



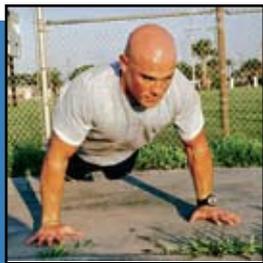
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Rescue Wing to honor fallen Khobar Towers Airmen Thursday

Airmen of the 920th Rescue Wing here invite all 45th Space Wing personnel and retirees to join them in paying their respects to five coworkers who were killed in the 1996 bombing of Khobar Towers in a small informal ceremony 10 a.m. Thursday at Memorial Plaza. Memorial Plaza is located between Bldg. 423 and 425 across from the Base Theater.

The ceremony will include an invocation, speakers, a wreath laying and moment of prayer for the fallen airmen. Please see July 3 issue for follow-up story.

Col. Lovett takes Wing CV duties

By Chris Calkins
45th SW Public Affairs

Col. André L. Lovett, no stranger to Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, has replaced Col. Stephen Butler as the vice commander for the 45th Space Wing.

Col. Lovett began his Air Force career after graduating from East Carolina University with a ROTC scholarship in 1983.

Following a string of more than a dozen assignments, where he worked as a missile combat crew commander, a

contingency war planner, an ICBM Force Employment Officer, executive officer and as a senior instructor – just to name a few – Col. Lovett was first assigned to the wing a little more than nine years ago, when he worked as the Operations Officer, 45th Range Squadron, from May 2000 to Feb. 2001.

Following that job, he then moved on to become the Commander, 45th Range Squadron from March 2001 – April 2002, and then became the Deputy Group Commander,

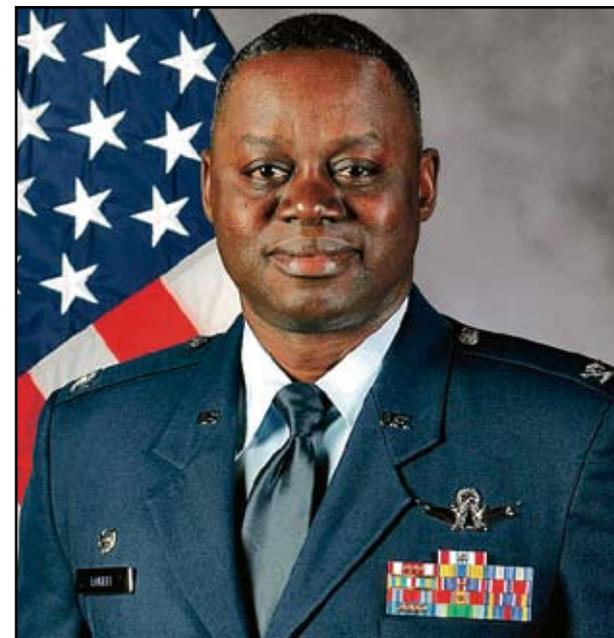
April 2002 – June 2003.

Prior to coming here last week, Col Lovett was the commander of the 30th Operations Group at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

As the Operations Group Commander, he led five units consisting of over 500 military and 1,000 contractors and was responsible for a \$98 million budget.

His former team, which is the 45th's "Sister Wing," operates and maintains the Western Range, a national air and space operations/test range and supports all Department of Defense, civil, and commercial West Coast space lift operations, ICBM/SLBM test launches, Missile Defense Agency missile intercept development and aircraft testing.

While at Vandenberg, he oversaw \$11 billion in assets, including the Air Force's second



Col. André L. Lovett

longest airfield, range and administrative communication networks, and 213 instrumentation sites extending 4,500 miles, all focused on providing assured access to space, the first step in space superiority.

As expected, Col. Lovett is thrilled to be back in the Space Coast community.

"Lisa and I always loved our time spent here," he said. "I don't

know of any community anywhere in the world more supporting of both our Airmen and our mission than the great folks in and around Brevard County."

"We're glad to be back and I'm looking forward to seeing old friends, making lots of new ones and getting back to work. We sure have lots to do around here," he said with a knowing smile.

ATFP/Deployment Exercise scheduled June 23 – 26;
Please exercise patience while we exercise readiness



When the going gets tough, the tough ...

**By Brig. Gen.
Edward L. Bolton, Jr.**
Commander, 45th Space Wing

As we prepare for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection, keep in mind the motto of the 45th Space Wing: Control of the battlefield begins here. Meeting standards will allow control of our battlefield and will place us on the offense as the IG team inspects the wing.

These inspections are designed to ensure we meet the standard and we will meet it. To borrow a line from *Apollo 13*, "failure is not an option."

Fix the items needing attention before the IG team arrives and be prepared to meet the challenges presented during the inspection.

