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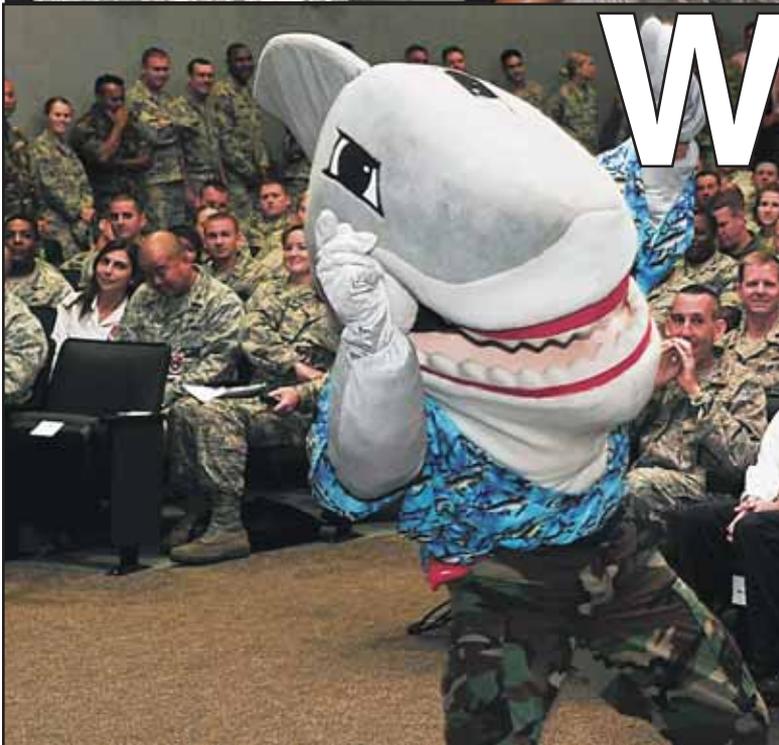
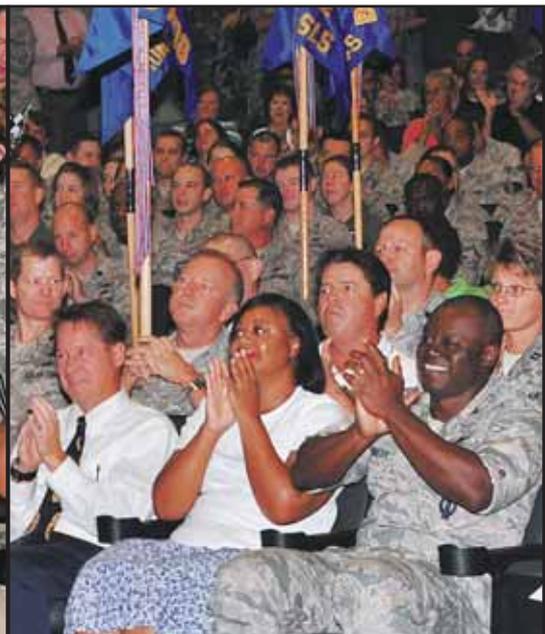
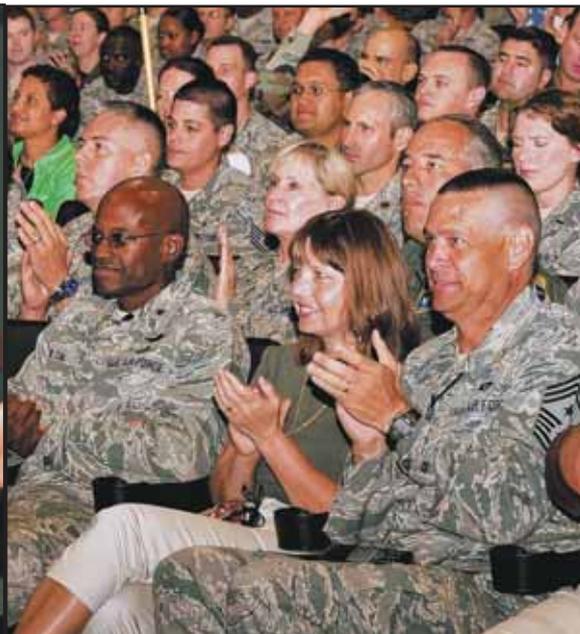
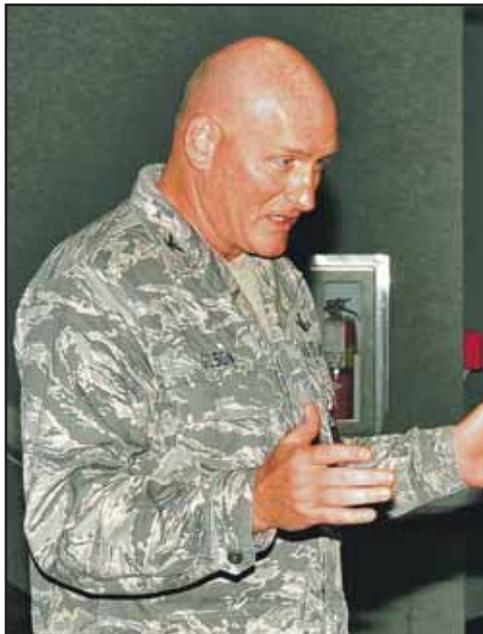
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# We did it!

