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The Patrick AFB Fitness Center will be closed all weekend due to the construction project going on behind the facility and resultant power outage.

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Photo by Chris Calkins

Back to School on Monday

Skyler Pruet, 8, is loaded down – and gummed up – as she shops at the Base Exchange Wednesday afternoon for new school supplies with her Mother, Corrisa, a technical sergeant assigned to the 45th Security Forces Squadron. Brevard County Schools open Monday. “The BX has a great supply of back to school stationary, school supplies and clothing. We have school lists available from most local elementary schools,” said Mr. David Crain, AAFES general manager. “The state of Florida has decided not to offer its, “No tax days” on school supplies this year. We’d like to remind our customers that every day is, “No tax day” at your AAFES Exchange,” he said.

CMSAF to focus on force development

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) – The Air Force’s top enlisted leader toured several military bases in the San Antonio area where he recently went to meet with Airmen and discuss

Air Force priorities.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy said some primary focus areas for the enlisted force include reinforcing professional military education, integrating better with joint and coalition partners and supporting military families and wounded warriors. He assumed his new position

during an appointment ceremony June 30 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

One of the main issues Chief Roy said he will focus on during his tenure is developing Airmen. “We need to continue to work on enlisted force development,” Chief Roy said. “We do a great job of professional military

education and technical training. We have the best Air Force and military in the world, not just because of our equipment, but because of our people. Having been around other militaries, including foreign militaries, they have a lot of good equipment too. What they don’t have to the extent we have is Airmanship,

and that’s very important. We need to continue to instill Airmanship in our Airmen and continue to refine ourselves.”

The chief said developing Airmen also includes reinforcing basic standards Airmen are taught when they initially join the service.

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The 45th Space Wing would like to cordially welcome the AFSPC Space IG Team to PAFB and CCAFS

Education 'great equalizer'

By Brig. Gen.

Edward L. Bolton, Jr.

Commander, 45th Space Wing

As we enter the month of August here on the Space Coast it means that summer is winding down for all of us, especially our children, as they will be heading back to school next week.

While the thought of that big yellow bus returning to their doors may be haunting some of them, we must remember the importance a great education can have for people of all ages and of all backgrounds.

A strong education acts as the "great equalizer" in America; it is what drives social mobility and even social change. In America an individual is able to transform their destiny through an education and ultimately able to not only better themselves but also our

great nation by becoming a more informed citizen.

Furthermore, an education lets us develop our minds and in time our dreams. Education is a necessary ticket to punch in order to ride the wave of success later on in all aspects of life. Be sure to stress this importance to your children, your spouse, your friends and anyone who will listen; increased knowledge and intellect can only help them.

As you can see, educating our military family members, not to mention ourselves, is a key issue for me as it is for our Chief of Staff.

"The very fabric of our society depends on the work that we do in the area of child education," Gen. Norton Schwartz said recently. "Considering that children between the ages of 6 and 18 comprise more than 145,000 of our air force family members, I see family support

in general, and child education in particular, as important issues we must address urgently."

Due to deployments and frequent PCS requirements, many believe our children are at a disadvantage when compared to students who have a more stable educational environment. These concerns may force you to be more involved in your child's education and may force you to put in a little extra effort at home - I'm happy about that.

I want you to be involved in the education of your family members; get involved with what they are learning, ask questions, and you may be surprised about what you find. You may even learn something yourself. Let them know their education is important to you and that you will do everything possible to support them to ensure they have a bright future.

Leadership skills are timeless

By Lt. Col. Teresa Skojac

*Commander, 45th Aeromedical
Dental Squadron*

My son, Cadet Joseph Skojac, recently returned from USAF ROTC training. During his "debrief," we discussed his misadventures. When he told me about his experience as Squadron Standardization Officer and how he was responsible for standardizing the Camelbacks, it reminded me of one of the core leadership principles: we are responsible for and take credit for the actions of others.

That is one of the core principles of leadership. Whether it is an NCO motivating their Airmen to complete training or a cadet ensuring the Camelbacks are standard, leaders must find the right tool for the right situation to get 'r' done. Fortunately, the opportunities to

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fill that tool box abound. As members of the greatest Air Force in the world, we are given many opportunities to learn leadership. For instance our Professional Military Education is packed with leadership principles and historical examples.

There are also other leadership training opportunities like executive skills courses and civilian management courses. There is a recommended reading list and of course, the living breathing examples of leaders that fill our personal military history. Sometimes we learn how NOT to do something but it is nonetheless an important lesson.