Be sharp. The inspection team will notice your uniform appearance and job knowledge. These

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are both important items before and during an inspection. Know your AFIs and your unit specific guidance. Show leadership through your actions, appearance, and knowledge as it will pay huge dividends during the inspection. When involved in an emergency scenario, it is important to remain calm and execute the specific plan for that scenario. Show a sense of urgency while accomplishing tasks and be ready to take on the next ones. Also, remain focused despite any distractions you may face.

I urge each of you to internalize the importance of the upcoming inspection. Control of the battlefield really does begin at home. If we do not meet the standard here, we will fail on the battlefield. We

must take pride in what we do and have a positive attitude at all times.

We will be heavily judged on how well we communicate and adapt to changing circumstances. Always remember that while immediate response is important, our top concern is safety. If you need to step back from a situation to ensure safety, do it.

Your competence and aggressiveness will allow our wing to face the inspectors head on. By the time they arrive, we will have accomplished the hard part and if you are prepared, they will notice.

You all know the old line that says "when the going gets tough the tough get going" right?

Well, it's very true.

Thank you for your hard work up to now and let's continue to press forward.

Go Sharks!

Emphasize fitness throughout the year

By Lt. Col. Erik Bowman
*45th Launch Support
Squadron Commander*

Hopefully everyone has seen the recent changes in the AF fitness program. Although increasing the frequency of fitness testing is a step in the right direction, I believe folks should be emphasizing fitness throughout the year, not just at test time, for three primary reasons.

First, the more fit you are, the better your quality of life will be. You'll find you have more energy, can last longer in whatever tasks you are performing, and you'll look and feel better. This will help you perform better throughout the year.

Secondly, whether you like it or not, fitness is now a measure of officer and enlisted performance. In fact, it can be a double-whammy on the enlisted side. If you don't meet physical fitness

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standards, it is really hard to say that you "clearly exceed" in the "standards, conduct, character, and military bearing" evaluation area.

Lastly, be aware that AFI 10-248 states that "members must present a professional military image" regardless of overall fitness composite score. If others feel you don't present this image, they may not feel comfortable telling you. However, a lack of professional image can create a negative impression that can result in lost opportunities. Not being fit may be an unseen discriminator, particularly for major awards and high visibility jobs.

As commanders and supervisors, if someone falls in this category, we owe it to our people to let them know their appearance is denying them opportunities. It's

uncomfortable to provide this feedback, but if they are not aware of the problem they have no hope of correcting it. And we also owe it to those folks to help them develop a plan to once again present a military image. This is probably the hardest part.

How do you change negative perceptions in the community at large?

The only advice I can give is to work hard to exceed the fitness standards, rather than just squeaking by. Work hard on keeping your weight down, through diet as well as exercise.

And above all, keep a good attitude and continue to do your job as best you can. The only way to change a negative perception is to create a positive image that people can't help but notice. So strive to be fit as you can be – not only will it make you healthier, look better, and feel better – it might just help your career.

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Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton Jr.

COMMANDER, 45TH SPACE WING

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The need for a “clear, understandable and simpler” fitness program will mean significant changes to the Air Force’s current fitness program, said the service’s top officer during a senior leadership conference held earlier this month at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz met with the service’s other four stars at CORONA TOP where one of the key agenda items was Air Force fitness.

His intent was to fine tune fitness testing, promote a year-round fitness culture and send a clear message that health and fitness are critical to mission readiness.

“Fitness is a vital component of Air Force culture,” General Schwartz said.

“These challenging times underscore the importance of properly

caring for our most valuable resource: our Airmen.”

Brigadier General Edward L. Bolton Jr., commander, 45th Space Wing, agrees that good fitness is a fundamental requirement for Air Force warriors.

“It’s first and foremost a personal responsibility to maintain a high level of physical fitness,” said the wing commander, who achieved a perfect 100 score on his most recent PT test.

“All Airmen, regardless of rank or duty position, need to understand the vital importance of their physical conditioning.

“I don’t ever want to hear anyone is ‘too busy’ to take care of themselves – and their Airmen,” he said with emphasis.

Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, added that the new Air Force instruction, projected for publication in

July 2009, will better emphasize the service’s fitness expectations of its Airmen.

Who will conduct the testing, when and how Airmen will test are among the most significant revisions to the fitness program, which takes effect January 2010.

Perhaps the most significant difference in fitness testing will be its frequency, Air Force officials said.

Full-time active-duty Airmen will now test twice each year, and most reservists or guardsmen will continue to test once per year.

To maximize testing objectivity, the AFI designates trained civilian proctors to conduct fitness tests administered at new centralized locations called fitness assessment cells.

Senior leaders said in order to pass the test, Airmen will be required to have a

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Photo by Chris Calkins

Staff Sgts. Steven Tamburo, left, and Kenneth Ray, Civil Engineering Squadron, both attained perfect scores during their most recent PT test. The reason? They work at it.

