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Load crew competition



*90th AMU takes
quarterly crown*

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TECH. SGT. SHARON BALTAZAR

Demolition ceremony

Col. James Sturch, 3rd Wing vice commander, begins the demolition of Building 10547 adjacent to Heritage Park and the Eagle's Cage Monday. The building was one of 25 demolished in the last three years as part of Elmendorf's demolition program. The demolitions allow Elmendorf to save money by removing maintenance costs as buildings are emptied by consolidating occupants.



■ **Airman 1st Class Phong Pham**, 12th Fighter Squadron, demonstrated superb professionalism and was instrumental in the training of three life support technicians from Misawa Air Base, Japan.

He discussed the Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System, which combines a magnetic head tracker with a display projected onto the pilot's visor, giving the pilot a targeting device that can be used to aim sensors and weapons wherever the pilot is looking.

Airman Pham taught proper fit and maintenance of the JHMC equipment.

Additionally, he accommodated the technicians tight travel period.

■ **Senior Airman James Holloway**, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, responded to the 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit for a malfunctioning LAU-106 missile launcher.

He quickly isolated the problem to a broken spring in the forward piston guide, and was able to remove and replace the broken part on the aircraft in less than 15 minutes.

Airman Holloway's efforts completed the AIM-120 missile upload and helped generate a Code-1 aircraft.

■ This week's commander's shadow is **Airman 1st Class Ceasar Colorina**, 3rd Medical

Annual multi-national air combat exercise begins

Alaskans will see an increase in military activity as Cooperative Cope Thunder 2004 began Thursday and continues through July 30.

Forces from the U.S., India, Singapore, Germany, United Kingdom, Mongolia, Canada, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Australia will participate in the largest multilateral air combat exercise in the Pacific.

Cooperative Cope Thunder, held here and at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, simulates the same wartime conditions pilots would face in real combat. The exercise represents the first time the Indian Air Force has deployed fighter aircraft to the U.S.

The Japan Air Self Defense Force is returning for a second year

with their fighter aircraft to continue to hone their skills and participate with the U.S. forces in defensive counter-air missions as a bi-lateral partner.

More than 1,800 people will participate, including approximately 1,120 servicemembers from the other participating countries and 680 from the U.S.

The exercise enables air force units to sharpen air combat skills, exchange air operations tactics, and promote closer relations among air forces and nations.

Pilots will fly air-to-air and air-to-ground combat, as well as combat support training missions.

(Courtesy of Alaskan Command Public Affairs)



MR. MARK FARMER

A Japan Air Self Defense Force F-15DJ Eagle pilot gathers his gear July 9, following an eight-hour flight from Hyakuri Air Base, Japan. The Japanese are taking part in Cooperative Cope Thunder through July 30.

Action Line



Col. Michael Snodgrass
3rd Wing Commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Col. Michael Snodgrass. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224

actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:

- Col. Richard Fryer, 3rd CES/CC
552-3007
- Maj. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468
- Maj. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304

2004 Airmen's Ball

The Airmen's Ball is Saturday at the Susitna Club from 7 p.m to midnight. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Dress is semi-formal. There will be dinner, dancing, a guest speaker, photographer, and the famous "Grog Bowl." For tickets, call Airman 1st Class Lauren Garbenis at 552-9512; Airman 1st Class Aisha White at 552-3077; Airman 1st Class Dianet Santos at 580-5010; or Senior Airman Laura Johnson at 552-6830.



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3rd Wing History Moment



July 14, 1944:

The 3rd Bombardment Group struck the Boela oil fields at Ceram off the west tip of Dutch New Guinea. The mission, the first low-level attack against an oil field, was very successful.



PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTIAN ALLPORT

Staff Sgt. Ryan Wilson, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, performs an inspection of an E-3 Sentry wing following its landing Tuesday.

962nd AACCS, AMU provide increased support

By Senior Airman Christian Allport
962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron

While most of Team Elmendorf and their families celebrated our country's independence this past July fourth weekend, the members of the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron and the 962nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit were busy working through more and more Northern Denial air sovereignty missions, racking up an astounding 165 hours in only two weeks of flying.

The two units have been pressed to their limits, having to devote more than 50 percent of their personnel solely towards Northern Denial missions.

At the same time, they have been actively supporting Alaska NORAD Region alert commitments, supporting exercise Northern Edge and are spinning up for the upcoming Cope Thunder exercise.

They were also able to supply abundant support for this year's Arctic Thunder Air Show, allowing tours of the E-3 Sentry aircraft during one of the two days.

On July 3rd, crew members that were tasked to fly had their celebrations begin early with their own special brand of fireworks.

An in-flight emergency caused the scheduled 12-hour mission to come to an abrupt end. A fluctuating oil temperature gauge indicated a possible catastrophic engine failure.

Acting quickly, the flight deck swapped gauges with another engine to verify the accuracy of the indication. After engine indicators exceeded maximum limits the flight crew decided it would be safer to shut down the engine.

"After electing a precautionary shutdown of the engine, our crew did an outstanding job of bringing this IFE to a successful end," said Capt.

Tim Touzeau, a pilot with the 962nd AACCS. "In the end, it should come as no surprise that our hard-working team handled this well; it's the result of many long hours of training."

Standard training procedures for all E-3 flight crew members include three-engine landings, and the Sentry is an extremely reliable aircraft. However, regulations require that an emergency be declared after the loss of an engine, and as always, they were followed.