From these resources we gain our tools, but the true art of leadership comes from knowing which tool to

use in which situation - when to be directive, when to point the way and let them figure out how to get there, when to have hands on and when to watch and wait.

Correct application brings desired results, as demonstrated by the 45 MDG with the recent Health Services Inspection. It was brilliant leadership that enabled the MDG to capture the highest HSI rating in over four years.

Under Col. Florence Valley (ret.), the MDG has been in preparation for this evaluation for at least 18 months, scrutinizing our processes, looking for ways to improve, checking ourselves against the standards. During that time she demonstrated great skill in knowing when to be directive and when to watch and wait. During that time, I have been filling my tool box - learning to be a leader.

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42 years of 'just a little longer'

Maj. Gen. Thomas Deppe bids his farewell

By Staff Sgt. Daylena Gonzalez
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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo., - The Beatles released "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album. Hollywood's box office hits were, "The Graduate," "Bonnie and Clyde" and "Cool Hand Luke." Gasoline was 33 cents a gallon, movie tickets were \$1.25, the average cost of a new home was \$14,250 and a new car would cost around \$2,750.

That was 1967 - the year Maj. Gen. Thomas Deppe, vice commander of Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"At that time you were either in college or you got drafted," said General Deppe. "I had just dropped out of college, and then came my draft notice in the mail not too long after."

Convinced by a friend that the Air Force was the way to go, the young Thomas Deppe proceeded to the recruiting office to sign on

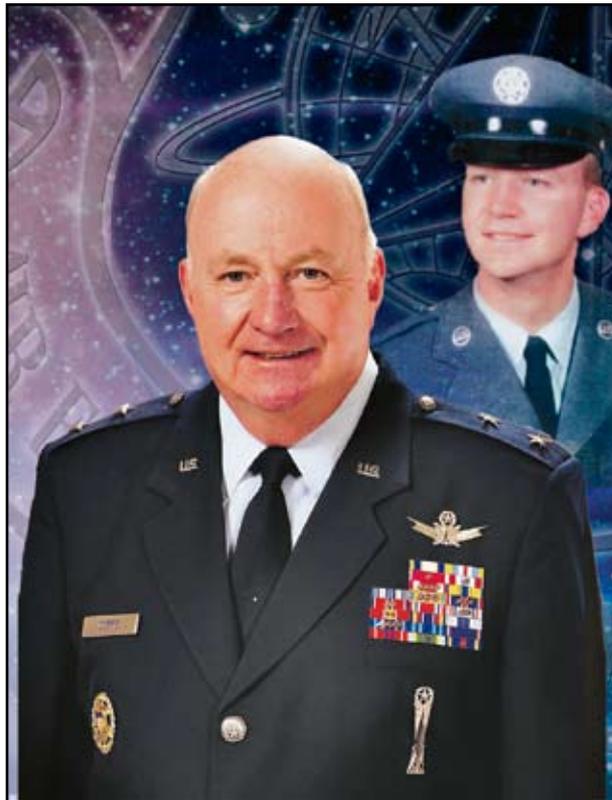
the dotted line, with little knowledge of the positive impact that signature would have on his life.

"I had no plans on staying in the Air Force any longer than I had to," General Deppe said. "But as time went on and I made staff sergeant in less than four years, I thought, 'Well, why not stay in a little longer?' I already had a job that I liked, why would I quit it when I might get something on the outside I didn't like?"

That "little longer" became 42 years of military service. Putting his enlisted career behind him, General Deppe earned his commission in November 1977.

"It was an interesting switch," he said. "I went from having credibility with my job as a technical sergeant, to a brand new lieutenant with no credibility whatsoever."

General Deppe continued in the officer ranks with the intention of retiring as a captain. In fact, when it came time for him to pin on captain, 20 years of service had already passed. Captain Deppe continued on with his career.



Courtesy Photo

Maj. Gen. Thomas Deppe bids farewell after 42 years of service.

In March 1987, continuing to prove himself, he was selected for major below-the-zone, squelching, yet again, his intention to retire. He could have turned down the promotion and went ahead with his plans, but instead he chose to extend his commitment to the Air Force just "a little longer."

"It seems like every time I thought about it, I committed more and more to the Air Force," General Deppe said. "Every promotion

requires you to stay in that position for a certain amount of time. I kept getting promoted, so I stayed in the Air Force."