Photos by Jennifer Macklin

## AFSPC IG: The best so far

Directly following the ORI out brief, Col. Scott Gilson, AFSPC Inspector General (upper left) looked directly at Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton, Jr., commander, 45th Space Wing (front row left, center photo) and said "General, this is the best one I have seen so far." Gen. Bolton, along with Snark (left), was very pleased with the news. "ORI's are extremely detailed and demand the absolute highest standards of compliance and accountability," he said. "I am very proud of the men and women of the 45th Space Wing, not just for their performance throughout the inspection but every day, especially during this extremely busy launch season. Their tireless efforts and dedication to duty were evident as they were evaluated through a tough and challenging set of scenarios," he said. For more photos, see Pages 8-9.

In recognition of the successful completion of the 45th SW ORI and UCI the 45th SW/CC has declared today as 45th Space Wing Down Day

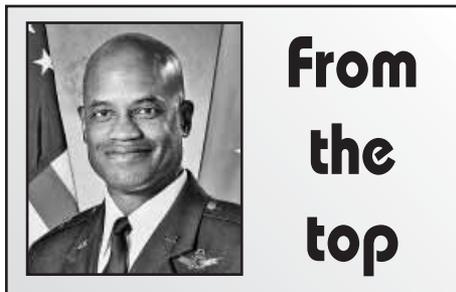


# Bolton: 'I couldn't be more proud'

By Brig. Gen.

**Edward L. Bolton, Jr.**

*Commander, 45th Space Wing*



I don't know about you, but I had a pretty good time in the Base Theater Tuesday morning. Of course, the standing-room-only crowd, all the bells and whistles and the unbelievable energy I could actually "feel" during the Operational Readiness and Unit Compliance Inspection out briefs may have had something to do with the way I was feeling.

You acted exactly the way I knew you would; with passion, with exuberance and with that insatiable "No-one-does-it-better-than-we-do" mentality that is difficult, if not downright impossible to defeat.

The Air Force Space Command IG Team, led by Col. Scott Gilson, obviously picked up on your abilities. Just before leaving and after announcing that we had passed

both inspections, he leaned over and said "General Bolton, all I can say is this was the best one I have seen so far."

I could not have been more proud. And not for me, not one single bit; I was so proud of every single one of you.

You were challenged like never before and - not surprisingly - raised your game to another level. Not only did we have nearly 90 inspectors doing their jobs, you also had to conduct five launches in the short time they were here. This, in retrospect, was probably a good

thing. Because I have been telling anyone who will listen that we are the best there is when it comes to the launch business.

Now the AFSPC IG team just validated it.

Are we perfect? Far from it, and I appreciated the IG team pointing out where - and how - we can do things more effectively in the future. And believe me, we will do just that.

We knew going in that the "rules of engagement" had changed and this would be a much more "involved" inspection than we've seen in the past. And not just here. These new "standards" are being enforced across the board at all U.S. Air Force Bases around the world.

And it's the right thing to do.

Like I said then, the best thing to come out of Tuesday's briefing was that the IG team was leaving - and they are NOT coming back. Thanks to you, they are not.

## Mission Assurance = Mission Success

By Col. Lee Rosen

*Commander, 45th Launch Group*

We have an anomaly! These four words send chills up the spine of launch folks, and cause that hollow feeling in the pit your stomach. Unfortunately, in the late 1990s many of us heard these four words way-too often as launch failures occurred on five of 25 launches within a 10-month period, and nine major anomalies in 24 months resulted in the loss of over \$3B of one-of-a-kind national treasure warfighting assets. The true test of any team is how they react when times are bad.

For 86 years, the Boston Red Sox failed to win the World Series, now they're perennial favorites. Any great team that experiences failure must analyze it and take action. In the launch world, The Broad Area Review (BAR) paved the way for launch success in 2003.