AWACS maintenance was ready to recover and evaluate the aircraft upon its return. Luckily, maintainers found no evidence of low oil quantity that would cause actual oil temperatures to go out of limits.

The aircraft engine was in good condition with the proper engine oil pressure.

A quick change of a temperature-sensing bulb eliminated the indication problem, and returned the aircraft to mission capable status.

Experienced maintainers were able to catch the jet, assess the situation, troubleshoot the condition, and make a good fix. It is this kind of operations and maintenance teamwork that has made Elmendorf's E-3s the "best in fleet" for four years running.

The E-3 is by no means a young aircraft. In service with the U.S. Air Force since 1977, the Sentry is actually a modified commercial airliner, the Boeing 707.

The jet that flew on July 3rd, has been in military service for approximately 24 years.

The E-3 fleet, based largely at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla., is scheduled to remain in service until 2025, the projected year when all E-3s are scheduled to be retired.

The 962nd AACCS actively participates in a variety of operations.

One of its primary duties is to provide the 11th Air Force/Alaskan NORAD Region Commander with a radar platform that can extend the surveillance coverage of the land-based radar system operated by the Regional Operational Control Center.

This capability enables battle commanders to see a threat at previously undetectable ranges beyond the coast of Alaska and position fighters to



Co-pilot 1st Lt. Kimberly Krohmer, 962nd AACCS, and pilot Capt. Tim Touzeau, 962nd AACCS, walk around the aircraft, inspecting its engines. Walk-around inspections are performed on all aircraft prior to their flights.

intercept before they can approach and enter U.S. airspace.

Another is Cope Thunder, an action packed, 10-day air combat training exercise that can be held up to four times a year.

Each Cope Thunder exercise is a multi-service, multi-platform, coordinated combat operation exercise and integrates the full operational capabilities of all participating units.

These intense exercises test the ability of the dissimilar platforms and services to work together seamlessly to accomplish the overall military mission.

Elmendorf PME instructor teaches course to Iraqi NCOs

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Mattox
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Four hundred twenty-one Iraqi army senior noncommissioned officers recently graduated from the Kurkush military training base's NCO Academy Senior NCO course in Iraq. It is the fourth class to graduate.

For one deployed Arctic Warrior, the opportunity to teach in a foreign country, to students who don't speak English, was one he will never forget. Tech. Sgt. James Beverly, a Coalition Military Assistance Training Team instructor, has been busy teaching to a different group of students from the students he normally teaches at the PME Center here.

"This has been an experience that I will never forget," said Sergeant Beverly. "The opportunity to work with and to remove the stereotypes that we sometimes have of them, and they of us, has been an eye-opening event for all."

Sergeant Beverly was involved in a six-week course that included infantry, leadership, land navigation, fitness, combat orders and weapons training in addition to logistic and other combat service support training.

The process starts with the reception of more than 700 Iraqis that takes them from civilian life to military life in a matter of days. Training begins with a basic training style hair cut, followed by a medical evaluation and a trip to supply.

After the initial processing period, the trainees spent the rest of their time

learning to fire weapons, listening to classroom lessons on leadership, hygiene, CPR, to practicing drill and ceremony, maneuver training, land navigation, and military urban assault training.

Now, to most Airmen, this may seem like basic training; however, unlike what other trainees may experience in the Air Force, this group's primary language isn't English and most of them have spent years battling with political differences between them.

In order for the training to be successful, everyone needed to work as a team.

As an instructor one of the things that Sergeant Beverly had to do was instill in the students a sense of acceptance of a diverse group of people and to have them appreciate the differences they bring to the table.

"The greatest obstacle that I have had is overcoming the unwillingness of those from different regions to accept each other and to work together, and for them to put away the pains of the past," Beverly said. "This was more of an obstacle than the language barrier that causes me to have to give information to students in Arabic and Kurdish through two translators."

Fortunately for Sergeant Beverly, the Iraqis were eager to learn what he and other American instructors had to offer.

"I have taught more U.S. history than I've ever imagined I was capable of, because they want to know as much about us as they can while we



COURTESY PHOTO

Tech. Sgt. James Beverly, deployed PME flight instructor from the 3rd Mission Support Group, shows his Iraqi students how to use a compass.

are here," Sergeant Beverly said. "Many of the students that we have trained take pride in representing the instruction and instructors that they have. From the way that we present our dress and appearance to discipline of leadership; they love to emulate the training that they have received."

The Kurkush academy additionally offers other NCO development courses including a squad leaders' course and military skills training instruction in areas such as communications, maintenance, and supply. The base also conducts battalion basic training for the Iraqi army.

NCO graduates now report to

Iraqi army brigades as unit cadre members. They will be assigned to battalions preparing to run newly enlisted recruits through their initial entry basic training at various training bases throughout the country.

"The greatest reward I must say is having been a Gulf War vet, to see these individuals on a personal level; this has given me a new perspective in life," said Sergeant Beverly. "I have been touched by the acceptance of my students to learn not just the curriculum material but also the things that make all Americans great, which is the power to accept differences and share."



STAFF SGT. DAVID DONOVAN

Running track opens

Col. James Sturch (front, left), 3rd Wing vice commander, and Senior Airman Jeremy Lawson (front, right), 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, cut the ribbon during the grand opening of Elmendorf's new paved outdoor running track. The new track is located alongside the base Fitness Center near Heritage Park and will be the official site for the Air Force fitness test 1.5 mile run.