The Air Force can only be thankful that General Deppe said "just a little longer." His solid commitment can be seen through his 42 years of service.

Airmen can only be inspired by his commitment. It takes loyalty, dedication and determination. A sense of belonging, a family, a family of

"Favorite assignment? That's a really hard question. One was vice commander at the 45th Space Wing, where we were launching rockets and putting people in space. It was a very busy year, one of the busiest on record."

Maj. Gen. Thomas Deppe
VICE COMMANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

... Airmen is what General Deppe finds most rewarding.

This is what General Deppe had to say during his retirement interview: **What is your most enjoyable/rewarding part of your military career?**

You, the 'cream of the crop' ... Airmen just like you are the reason I have enjoyed my military career and found it so rewarding, both enlisted and commissioned. I am proud to belong and will always.

What/who was your biggest influence while you served?

I had a boss, Col. Raymond "Hal" Cleveland; he was the director of intercontinental ballistic missile requirements. He mentored me more on officership and life

than anyone else. He also is the person who's responsible for teaching me how to golf. I am forever indebted to him. Unfortunately, Hal passed away in the late 90s. I am sure where he is he can see me and what I'm doing...

What made you decide to be an officer?

You have to want to be an officer ... I wanted to be one. You have to be up to greater challenges in life. There are two kinds of prior enlisted officers: the really good and the really bad. I've known a few in the really bad category. In my case, I was not a very good first-term Airman; in fact, I was probably

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History Highlights

Three major launches in five days

By Mark C. Cleary
45th Space Wing
History Office

Range to support them. Those improvements in vehicles and instrumentation will serve the Cape well for many years to come. Sooner or later, the launch numbers will rise again.

Still, if only to satisfy the “bean-counters” out there, I feel obliged to mention that the Eastern Range supported three of its major launches in 2001 — a Titan IVB, a Delta II, and a Space Shuttle — in just five days.

Though not unprecedented, a cluster of three major missions involving different launch systems in such a short period of time is really quite exceptional.

The Titan IVB of the group was equipped with an Inertial Upper Stage (IUS). It carried a \$256 million Defense Support Program (DSP) spacecraft into orbit on the morning of August 6, 2001.

The payload weighed about 5,200 pounds, and it joined a constellation of DSP satellites to provide early warning against missile attacks on the United States and/or its allies.

The Delta II of the pack lifted off Pad 17A a little less than 57 hours later on August 8th. It boosted NASA's

Eastern Range launch rates have waxed and waned over the past half century. While the record for the greatest number of launches in a single year goes to 1960 with 206,

Calendar Year 2008 had fewer launches (7) than any other calendar year since 1950.

To be fair, a lot of different missile programs were tested during the early part of the Cold War.

Given economies of scale, individual launches were relatively cheap and frequent in the old days.

More to the point, a 1950s-vintage Matador, Thor or Jupiter missile was much easier to assemble and launch than any space launch vehicle transporting a modern spacecraft today.

So the numbers are not the whole story.

In recent years, a powerful new generation of Atlas Vs and Delta IVs came of age.

The Range Standardization and Automation (RSA) program modernized the Eastern



Courtesy Photo

The Lockheed Martin Titan IV Space Launch Vehicle lifts off Aug. 6, 2001 from Launch Complex 40, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, carrying the B-31 Defense Support Program (DSP-21) spacecraft into orbit. Liftoff time was 3:28 a.m. (EDT).

GENESIS spacecraft into a halo orbit around the Sun.

The launch was successful, but the space-

craft crash-landed on its return to Earth on September 8, 2004.

Some useful sample returns were gleaned

from the wreckage, so the mission was not a total loss.

On August 10th, the Shuttle Discovery

was launched from Complex 39A on NASA's 11th International Space Station (ISS) mission.

The main objectives of the flight (STS-105) were to: 1) replace the ISS Expedition 2 crew with the Expedition 3 crew, and 2) deliver about four tons of equipment and supplies to the space station.

The Leonardo Multipurpose Pressurized Logistics Module (MPLM) made its second trip into space on the mission, and it brought back approximately a ton of used equipment, experiments and trash.

The Shuttle landed safely at the Kennedy Space Center on August 22, 2001.

So the week was unusually busy for the 45th Space Wing, its range contractors, the various missions' sponsors, and their contractors.

Having completed three successful launches in rapid succession, most folks were tired, but they were also very satisfied with their efforts.

