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## AF Successfully Launches Satellite to Enhance Military Communications

***"The WGS provides a giant leap in communications bandwidth and technology. The launch of this satellite is another example of the Air Force bringing important and vital capabilities to our nation's military around the world."***

*– Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley*

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. – The U.S. Air Force successfully launched a new-generation military communications satellite from here Saturday at 8:47 p.m. (EST), when a Delta IV rocket carried a Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) into space.

WGS satellites are designed to provide high-capacity communications to U.S.

military forces. They will augment and eventually replace the Defense Satellite Communication System that has been the Department of Defense's backbone for satellite communications over the last two decades. Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, who had made plans to personally witness the launch from the Morrell Operations Center at CCAFS

prior to the weather delays, said he and the entire nation depend on the 45th Space Wing and other space associated programs.

"The WGS provides a giant leap in communications bandwidth and technology," said Secretary Donley. "The launch of this satellite is another example of the Air Force bringing important and

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**A United Launch Alliance Delta IV rocket with the Air Force's Wideband Global SATCOM-3 (WGS-3) satellite lifts off from its Space Launch Complex-37 launch pad at 8:47 p.m. EST Saturday. The WGS-3 mission is the third installment of the Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) system. The WGS satellites are important elements of a new high-capacity satellite communications system providing enhanced communications capabilities to America's troops in the field for the next decade and beyond.**

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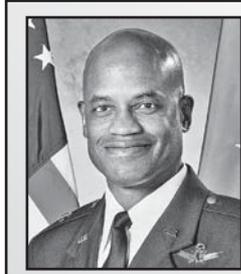


# We do more than launch rockets here

**By Brig. Gen.**

**Edward L. Bolton, Jr.**

*Commander, 45th Space Wing*



**From  
the  
top**

Well, we did it again. Last Saturday evening as the launch window was rapidly closing, we managed to successfully – and safely – complete our 20th mission of the year when we launched the Wideband Global SATCOM communications spacecraft, known as WGS-3, into a successful orbit.

Over the past year, we have had stretches where we have launched three vehicles in 20 days, four in 29 days and another five in 30 days.

This is a phenomenal ops tempo in the launch business.

But what I want to emphasize is that we do more than launch rockets. We launch capabilities. We launch advantages.

We launch benefits for the warfighters in the field. And we launch missions that enhance our national security. Sometimes lost in the

wonder of watching one of these huge rocket launches is the payload they are carrying.

In this latest launch, we are providing major upgrades for the decades-old Defense Satellite Communication System, which will provide data at about 10 times the data rate that was previously available.

In other words, one WGS satellite provides close to the same capability as the entire DSCS constellation. What we do here is so vitally important; please do not lose sight of that, and take some pride in that also.

Speaking of doing more than

launching rockets here, I was able to have the honor of presenting medals and recognizing some of our local heroes during the commander's call Tuesday afternoon.

It kind of hits home when you hear what these 45th Space Wing Airmen have done, and how they represent the Air Force, our wing, and more importantly each other when placed smack dab in the middle of harm's way.

I also found it heart-warming to see the reaction and ovations they received from those of you in the theatre. It is obvious, you too, understand the sacrifices our Airmen make every single day and how much you value and respect their efforts as well.

I closed Tuesday's commander's call by telling you how profoundly proud and humbled I am to be your commander. Can't think of a better way to end this either, because nothing could be more true. Please be safe this holiday season, and take care of one another.

## Fortune favors the bold!

**By Col. Lee Rosen**

*Commander, 45th Launch Group*

### Commander's Corner

Patriots fan and a commander, I've lived through the highs and lows of tough calls, but one principle rings true, "Fortune favors the bold."

You don't have a shot to win the game if you don't try! Have you ever met a leader who was timid or shy? Of course not, because leaders are bold; they take calculated risks, they stick their necks out, they're not afraid to make the tough decisions. We operate in a business that demands bold leadership. Strapping a multi-million-dollar satellite onto a rocket and launching it into space is a bold act.