PHOTOS BY CAPT. ROBERT DEVENS

Slippery Salmon Olympics

Above: Col. Richard Fryer (left), 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron commander, races to fill his cup during Eagle River's Slippery Salmon Olympics at the Bear Paw Festival Saturday. Colonel Fryer and Col. Kris Clifton, 3rd Mission Support Group deputy commander, known as the "Flying Fish," participated in the Olympics against 25 other teams of two. The teams raced through an obstacle course with hoops, cones, a barrel, a very slippery salmon and a glass of well-shaken soda. The "Flying Fish" went on to make the semi-finals. Left: Col. Kris Clifton, 3 MSG, weaves through cones with a tray in one hand and a salmon in the other. She was handed the fish by her partner in a baton-like fashion and is racing to complete her portion of the course.

Rewritten Airman's Manual coming

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — An Airman's most important deployment tool just got better.

The original Air Force Manual 10-100, the "Airman's Manual," published in 1999, has been revised and updated and hits the streets Monday.

"Within four weeks, we will distribute more than 675,000 copies to every active-duty member, reservist and guardsman," said Mr. David Epstein, the training and publications manager for the Air Force civil engineer readiness branch. An electronic version is already available on the Air Force portal.

A working group of contract writers and active-duty subject-matter experts from a cross-section of Air Force specialties began the revision in October 2003. The manual was completed in January and went to press June 9.

One major improvement combines the manual with Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, "USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Environment."

This consolidated the two publications from 400 pages to about 250 and put them both into one easy-to-carry booklet that fits into the battle dress uniform pants cargo pocket.

Another important feature is the addition of about 20 pages of potential life-saving information, Mr. Steve Prier said.

Mr. Prier is the Full Spectrum Threat Response publication manager and program manager for the Airman's Manual, which is located at the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The section is tabbed, in easy-to-read simple text, and states specific "need-to-know-now" actions such as post-attack and shelter-in-place actions, weapons jam procedures, self-aid and buddy care and how to identify unexploded ordnance.

The manual can even be read using night-vision goggles.

"The experts reviewed each section to ensure accuracy, then added essential information from lessons learned from operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, or any other items they found to be important over past five years," Mr. Prier said.

The team visited Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to test the draft manual on basic training graduates who recently completed Warrior Week.

Every bluesuiter will get a copy of the manual, with deployed and deploying Airmen getting their copies first through their unit deployment managers. Certain emergency-essential civilians and contractors will also get them.

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Dollars and sense

■ **New LeaveWeb feature**, you may now use the LeaveWeb to view your projected pay record information. After logging in to LeaveWeb, choose "military pay summary," and your projected military pay information will be listed. Although the data is never final until the mid-month pay data or the monthly LES is printed, it can be an easy way of getting pay information without having to visit the Finance Office.

■ **Savings Deposit Program**, if you are deployed to certain areas outside the U.S., you can contribute a portion of your net pay to the Savings Deposit Program. SDP is a savings program that will allow deployed military members to put up to \$10,000 in an account at a 10 percent interest rate. To start contributions, visit a finance office at your deployed location. If there isn't an office, then contact Elmen-dorf's Finance Office. Funds must be withdrawn 90 days after returning from deployment. To withdraw SDP, a written request for payment must be turned into Finance, which must include your name, social security number, method of payment and date payment is desired.

■ **Cost of Living Allowance**, one important overseas entitlement that will change if you get married is your COLA. After enrolling new dependents in DEERS, remember to go to the Finance Office to increase your COLA. You will need a command sponsorship letter, which is provided by your Military Personnel Flight. You will also need a marriage or birth certificate.

(Courtesy of the Finance Office)



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. RYAN MATTOX

Originally from Larned, Kan., Airman 1st Class Kale Meyer, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-130 crew chief, maintains C-130 aircraft to support intra-theater airlift missions throughout PACAF. "Airman Meyer is the most proactive first-term Airman I've seen in years," said Master Sgt. Eric Skow, 703rd AMXS and Airman Meyer's supervisor. "He is the first to volunteer for any job no matter how big or small it is and can be trusted to do the job right the first time — every time." Airman Meyer has been stationed at Elmendorf for five months and says the best part about being in Alaska is that he's is not in Kansas anymore. Airman Meyer also enjoys riding ATV's, basketball, baseball and running. Airman Meyer has been in the Air Force for a year.



Tech. Sgt. William Gales, 3rd Maintenance Operation Squadron facility and security manager, manages three major programs, enabling the men and women of the 3rd MOS are prepared for the Air Force mission. "Through working both smarter and harder, Sergeant Gales has proven to be productive on a wide range of group and staff level programs that historically have been managed by three people," said Sergeant Gales' supervisor, Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Wardle, 3rd MOS. The Tulia, Texas, native has been stationed at Elmendorf for more than a year and enjoys the Alaskan outdoors, archery, hunting, and fishing. Sergeant Gales has been in the Air Force for 13 years.

Arctic Warriors of the Week are selected by unit first sergeants and commanders.

Change of command

The 611th Civil Engineer Squadron will have a change of command on Monday, 10 a.m. at the Susitna Club Ballroom with a reception to follow in the Daedalian Room.

Lt. Col. Ken Smith will assume command from Lt. Col. Mark Tissi.