Of course, NASA officials had no inkling that GENESIS was going to crash-land three years later, but you can't win them all.

CMSAF: I strove to be the best Airman I could

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"We need to maintain the basics: adherence to standards," Chief Roy said. "I visited basic training this week and met with trainees learning to become Airmen. The one thing that's instilled upon Airmen, just as it was when I went through almost 27 years ago, is standards and adherence of standards."

"When you take a young Airman who's been through basic training, send him through technical school, get him to his first unit and his first supervisor starts giving the Airman on-the-job training, the Airman may be given a technical order," the chief said. "That Airman knows he or she has to follow the technical order. The Airman has to follow that T.O. to the word because that's what our business is about. We follow regulations and instructions."

Another one of the chief's priorities is providing a comprehensive support system for military families.

"I have a very young family, very young children, but I make sure they understand what Dad's doing," he

said. "Why is Dad gone all the time? I think people need to communicate well with their family members. That's part of taking care of them. So taking care of families is something we need to continue to strive to do."

Another key issue for Chief Roy is providing full support for wounded warriors.

"As an Air Force, we have a lot of Airmen on the battlefield, so we have a lot of wounded warriors. We also have a lot of joint wounded warriors, and we need to continue to take care of them regardless of what uniform they wear or where they came from," Chief Roy said. "The fact that they are Americans and they did the mission of what our nation has called them to do is something we need to stand by. We owe that to them and in the same sense we owe that to their families."

Chief Roy also discussed integrating and collaborating with our joint partners.

"One area I think we need to continue to focus on is joint professional military education," he said. "When we look at the global scope of what we do, we need to also consider coalition

forces and how our nation is working with those partner nations. I believe we should be looking at how we not just receive partner nations into our schools, but also about taking some of our Airmen and opening the doors up to allow them to train with some of our coalition partners. We do some technical training right now with our partner countries, but I'd also like to look at doing this for professional military education as well."

Chief Roy said he will advocate creating a different mindset that puts more focus on the Air Force's joint responsibilities. This includes how Airmen are developed to have joint and coalition vision to successfully perform the Air Force's global mission.

"People should understand their new chief master sergeant may be looking at some of this area from a different prism," he said. "Coming from a joint combatant command, we were in the process of receiving forces to employ them. So for me, I understand what we do as an Air Force as a force provider to the combatant commands. I look at it from that angle. What is the



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott Ash

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz congratulates Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy following his recent installment as the Air Force's top enlisted leader at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. CMSAF Roy was appointed as the Air Force's 16th top enlisted leader.

Secretary of Defense and Department of Defense asking us to do? I like the phrase that our current chief of staff has coined and that's 'All In.' We are all in, and it's not just all in for the Air Force, but it's all in for the Department of Defense. That's why we are here. If our sister services need our help, we're there. That's the essence of jointness and we understand that."

While Chief Roy didn't aspire to become the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force, he did

share some information that may help Airmen have the right mindset to successfully progress through their Air Force careers.

"It's simple. Listen to your supervisor; be the best Airman you can be; and don't worry about your progression through the ranks," Chief Roy said. "I have had some great supervisors that took care of me. I had supervisors that I learned from. I can remember my first supervisor, retired Tech. Sgt. Nathan Heard. He made an indelible impression

on me. I was a young airman basic and he said, 'I'm going to get you through these CDCs.' It wasn't just my CDCs, it was our CDCs. This made an huge impression upon me, instilling a drive and focus for everything Air Force."

The chief's further advice for success? "You take care of those that you are responsible for and for other Airmen around you," he said. "I never strove to be a chief master sergeant. I strove to be the best Airman I could be and I still do."

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Keeping alert may help prevent terrorist activity

By Capt.

Ken Clawson

*45th Space Wing
Anti-terrorist Officer*

The 45 Space Wing Antiterrorism Office is asking you to assist Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral AFS, Security Forces and local/federal authorities in extending their eyes and ears to report incidents which might precede terrorist attack preparation or in-the-act of target surveillance.

Anyone reading or watching the news has heard the stories of terrorist attacks around the world. Our nation's intelligence leaders remain concerned about the potential for an increase in terrorist

activity here at home. We all can help make sure this doesn't happen.

Please report suspicious activity when you see it. I get asked all the time "What makes a person suspicious?" Actions listed below are key indicators for suspicious actions:

- People or vehicles "who don't seem to belong" near the installation, major event location, city/federal buildings using a camera, video equipment or a timing device and map.