The BAR, chaired by former

### Commander's Corner

Air Force Chief of Staff, General Welch, analyzed the problem and proposed action. It recommended a focus on engineering/technical rigor with clear lines of responsibility and accountability. This led to the creation of Launch Groups whose sole purpose is mission assurance through technical risk assessment.

These lean groups are blended organizations with engineering, acquisition, operations, maintenance, test, government and contractor people and assets.

They do their job during the riskiest time in the multi-year life of a satellite; its six minute ride into space. Just like baseball is a team sport, so is launch. It is a collaborative effort of checks and balances between the launch contractor and the government (including military,

civilian, Aerospace Corp, and support contractors) to guarantee mission success.

Since the creation of the launch groups at the Cape and Vandenberg in 2003, these groups with hundreds of government employees, thousands of contractors and billions of dollars of infrastructure and flight hardware have proven their worth by the results; an unprecedented string of 60-plus launch successes valued in excess of \$45B. However, we only count "one-in-a-row" and can never afford to be complacent.

Great teams find a way to overcome their darkest moments only to bask in the sunshine of their success and strive for more!

Just like the 2004 Red Sox, who rallied to beat the Yankees after trailing 3-0, our continued success gives our team the ability to place spacecraft on orbit to support our warfighters.

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# Air Force K-9 are show stoppers

By Tech Sgt.  
Lisa Lusé

45th SW Public Affairs

Dogs are often called man's best friend. For some Air Force members, dogs are not only their best friend but they are instrumental in saving their handler's life and others.

"That dog is their number one best friend," said Staff Sgt. Justin Sonnier, 45th Space Wing Security Forces Squadron kennel master and handler. "The dog will put his life on the line to protect his daddy or mommy." There are currently two female dog handlers with the 45th SFS K-9 unit.

In most cases, a dog handler will trust their dog before he or she would trust a human counterpart. This is because the dog knows or detects something that a human would not be able to process.

The Military Working Dogs have different personalities and temperaments as people. Sgt. Sonnier works with a 12-year-old

Belgian Malinois named Pancho. Pancho is used on explosive patrols similar to the MWD's used overseas in Iraq.

"Pancho has the mind-set of a two-year-old," said Master Sgt. Jerome Blackwell, 45th SFS acting First Sergeant. "He thinks he is still a puppy, but he is one of the meanest dogs we have." Sgt. Blackwell previously worked with the MWDs as his primary duty. He is the original kennel master who recruited Sgt. Sonnier to work with the 45th SFS K-9.

The 45th SFS K-9 unit sometimes works with other agencies such as the Brevard Sheriff's Department and the Department of Homeland Security in Orlando. "Sometimes they run their own dogs or they will use our dogs for training purposes. They give us advice and tips to work the dogs in a different way," said Sgt. Sonnier.

"When we train our dogs at different facilities, it gives us a new perspective

**"The K-9 are at the front of the line in all scenarios. They go to places the normal patrol Sergeant doesn't go. We are the show stoppers. If my dog detects something in our path, everyone and everything stops until the dogs have cleared the area."**



**- Staff Sgt. Justin Sonnier,  
45th Space Wing  
Security Forces Squadron  
kennel master and handler**

Photo by Tech Sgt. Lisa Lusé

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and challenges both the handler and the dog in a good way. The reason is that I won't know the layout of a new building so my dog's reaction including mine will develop during this training process. I have to focus on how I'm going to clear the building," said Sgt. Sonnier.

Some of the places the dogs and handlers go give them an opportunity to shine and can really bring in the crowds during a demonstration. They go to high schools, police week events, city festivals, and several Junior ROTC events.

In addition, the dog handlers support dignitary visits

that require different levels of personal security.

"Some kennels have specific demonstration dogs so that there is no distraction. Our dogs go get the bad guy and bring him back. Each kennel varies in how they do things," said Sgt. Sonnier.

"The K-9 are at

the front of the line in all scenarios. They go to places the normal patrol Sergeant doesn't go," he said. "We are the show stoppers. If my dog detects something in our path, everyone and everything stops until the dogs have cleared the area," said Sgt. Sonnier.

# Annual Combined Federal Campaign to kick off soon

It's that time of year again. The 2009 Combined Federal Campaign begins Oct. 5, and ends Oct. 30.

The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns located throughout the country and internationally to help raise millions of dollars each year.

Contributions made by federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits worldwide.