Hospital closure

The 3rd Medical Group will close today at 11:30 a.m. for outpatient routine care and pharmacy services. Emergency services will be available. Normal operations will resume Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burger King closed

The Elmendorf Burger King will be closed July 23-25 due to maintenance on the drainage systems.

Chapel carnival

The base Chapel will have a Chapel Carnival Aug. 1 from 12:30-4 p.m. at Hangar 5. There will be a Protestant Unity Service at 10 a.m. followed by an Ecumenical Devotional at 11:45 a.m. A pig roast and picnic with carnival games will follow.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

Family Support Center

■ The Spouse Connection Coffee Break is Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and is a great opportunity for spouses to meet new friends and learn about base resources. No reservation necessary.

■ The Spouse Connection Potluck is July 24 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Come join the fun and meet new friends and share conversation, information and friendly

support with others experiencing family separations and reunions. Children are welcome. Call Sheila at 552-9290.

Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic is open all summer. Located in Denali Hall across from the Polar Bowl, the Airman's Attic is open to all ranks. It provides free items to those who need them. It has a variety of items to offer such as clothing (all sizes including baby, military and maternity), shoes and household goods.

The Airman's Attic is open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are accepted during business hours. The Attic is currently in need of volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer, call 552-5878.

Air War College

The Air War College Nonresident Program is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for the new 2004-2005 Seminar method.

If you are interested, apply online, indicating your preference for group learning, at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm>.

The AWC nonresident curriculum closely parallels the resident program, and emphasizes joint operations, senior leadership issues, national security strategy, regional studies, and the employment of air and space power.

Student seminars have proven to be the most successful approach to completing AWC. This method combines self-study with informal gatherings conducive to adult learning.

Seminar classes usually meet

weekly, starting in early August and running until mid-June. This program is open to active duty, National Guard, and reserve O-5 selectees or above, of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, and DoD civilian employees GS-13 and above.

Enroll online no later than Sunday to receive your books in time.

For more information, call Mrs. Kitty Bryan at 552-9456.

Booster clubs

Booster Club signup for volunteering at the Armed Services YMCA Airport Military Lounge for 2006 will be July 23, 8 a.m. at the Central Office, 7179 Fighter Drive. Choose your month ahead of time with an alternative month in mind. This is a first-come, first-served opportunity. No phone, fax or e-mail signups taken.

For more information, call Mrs. Judy Atkins at 384-9622.

ASYMCA cookout

All Airmen E-4 and below are invited to attend the Armed Services YMCA's "Fun in the Arctic Sun" cookout and barbecue Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Park Pavilion, at Crow and 25th Avenues. Wear your best "beach" attire. There will also be games, a band, dancing and prizes.

For more information, call Mr. Bob Gentry at 384-9622.

Free movie

There will be a free showing of Shrek 2 on Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Base Theater. Tickets may be picked up at 7179 Fighter Drive before 5 p.m.

For more information, call Mrs. Taryn Perez at 552-9622.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- **Monday through Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- **Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- **Saturday Mass:** 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Confession:** 6 p.m. Saturday at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- **Celebration Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1
- **Fellowship Praise:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

Religious education

- **Catholic Religious Education:** 9 a.m. Chapel Center.
- **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. Chapel Center.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

What does your conscience say?

By Col. Walter Saeger Jr.
Air-to-surface munitions directorate
director

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — How many times have you started to do something only to stop and ask yourself, “Should I really do this?” Every time I have to decide what action to take, I hear this little voice that guides my decision. Some people would call it my conscience. But, it has to be there and it has to be listened to.

So why am I worried about whether you have a conscience or not? It comes down to the business that we are in. Being in the Air Force, civilian or military, we are entrusted to perform a service for our country. How we perform that service depends highly on our conscience.

How many times have you stretched your coffee break an extra 15 minutes and thought it didn't harm anyone since you still got all of your work done for that day? How about the time you went TDY and came back when you were scheduled to even though the meeting ended early and you could have come back a day earlier?

Both scenarios are examples of the Air Force being short-changed; in the first example it's “only” time while in the second it's both time and money. Maybe you work hard and rationalize that the Air Force owes you that much, but does it? If you were paying the bill, how would you feel then?

Another way to ensure you do the right thing is the “60 Minutes” test. If someone from “60 Minutes” — the TV show with Mike Wallace — were to walk up and ask what you were doing and why, would you be willing to tell them everything and wait to see it on TV? Or better yet, have someone from your family see it on TV?

I've always asked myself why I would do something that I wouldn't want to read about in the newspaper or see on TV. When your actions can stand the “60 Minutes” test, you can be pretty confident that you're doing the right thing.

Now, I'm sure you're asking yourself, “What does all of this have to do with me?” It goes back to being in the Air Force. Americans trust us to do our best to protect them and our way of life. This trust is based on each of us doing what is right, no matter what others may think or do, and you cannot always do what is right without guidance like your conscience or the “60 Minutes” test. Use them often enough and eventually you won't even hear them — it will just be natural to do the right thing all the time.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

Arctic Life

Great living in the great land



STAFF SGT. RHIANNON WILLARD

Dr. Condoleezza Rice (left), National Security Advisor, is briefed by Mr. Ted Franklin, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron chief of privatized housing, and Col. James Sturch, 3rd Wing vice commander, on the progress of Elmendorf's Privatized Housing Project during a brief visit to Elmendorf July 9.

Washington eyes Elmendorf PSF housing initiative

By Mr. Jon K. Scudder
3rd Wing Public Affairs Environmental

Washington officials praised the Air Force's Private Sector Financed Housing initiative after visiting Elmendorf's benchmarked Phase I project last week.

