

Astro News

Space and Missile Systems Center: Forging the shape of military space for the 21st century



Artwork by Robert Mulcahy and Dave Campbell

A walk through time: Artwork illustrates SMC's 40-year history of 'forging the shape of military space'

Dr. Harry Waldron
History Office Director

Your next trip to the Rockefeller Presentation Center is now like a walk through the history of the Space and Missile Sys-

tems Center. Images of spacecraft representing SMC's history are now decorating the walls of the hallway leading to the RPC in Building 105.

The 8-foot panels are a coordinated effort between SMC's Plans and Programs

office, 61st Communications Squadron's Art Services and the History Office.

The panels are arranged into six groups representing six mission areas for military space programs. The images were taken from photographs and artists' concepts. Each group of images occupies an eight-foot-wide panel and depicts historic satellites and rockets over various earth backgrounds.

Most of the spacecraft were developed by SMC and its organizational ancestors. Four of the panels — meteorological, navi-

gational, surveillance, and communications satellites — include images illustrating the evolution of current satellites. The other two — launch vehicles and experimental spacecraft — use images of a wide variety of systems. Data plates under the panels identify each spacecraft, give the year it was first launched, and provide a snippet of information about its significance.

Dave Campbell of Art Services was the primary artist on the project and Robert Mulcahy of the history office selected the raw images.

Next issue comes out Jan. 12, 2001. Have a great holiday! We'll see you next year!

Tattinis wish a happy, safe holiday season for all

Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini
SMC Commander

Greetings. Every year, it is my pleasure to take a moment during the holiday season to review the events of the past year and to reflect upon the season.

To start, Jene and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone at the Space and Missile Systems Center and Los Angeles AFB a happy and safe holiday season. With the passing of each year, we've been impressed by the professionalism and dedication demonstrated by everyone we've met. During my visits to the individual offices across the Center, I've seen an energetic enthusiasm to support the mission, improve upon past successes and refine our stewardship of the taxpayers' dollars. Armed with this positive attitude, you made 2000 a great success for the Air Force and SMC.

In the past year, the Air Force placed a new emphasis on the integration of its air and space capabilities as

we move toward a fully integrated Aerospace Force. With the Air Force and Department of Defense relying more and more on space technology and systems, we at SMC are ready and equal to the challenge. After several successful launches, our launch schedule is back on track, and we can continue our efforts to phase out our legacy launch vehicles and shift our emphasis to the evolved expendable launch vehicle.

We can also move ahead with many new programs in the areas of intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, geo-positioning, weather, lasers and other modernization technologies that will lay the foundation for the nation's future readiness. Looking back, we can truly say, "What an amazing year it was."

Through it all, we supported the combat and expeditionary aerospace force units with some of our best men and women while improving worldwide support to all of our Air Force customers—a truly remarkable accomplishment. Each and every member of the SMC

team deserves the credit, which proves that with an empowered workforce, we can accomplish anything.

This holiday season, as in years past, we are reminded that vigilance is a full-time job. Consequently, many members of our SMC and Air Force family are still deployed in hot spots throughout the world. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts.

We have many reasons to be thankful. As citizens of this great country of ours, we are thankful for the many freedoms we enjoy; as members of this great service, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve; and as contributors to our nation's impressive investment in space, we are thankful to play a part laying the foundation of space.

Wherever you may spend this year's holiday season, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jene joins me in sending our warmest wishes to you and your families for a blessed holiday season, and peace and joy in the coming year.

Chief of staff urges Airmen to be safe during holidays

Gen. Michael Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff

Fellow Airmen – The winter and holiday season is upon us and it's time to tackle those risks which increase during this period. Winter adds challenges to our day-to-day ground and air activities, and although they're not new, their risks demand that we put them in proper perspective and into our daily crosscheck.

History has shown us that the winter/holiday season brings more potential for hazardous driving conditions, alcohol related incidents, hunting mishaps and injuries related to increased indoor activities. Last year during the holidays we unfortu-

nately lost three valuable Air Force members. Each incident was tied directly to these increased seasonal risks.

Winter weather also presents additional operational challenges. Those who work in a warmer climate but are traveling into a colder area need to be especially careful. Typically during the holiday season, our local operational tempo is decreased and continuity can suffer. As we enjoy the holiday season, I ask each of you to increase your vigilance, and when the much deserved pause is over, take a crawl, walk, run approach as we power up operations.