Last year, Brevard County federal, military and postal employees contributed more than \$720,000 to the CFC. Nationally, more than \$275 million were raised by our workforce.

According to CFC officials, an average of one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit this year alone from the CFC.

The 45th Space Wing and its Mission Partners exceeded its \$180,000 goal



during last year's campaign by eight percent. This year we hope to raise the bar and donate \$190,000 or more.

Individuals' can make a donation with cash, check, or by payroll deduction. The wing's contractor force, however, can only contribute with cash or a check donation. See your unit key worker for details on how to make a donation.

For more information about the CFC, contact this year's project officer, Maj. Robert Russell at 853-4793.

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# Events Calendar

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<p><b>27</b> Sunday Brunch 10 a.m - 1:30 p.m. The Tides</p> <p>Football Frenzy, 12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Tides</p> <p>Latin Experience 2:30 p.m. Shark Hut</p>	<p><b>28</b> Boater Safety Training 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Outdoor Recreation</p> <p>Story Time 10 a.m. Library</p>	<p><b>29</b> Birthday Night 5 - 8 p.m. The Tides</p>	<p><b>30</b> Airman Leadership School Class 09-07 Graduates</p> <p>Karaoke 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Shark Hut</p>	<p><b>OCT. 1</b> Smooth Move Class 9 - 11 a.m.</p> <p>Children of Divorce Class 1 - 4 p.m. A&amp;FRC</p> <p>Teen Read Week Meeting 6:30 p.m. Library</p>	<p><b>2</b> Texas Hold'em 5 - 10 p.m. The Tides</p> <p>Sock Hop 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Golf Course</p> <p>Teen Night 7 - 10:30 p.m. Youth Programs</p>	<p><b>3</b> Safe Boater Course 9:30 - 11:30</p> <p>Sailing Class 12:30 - 2 p.m. Outdoor Rec</p>
<p><b>4</b> Sunday Brunch 10 a.m - 1:30 p.m. The Tides</p> <p>Football Frenzy, 12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Tides</p>	<p><b>5</b> Boater Safety Training 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Outdoor Recreation</p> <p>Story Time 10 a.m. Library</p>	<p><b>6</b> Surf Fishing Class 7 a.m. Outdoor Recreation</p> <p>Airman Financial Management Class 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAP 3-Day Workshop 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Families in the Know 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. A&amp;FRC</p>	<p><b>7</b> Life Cycle Finances Class 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. TAP</p> <p>3-Day Workshop 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. A&amp;FRC</p> <p>Education Center's Lunch &amp; Learn 11 a.m. The Tides</p>	<p><b>8</b> TAP 3-Day Workshop 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sponsorship Training 9 - 11 a.m.</p> <p>Bundles for Babies/ Newborn Care Class 6 - 8 p.m. A&amp;FRC</p>	<p><b>9</b> Applying for AF Jobs Class 9 - 11 a.m. A&amp;FRC</p> <p>Bivouac Competition 11 a.m. WarFit Field</p> <p>Kid's Night Out 6 - 11 p.m. Youth Programs</p>	<p><b>10</b> Safe Boater Course 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>2-Tank Open Water Dive Trip Outdoor Recreation</p>
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Courtesy Photo

The Range Control Center (RCC) was originally known as the Central Control Building. As the name suggested, it was centrally located, at least in relation to other construction on the Cape in the 1950s. The RCC building contractor completed his work on November 30, 1951.

## Range Control Center Anniversary

**By Mark C. Cleary**  
*45th SW History Office*

One of the hallmarks of the U.S. Government's utilization of the Cape is the Air Force's habit of remodeling old hangars and buildings to meet new requirements when those facilities no longer serve their original purposes. It makes sense. Even at today's prices, remodeling is often much cheaper than razing an old facility, carting away the debris, and erecting another building to replace the one you just destroyed.

In addition to the financial advantages of remodeling, an old building's location may argue in favor of improving the facility versus replacing it with a new one some distance away. If an old facility is close to the action already, why build a new facility at a less accessible location? All the headaches of calculating Impact Limit Lines

(ILL) and environmental impacts, arranging for utility hook-ups — not to mention pouring or paving a new parking lot — are reduced if officials can accommodate the new operation under the same old roof.

The old Range Control Center (RCC) on Cape Canaveral is a perfect case in point. The RCC was originally known as the Central Control Building. As the name suggested, it was centrally located, at least in relation to other construction on the Cape in the 1950s. The RCC building contractor completed his work on November 30, 1951. Initially, the building housed the Test Control Officer and his staff, who maintained "constant communication" with the Missile Project Officer (on duty in Blockhouse 3/4) on test days. Back in the very early 1950s, two launch pads (3 and 4) and one blockhouse pretty much covered

permanent launch facilities at the Cape.