National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice toured the base's PSF Phase I Project July 9 to see first-hand the model program that Mr. Ted Franklin, chief of Elmendorf's Housing Privatization Section, said has become the envy of the Air Force.

Dr. Rice's visit to a junior enlisted three-bedroom housing unit in the Dallas Housing area was during a refueling stop on her return trip from the Far East. “Her visit allowed her to see the advancements this administration is making in the quality of life for our Airmen, specifically those assigned to Elmendorf,” said Mr. Franklin.

“This is really nice,” said Dr. Rice during her tour. “We are very interested in this project. Housing is very important to our young families. They should have a nice place. We are better able to recruit by taking care of our families.”

Mr. Franklin attributes Elmendorf's privatization success to its unique team-based approach to take privatization from the conceptual stage through the contracting process to long-term management.

“We've done it so efficiently, it has served as a benchmark worldwide,” added Mr. Franklin.

Also, from the Pentagon last week, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper talked about Air Force housing and the impacts of privatization in a “CSAF Sight Picture” memo. He said at the beginning of the fiscal year, there were 40,000 inadequate military housing units and intends to eliminate these through partnerships with private developers and military construction projects.

“By 2007, we will have eliminated all inadequate housing units in the CONUS, and two years later, we will have eliminated all inadequate units overseas,” said General Jumper.

Elmendorf's second phase of PSF is scheduled to begin this summer and will add nearly 600 military family housing units along with a new access road on Fort Richardson over the next three to five years.

“Although we may use developers

to construct, maintain and operate military family housing, we have not outsourced its responsibility for the welfare of our Air Force families,” said General Jumper.

In addition to family housing, the Air Force Chief of Staff said improvements for our single Airmen are continuing.

“We are equally committed to providing a quality living environment for our young unaccompanied Airmen,” said General Jumper. “We currently have a shortage of nearly 2,400 rooms, but we are making great strides in filling that gap.”

He said that from fiscal year 1996 through this year, the Air Force has spent \$1.3 billion in military construction money for new dormitories, and plans to spend an additional \$735 million over the next five years.

“Providing adequate housing allows Airmen to focus on the mission, knowing that their families have a safe place to live,” said General Jumper. “Ours is the greatest Air Force in the world because of the remarkable people we attract and retain. The old adage that ‘we recruit individuals, we retain families’ has never been more true.”



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Reading Program

Cierra and Quinton Davis check out books at the Library. The Library is featuring a Summer Reading Program through Aug. 10 and is open to children ages 6-13. This year's theme is “Explore New Worlds — Read.” The program meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Children must be able to read on their own to participate in this program. For more information, call 552-3787.

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Youth Center key to beating summer blues

By Mrs. Mary M. Rall
3rd Services Marketing

Long summer days can be made even longer when boredom sets in. However, base teens don't have to succumb to the doldrums, because the Young Adult Center is offering all the programming necessary to fight it off for the season.

The high-tech minded can get their futuristic fill by checking out activities like Club Tech Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. and Digital Photography Saturdays from 3-4 p.m.

Participants will get to launch their way into the creative worlds of web design, movies, music, picture taking, photo editing and print editing. Participants will use their skills by taking footage of trips planned for the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Team.

Those who want to enjoy some of that fresh Alaskan air can do so through 4-H Fishing Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. while they explore great bodies of water, hone their fishing skills, and learn how to tie knots, fillet, and cook fish throughout the summer.

The more adventurous can



also join the ranks of the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Team/TRAILS Saturdays at 4 p.m. Participants of these groups will have an opportunity to plan, organize and help purchase items for monthly outdoor adventures.

Also, the 4-H Global Positioning System Catching group meets Saturdays at 4 p.m. to work with a team to become a search engine and get involved in day and overnight treks to discover bugs throughout Alaska.

Thursdays feature a variety of field trips to activities such as Big Game Alaska, Portage Glacier and H2Oasis. The H2Oasis trip will be featured Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$9 per person.

The center even offers events such as the Session Two Skateboard Camp July 27-30 from noon to 2 p.m. for youth ages 5-12 for \$20 at the Outdoor Skate Park.

Teens can also make their moves pay off at a skateboard competition July 30. This event will feature divisions of youth with competition featured for ages 5-8 at 3 p.m., ages 9-12 at 4 p.m., ages 13-15 at 5 p.m. and ages 16-18 at 6 p.m. There is a \$5 fee per person, and prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each division.

The Young Adult Center is located in the Arctic Oasis Community Center at 9497 20th Street. For more information, call 552-TEEN.

FUN RUN: See if you're in as good of shape as you think you are by taking on the Hillberg Challenge Fun Run today at noon. This event is more than four miles long and starts at the bottom of Hillberg. Free T-shirts will be given to the first 30 people who sign up. 552-5353

MOVIE: *The Day After Tomorrow* (PG-13) A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors flee to the south, Professor Adrian Hall heads to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive. 7 p.m.