A specific flying safety issue where we must reverse the trend is mid-air mishaps. We have had a rash of near-misses and several accidents which unfortunately took the lives of an Air Force pilot and a civilian.

We are all aware of the risks involved in our on- and off-duty activities. Mishap prevention occurs when we put discipline into our daily activities. With continued vigilance we can continue to improve on last years' excellent safety record. Enjoy a safe holiday and have a very successful and safe 2001.

Action line 363-2255

The Action Line is your direct link to Col. Phil Parker, 61st Air Base Group commander. Its purpose is to make Los Angeles AFB a better place to live and work. Below is a list of people to call if you have an issue to address.



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Commissary – Al Cherry 363-6140

Comm. Sqd. – Lt. Col. Lori South 363-0798

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Medical – Col. Mark Wisniewski 363-5005

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Public Affairs – Lt. Col. Robert Potter 363-0030

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News Briefs

Crime on rise in housing area

In the last few months, there has been an increase in burglaries at the Fort MacArthur housing area. Approximately 50 percent of the burglaries are at residences where windows and doors have been left unlocked. In a military environment, many of us tend to let our guard down when it comes to securing our homes as well as our valuables. Preventing such crimes will only take a few moments of your time. The 61st SFS crime prevention office provides operation identification to mark your valuables and home survey checklists to check the physical security of your home free of charge. If you witness a crime or suspicious activity, please call the crime stop hotline at 363-2121.

To assist families in preventing crime, 61st ABG commander Col. Phil Parker will host "Crime Prevention 2000" at the Fort MacArthur Community Center on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Coffee and donuts, of course, will be served. For more information, contact Officer Jody Poulcott at 363-1852.

AAFES holiday hours in effect

During December, the main exchange will be open on Sundays and Mondays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. The Class Six store will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Holiday music plays Dec. 22

Members of the Air Force Band of the Golden West will be performing holiday music at Los Angeles AFB Dec. 22. Here is the schedule:

Area A

Lobby of Building 110 8 – 8:30 a.m.
Break 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.
Building 120 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.
Break 9:15 – 9:30 a.m.
Lobby of Building 105 9:30 – 10 a.m.
Break 10 – 10:15 a.m.
Lobby of Building 130 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Lunch (Aerospace Cafeteria) 11 – 11:45 a.m.
Aerospace Cafeteria 11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
Break 12:10 – 12:25 p.m.

Area B

Child Development Center 12:25 – 12:45 p.m.
Break 12:45 – 1 p.m.
Commissary 1 – 1:30 p.m.

Tricare betters vision benefits

Enhanced vision benefits are now offered to Tricare Prime enrollees. For Tricare Standard and Extra beneficiaries, the vision benefit remains unchanged. The enhanced Clinical Preventive Services vision benefit under Tricare Prime includes pediatric vision exams to babies at birth and at 6 months of age. After age three, comprehensive eye examinations will be offered to all Prime enrollees every two years until age 64 with no co-payment.

For assistance with Tricare vision benefits, please contact your local Tricare Service Center in Building 219, room 1505 or call (800) 242-6788.

NRO launch caps successful 2000

In the last government launch of 2000, an Atlas/Centaur rocket successfully lifted off from Space Launch Complex 36A at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. on the night of Dec. 5. Like the mythical Atlas of old, the Atlas IAS rocket carried the National Reconnaissance Office spacecraft on its shoulders.

This launch capped a year of successes for the Space and Missile Systems Center Launch Programs Office that began with an Atlas IIA Defense Satellite Communications System launch from the same complex Jan. 20. "This was the third Atlas launch for Maj Chuck Williamson's awesome Atlas team this year!" said Lt. Col. Nancy Insprucker, program manager for medium launch vehicles. Col. Mike Dunn, launch programs director, added that this was our 9th successful launch this year, and our 13th mission success in a row since we initiated the SMC Commander's Flight Readiness Review process in May of 1999.

Last week's launch was the first DoD Atlas IAS rocket, which featured four strap-on solid rocket boosters. It was also the first Air Force use of upgraded Pratt and Whitney RL-10 upper stage engines incorporating a direct-spark ignition feature. This allowed the engines to light up more rapidly on-orbit. It was also the first use of an upgraded inertial Navigation Unit and revision 9 software.