By the 1960s, the Cape had more than a dozen launch sites, and turnover in the various missile and space vehicle programs was frequent. Accommodations in the RCC to support those programs became a bit jumbled, to say the least. The RCC was renovated in 1984, but that million-dollar effort merely eliminated 'chopped up' offices that had been wedged into spaces over the previous 20 years. What the Eastern Range needed was a new, much larger Range Operations Control Center befitting a modern space and missile range. That need was satisfied when the new 127,000-square-foot ROCC (later known as the Morrell Operations Center) became operational in March 1995.

That left the old RCC without a principal mission, but the facility wasn't

neglected for very long. The building was vacated in mid-November 1995 to make way for a major remodeling contract slated to begin two weeks later. The remodeling plan called for a "complete and usable administrative office area" taking up approximately 17,500 square feet on the first and second floors of the RCC. C&D Construction was awarded the \$2.4 million contract in September 1995, and the company completed most of the work by November 30, 1996.

The 5th Space Launch Squadron (5 SLS) moved into the building in late June 1997. Since the 5 SLS was responsible for Titan IV oversight, the building was renamed the Titan Operations and Maintenance Building (TOMB). In 1999, officials renamed it the Atlas/Titan Operations and Maintenance Building (ATOMB).

# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Name, Rank, unit, and duty title:**

Tech Sgt. David Utecht  
45 MDG/MDOS  
Aircraft Armament Technician

**How long have you been at this duty station?**

Nine months

**What is your hometown (city, state)?**

Satellite Beach, FL

**What's your favorite motto?**

Do the job right the first time; someone's life may depend on it.

**What inspired you to go beyond the call of duty?**

I enjoy helping and meeting new people.

**Why do you serve in the Air Force?**

To protect my country.

**Reason for nomination:**

Tech Sgt. David Utecht is truly a pleasure to work with.

He goes out of his way to make every patron at the Satellite Pharmacy feel it is a joy and pleasure to be served.

Tech Sgt. Utecht continually goes above and beyond and receives accolades daily from patrons stating their appreciation for his contributions.

He is always cheerful and inventive in his dealings with all pharmacy patrons and refuses to let a patron leave unhappy.

**MSgt. Lisa D. Johnson**  
**NCOIC, Satellite Pharmacy**  
**45th MDG/MDSS**

## Free concert honors area's unsung heroes

The Cocoa Beach High School Wind Ensemble will present a free "Concert of Thanks" on Wednesday, Oct. 14 in the Cocoa Beach Jr. Sr. High School's Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Cocoa Beach band families invite all of those unsung heroes that dedicate their lives to helping others – such as firefighters and paramedics, medical professionals, law enforcement agencies, military personnel and space flight, past and present, retired and active, and their

families and friends. Cocoa Beach High School wants you to come and receive a concert of thanks from their band and school family. You are appreciated!

The Cocoa Beach Wind Ensemble will play songs from America including Armed Forces Melodies, American Marches, popular favorites and even a few pop extras to thrill you.

They promise you will feel thanked, appreciated and hopefully re-energized about your dedicated and compassionate

careers.

There will be collection bins onsite to collect food donations for local food banks to help families in need.

If you are on duty and on call, as many of you may be; please allow the band to honor you at the concert and leave when you are called – there will be special parking for all on-call fire trucks, police vehicles and ambulances, as well as others for easy departure.

For more details, e-mail Chuck Brooker at [brooker.chuck@brevardschools.org](mailto:brooker.chuck@brevardschools.org).

# Bolton: They left and are not coming back



Photo by Jennifer Macklin

**“I have been telling anyone who will listen that we are the best there is when it comes to the launch business,”** said Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton, Jr., commander, 45th Space Wing. **“Now the AFSPC IG team just validated it.”**



Photo by Chris Calkins

**The enthusiastic standing-room-only-crowd, including members of the Launch Group, gave off an energy level the commanding general said he could “actually feel.”**



Photo by Jennifer Macklin

**“I feel like I’m being surrounded by basketball players,”** joked Gen. Bolton, after presenting awards to Staff Sgt. Bruce Thomashunis and Mr. Leonard Johnson, both from the Civil Engineer Squadron.