Leasing Center open house



Photo by 2nd Lt. Karl Wiest

Sophia Reeves, community director for the Landings at Patrick, welcomed one and all to an open house here Wednesday at the new Hunt Pinnacle leasing center in Patrick AFB Central Housing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The new leasing center, located at 5448 Stormy Lane, offers new amenities to current and prospective tenants. “Our new on-base leasing office offers our residents with a nearby location for walk-ins and to provide services such as copying and faxing if needed along with excellent customer service,” said Ms. Reeves. For more information on the Landings at Patrick, call 321-777-8282.

Family Health Initiative comes to Patrick AFB

By Maj Angela Gonzalez

45th Medical Group

The Air Force Surgeon General has developed an initiative that promotes family-based health care and helps to ensure patient-provider continuity. The Family Health Initiative (FHI) promotes a strong focus on preventative and managed care.

The FHI is organized around a health care team comprised of a physician, an extender (a physician assistant or nurse practitioner), a clinical nurse and five medical

technicians.

One goal of the FHI is to maximize continuity of care (patients seeing their provider). Once empanelled, all efforts will be made to match the patient to their assigned provider or team, allowing a better provider-patient relationship.

The FHI teams will provide patients with educational health information, assist patients in preventive health maintenance such as immunization, and ensure patients are scheduled for screening exams based on age and other risk factors.

Another goal of the FHI is to manage the health care of our patients. This will be accomplished through our providers and the Medical Management team.

Medical management is an evolving healthcare industry model that integrates Utilization Management, Case Management, and Disease Management to effectively facilitate patient care and improve follow up and access to specialty care.

Due to low summer staffing it may be necessary to refer some

beneficiaries to local acute care centers for their urgent care needs. In an effort to equally distribute families across providers, some patients will be reassigned to a new FHI team.

Notification letters will be mailed to affected patients of their new team affiliation.

Active duty priority time will not be affected by the FHI.

The 45th Medical Group looks forward to serving you and improving your health care with the Family Health Initiative.



Photo by Jennifer Macklin

Here to help is Tech Sgt. Tiffanie Clarke, Aerospace Medical Service Craftsman, 45 Medical Operations Squadron.

Precautions needed as Summer temperatures rise

Courtesy of 45th Space Wing Safety Office and 45th Medical Group

It is that time of year when supervisors need to protect their workers, and everyone must protect themselves from the heat.

In accordance with Air Force Pamphlet 48-151, the Wet Bulb Global Thermometer program/process is

designed to ensure that notifications are made to the appropriate activities when heat and humidity conditions reach a dangerous level for those employees working outside.

This program outlines in very clear language; the precautions to be taken at various temperature and humidity ranges so that proper rest

and hydration are accomplished when conditions warrant. Rest means minimal physical activity, i.e. sitting or standing, accomplished in the shade if possible.

Important factors to consider when exercising in hot, humid weather include: timing of exercise sessions, proper attire, and hydration. Ideally exercise sessions

should be scheduled in the cooler parts of the day. If exercise sessions are to be performed during the hotter parts of the day the intensity and/or duration of the session should be reduced or stopped if symptoms such as dizziness, confusion, muscle cramps, nausea, or vomiting occur.

The best choice

of exercise attire is breathable fabrics (e.g. UnderArmour, CoolMax) which allow the body to cool itself more quickly than cotton.

Vinyl suits should never be worn during exercise as this can be potentially life threatening. Adequate hydration should be maintained before, during, and after exercise sessions.

Water should be consumed prior to exercise and is the preferred beverage for most sessions lasting less than one hour. Sports drinks may be needed for vigorous exercise lasting more than one hour.

Plan outdoor exercise periods for early morning or dusk. Even conditioned athletes are no match for mother nature.

TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR ACCLIMATIZED AND UN-ACCLIMATIZED PERSONNEL WEARING HOT WEATHER BDU

Table A5.1. Training Guidelines for Average Acclimatized Airmen Wearing BDU, Hot Weather.

Heat Cat/ Flag Color	WBGT (F)	EASY WORK		MODERATE WORK		HARD WORK	
		Work Rest Cycle	Water Intake Qt/hr	Work Rest Cycle	Water Intake Qt/hr	Work Rest Cycle	Water Intake Qt/hr
1 - White	78 - 81.9	No Limit	0.5	No Limit	0.75	40/20 min	0.75
2 - Green	82 - 84.9	No Limit	0.5	50/10 min	0.75	30/30 min	1.0
3 - Yellow	85 - 87.9	No Limit	0.75	40/20 min	0.75	30/30 min	1.0
4 - Red	88 - 89.9	No Limit	0.75	30/30 min	0.75	20/40 min	1.0

Table A5.2. Training Guidelines for Average Unacclimatized Airmen Wearing BDU, Hot Weather.