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BOWL AWAY: Rack up the points and walk away with the prize by playing in a No Tap Tournament Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. This event is open to a minimum of 10 people. The winner will receive a new bowling ball of their choice. 552-4108

MOVIE: *Shrek 2* (PG) Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon. Fiona's parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new Prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law. 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Couples Tournament, today for \$25 plus green fees per couple from 4-6 p.m. at Eagle Glen. 552-3821

Flattop Hike, today with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

CGOC Night, today at the Cave. 753-3131

Lion's Head Rafting, Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$60 at the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

ATV Day Trip, Saturday with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Bird to Gird Bike Ride, Saturday at 10 a.m. for \$5 with the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Eagle River Rafting, Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for \$25 at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Road Bike Ride, Monday at 5:30 p.m. for free with the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Kayak Pool Training, Tuesday at 8 p.m. for \$25 at the Fitness Center. 552-2023

Ladies League Golfing, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Eagle Glen. 552-3821

Evening Hike, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for \$10 with the Outdoor Adventure

Program. 552-2023

Oil Painting Personal Instruction, Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. for \$40 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Membership Mania 2-4-1 Dining, Wednesday at the Susitna Cafe. 753-3131

New Parent Orientations, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Sitka and Denali CDCs. 552-6403

Beginning Fantasy Drawing, Thursday from 5-7 p.m. for \$17 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Mountain Bike Ride, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for free with the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Acrylic Landscape Starry Nights, Thursday from 1-3 p.m. for \$40 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

One-Stroke Pansies Painting, July 23 from noon to 2 p.m. for \$25 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Airmen's Xtreme Special, E-4's and below get an Xtreme package for half off when they buy one at the regular price July 23 at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Fly Fishing 1, July 23 at 5 p.m. and July 24 with the time

to be announced for \$30 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Fly Fishing 2, July 23 at 5 p.m. and July 24 with the time to be announced for \$85 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Kid's Corner Ceramic Painting, July 24 and 30 from 1-3 p.m. for \$15 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Beginning String Beading, July 24 from 6-8 p.m. for \$20 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Alaska Scenery Oil Painting, July 24 from 1-5 p.m. for \$40 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Whittier Kayaking, July 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$30 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Triathlon, July 24 with the time to be announced at the Fitness Center. 552-5353

Eklutna Bike Trail Ride, July 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$10 at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Resurrection Bay Weekend Trip, July 24-25 for \$50 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

* Skills Development Center classes must be signed up for three days in advance.

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STRIKE OUT: Bowl during Family Xtreme Bowling Sunday and get a double punch on your Stars and Strikes card and enjoy \$1 red, white, and blue ice cream bars at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

MOVIE: *Raising Helen* (PG-13) Helen is living the life she always dreamed of. But her carefree lifestyle comes to a screeching halt when her sister and brother-in-law are killed in a car crash, leaving her to care for their three kids. 7 p.m.

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MAGIC MONEY: The clubs will be giving a special thank you to its members through the Magic of Membership promotion. All members who sign up before Aug. 1 will qualify for \$50 cash drawings at club events Aug. 1-21. Call 753-3131 to find out how to become a member or for more information.

The Weekend

Airmen should put ‘best foot forward’

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — My friend was taking a walk on the beach recently when a sunbather called out to her.

Thinking she knew him, she stopped for a moment.

The man proceeded to tell her she was “too fat to wear a bathing suit,” and that she resembled a “side of beef.”

When she told me about her weekend, I was sickened and angered by the unnecessary cruelty of these remarks.

I asked her if it was a kid who had taunted her.

She said, “No, it was an Airman from Incirlik.”

I’ve recently heard other, equally disturbing, stories.

Airmen who were seen urinating off balconies, started drunken brawls or deliberately disrespected our host country laws.

I am confused by this kind of behavior.

While many Airmen are young and fresh out of high school, they are

not children, who are too young or immature to be able to discern right from wrong.

Many Airmen are responsible for billions of dollars worth of equipment; others protect assets that can tilt the balance of power during a war.

That is an incredible responsibility for an 18- or 20-year-old who still vividly recalls his high school prom night.

We need to demonstrate the same level of maturity and responsibility off duty as we do when in uniform.

It is tempting to “let loose” when we are far from our supervisors and commanders.

Although, a night of seemingly innocent fun could land someone in jail.

In fact, according to the Area Defense Counsel located here, a charge, such as indecent exposure, can carry some weighty penalties.

For example, a bad conduct discharge and a six-month confinement.

We have heard over and over again that, as Airmen in another

country, we are informal U.S. ambassadors.

I think we need to take this calling to heart.

What do our host nation friends and neighbors think of Americans when they see someone exposed on a hotel balcony urinating on their ground?

Or when an Airman starts a fight at a nightclub?

What does my civilian friend think of Airmen when she can’t even walk down a beach without being subjected to cruelty?

Whether in or out of uniform, people look to us and form judgments about the military and Americans through the example each one of us presents.

There are, of course, countless Airmen who are exemplary models to the Air Force and to the local community.

They volunteer in orphanages and chapels.

They take time out of busy schedules and weekends to help others.

These Airmen are an example to our host nation friends and to the Air Force.

Hopefully, a few “bad apples” won’t detract from their selfless accomplishments and sway people to think their behavior is reflective of all military people.

I know every member of the service is under an inordinate amount of stress.

And it is important to blow off steam.

But as we do so, let’s remember not to embarrass ourselves and each other.

Think twice before you indulge in that final cocktail that puts you over the edge of reason.

If you are the one watching someone else about to make a fatal error, help him or her put on the brakes.

Another alternative would be to find someone, such as a senior non-commissioned officer, who can provide help.

When we take off the uniform at the end of each duty day, let’s remember not to also remove what it represents — a symbol of our nation’s pride and freedom.