This is not accomplished by an individual, but a team of bold leaders dedicated to the highest

attention to detail and prepared to make the tough decisions. The 45th Space Wing is such a wing of bold leaders, dedicated to the launch and range mission. From the medical technician updating a launch crew member's status to the mission assurance technician on a hazardous operation at the launch pad, we make calculated decisions daily that affect each and every launch from Cape Canaveral.

Our bold leadership was recently tested with the Wideband Global SATCOM mission that successfully launched from the Cape this week-end and marks our 20th successful launch this year. It is imperative that we maintain our razor focus to ensure the advanced capability our missions supply today's warfighters continue to bring them the fortune of our bold leadership.

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# AFTAC holds 15th Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony

***“Your legacy is not simply being a part of the ‘greatest generation,’ it is also in being there when airpower became an integral part of modern warfare. The lessons of how airpower became a principal part of every campaign led to the decision to form an independent U.S. Air Force in 1947.”***

– Maj. Gen. Paul A. Dettmer

**By Master Sgt. Patrick Murphy**  
AFTAC Public Affairs

The Air Force Technical Applications Center held its 15th Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony Dec. 7 to honor Pearl Harbor survivors living in the local area.

Maj. Gen. Paul A. Dettmer, Air Force headquarters assistant deputy chief of staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and AFTAC commander from July 2000 to February 2001 was the guest speaker. He thanked the survivors for their service and put into perspective how their actions more than 60 years ago have affected the military today.

“When that attack came to American

shores on Dec. 7, 1941, you responded – and today we owe you a deep debt of gratitude for setting the example of service before self, integrity first and excellence in all you did well before these became our Air Force’s officially declared core values,” the general said.

“Many great innovations came from the labors and the lessons of World War II –not the least of which is the United States Air Force itself. Your legacy is not simply being a part of the ‘greatest generation,’ it is also in being there when airpower became an integral part of modern warfare. The lessons of how airpower became a principal part of every campaign led to the decision to form



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General Dettmer explained how the response to the Pearl Harbor attack helped shape U.S. airpower, how it has played pivotal roles around

the world and how it “brought about the mindset that we must be able to project power, without projecting vulnerability.”

“We face another challenge today – a struggle against an

adversary on a global scale – this time it’s violent Islamic extremism,” he said. “It’s a struggle that won’t be won overnight, and one that cries for similar innovations in airpower in meeting

it – denying our adversaries advantage by projecting our power without projecting vulnerability. Some of that thought and technology will likely

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# Holiday party offers something for everyone

Are you ready for our 45th Space Wing Holiday Party Saturday from 6 - 10 p.m.? Social hour begins at 5 p.m. at the Manatee Cove Golf Course/Marina Complex.

This is an awesome event that will feature the Patrick Air Force Base Tree Lighting Ceremony, entertainment, Marina Boat Parade, outdoor movie theater and a children's activity area plus much more, to include food.

The Holiday party is open to all 45th Space Wing personnel and their families, along with our Mission Partners and their families. A pay as you go bar will be available and holiday crafts vendors will be selling handmade items. For more information contact Susan Barnhardt at 494-7455.

**Note: Food provided free:** Turkey Legs, BBQ Chicken Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob & Potato Salad.



**Beverages:** Coffee/Water will be provided free and alcoholic beverages (Tiki Bar, Marina, Golf Course lounge) are available for purchase.

## Schedule of events

**5 - 6 p.m.**

Social Hour, Guests Arriving/  
spirits available

**6 - 6:05 p.m.**

Opening Remarks from Leadership/Chaplain  
Blessing/Tree Lighting

**6:06 p.m.**

Santa Arrives on Fire Truck  
Directly After Tree Lighting

**6:15 - 8 p.m.**

Food Booths Open

**5:30 - 7 p.m.**

Boat Parade Departs/  
Arrives Back at Approx. 7 p.m.

**6:15 - 9 p.m.**

Carnival Games  
(Reindeer Hoops, Ornament Toss, etc)

**6:15 - 10 p.m.**

Disc Jockey on Black Top Area  
(west of golf clubhouse)

**6:15 - 8:30 p.m.**

Santa Visits/photos, Kids Workshop Area

**6:15 - 9 p.m.**

Bounce Castle Available for Kids

**5 - 9 p.m.**

Vendor Booths  
(Arts and Craft Items for Sale)



Photo by Pat Corkery, United Launch Alliance

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**Launch, from Cover** vital capabilities to our nation's military around the world.”