- People taking notes or asking questions regarding infrastructure of the installation, city, federal facilities, major event locations and historical places.

- People you don't know asking you what you do on the base, what it takes to get onto the base and how hard is it to get onto the base?

- People possessing or using night vision devices, global positioning systems near the installation, city, federal buildings, landmarks, railways or historical structures.

- People parking, standing, or loitering in the same area day after day (night after night) with no apparent reasonable explanation. A good example is people at the beach parking lot but obviously not in beach attire or doing beach activities.

If observed near the installations, record



Photo by Jennifer Macklin

Bioenvironmental Specialists from the 45th Medical Group prepare themselves to handle a hazardous biological agent at the Patrick AFB Post Office. The Wing tested its capabilities in an exercise scenario last week to handle a simulated anthrax attack in the mail system.

your observations as best as you can. Commit them to memory if necessary. Most importantly ... DON'T HESITATE! Report it to the Patrick Security Forces Control Center at 494-2008; CCAFS

Security Forces Control Center at 853-3093 or AFOSI "EAGLE EYES" at 494-0110; or if observed in your community, report it to the nearest local/federal authorities

utilizing 911.

For questions or concerns regarding the Antiterrorism Program, contact Capt. Ken Clawson at PAFB/CCAFS's Antiterrorism Office, 494-7871

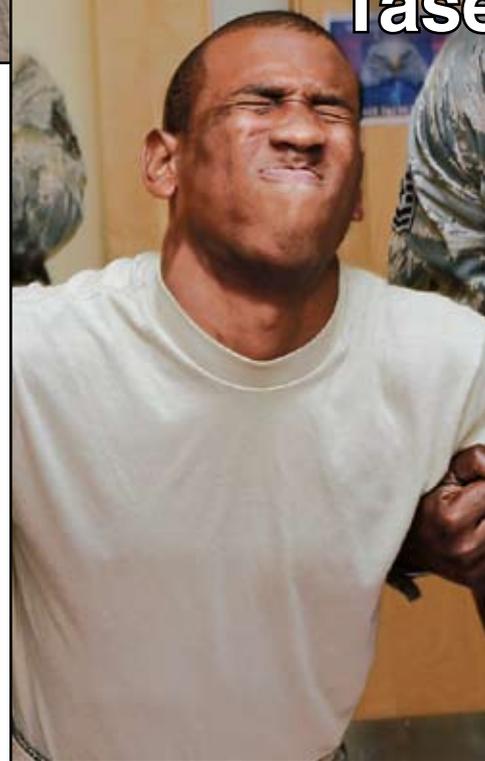
Look who's 'not' laughing now



Photo by Jennifer Macklin

Chief Master Sgt. Larry Malcom is all smiles (above) just before being tased Monday afternoon. Holding the Chief are Staff Sgt. Chad Goff (left) and Master Sgt. Sammy Snipes. About 50 Airmen "volunteered" to get tased as part of a new Security Forces initiative.

Tased ... and TAGGED



Airman 1st Class Christopher Jackson grimaces after being tased. The charge lasts for five seconds, but the individuals are immobilized "immediately," according to Airman Dauterman.



Senior Airman Jered Dauterman, 45th SFS taser instructor, fires a double-probed round into the back of a Security Forces Airman.

FORE! FSS#1 wins 45th SW Golf Title



Photo by John Connell

Down after the first nine holes, Force Support Squadron Team #1 roared back on the back nine to beat the Civil Engineer Squadron in the 45th Space Wing Intramural Golf Championship played recently at Manatee Cove Golf Course.

Team members are (left to right) Eddie Robinson, Rick Nolan, Greg Firkel, Senior Master Sgt Ed Weber, Bob Doyne (Capt.), Kevin Callan, A J Welch. Also on the team but not pictured are Maj. Patrick White, TSgt Tony Carrender, TSgt John Manning, Tom Asel, Dan Atkari, Scotty Russell, and Ken Nousain.

Ask Capt. Ready

Captain Ready:

I've been in the Air Force for a few years now and never been in an exercise. I feel very confident in my chemical protective gear, but what happens if chemical agent gets on my suit? What should I do?