Whether people recognize that we are in the U.S. military or not, let’s put our best foot forward and show them what we are all about.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

While many Airmen are young and fresh out of high school, they are not children who are unable to discern right from wrong.

Number your Air Force

By **1st Lt. Tony Wickman**
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. NAF headquartered at Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. NAF headquartered at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
8. Questioning remarks?
10. Formulae of unique exemplification, briefly
11. Giving strength
14. Authorizes, as legislation
17. Third largest island in the world
18. NAF headquartered at Barksdale AFB, La.
19. Either of two large African antelopes
21. Petty NASCAR sponsor
22. Article
23. Embattled
25. Morgue arrival, briefly
28. Paybacks
32. AF deployment code for an IDO

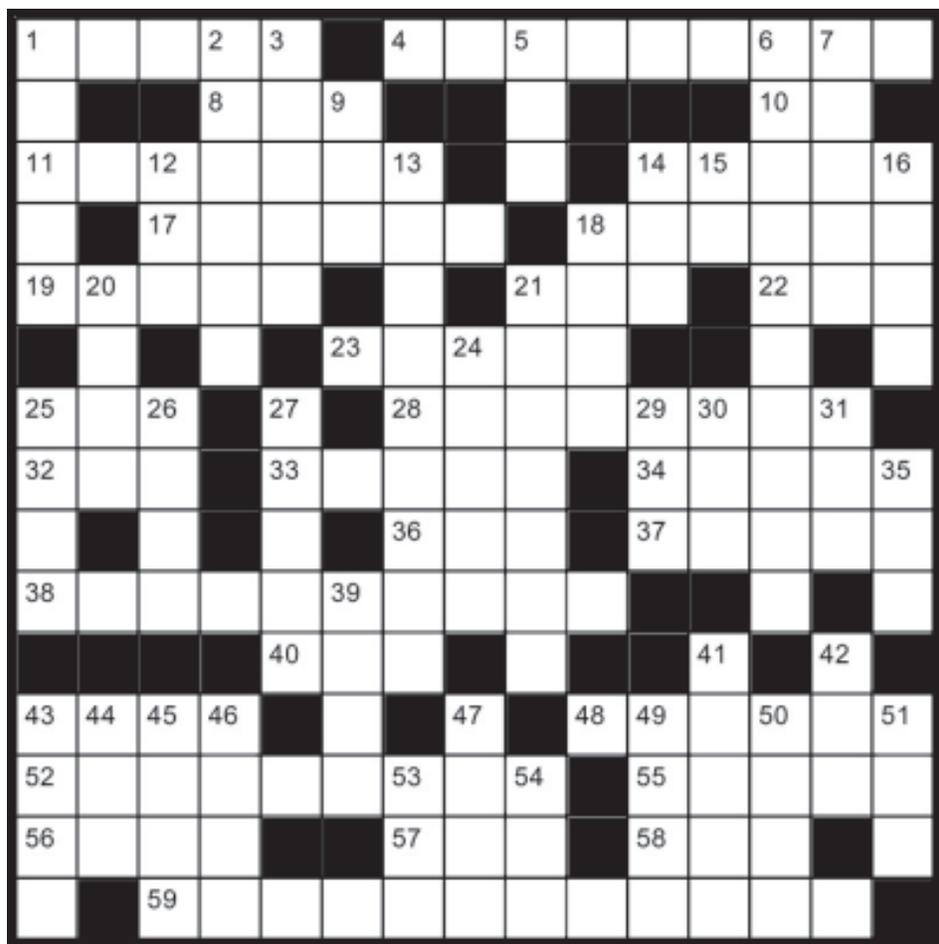
33. Angry
34. NAF headquartered at Shaw AFB, S.C.
36. 2,000 lbs
37. Key on a computer
38. NAF headquartered at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
40. Towel marker
43. Iowa city
48. NAF headquartered at March AFB, Calif.
52. NAF headquartered at Aviano AB, Italy
55. Ascertain
56. Singing group Kingston ____
57. AF list for entry into restricted area
58. German one
59. NAF headquartered at Dobbins ARB, Ga.

DOWN

1. Allegory
2. NAF headquartered at Keesler AFB, MS
3. NAF headquartered at RAF Mildenhall, England
5. Terminate
6. NAF headquartered at Scott AFB, Ill.
7. NAF headquartered at Carswell ARS, Texas
9. Shannon, Ireland airport abbrev.
12. Lawyer's org.
13. Creates
14. Small drink
15. USAF org. concerned with complaints
16. Cast off
18. Designates diminutives
20. Despoil



Last week's solution



21. NAF headquartered at Osan AB, Korea
24. First native-born American to be canonized
25. Homer's favorite elixir
26. Org. concerned with American rights
27. NAF headquartered at Yokota AB, Japan
29. Compass dir.
30. A type of mill?
31. Sault ____ Marie
35. Univ. degree program concerned with people

39. Ireland of old
41. Type of cabinet
42. Vehicle for off-roading
43. Movie dog
44. Former Russian orbiter
45. Leave
46. Hide away
47. Halt
49. Oil org.
50. Actor Munro of *Cop Land*
51. Female chick
53. Clear, as in money
54. Dept. run by Secretary Tom Ridge

Sports News



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. PRENTICE COLTER



Golf for fun
 Above: Dale Collins takes his shot at the tee during the Golf for Juniors program Tuesday. Fifty-three children participated in the four-week program. The kids learned about the game of golf as well as sportsmanship, honesty and integrity. Each participant received their own set of golf clubs, tee bag and other golfing attire. Left: Katlee Oates putts the ball during a three-hole game. For more information about the program, call Eagle Glen Golf Course at 552-3821.