Heat Cat/ Flag Color	WBGT (F)	EASY WORK		MODERATE WORK		HARD WORK	
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3 - Yellow	85 - 87.9	No Limit	0.75	30/30 min	0.75	20/40 min	1.0
4 - Red	88 - 89.9	50/10 min	0.75	20/40 min	0.75	10/50 min	1.0

a. For all 3 work rates, individual water requirement may vary by +/- 0.25 qt/hr.

b. When performing work/exercise with ground crew ensemble, fire-fighting gear or other similar restrictive or impermeable clothing arrangements should be made for remote site measurement of the WBGT and 10 degrees F added to the measurement before using tables 3 or 4. Add 15 degree WBGT if also wearing combat armour.

c. Rest means minimal physical activity, i.e. sitting or standing, accomplished in the shade if possible.

Vacation Bible School brings ancient city to life for kids

**By Chaplain (Capt.)
Jon Bravinder**
45th SW Chapel

South Patrick Chapel will transform into the ancient city of Rome this week (June 22-26) as the thematic backdrop for our Vacation Bible School.

Rome immerses learners of all ages in Bible-times culture, helping kids and adults explore what it might have been like to live as the church was just beginning.



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Families will experience new traditions, taste new foods, try new arts and crafts projects, and discover that God's love is the most powerful gift,

saving us from our sins.

Christianity's greatest missionary, the apostle Paul, wrote five books of the New Testament from the ancient capital of the world.

Each day our kids will visit Paul's home, soaking in Scripture as Paul shares what he's writing and applies it to kids' experiences.

To hear from Paul, chained to a Roman guard, is both memorable and

powerful!

Vacation Bible School is a great and fun way for children to learn basic biblical truths while building a spiritual foundation that will benefit them for life.

For more information on Vacation Bible School, call the Chapel at 494-4073.

You can also register your children online at: www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/patrickafbvbs2009.



Catholic

Daily Mass (Tues.-Fri.) at 11:30 a.m. in the Seaside Chapel.

Saturday: 4 p.m. confession, 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass in South Patrick Chapel, and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.

Religious education classes: 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the Education Center for pre-K-6th grade. Youth Ministry for 7th-8th grade, 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the Education Center; for 9th-12th grade, 6-8 p.m. at the Shark Center.

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Seaside Chapel.

11 a.m. - Praise and Worship Service in the South Patrick Chapel.

Wednesday: 5:15 p.m. - Family Night meal and study at South Patrick Chapel.

Jewish

For more information, contact Barry Chefer at 494-6063.

Islamic

Tuesday: 6-7 p.m. - Islamic studies, South Chapel, room 105. For Islamic worship services, contact Marvin Hagan at 254-6727 or the Islamic Society of Brevard County at 984-4129.

Airmen against drunk driving
CALL 494-RIDE
Fridays and Saturdays
2200-0300

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Events Calendar

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Sunday 14 Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Tides	Monday 15 Story Time 10 a.m. Base Library Open Water Scuba Class starts Outdoor Recreation	Tuesday 16 Newcomers Orientation 7:30 a.m. – noon A&FRC 95 cent special 11 a.m. – closing Rocket Lanes Pajama Club Story Time 6:15 p.m. Base Library	Wednesday 17 Heart Link 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Job Search 9:30-11:30 a.m. Spouse Orientation 1 – 3 p.m., A&FRC Bingo 6:15 p.m., The Tides	Thursday 18 Sponsorship Training 9 – 11 a.m. A&FRC Summer Reading Program 6 p.m. Library	Friday 19 <small>45SW Training Day</small> Junior Enlisted Appreciation Picnic 12 – 4:30 p.m. Family Pool Texas Hold 'em 5 – 10 p.m. The Tides Karaoke Contest 6:30 p.m. Marina	Saturday 20 Deployed Family Splash Day 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Preparing Cars for Summer class 10 a.m. – noon Auto Hobby Shop Father & Child 3-6-9 Tournament 4 p.m. Rocket Lanes
21 Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Tides	22 Boater Safety Training 9:30 – 11 a.m. Outdoor Recreation Story Time 10 a.m. Base Library	23 Deployed Families Dinner 6 – 7 p.m. A&FRC	24 Dress for Success 10 – 11:30 a.m. Life Cycle Finances 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Teen Council 4:30 p.m. Youth Center Bingo 6:15 p.m. The Tides	25 Sandbag Fitness Competition 7:30 a.m. WarFit Field Summer Reading Program 6 p.m. Base Library	26 Fitness & Health Fair 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Patrick Fitness Center	27 Wakeboarding class 2 – 3:30 p.m. Outdoor Recreation
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5 Family Day Bowling Special 1-6 p.m. \$1.25 Games Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Tides	6 Pre-Separation 9 – 11 a.m. Fundamentals of Resumes 1 – 3 p.m.	7 Families in the KNOW 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. TAP 3 Day Workshop Begins 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bowling Special 11 a.m. – closing \$1.25 Games	8 Credit Reports 11a.m. – 12:30 Wednesday Bowling Special 11 a.m. – closing \$1.25 Games Bingo 6:15 p.m. The Tides	9 5K Run/ 1.5 Mile Walk 7 a.m. @ Patrick Fitness Center 7:30 a.m. @CCAFS Fitness Center Summer Reading Program 6 p.m. Base Library	10 Applying for AF Jobs 9 – 10 a.m. Deployed Spouse Scrapbooking 6 – 8 p.m. Kid's Night Out 6 – 11 p.m. Youth Center	11 Sailboat Races & Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m., Marina 95 Cent Game Special Rocket Lanes Eco-Tour Turtle Watch Trip 8:30 p.m. Outdoor Recreation