The launch, which was originally scheduled for Dec. 4, was delayed a day due to a concern with a thrust control valve anomaly that occurred on an RL-10 engine un-



Photo by Senior Airman Shad Eidson

An Atlas/Centaur rocket roars to life carrying an NRO spacecraft Dec. 5.

dergoing testing at Pratt and Whitney. The Air Force/Aerospace team, brilliantly led by Capt Stephanie Mendola, worked through the weekend with the contractors. By Monday, Dec. 4, the Air Force/Aerospace team was "go" for launch. During the count, a spacecraft ground problem, rate gyro low temperature, and a down range air conditioning issue further challenged the team. Once these issues were resolved, the Atlas launch vehicle successfully lifted off Dec. 5 at 9:47 p.m.

– Courtesy The Aerospace Corporation

DoD civilians get new job information system

Cleo Drysdale
Public Affairs

Recent test projects and changes in the Department of Defense human resources arena will affect the way civilian employees apply for new jobs.

The modern defense civilian personnel data system is a relatively new human resources information system that supports civilian personnel operations throughout the defense department. This system allows DoD agencies to move from multiple systems to a single information system for DoD civilian employees. It is designed to support appropriated-fund DoD civilian employees, non-appropriated fund and local national employees.

Here at Los Angeles AFB, it replaces the data identification number-driven system.

"It is a menu driven system, and, in the long run, should prove much more user friendly than the present system," said Tom A. Moore, chief of plans and programs in the civilian personnel office.

"Learning what menu to access will likely be the biggest challenge. Like any new system, we will have to practice to become proficient users."

The system transitions have worked relatively well at the two test Air Force bases, Charleston AFB, S.C. and McChord AFB, Wash. The program has been deployed to Holloman AFB, N.M., F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., and Dobbins AFB, Ga., expanding the number of initial operating capability from two bases to five. The deployment went smoothly as reported by Maribeth Cynkar at Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Civilian Personnel Office. "It went better than expected," she said.

All placement considerations at IOC bases will be accomplished using RESUMIX (a web-based recruiting program) and the civilian personnel decision support system. Within 30 days after the IOC expansion (Dec. 27 for all practical purposes), employees registered through the traditional central skills bank will no longer be referred. Employees who wish to be considered at the five IOC bases must self-nominate for positions of interest.

All vacancies for Holloman, F.E. Warren, Dobbins, Charleston and McChord AFBs will be advertised on the Air Force Personnel Center employment homepage at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs. Vacancy listings will also be accessible through an interactive voice response system by calling 800-997-2378. The vacancy listing is updated every Friday.

New pharmacy worker wired for the job

New technology dispenses medications, boosts efficiency as workload increases

2nd Lt. Annette Wells
Public Affairs

Capt. Michael Lee, director of pharmacy services, looked at the newest member of his staff, assured that the pharmacy's efficiency and productivity would improve. He was confident that this one would give him no trouble at all – no sick days, no training requirements and no TDYs.

Not a new recruit just out of tech school, this trouble-free technician is a robot called ScriptPro. The robot works with the pharmacy's other computer systems to automatically count out the right number of pills, pour them into vials and print labels. This is just the latest technical solution to increased workload and reduced staff in the pharmacy.

"The more bases that close, the more customers we'll get," Lee said of the increased workload.

When he arrived at Los Angeles AFB, there were nine people working in the pharmacy. Today, the staff is down to four and 500-700 prescriptions are filled daily.

Even so, the number of patients served through the pharmacy keeps increasing. Up to 30 new patients are added every week to the nearly 8,000 already in the pharmacy's computer system.

"ScriptPro is more efficient. It works while we're at the counter, or on the phone," said Lee. "It continues working no matter what else is going on."

In addition to increased productivity and accuracy, ScriptPro also helps track inventory. ScriptPro alerts the staff when it is running low on any of the medications. Staff Sgt. Clement Johnson can generate reports telling him how often each drug needs to be refilled or ordered from medical logistics.