Photo by Jennifer Macklin

**Airman Casey Kemp, 45th Comptroller Squadron, shows you don’t need to wear a lot of rank to be recognized by the AFSPC IG Team and Gen. Bolton as a “Professional Performer.”**

# Congrats to all



Photo by Jennifer Macklin

The 45th Medical Group Exercise Evaluation Team, here with Brig. Gen. Bolton, was just one of many groups and teams to be recognized by the Air Force Space Command Inspection Team.



Photo by Chris Calkins

Following the conclusion of the “fired-up” briefing, the crowd broke into an impromptu singing of the Air Force Song. Staff Sgt Chad Goff, left and Maj. David Burnett, both from the 45th Space Wing, didn’t hesitate to join in.

# Good stewards of the environment

## 6.5 tons of garbage picked up Saturday

**By Jennifer Macklin**  
*Base Multi Media*

More than 125 volunteers from Patrick Air Force Base and surrounding areas collected 6.5 tons of garbage during the semi-annual PAFB Beach Cleanup held last Saturday. The effort, sponsored

by 'Keep Brevard Beautiful' and 'Ocean Conservancy' groups, was part of the state-wide Florida Coastal Cleanup.

Keitha Dattilo-Bain, clean-up site captain and member of 45th Civil Engineer Squadron commented, "Some unusual items we found were large

pieces of fiber glass from a boat and used cooking oil in a rancid, 64-ounce plastic bottle. High tides from recent storms left significant amounts of garbage on the beach. We were lucky enough to have the largest volunteer turnout to date."

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Base hosts two beach cleanups a year, fall and spring.

Last year, volunteers collected 2.5 tons [of garbage] in April and three tons in September.

"Even after the large volunteer effort,

Ms. Lynda Dawe, the volunteer coordinator and member of 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, asserts that a lot of garbage remains and requests that people continue to take pride in PAFB beach and pick up

garbage when they are visiting, especially the south area near Pineda Causeway to the Radar facility where less volunteers ventured this past Saturday," she said.

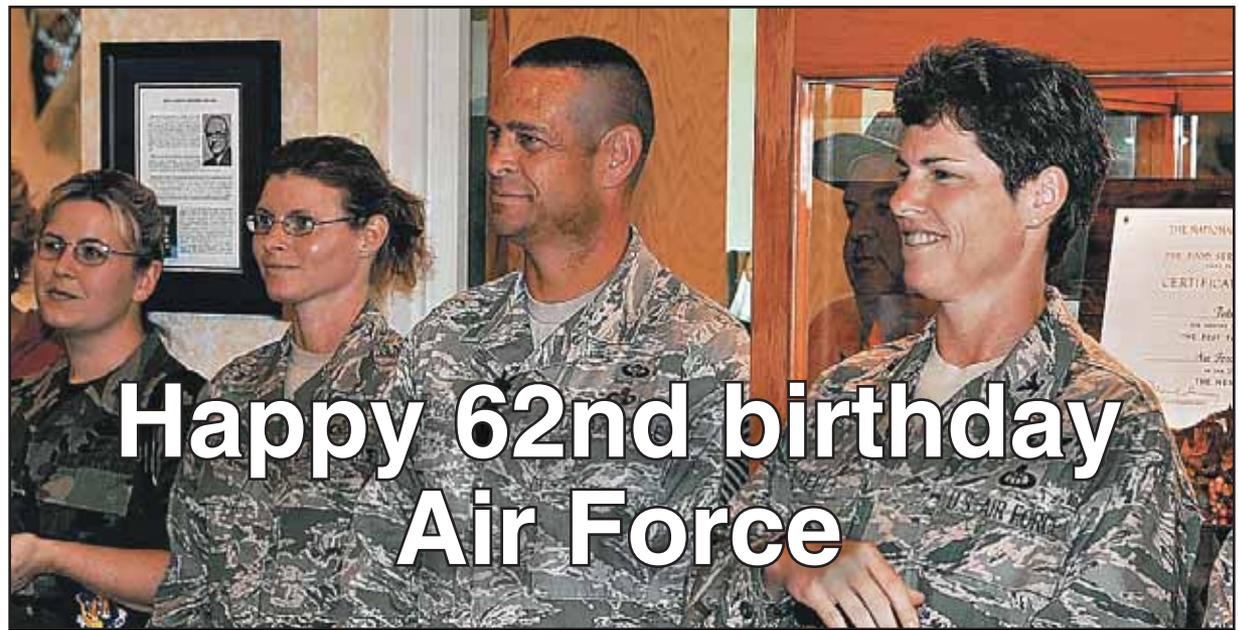


Courtesy photos

Getting in on the clean up action are Airman Jeffrey Watson, left and Senior Airman Winfield Jensen, both from the Security Forces Squadron.