To publish events of base-wide interest in future issues, e-mail missileer@patrick.af.mil

DEOMI students, staff pay tribute to Army's 234th birthday during ceremony



Army Master Sgt. Alexis Ruiz, DEOMI Equal Opportunity Instructor, answers questions about his career in the Army.

Sgt. Ruiz.

With more than 200 years of service, the U.S. Army's Noncommissioned Officer Corps has distinguished itself as the world's most accomplished group of military professionals. Historical and daily accounts of "life as an NCO" are exemplified by acts of courage, and a

dedication and a willingness to do "whatever it takes" to complete the mission. NCOs have been celebrated for decorated service in military events ranging from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, to charges on Omaha Beach and battles along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, to current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

speaker for the program, Army Lt. Col. Timothy R. Thomas, Director of Equal Opportunity Training at DEOMI.

"In today's asymmetrical battlefield, the good working relationship between the officer and NCO is even more vital to the success of the mission," he said.

"The role of the NCO to advise the commander on training and equipment needed for soldiers to fight and win on the battlefield is critical for mission success. Just as important is the advice NCOs provide to their commander on ways to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families," he said.

Two hundred and thirty-four years ago, the Army was established to defend the United States. From the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terror, the nation's Soldiers remain Army Strong with a deep commitment to the Army's core values and beliefs. This 234th birthday commemorates America's Army – Soldiers, families and civilians – who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong both here and abroad.

Army Master Sgt. Alexis Ruiz, DEOMI Equal Opportunity instructor, joined the Army when he was 18 and was searching for a way to be successful. That was 22 years

ago, and now the career soldier reflects back on his service with fond memories.

"I was looking for a way to get off the island [Vieques, Puerto Rico], and do something good with my life. The Army is a lot more than just kicking down doors as I've learned, said Sgt. Ruiz, an infantryman by trade.

"It's given me a career and a really good education. I will soon graduate from St. Joseph's University in Maine with a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration, and then my daughter and I will be the only two people in my direct family to graduate from college," said

**Story and photos
By Bryan Ripple**
DEOMI
Public Affairs Officer

The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), celebrated the U.S. Army's 234th birthday during a June 12 ceremony here with nearly 200 people in attendance.

In recognition of their commitment to service and willingness to make great sacrifices on behalf of our nation, The Secretary of the Army established 2009 as "The Year of the NCO." This theme was highlighted throughout DEOMI's observance of the Army's 234th birthday through the words of the guest

Fitness changes coming soon



Photo by Chris Calkins

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Ray, Civil Engineering Squadron has qualified to be a member of the 45th Space Wing Marathon Team.

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The time has come for all Airmen to better integrate fitness into their daily lives. ”

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long

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composite score of 75 but also will need to meet minimum requirements for each component.

Air Force officials said age range requirements will be simplified to five

categories: less than 30, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus years of age.

Additionally, because overall fitness is a readiness issue, fitness results will be categorized using operational readiness or unit compliance

inspection-type ratings.

Those scoring 90 and above will be “Excellent;” those scoring between 75 and 90 will be “Satisfactory;” and those scoring under 75 will be “Unsatisfactory.”