"It helps me to keep better track of my budget," said Johnson. "I can tell how quickly we go through things, so I know

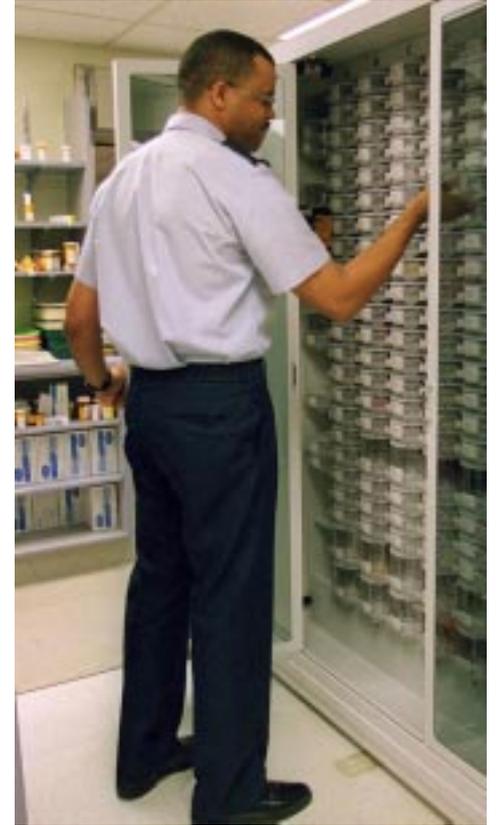
what I have to order right away, and what can wait."

Kansas-based ScriptPro checks for quality assurance nightly over their computer network as part of the lease contract. They provided training, and will provide service, software updates and 24-hour emergency assistance.

"It's like the Wizard of Oz – just click your heels and you get some help," Lee said.



Tech Sgt. Keith Lizana checks and prepares vials for patients after they are filled and labeled by ScriptPro.



Photos by Joe Juarez

Capt. Michael Lee refills medications in an empty ScriptPro bin. The automated prescription dispensing system was installed Nov. 14.

SMC's intel director wins Air Force award

Peggy Hodge
Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Joseph Hollett, SMC's director of intelligence, was selected as the Air Force Materiel Command-level award winner for the National Military Intelligence Association's Maj. Gen. Jack Thomas award.

The award selection was made by the service intelligence chiefs and the directors of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office and the Central Intelligence Agency. The awards are presented in honor of distinguished individuals who have provided outstanding contributions to military in-

telligence and who represent the epitome of intelligence professional performance.

Handpicked by Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini, SMC commander, to rebuild intelligence support to space acquisition, Hollett "transformed the Intelligence Directorate to an AFMC-wide model of excellence. His many achievements include authoring SMC/IN's 5-year Information Technology Plan, directing AFMC's biggest Special Component Intel program, expertly providing intel assets to Operation ALLIED FORCE Combat Targeting Center in Vincenza, Italy, and initiating far-reaching Navigation Warfare efforts in the global positioning system system program office," the award read.



Photo by Teri Mathis

Hollett at recent AFA event.

"When you win an award at this level," Hollett said, "it shows other people think you're doing a good job too. And when I say a good job, I am referring to all of the people in intel who are doing all of the hard work."

Also receiving awards were John Pettit, Special Security Officer, who was selected as AFMC's 1999 Civilian Intelligence Contributor of the Year, and Tech. Sgt. Jose Munoz, who was selected as AFMC's 1999 Enlisted Intelligence Contributor of the Year.

Dollars and sense

Did you know...

... As of December 1, 2000, Bank of America will no longer accept reinstatement requests for Government Travel Card account holders that were cancelled/credit revoked due to delinquency.

... If Government Travel Card account is cancelled due to delin-

quency over 120 days or cancelled for delinquency over 60 days 3 times in a 12-month period, the account cannot be reinstated. The only exception is if Bank of America made a posting error creating the delinquency.

... If you are having difficulty getting your Government Travel Card paid for valid reasons, the

important thing is to call the bank and explain the situation before going past 60 days delinquent.

... The Government Travel Card payment is due in full by the 28th of each month.

For any specific questions or other answers regarding the Government Travel Card, contact your unit Agency Program Coordinator. For other questions call Customer Service, 363-1534.

Acronym addicts need help

Hap Parker
Public Affairs

When the term "ICUR12" was first used in her presence, little thought was given to the notion that the young lieutenant was just approaching her second month in the Air Force. Right out of college and through OTS (officer training school), she had no idea of what was actually said.

She had learned that TDY meant temporary duty and that she would live in the BOQ (bachelor officer quarters) until she found permanent residence off base. In the meantime though, she would be assigned to SMC, in the PA office possibly doing COMREL stuff in the LA area for a bunch of DVs and VIPs. She could handle that.

But, when the folks in CZ started talking about launching a GPS from CCAS and how AFSPC and ACC could use the CSEL, that floored her. Would she ever learn what all these acronyms stood for? On top of that, the MILSATCOM JPO office was planning a DSCS launch and TL was bedding down the SBL IFX SPO at Kirtland AFB, N. M., near the AFRL

headquarters. Whew!

