell you what, you sure came to the right place! Don't you fret, there's loads to do this weekend. It all depends on your personality. There's a free Christian music concert that promises to be hot Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pronghorn Center. If you're more of an artsy person there's a fine art auction at the Trail's End Club tomorrow at 6 p.m. For more information or to R.S.V.P. call 773-3048. There's also a youth talent show today at 6 p.m. at the youth center. If you're an Airman, be sure to stop by the Dorm Escape this weekend and enjoy all they've got to offer. If you're ever bored on a Wednesday evening check out Movie Night at 5:30 p.m. at FTAC. They've always got free food and drinks. So come out and enjoy the loads of entertainment Warren has to offer!

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Ask Lauren Beth



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



Your Time is Precious

Bag and Tie Your Trash