A 45th Space Wing officer said this launch will change the face of future missions around the world.

“Saturday's launch marks the culmination of a year and half-long mission campaign and the first-ever launch of a Delta IV with four Solid Rocket Motors. This was the first launch of a WGS satellite atop a Delta IV and showcased the integrated team effort among the launch community. This launch delivered the WGS-3 satellite on orbit, and once it's fully operational,

it will provide voice, data, and commanding 10 times faster than before.” said Capt. Eric Bogue, 5th SLS mission lead for the WGS-3 launch.

“This particular satellite will serve our military members in the European and African regions.”

“The WGS constellation upgrades the current military communication satellites and allows our troops in the field a critical advantage in keeping us one step ahead of the enemy.” Bogue said.

This mission marked the third flight of a Delta IV rocket this year from CCAFS, a record for one year. It also was the second

launch of a WGS this year from here.

WGS-2 launched atop an Atlas V rocket here April 3.

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First launched in 2007, WGS will be a constellation of six satellites that will supply service for military leaders to command and control their tactical forces.

## Changes coming to myPay system

Early in October 2009, DFAS sent an email notifying you of the coming security enhancements to the myPay system.

We anticipate release of these changes by December 14, 2009. Once implemented, you will be required to establish a new Login ID and a Password.

Requiring you to establish a new customized Login ID and strong Password gives you more protection

and increases the security of your personal information.

When logging into myPay the first time following implementation of these security enhancements, you will be allowed to use your existing Login ID and PIN and then will be prompted to change your login credentials.

When the security release is implemented, an email will be sent to you with more detailed instruc-

tions. Specific criteria for the new Login ID and Password have already been posted to the myPay Home Page under Hot Topics.

Questions regarding this myPay change may be directed to the Centralized Customer Support Unit toll free at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411, commercial (216) 522-5096, Defense Switching Network (DSN) 580-5096 (7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m./ Eastern time).

## Transfer Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits easier with new virtual application

**By 1st Lt. Gina Vaccaro McKeen**

*Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – A new module in the virtual Military Personnel Flight that will simplify the process of transferring Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to dependents is set to launch this month.

The new vMPF module will check an Airman's eligibility and allow Airmen to fill out, sign, and send the required statement of understanding to the Automated Records Management System virtually.

Airmen will continue to use the

Department of Defense Transfer Education Benefits Web site to complete their application. The vMPF module will simplify the process by allowing Airmen to see if they are eligible to apply and to complete their statement of understanding form online.

Airmen who have already submitted their applications using the former process do not need to take any additional action. The new module applies to Airmen who have not yet submitted their statements of understanding.

Eligible Airmen who access the vMPF module will see an

introductory page which provides general guidance and direction for transferring education benefits using the DOD TEB site. The introduction page links to additional Post-9/11 G.I. Bill information as well as to the statement of understanding page.

Ineligible Airmen who access the module will see one of several notifications explaining why the Airman is ineligible to transfer his or her education benefits. Possible notifications are that an Airman has not completed the required six years of service or has not enlisted for a long enough time to apply.

# Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony

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come from the Airmen standing before you. I hope to challenge them to listen to your lessons and to bring true innovation to the future of the U.S. Air Force.”

The Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony also featured a helicopter flyover by the 920th Rescue Wing, AFTAC members of the Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard and AFTAC troops in formation.

The first ceremony was held under Col. Glen Schaffer in 1994, and other AFTAC commanders have committed to holding the ceremony throughout the years.

In her remarks, current AFTAC Commander Colonel Lisa Ann Onaga expressed her gratitude to the survivors and shared some family history tied to the attack.

“Some of you may know that Hawaii is

my home – my parents were 7 and 8 years old on Dec. 7, 1941,” she said. “Through the eyes of a child, my father witnessed the attack, and he also witnessed the heroic response. From my family – thank you.”