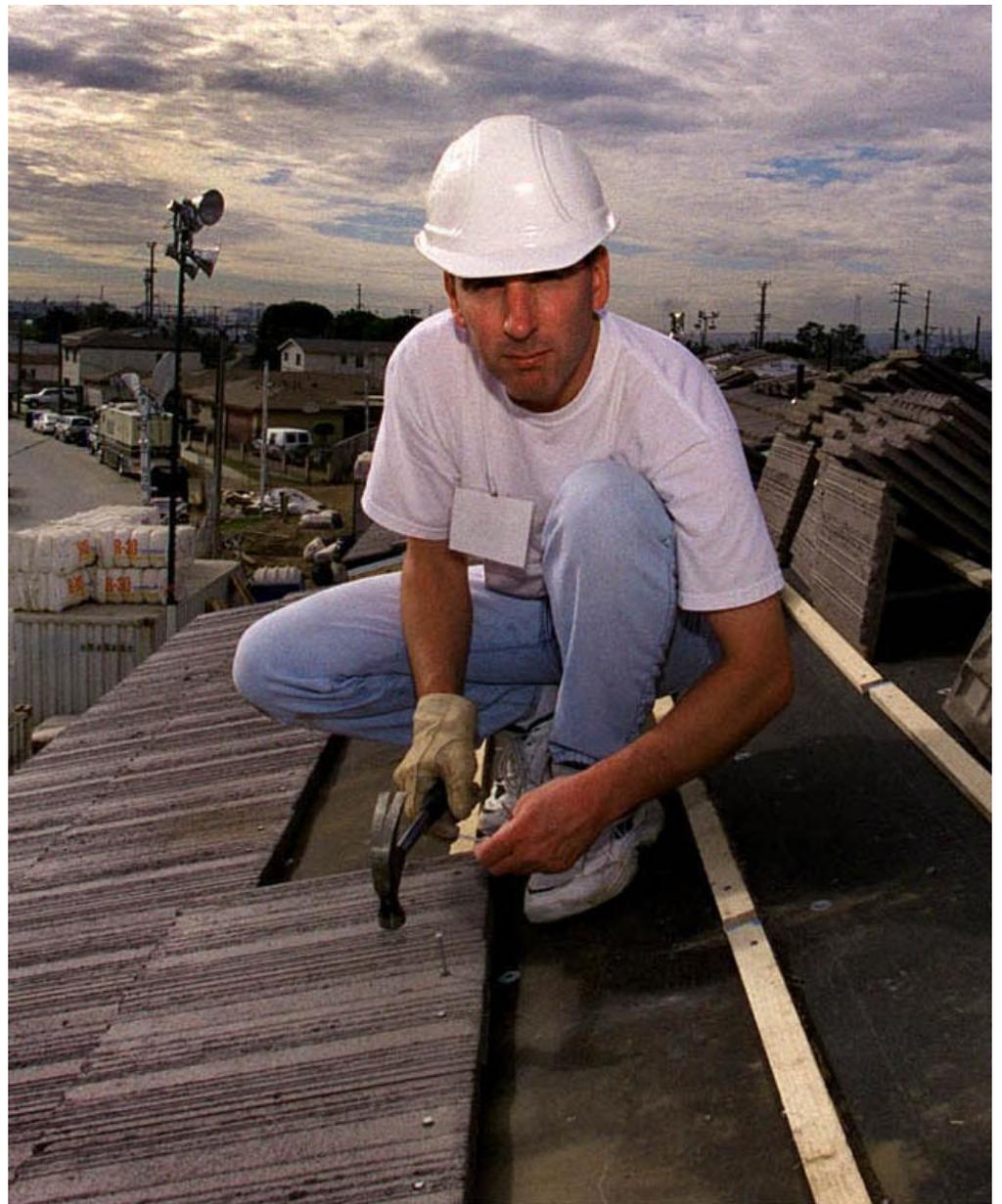
And, how is she ever going to understand how the DAC, PEO and BMDO pass requirements on to SMC?

Chronic users of acronyms and jargon often lose their listeners if what is being said is not understood. The conversation becomes dry and is cumbersome at best for the listener. This is a common practice at the Space and Missile Systems Center and Los Angeles AFB. It behooves us all to be clear and concise in our communications.