Sports Shorts

Kids camp

■ The camp is an all-sports camp which runs from Monday through Thursday for children ages 6-12. Cost is \$10. There will be a morning session from 9 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m.

Registration is at the Youth Center and registrations can be taken by calling 552-2266. Payment for the clinic is due Monday.

This camp will be instructed by two sports instructors, one male and one female also from Camp Adventure at the University of Northern Iowa.

Swimming lessons

Registration for August swimming session begins Monday.

For more information, call the Fitness Center at 552-3622 or inquire at the swimming pool.

Triathlon

The fitness center is hosting a triathlon July 24 at 8 a.m. The triathlon involves a 500-yard swim, 18.6-mile bike ride and a 5K run. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on race day.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the time clock, counting laps and other activities. If interested in volunteering, call 2nd Lt. David Oakland at 552-9277 or send an e-mail to

david.oakland@elmendorf.af.mil.

Additional information about the triathlon is available at http://www.elmendorfservices.com/Pages/fitness_new/fitness-main.htm.

Basketball tourney

There is a three-on-three basketball tournament at the Youth Center July 31. The tournament will begin at 3 p.m. and will be offered for \$9 per team at a cost of \$3 per team member. This will be a single elimination tournament with age brackets from 13-14 and 15-18. Participants will have a chance to win prizes for first, second, and third place in each division.

For more information, call 552-8336.

Kids field day

National Kids Day and Fit to Win Field Day Festival is July 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Paxton Park.

Fit to Win participants will receive 20 participation points for this event, which will include relay races, a three-legged race, a water balloon toss, an egg and spoon relay, arts and crafts, face painting, music, refreshments, game booths, entertainment from the School Age Program's Shakers and Movers Drill team.

For more information, call 552-2266.

Fitness Test Standings

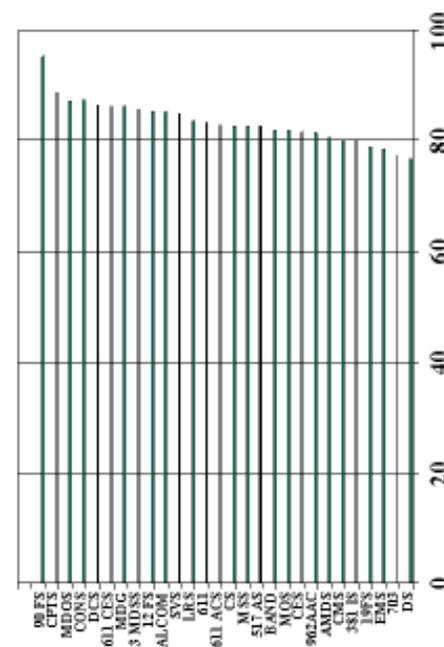
Commander's Challenge

Col. Michael Snodgrass, 3rd Wing commander, has issued a fitness challenge to all wing members and units. Anyone scoring at least 44.55 points on the 1.5-mile run receives a one-day pass (10 percent more than the commander's total of 40.5 points). Also, any male who beats the colonel's push-up total (76) or crunch total (64) receives a day off, as well as any female who beats her max by at least one push-up or crunch.

For the unit challenge, the squadron having the best overall average will receive \$10,000 from the 3rd Wing operations and maintenance account for squadron upgrades. Second place will receive \$8,000 and third place \$7,000. All UFPMs are directed to forward their unit's overall average and top five performers in each category to the HAWC weekly for publication in the *Sourdough Sentinel*.

The following are Air Force Fitness Test averages for the primary units on base and individuals, courtesy of the HAWC:

Unit average score:



Last week's top performers:

Women

1.5-mile run:

10:18, Felicia Mohr, 611 ASUS
 11:39, Anna Hartill, 3 DS
 11:51, Michelle Carruthers, 3 CES
 12:13, Laurie Saam, 611 ASUS
 13:11, Junale Courtright, 3 DS

Push-ups:

62, Trisha Flowers, 3 DS
 45, Felicia Mohr, 611 ASUS
 44, Michelle Carruthers, 3 CES
 43, Simona Simmonds, 3 CES
 42, Jennifer Eden, 3 CES

Crunches:

63, Trisha Flowers, 3 DS
 55, Dianet Santos, 3 DS
 53, Opal Smith, 3 DS
 48, Heather Benoit, 611 ASUS
 47, Felicia Mohr, 611 ASUS

Men

1.5-mile run:

8:51, Ron Hugeback, 611 ASUS
 9:23, Bradshaw Stout, 3 DS
 9:23, Kelley Meaux, 3 DS
 9:35, Ethan Gildersleeve, 3 CES
 9:35, Eric Ford, 3 CES

Push-ups:

100, Joseph Schwab, 3 CES
 94, Ethan Gildersleeve, 3 CES
 89, Scott Rudd, 3 CES
 87, Brian Troup, 3 CES
 86, Steven Duren, 3 CES

Crunches:

72, Steven Duren, 3 CES
 69, Michael Self, 3 CES
 69, Brian Adair, 3 CES
 67, Joseph Schwab, 3 CES
 66, Daniel Arnold, 3 CES