“The time has come for all Airmen to better integrate fitness into their daily lives,” said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long, the Air Staff enlisted promotions, evaluations and physical fitness chief.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Trisha Guillebeau

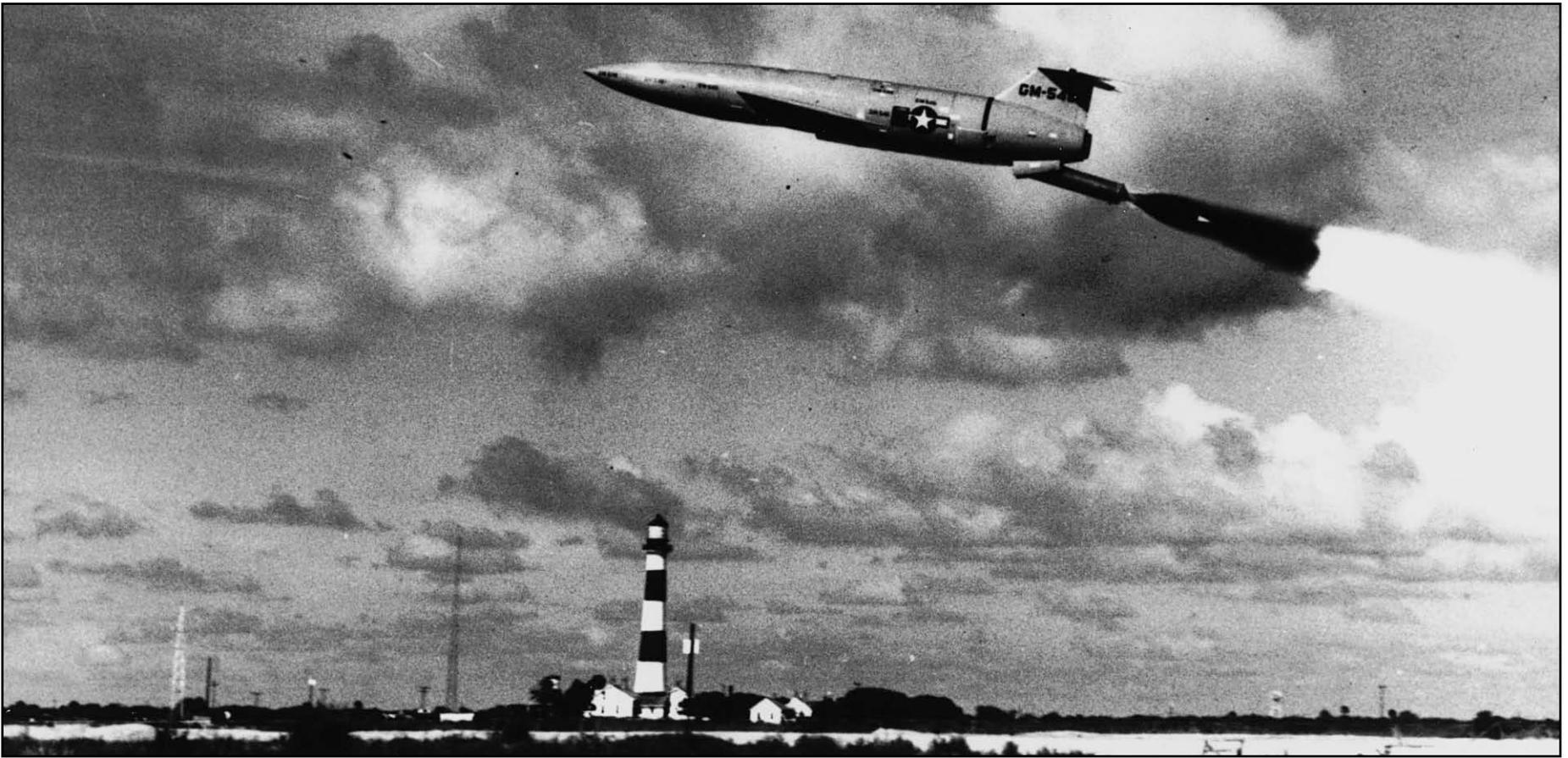
Thanks for the Memories

Mrs. Patricia Bolton, right, wife of Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton Jr., commander, 45th Space Wing, shares a smile with Mrs. Melanie Davis, left, president of the Patrick Spouse's Club, along with Mrs. Ann Turco, a 26-year veteran of the Organization of Wives of Officers and NCOs during a recent end-of-year luncheon held at the Tides.

The spouse's club has raised tens of thousands of dollars since their formation, donating to multiple scholarship funds. They have listened to speakers from Miss America to John Travolta and hosted dinners for deployed troops and slumber parties.

"One year we saw a launch from the general's quarters. We were all having a slumber party there while he was out," commented Mrs. Turco.

The ladies all reminisced about activities from formal functions to chasing tumble weed in order to spray paint it to use for a decoration at one of their functions.



A total of 15 real Bull Goose prototype missiles were launched from the Cape between June 27, 1957 and December 6, 1958.

Courtesy Photo

First Real Bull Goose Launch Anniversary

By Mark C. Cleary
45th SW
History Office

Back in the early days of the Cold War, the U.S. Air Force chose an area near Cape Canaveral's lighthouse to build Complexes 21 and 22 for the ground-launched, long-range Bull Goose missile project.

Construction of the pads started in 1956, and the Air Force accepted the sites on February 26, 1957.