Ten Pearl Harbor survivors, each between 85 and 95 years old, attended this year’s ceremony – three fewer than last year.



Photo by John Connell

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# Called 'Battle Buddies' for a reason

**By Chris Calkins**  
45th Space Wing  
Public Affairs

It was Sept 18, 2009.

Senior Airman Robert Flick, Tech. Sgt. Richard Gibbons and Staff Sgt. Justin Macias, joined at the hip as a three-member "Battle Buddy" team of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team, were on patrol in the Logar Province, Afghanistan.

Riding in an EOD Cougar, a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle, built especially for them, Airman Flick, who was serving as the vehicle's gunner, was wounded in action when the Cougar was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device, in this case a 107MM rocket. He suffered severe injuries to his right leg and ankle, as well as several shrapnel wounds to both legs.

His team leader, Sgt. Gibbons, (from Buckley Air Force Base) was knocked unconscious by the power of the blast, and his other battle buddy, Sgt. Macias, the vehicle's driver, was trying to maneuver the vehicle away from the kill zone, but the Cougar was too badly damaged.

With all radios

and communication capabilities destroyed, Sgt. Macias was forced to use hand and arm signals to let other vehicles in the convoy know to send up medics and request a MEDEVAC helicopter.

That same day, Airmen Flick was airlifted to Bagram Air Base and a day later, was MEDEVAC'd to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany for further evaluation and treatment. He was then flown to Fort Campbell, Ky., to be closer to his family where he underwent a couple months of follow-up care and physical therapy.

Sgt. Gibbons spent a couple weeks in Bagram and he, too, was eventually sent stateside.

Tuesday afternoon in the Base Theatre, Airmen Flick and Sgt. Macias, along with Master Sgt. John Lawson, 45th SW EOD Flight Chief, and Tech. Sgt. John Smith, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, all received medals from Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton, Jr., commander, 45th Space Wing.

Airman Flick was awarded the Purple Heart, Sgt. Macias, a Joint-Service Commendation



Courtesy Photo

**Left to right: Senior Airman Robert Flick, Tech. Sgt. Richard Gibbons, and Staff Sgt Justin Macias stand before the vehicle that was hit and destroyed during an attack while the three EOD "Battle Buddies" were serving in Afghanistan. Airman Flick received a Purple Heart Tuesday from injuries suffered during the explosion, Sgt. Macias received a Joint Service Commendation Medal.**

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**– Staff Sgt. Justin Macias**

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Medal, Sgt. Lawson, the Bronze Star, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Combat Action Medal and Sgt. Smith, the Army Commendation Medal.

"I am proud and honored to be your

commander," said the commanding general, while hundreds in attendance gave them a long – and loud – standing ovation.

Sgt. Macias, who took care of both Airmen when they were hurt, said it was

quite a shock at first, but that didn't last long.

"I was shook up for maybe a second or two, but the Air Force spends a lot of time and money on getting us trained and prepared for things like this," said Sgt. Macias, who trained for two months prior to their EOD team being assigned to serve with Army troops from the 10th Mountain Division (Fort Drum, NY).

"None of us consider us any kind of hero; I saw what had to be done and did it. That's all. They would have done the exact same thing if I had been the one hit," he said.

Master Sgt. John Lawson, 45th EOD Flight Chief, agreed with Sgt. Macias' assessment.

"Each team member takes on the other roles within the MRAP and on the ground to support the Team

## NEWS

At right, Airman Flick's wife, Leslie, and their 15-month-old daughter, Tori, had front row seats to her husband's Purple Heart Award Ceremony. "I guess I've learned to deal with the stress of deployments and the Air Force offers plenty of avenues of help if and when we need it," she said.

Leader. Every person on the team brings something to the fight and has critical information to keep the mission on track," he said.

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And what does she think of her husband's career

choice of putting himself in harm's way in order to help others?