- Inexperienced

Dear Inexperienced:

You'll get lots of exercise before you know it. First, you need to learn about contamination control and a contamination

control area (CCA). Contamination control is very essential to sustained operations. Nuclear Biological Chemical (NBC) collective protection enhances survival. Collective protection systems provide overpressure, filtration and controlled entry and exit, and a contamination-free environment for relief from continuous wear of individual protective equipment (IPE). You need to remove contaminated IPE

within 24 hours by processing through a CCA. First use a M291 or M295 decontamination kit to remove any contamination from IPE. Notify your UCC of the contamination and type of contamination. Your UCC will direct you where to go to process into the CCA. Processing through a CCA will take time and patience. You need to follow instructions from the CCA trained personnel. To get more experience on this go to AFMAN

10-100 pages 132-133 and also look at the CCA layout on pages 200-201. Everyone needs to know what he or she needs to do in a contaminated environment.

Captain Ready:

What type of NBCC emergency situations requires the setup of security cordons?

- Sgt. Park

Dear Sgt. Park:

A cordon protects people, equipment

and classified material during major incidents and is normally marked off with rope, tape, and appropriate signs. Some situations that may warrant a cordon are: the discovery of unexploded ordinance, major accidents and contaminated areas following an enemy attack. Entries to these areas are restricted to emergency essential or mission essential personnel only and otherwise should be avoided. If you are

directed to report for duty within a cordon you must enter only by passing through entry control points (ECP). When entering the ECP be prepared to show your I.D. Card and your vehicle and other belongings may be searched.

For additional information pertaining to Security procedures relating to cordons and their security measures review pages 84 and 85 of section 4 of your Airman's Manual.

Keep the right attitude/ don't stop, finish

By Chaplain
(Lt. Col.) John Baker
45th SW Chapel

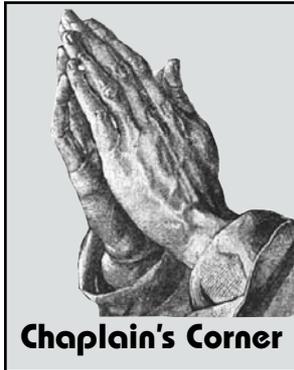
This article is intended for all people on Patrick AFB who are preparing for the coming IG visit.

There is an attitude which we all possess that is destructive in nature. We are "good starters, but poor finishers."

Judge yourself by the following questions to see if you have that nature within you.

Have you started doing or pursuing a certain dream or goal but you did not achieve it because you stopped?

Have you started a degree program, but have stopped or just backed out it? This would apply in any circumstances (IG



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inspections).

In our daily life, we always have something to pursue or achieve. The one thing that hinders us from meeting our goal is "attitude".

Somehow we get the attitude that "it doesn't matter" or "it's not important" and we just quit! Or we get the killer of goals attitude, "I'll do it tomorrow," and somehow tomorrow never comes.

Recently I attended

a retirement ceremony where the retiree quoted his father's advice to him as he dropped him off at college. "Son," he said, "remember attitude, attitude attitude."

The Father was and is right. A person's attitude is everything. One person will get out of bed and say "Good God, it's morning." Another person will say, "Good morning God!" It's all about attitude, and you control your attitude.

The main reason our attitude changes and we stop is - we lose sight of the importance of what we are doing. You need to know what you do for the mission of the 45 Space Wing is important.

Every person doing their job is important

to the success of the mission.

The people who work the ID office in FSS are equally important to those who wear flight suits. The ones that work in the back shops of CE are equally important to those working in FM.

Never fool yourself, when the Shuttle lifts off or a rocket is launched every person on this Wing has a part.

Keep this in mind ... we are all in this mission together.

In a paraphrase of St Paul, Forgetting the things that have passed, let us press toward the goal.

Remember, keep the right attitude and don't stop finish. This is true for the coming IG visit as well as in life.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN OFFICER?
If you have prior service or separating with a bachelor's degree and would like to be considered as an Air Force Officer please contact:



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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 details, 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.

42 years of 'just a little longer'

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pretty lousy. I enlisted in the Air Force to avoid the draft, to get the education benefits and to get marketable skills.

Along the way, I realized all the fun you could have and that's why I re-enlisted. After the fun wore off, I realized I had to get serious about this, and I got sent to NCO prep school, which is now Airman Leadership School.

It was the turning point in my career, because it made me realize just how important everything is.

I don't care if you are a public affairs officer or a personnel Airman, or a security forces team member, or even the two-star general in charge of 20th Air Force, everyone of us has a very important role. I had an eye-opening experience.