Each of the

complexes cost \$1,200,000 including a blockhouse shared by both of them. Naturally that modest sum only paid for the brick and mortar. Ground equipment and control systems were procured separately at extra cost.

The first of five "dummy" Bull Goose missiles was launched on March 13, 1957, but the first REAL Bull Goose was launched from Complex 22 on June 27, 1957. So, according to the rules that govern these things,

the 52nd anniversary of the Bull Goose has to be this week rather than last March. Real or not, the Bull Goose wasn't armed — that would have been a waste of good ordnance. The Bull Goose's mission was deception. It mimicked the flight characteristics of America's B-36, B-47 and B-52 heavy bombers to fool enemy radar defenses.

A total of 15 real Bull Goose prototype missiles were launched from the Cape between

June 27, 1957 and December 6, 1958. The subsonic flights typically lasted from one to three hours, but one Bull Goose managed to stay aloft for five hours flying a "race track" pattern between Cape Canaveral and Grand Bahama Island. Two other missiles ended their flights early due to fuel starvation, but one Bull Goose caught fire, crashed, and burned a few seconds after it was launched on April 18, 1958. The rest of the flights ended far less

dramatically well out to sea.

A teletype message from Air Force Headquarters terminated the Bull Goose program on December 12, 1958, but Complexes 21 and 22 did not remain idle for long. They were rebuilt in 1959 and 1960 to support MACE B winged cruise missile flights. In all, 44 Mace B test missiles were launched from Complexes 21 and 22 between October 29, 1959 and July 18, 1963.

For all practical purposes, the Cape's involvement in the Mace B program ended in 1964. Consequently the two complexes remained inactive until they were reassigned to the U.S. Army on November 2, 1970 for possible use as a Dragon missile range. Unfortunately the Army dropped the idea and returned the complexes to the Air Force on July 23, 1971.

Both launch sites were deactivated shortly thereafter.

Father's Day Golf Special

The Manatee Cove Golf Course has a great Father's Day gift idea. The "Evan Par" Father's Day special includes 18 holes of play, greens fee, cart, range balls, CTP and long drive contest prizes, and lunch (before 3 p.m.). Cost is even par of \$36 per person. Anyone who beats par (net or gross) will win a special Father's Day prize. There's no cost to enter, but you must sign up in the Pro Shop with an e-mail address with at least one other player before teeing off. For more information, call 494-GOLF.



Red, White & Blue Golf Tournament

The Manatee Cove Golf Course will host the Red, White & Blue Tournament on Jul 3, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Golfers can sign up for this four-person team scramble in the Pro Shop. Cost is \$27 for Annual Pass players, \$30 for Annual Fee players and \$40 for all others. Registration is required by COB Jul 1 (no refunds after that date). Players must have a USGA handicap or play scratch. Gift certificates will be awarded to 25 percent of the field. An optional barbecue with all the trimmings will be available after play for \$9.95 per person, with live entertainment from 1 - 5 p.m. For more details, call 494-GOLF.

Summer Golf Special

Would you like to play a lot of golf for just a little bit of money?

Check out the Manatee Cove Golf Course's Summer Special. For just \$106 you can purchase a summer pass that allows you to play unlimited rounds of golf from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. That's just \$1 per day - an unheard of savings.

Cost includes unlimited greens fees. Participants must pay for a cart, but are allowed to walk. This special is valid after 9:30 a.m. daily. The special is not valid for league or tournament players. For more information, call 494-GOLF.

Rediscover Golf Special

Patrick AFB would like to invite golfers to

"Rediscover Golf at Manatee Cove Golf Course" for free! Pay just \$45 and get unlimited greens fees for one calendar month. After that, if you decide to join for an entire year, the golf course will knock the \$45 off your annual golf pass and start your new subscription the day you join. This promotion is valid for new or returning golfers who were not a prior discount cardholder (annual pass/fee/punch card) within the past 12 months. Special is valid Jun 1 - Oct 31, 2009. For more information, call 494-GOLF.

Golf 4 Kids Summer Program

The Manatee Cove Golf Course will host the Golf 4 Kids summer program in July. There will be two sessions - Session One: Jul 7 - 10, from 8 - 11 a.m., for youth 7 - 11 years old; Session Two: Jul 14 - 17, from 8 - 11 a.m., for youth 12 - 17 years old. A tournament will follow on Jul 18 (time to be determined). Cost is only \$49 per student. Sign up in the Pro Shop. Space is limited to the first 25 participants in each session. For more information, call 494-7856.

Happy Birthday Golfers

The Manatee Cove Golf Course offers a free round of golf with cart on your birthday. If you are already an Annual Greens Fee Holder (AGF), you will receive a free cart rental (free rounds/carts are good on birth date only - must show ID). Then, any other day in your birth month, golfers play for free with cart when they bring in a threesome that pays regular priced green and cart fees. For more information, call 494-GOLF.