"It just comes with the job," she said. "They (EOD) are a tight group and you just have to deal with things and hope for the best. I'm proud of all of them"



Photo by Chris Calkins



Photo by John Connell

Also recognized by Brig. Gen. Edward L. Bolton, Jr., commander, 45th Space Wing, during Tuesday's Commander's Call were Tech. Sgt. John Smith, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, shown here, at right, in theater, who earned the Army Commendation Medal, and Master Sgt. John Lawson, 45th CES, pictured above, who earned the Bronze Star, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Combat Action Medal.



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## Wing comes through with cookie quest

Master Sgt. Marvin Dreyer, SFS 1st Sgt., Staff Sgt. Brandi Durant, MDG, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Powell, CES 1st Sgt. and Master Sgt. John Fenwick, Additional Duty 1st Sgt., MDG, show off just some of the cookies baked by members of the 45th Space Wing community during the annual "Cookie Drop." The event is designed to give a taste of "homemade cooking" to single Airmen. Hoping for 90 dozen cookies to take care of everyone, the wing came through in a big, big way dropping off more than 600 dozen cookies and other treats. "It was amazing to see the number of people in the Patrick community who came out to support the Annual Cookie Drop," said Mrs. Betty Malcom, wife of Command Chief Larry Malcom. "With more than 600 dozen home baked goodies to distribute, our Airmen will be smiling when they get back to their dorm rooms tonight. Thank you to all who made this year's Cookie Drop such a success. This couldn't have been done without all of the volunteers."



Photo by Chris Calkins

## Airman & Family Readiness Center

The Airman & Family Readiness Center has a few upcoming classes and events in December that many will find invaluable:

### **Newcomer's Orientation Briefing**

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m. - noon;

### **Dinner for Families of Deployed**

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 6 - 7 p.m.;

### **Heart Link Class**

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.;

### **How to Become a Millionaire Class**

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For more details and to sign up, call 494-5676.

## Bowling Center Turkey Shoot

Test your skills at the Rocket Lanes Bowling Center's Turkey Shoot, going on through Dec. 19. You can win a turkey by bowling a strike in the 3rd, 6th and 9th frame. Games can be bowled in open, league and Rocket Bowl. Cost is only a \$1 entry fee per game, plus the cost of the game. Sign up at the control desk. For more information, call 494-2958.

## Last Minute Pro Shop Sale

The Manatee Cove Golf Course will hold a Last Minute Pro Shop Sale through Dec. 13. Pick a discount. For more information, call 494-GOLF.

## Army/Navy Game

If you are a Manatee Cove Marina member, then come on out and cheer for your favorite team at the viewing of the Army/Navy football game, held this year at the Blockhouse tomorrow. Pre-game starts at 2 p.m., kickoff is at 2:30 p.m. The club will provide wings at halftime and members are encouraged to bring an appetizer to share. For more information on this marina annual tradition, call 494-7455.

## Boat Parade

The Manatee Cove Marina's Annual Boat Parade will be held tomorrow. The Captains' Meeting will be at 5 p.m. and the boats will depart at 5:30 p.m. The parade of brightly lit boats will travel through the south canals to Shepard Lake. After rounding the lake twice, the parade will head back to the marina to join the festivities at the Wing Holiday Party. For more information, call 494-7455.

## Pajama Club Story Time

The Patrick AFB Library will hold the next Pajama Club Story Time on Dec. 17, starting at 6:15 pm. Don't forget to wear your PJ's! For more information, call 494-6881.

## Teen Night

Youth Programs will host the next Teen Night on Dec. 18, from 7 - 11 p.m. Youth are planning to go to Andretti's. The event is open to teens in grades 7 - 12. Cost is only \$25 for members and \$30 for eligible guests. A permission slip is required. This is a teen requested activity. Sign up is required by Dec. 16. Youth Programs reserves the right to cancel the activity if they do not receive minimum participation. For more information, call 494-4747.

## Marina Membership Holiday Social/Open House

The Manatee Cove Marina will host their Membership Holiday Social/Open House on Dec. 19, between 4 - 7 p.m. There will be a great selection of hors d'oeuvres, holiday treats, music and prizes (prizes will be drawn the following day - you do not need to be present to win). Dress is nice/casual for this free "members only" event. Family members are welcome too, but please - no guests. For more information, call 494-7455.