Also helping pick up 6.5 tons of garbage were Capt. David Tipton, 45th OSS, Chief of Operations Training and Range Operations Commander Chief, his wife, Heather, and their 17-week old twins, Benjamin, left, and Lark.



# Happy 62nd birthday Air Force

Photos by John Connell

Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton, Jr., commander, 45th Space Wing, prepares to cut the birthday cake celebrating the Air Force's 62nd birthday Sept. 18 with the Wing's "most junior" Airman, Airman Charlsie Carter, 45th Security Forces Squadron. Enjoying the ceremony – and waiting to enjoy the cake – are Capt. Michelle McAdoo, Master Sgt. Rebecca Theakston, Chief Master Sgt. Larry Malcom, 45th SW Command Chief and Col. Elizabeth Borelli, commander, 45th SW Weather Squadron.

## Airman & Family Readiness Center

The Airman & Family Readiness Center has a few upcoming classes and events in October that many will find invaluable: Smooth Move Class, Oct. 1, from 9 - 11 a.m.; Children of Divorce Class, Oct. 1, from 1 - 4 p.m.; Pre-Separation Briefing, Oct. 5, from 9 - 10:30 a.m.; Fundamentals of Resumes Class, Oct. 5, from 1 - 3 p.m.; TAP 3-Day Workshop, Oct. 6 - 8, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Airman Financial Management Class, Oct. 6, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Families in the Know Class, Oct. 6, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Life Cycle Finances Class, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Sponsorship Training, Oct. 8, from 9 - 11 a.m.; Bundles for Babies/Newborn Care Class, Oct. 8, from 6 - 8 p.m.; Applying for AF Jobs Class, Oct. 9, from 9 - 11 a.m.; Leadership Spouse Seminar, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Families of Deployed Disco Bowling, Oct. 17, from 2 - 4 p.m.; Job Search Class, Oct. 19, from 10 - 11:30 a.m.; Newcomer's Orientation Briefing, Oct. 20, from 7:30 a.m. to noon; Identity Theft Class, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Families of Deployed Dinner, Oct. 27, from 6 - 7 p.m.; Commander/1st Sgt Breakfast, Oct. 29, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.; How to Start a Small Business Class, Oct. 29, from 5 - 7:30 p.m.; and a Fundamentals of Interviews Class, Oct. 30, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. For more information and to sign up, call 494-5675.

## Military Family Employment Advocacy Program

The Brevard Workforce Development Board operates a broad spectrum of state and federally funded workforce development programs in Brevard County. The Military Family Employment Advocacy (MFEA) Program provides local workforce resources and assistance to members of the base community who are seeking employment or transitioning to new careers. The MFEA Program works to support Patrick AFB and local Florida National Guard and Reserve Units. Ms. Doris Homitz is the Airman & Family Readiness Center's new Military Family Employment Advocate. She can assist those who need help finding a job, researching schools, or fine tuning their resumes. For more information and assistance, call 494-7469.

## Safe Boater Course

Outdoor Recreation offers a Safe Boater Course most Monday and Saturdays, from

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is only \$5 per person and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 494-2042.

## Sailing Classes

Outdoor Recreation offers sailing classes every Saturday (except the second Saturday of each month), from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Cost is only \$45 per person and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 494-2042.

## 2009 Arts & Crafts Gallery

The Arts & Crafts Center is accepting entries for the 2009 Arts & Crafts Gallery thru Oct. 15. The gallery is open to all eligible users - adults and youth. Each entrant is allowed to enter three arts/crafts items and three photography items. Entry forms can be downloaded from the 45th Force Support Squadron website at [www.GoPatrickFL.com](http://www.GoPatrickFL.com). All Patrick AFB entries will be submitted to Air Force Space Command for consideration for the Air Force Gallery. For more information, call 494-4270.

## National Book Month

October is National Book Month. The Patrick AFB Library has the latest best sellers and audio books (downloadable too). For more information, call 494-6881.

## "Heroes' Tree" Project

The Patrick AFB Library is participating in Purdue University's, Military and Family Research Institute "Heroes' Tree" project. You can create a handmade ornament honoring a family member (can be active duty, a veteran or deceased family member). There are templates available - just bring your ornament, along with a brief story describing your hero, to the library and it will be displayed on the tree. For more information, call 494-6881.