When I realized just how important this business is and just

how much I liked it. As a result of this I became a prep school instructor part-time, and then I volunteered to be a recruiter and then attended Officer Training School.

While being stationed around the United States and beyond, what assignment was your favorite and why?

That's a really hard question, I never really had a bad one. Ironically both of my shortest tours were my favorite, not because of the location but because of the mission.

I was a ground launch cruise missile flight commander in Belgium. Back then we were like pioneers, we wrote the rules as we went along and it was really exciting.

The second was vice commander at the 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB, Fla., where we were launching rockets and putting people in space. It was a very busy year, one of the

busiest on record. I can't complain...

Upon your departure, what would you like to pass on to fellow Airmen?

If I'm nothing else to anyone in the Air Force, let me be an inspiration for the opportunities that are available in the Air Force.

I don't think I passed up on any of them; be it education benefits, promotion opportunities, fitness centers, auto hobby shops, golf course, or the club systems.

The opportunities that I took advantage of to become a two-star general are the same opportunities that are available to you.

Do you have any plans for your retirement?

Well first I'm going to take some time off ... I have been going to work every day for 42 years, one month, and seven days. My wife and I are going to take a couple trips.

After about a few months I will see what

is available work-wise. Before the end of the baseball season I want to get back to St. Louis, and catch a couple games.

What do you think you are going to miss the most?

That is easy, the people. It's always the people. I have such a great love for my Air Force family, the people I have met along the way. I plan to keep them as family for the rest of my life.

Do you have any

farewell comments?

It's been an extremely fast 42 years, I can still remember the day I got on the train and left St. Louis for basic training in San Antonio, Tex. It seems like it was just yesterday and it goes by so fast, but I can remember people at every place I have been stationed that made a difference.

I hope that in my 42 years I have been able to make a difference to some people as they have made a difference to me.

Pancake Breakfast & Sailboat Races

The Manatee Cove Marina will hold their monthly Pancake Breakfast & Sailboat Races on Aug. 8, from 9 - 10 a.m. This membership event will feature pancakes, biscuits and gravy and coffee. The Captains' Meeting for the sailboat races will follow at 10 am. For more information, call 494-7455.

AAFES Gas Promotion

Beginning Aug. 8, customers who buy gas at AAFES facilities will begin receiving five cents off per gallon when using their Military Star Card. Prior to this date, customers received three cents off per gallon when using their star card. This is an on-going promotion.

For three days only, August 21 - 23, customers will receive 20 cents off per gallon when using their Military Star Card. There is no minimum purchase necessary.

Airman & Family Readiness Center

The Airman & Family Readiness Center has a few upcoming classes and events in August that many will find invaluable: Pre-Separation Briefing, Aug. 10, from 9 - 10:30 a.m.; Fundamentals of Resumes Class, Aug. 10, from 1 - 3 p.m.; First Term Airman Financial Management Class, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Foreclosure Avoidance Class, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Spouse of Deployed Sustainment Briefing, Aug. 12, from 5 - 6 p.m.; Elder Care Class, Aug. 13, from 11 a.m. to noon; Applying for AF Jobs Class, Aug. 14, from 9 - 11 a.m.; Newcomer's Orientation Briefing, Aug. 18, from 7:30 a.m. to noon; Spouse Orientation Briefing, Aug. 19, from 1 - 3 p.m.; Smooth Move Class, Aug. 20, from 9 - 11 a.m.; Families of Deployed Personnel Dinner, Aug. 25, from 6 - 7 p.m.; and a Life Cycle Finances Class, Aug. 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information and to sign up, call 494-5675.

Open Water Scuba Class

Outdoor Recreation will hold the next open water scuba class Aug. 10 - 22. Classroom and pool work is held from 6 - 9 pm. Open water dives are held on each of the two Saturdays during the course. Cost is only \$240 per person. Participants must be age 12 or older. For more information and to register, call 494-2042.

New Child Development Center to open soon

The new CDC is expected to open in mid-October and is now accepting Request for Care Forms (DD Form 2606) for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years. Rates are established by the DoD and are based on total family income. For more information, call 494-7028.

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 6-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.