## Christmas Day Meal at Riverside Dining Facility

The Riverside Dining Facility will be open to all active duty and retired military members and their families for the Christmas Day holiday meal on Friday, Dec. 25, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 494-4248.

## Marina New Year's Eve Party

The Manatee Cove Marina has two great parties members can choose from this New Year's Eve. Both start at 7:30 p.m. Inside, for only \$10 per person, get all gussied up and enjoy the nice hors d'oeuvres and the great sounds of B&R Entertainment. Tickets are on sale now and seating is limited.

For those looking for a more casual atmosphere, join the party outside on the deck/Tiki Bar. Music will be provided by Phoenix Entertainment and there will be free snacks. It's open seating on a first come basis. Party hats and

champagne will be available at midnight at both parties. For more information, call 494-7455.

## Bowling Center Specials

The Rocket Lanes Bowling Center will feature the following specials in December: **Family Day** - every Sunday, 1 - 6 p.m., bowl for just \$1.25 per game, plus \$1.50 shoe rental; **Out of School Holiday Special** - Dec. 22 - 23, 29 - 31, \$1 games and \$1.50 shoe rental during open bowling; **Glow in the Dark Holiday Break Special** - all games are just \$2 on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 7 - 11 p.m. For more information, call 494-2958.

## IDEA Program

The IDEA Program is an incentive program to recognize submitters for approved ideas that benefit the government by streamlining process 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.randolph.af.mil>. 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 at 494-0803.

## Auto Hobby Shop December Special

For just the cost of a stall fee, the Auto Hobby Shop will perform a safety check on your vehicle during the month of December. Check includes tires, lights, wipers, brakes, and fluids. For more information, call 494-2537.

## Auto Hobby Shop Birthday Special

If your birthday is in December, you get half off on stall fees every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Auto Hobby Shop. Just show your ID card when you sign in. For details, call 494-2537.

### **Torch Club**

Youth Programs' Torch Club meets every Monday from 4 - 5 p.m. This leadership group is exclusively for youth ages 11 - 13 and affords youth an excellent opportunity to make a difference within Youth Programs and the community. For more information, call 494-4747.

### **Extramural Bowling**

Extramural Bowling begins Jan. 12. League games will be played on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Cost is only \$8 and covers the cost of three games and shoe rental. Interested participants should get their four-person teams together and call Chuck Cihal at the Rocket Lanes Bowling Center at 494-2958.

### **Framing Classes**

The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the next framing classes on Jan. 9 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is only \$25 plus materials. Sign up required a minimum of 10 days prior to class date. For more information and to sign up, call 494-4270.

### **New Year's Day**

#### **Classic Golf Tournament**

The Manatee Cove Golf Course is hosting a New Year's Day Classic Golf Tournament. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m. This two-person team event has three separate formats of six holes each (best ball, scramble, alternate shot). Players receive 40 percent of the team handicap. Cost is only \$35 for annual pass holders, \$40 for annual fee card holders and \$54 for all others. Players receive a \$5 discount by signing up before Dec. 25. A breakfast buffet is included for all tournament participants. For details, call 494-GOLF.

#### **New Year's Day Breakfast Buffet**

The Manatee Cove Golf Course is hosting a breakfast buffet on New Year's Day from 6:30 - 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$6.95 per person. The regular breakfast menu will not be offered during this special. Normal lunch menu begins at 10:30 a.m. Call 494-GOLF.



### **Intramural Softball**

Intramural Softball begins in January. League games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. at Schobel Field in Pelican Coast. There is a player's pool for units that cannot field a team. Those interested should call Chez Sanchez, Patrick AFB Fitness Center Sports Manager, at 494-3187.

### **Sports Banquet**

Coming in January is the 2010 Patrick AFB & Cape Canaveral AFS Sports Banquet. The event will be held (time and date to be announced) at The Tides. The 2009 Intramural Champions, Base Athlete of the Year, and the winners of the Commander's Cup will be recognized. For more information, contact Chez Sanchez, Patrick AFB Fitness Center Sports Manager, at 494-3187.