## Lodging Facility Upgrades

Lodging has received \$2.85M in non-appropriated fund dollars from the Air Force Lodging Fund for lodging facility upgrades for Oct. 2009 thru Aug. 2010. Projects include \$146M for an interior upgrade project to 40 Visiting Officer Quarters, \$187K for an interior upgrade project to six Distinguished Visitor Quarters, and \$847K for interior upgrades to 73 Visiting Airman Quarters. The 45th Space Wing also funded \$761K for interior upgrades to 28 Senior NCO Suites in Bldg 556. For more information

on lodging facility upgrades, call 494-6590.

## Bowling Center Specials

The Rocket Lanes Bowling Center will feature the following specials in October: Tuesday Special, \$1 games, from 11 a.m. to closing; Boss Day, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - all games are just \$1; Halloween Special, Oct. 31, from 1 p.m. to closing - bowl three games and pay for only two (no sharing games); Snack Bar Special, Tuesday - Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - purchase \$5 or more from the snack bar and bowl two games for free on the same day and during the same time period.

Also, don't forget to pick up your Frequent Bowler Card. Complete all 10 punches on the card and your next game is on the house. For more information, call 494-2958.

## Story Time

Children from pre-K thru second grade are invited to come to the Patrick AFB Library every Monday at 10 a.m. for Story Time.

In observance of Fire Prevention Week, Sparky the Fire Dog and a fire truck will be at the library for the Oct. 5 Story Time. For more information, call 494-6881.

## Annual Holiday Crafts Sale

The Arts & Crafts Center is accepting registrations for the Annual Holiday Crafts Sale. The sale will be held at the golf course/marina complex on Dec. 12, from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., in conjunction with the 45th Space Wing Holiday Party. Each vendor is allowed two tables at no charge. Vendors must have base access. For more information, call 494-4270.

## Keystone Club

Youth Programs' Keystone Club meets every Tuesday, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. This teen leadership group is exclusively for teens ages 14 - 18. The club affords an excellent opportunity for teens to make a difference within Youth Programs and the community.

Youth of the Year candidates must be a member of the Keystone Club to be eligible for the program. For more information, call 494-4747.

## New Child Development Center

The new Child Development Center is scheduled to open late October. Full-time openings are available for children ages two - five years. For more information, call 494-7028.

## Golf Course Hosts Sock Hop

Grab those poodle skirts, saddle shoes, leather jackets, blue jeans, bobby socks and T-shirts and come rock the night away at the Manatee Cove Golf Course's 1950s/60s sock hop with buffet and karaoke on Oct 2. The sock hop/karaoke runs from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. The dinner, in the spirit of the original TV dinner tradition, will run from 6 - 8 p.m.

There will be contests from that era (bubble gum blowing, hula hoop, trivia, etc.) and a whole lot of good old-fashioned fun.

The menu for the buffet is fried chicken, Salisbury steak, fish sticks, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, peas, salad, tea or coffee, and dessert. Cost is only \$9.95 per person and tickets must be purchased by 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 28. Reservations are only available with the purchase of tickets.

You may use your credit card to purchase tickets by phone, and of course you may also come to the clubhouse to purchase tickets at the snack bar or lounge. For more information, call 494-GOLF.

## Manatee Cove Golf Course 494-GOLF



### Columbus Day Bramble

Sign up now for the Manatee Cove Golf Course's Columbus Day Bramble on Oct. 12, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Format: Two-Person Low Net Better Ball - with a twist! Both players tee off and you select the best tee shot of the two. From there you each play your own ball. On the par 3's, you will play your own ball for the entire hole. Players will receive 100 percent of their adjusted handicap. You must use four (4) drives from each player.

For example, one player's drive can be used a maximum of 10 times for the select shot. You can make up your own foursome to play with, and you must have a USGA handicap or play scratch.

There will be prizes, as well as closest to the

pin and straightest drive contests.

The beverage cart will be in service, and there will be fresh grilled items available next to the clubhouse veranda as you make the turn. Cost is \$30 for Annual Pass players, \$33 for Annual Fee players, and \$43 for all others. Save \$5 by signing up before Oct 5.

Sign up required by Oct 10 - no refunds after that date. For more information, call 494-GOLF.

### Half Price Special

Get 18 holes of golf with cart for half the regular price after 1 p.m. This special is valid every day of the week, but is not valid for leagues or tournaments and cannot be combined with any other discount program.

For 6000 cardholders, the surcharge fee will be waived, but you must pay the full 18-hole cart fee. Those who are 7000 series card holders will receive a special \$10 cart fee. Offer expires Oct 31, 2009.

### 5 after 5

Play all the golf you want for a \$5 greens fee after 5 p.m. (cart not included).