Summer "Sizzle" Golf Tournament/Low Country Boil

The Manatee Cove Marina will hold their Summer "Sizzle" Golf Tournament/Low Country Boil on Aug. 15. Check-in for this 9-hole scramble/best ball tournament is 12:15 p.m. Tee time is at 1 pm. Cost is only \$15 per member and includes golf, cart and door prizes. Guests are welcome for only \$18 per person. A Low Country Boil will be held at the marina following play. Sign up starts Aug. 3 in the Ship's Store. For non-golfers, cost of the boil (sausage, shrimp, corn, potatoes, etc.) is only \$5 per person. Food will be served at approximately 4 p.m. For more information, call 494-7455.

Take a Kid Fishing Program

Outdoor Recreation is looking for active duty military and DoD civilian volunteers who would like to take children of deployed members fishing. If you are interested, call 494-9691.

Foursome Special

The Manatee Cove Golf Course has a fantastic special for foursomes, valid anytime after 11 a.m. For just \$100, your foursome will get 18 holes of golf with greens fees, carts and range balls. The special includes lunch. If you play before 3 p.m., you get your choice of a club

sandwich or a cheeseburger combo. After 3 p.m., you get your choice of any pre-made sandwich or salad. Guests are also included in this special. For more information, call 494-GOLF.

American Heart Association START! Heart Walk

The American Heart Association is looking for participants and volunteers for the 2009 Brevard County START! Heart Walk. The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 19 at Space Coast Stadium in Viera.

Volunteers are needed for set-up as early as 5 a.m. Community service points are available. Contact Teresa Christopher at 543-4799 or maxteresa24@bellsouth.net for more details regarding volunteering.

If you'd like to participate in the Heart Walk as an individual or form a team, the event will take place from 8-11 a.m. For more information or to register, visit www.brevardheartwalk.kintera.org.

Safe Boater Course

Outdoor Recreation's Safe Boater Course is held every Saturday and Monday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Boater safety training is mandatory if you want to rent any of Outdoor Recreation's motorized watercraft. Cost is \$5. For more information and to register, call 494-2042.

Sailing Classes

Have you ever driven across one of the causeways and noticed all the sailboats on the river and wished you could join in on the fun? Now you can. Learn to sail Outdoor Recreation's 16 ft catamaran.

Classes are held every Saturday (except the second Saturday of each month) from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person and includes both classroom and on-the-water instruction. Once you complete the training, you get free use of the sailboat from 3:30 to 5 p.m. that day. Want to learn how to sail a bigger boat? The Manatee Cove Marina offers sailing lessons on a 27 ft Catalina.

The course includes a minimum of six hours on the water, and instruction on docking, GPS, charting, etc., for \$250 per person.

For more information and to register for a sailing class, call 494-2042 (Outdoor Recreation) or 494-494-7455 (Manatee Cove Marina).

BRIEFS**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.

Bowling Center Fall Leagues

The Rocket Lanes Bowling Center fall leagues are now forming. To sign up for a league, call 494-2958.

**Brake & Transmission
Flush Service**

The Auto Hobby Shop now offers a brake & transmission flush service. Cost is \$30 plus the fluids needed for your vehicle. For more information and to make an appointment, call 494-2537.

**Voluntary Pre-kindergarten
Program**

The Child Development Center is now accepting pre-enrollment requests for Fall 2009 Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Program (VPK) classes. To be eligible for this free program, your child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2009. Children currently enrolled in the CDC have priority. VPK is a legislatively mandated program designed to prepare every 4-year old in Florida for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. The VPK program gives each child an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life with quality programs that include high literacy standards, accountability, appropriate curriculum, substantial instruction periods, manageable class sizes, and qualified instructors. All eligible 4-year-olds are entitled to participate in one of the VPK program options. Parents are required to obtain a certificate of eligibility from the Brevard County Early Learning Coalition to enroll. For more information, visit www.elebrevard.org, or call the CDC at 494-7028.

IDEA Program

The IDEA Program is an incentive program to recognize submitters for approved ideas that benefit the government by streamlining processes or improving/increasing productivity and efficiency. Employees with access to a .gov/.mil domain (computer) can submit an AF IDEA. However, only AF active duty military or federal civilians paid from AF appropriated funds are eligible for cash awards. Individuals, teams or groups may submit ideas through the IDEA Program Data System (IPDS). IPDS is an automated system designed to provide all AF users access from any government computer.

It can be accessed at https://ipds.csd.disa.mil/IPDS/landing_page. If your idea is approved, you could be eligible for a cash award of up to \$10,000! For more information on the IDEA Program, call B.L. Allison of the 45th Force Support Squadron's Manpower & Personnel Flight at 494-0803.