2009 "Instant Payback" Club Membership Campaign

If you have been thinking about joining the club, now's the time. The 2009 "Instant Payback" Club Membership Campaign runs thru Aug 15. All personnel who join the club during the campaign will automatically receive three months free dues, free cash back through the rewards program, and a six-month 0 percent introductory APR. As an additional bonus, 200 members will be randomly selected to receive \$250 by participating in an online survey at www.afclubs.net. For more information, call 494-4013.

Airman's Attic

Family Service's Airman's Attic needs your unwanted items. Items donated are given to E-5s and below that are establishing a household, need items for their children, or are expecting an addition to their family. Please stop by Bldg 415 (in the mini-mall, adjacent to Information, Tickets and Travel) and take a look at the wants/needs board, where our young enlisted personnel post information on what they need. For more information, call Elsa Kekahuna at 494-5675/5676.

Auto Air Conditioning Check

The Auto Hobby Shop has a great money saving special for July. You can get your air conditioning checked for only \$20 (does not include Freon) - a \$10 savings. For more information, call 494-2537.

Summer Camp Slots Available

Give your K - 6th grader a well supervised, fun and safe place to be this summer. Youth Programs' School Age Program Summer Camp offers a great variety of extended fun and educational activities that enable continuous learning for children while parents complete their workday. For more information, call 494-4749.

Fall Youth Soccer Registration

Fall soccer registration is underway at the Youth Center. A current physical is required at time of registration. Cost is only \$30 per child. Participants must be a current member of the Youth Center. For more information, call 494-4747.

Bowling Center Specials

The Rocket Lanes Bowling Center will feature the following specials in July: Active

Duty Special - Bowl for free every Tuesday thru Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. when you purchase \$5 or more from the snack bar; Tuesday & Wednesday Special - all games are just \$1.25 from 11 a.m. to closing; 95 Cent Game Special - Jul 11, 18 & 25 (except during Rock'it Bowl on Jul 18, from 2 - 4 p.m.); Family Day - every Sunday you can bowl for just \$1.25 a game, from 1 - 6 p.m.; Rock'it Glow Bowl - Every Friday & Saturday Night (except Jul 3). For more information, call 494-2958.

Camp Xtreme

Youth Programs' Camp Xtreme is a weekly camp that allows teens to plan their own activities, guided by an experienced staff. Teens participate in a great variety of activities such as swimming, bowling, performing community service, learning computer skills, rock wall climbing, budgeting, kayaking and more. Teens can sign up for one or two weeks, or the rest of the summer. For more information, call 494-4748.

Keystone Club

Youth Programs is searching for teens who would like to take the Keystone Club and make it their own. This leadership group is exclusively for youth ages 14 - 18 and is an excellent opportunity for teens to learn leadership skills and make a difference within the Youth Center and the community. For more information, call 494-4747.

Walk Around the World

Help Youth Programs reach their goal of walking 42,000 miles (the distance to every Air Force base in the U.S.) by Nov 5, 2009. Their FitFactor "Walk Around the World" program is for youth ages 6 - 18. Youth must be a registered participant in the FitFactor program to log miles walked. Prizes will be awarded and parents may register in the FitFactor program to help achieve the goal. For more information and to register, call 494-9096.

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Special Duty Assignment Pay increase approved for MTIs

Pentagon officials recently revised Special Duty Assignment Pay for Military Training Instructors. The revision, effective June 1, increases SDAP levels for MTIs.

According to officials, Air Force Basic Military Training has faced a shortage of MTIs since 2007. As an incentive for MTI recruitment and retention, Lt. Gen. Richard Newton, Air Force deputy chief of staff for Personnel and Manpower, approved an increase to SDAP for MTIs on June 1.

"Increased accessions and the recent extension of BMT from six to eight weeks triggered a requirement for additional instructors and placed a heavy burden on our current MTIs," General Newton said. "The pay increase will help compensate MTIs for their increased workload and help with the recruitment of more."

According to the Air Force Personnel Center, the increased length of basic training coupled with an increase in active-duty accessions rapidly raised the requirement for MTIs.

MTIs receive SDAP based on their duty position and with the increase, will now receive the following:

- \$300 a month for Officer Training School instructors
- \$375 a month for instructors in support positions
- \$450 a month for BMT flight instructors at Lackland and the United States Air Force Academy

In addition to the increased SDAP level for permanently assigned MTIs, the personnel and manpower community also approved SDAP for Airmen performing MTI duties in a manning assist capacity (179-day temporary duty to BMT). These MTIs are authorized SDAP based on the MTI duties they perform while TDY.

For more information, contact your local military personnel flight or visit the "Ask" AFPC site and search for "MTI."