The next time you get the chance to pass on that CI is going to put up a DMSP for NOAA, tell it to them straight. Let the listener know that the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program Office is going to launch a weather satellite for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. It's just that easy.

Don't be a chronic user of acronyms. Never let anyone say to you, "I see you are one, too."

Editors note: Hap Parker is the DDSMCPAO, or, the deputy director of the Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs Office.



If I had a hammer

Habitat for Humanity 'Blitz Build' gets help from SMC/AD volunteers

Tim Dougherty
Public Affairs

Armed with tape measures, utility knives, gloves and safety goggles, nearly 20 SMC Advanced Systems directorate employees donned hard hats and volunteered their time at a Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build" Dec. 8.

"I've wanted to participate in a Habitat

project for years so I asked our boss if we could take the day and he approved," said Capt. Eric Kolb.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization which seeks to eliminate homelessness. Families in need of shelter apply to Habitat and are selected through an interview. The family is required to put in 500 hours of work on the house and can get no-interest loans.



Clockwise from top: From left, 1st Lt. Andy Watson, Kolb, Capt. Matt Budde and Senior Airman Shannon Oaks prepare to install sheet rock on the kitchen ceiling. Capt. Ron Blome installs slate roof shingles. Oaks and Budde work together on measuring wall studs prior to screwing in sheet rock. Tech. Sgt. Jon King cuts roof slate to size. If you are interested in volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, contact Rebecca Burns at 363-8383 or visit the Habitat for Humanity web site at www.habitat.org.

Photos by Joe Juarez

61st Security Forces blotter

Lost badge, no access

An individual gained access to the mall area through Building 110 after his badge initially denied him access. The law enforcement dispatched a patrol after observing the individual enter the building while the door was open for someone exiting. After exiting the building, the individual was detained by an officer at the gate.

Alarm door activated

The law enforcement desk received a door alarm activation from Building 120 when an individual exited the building without swiping his card. Investigation revealed that the individual had a "no escort badge" without card reader capabilities. The sponsor was contacted and briefed on proper policy.

Youth bus vandalized

A Services employee notified the law enforcement desk that the Youth Center Diamond Bus was burglarized and vandalized. A security forces officer made contact with complainant who said he discovered the bus door open Nov. 24. The first aid kit was broken open and the contents emptied into the bus. The fire extinguisher and a van key were missing.

BX hit by shoplifter

A military dependent was detained at the base exchange and charged with theft for allegedly shoplifting two video games, valued at \$68. The subject had prior shoplifting convictions. An El Segundo Police Department officer took the dependent into custody.

Commissary sponsors scholarships

Bonnie Powell

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — The focus is on education this fall at the Defense Commissary Agency. A new program offers a scholarship of \$1,500 or more to a college-bound military child at installations served by a commissary. More than one scholarship may be awarded at larger stores. DeCA operates nearly 290 commissaries worldwide.

The Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships For Military Children is a high priority with DeCA Director, Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter, Jr.

"The program will enhance our local commissaries as important quality of life benefactors for military families," General Courter said. "Our stores will be able to increase their impact by providing educa-

tional opportunities for the children of our military communities.

"The commissary system has long supported promotions with a focus on education," the general continued. "This program complements, and should not impact, existing local or regional scholarship programs that are awarded through installation activities, organizations affiliated with the military community, or scholarships funded by a particular vendor at a particular commissary."

Many of the manufacturers and distributors who sell products through the commissary system are enthusiastically supporting the new scholarship program with their donations.

Students who are interested in applying for the scholarships can stop by their local commissary to pick up an application starting Dec. 1. Applications must be returned to the commissary prior to Feb. 15.

Young 'warriors' advance in martial arts



Grand Master Alonzo Jones, World Combat Academy President, removes a yellow tab from the belt of Young Warrior Joseph San Nicolas, 5, which signifies advancement to the next level in Cory Jitsu-Do.



Mitchell Palmer, 6, completes a front-ball kick at a target.



Whitney Hughes, 8, applies a ridgehand hit to Ginsburg.

Master Sgt. Tim Helton
Public Affairs

“Hiyak” was heard thundering through the halls of the Fort MacArthur Community Center as 15 “warriors” gathered to do battle Dec. 2.

Dressed in plain white gees, these warriors lined up to face off against an enemy wearing protective gear and having a significant age advantage.

These were not Special Forces; rather the children of the Cory Jitsu-Do Children’s Martial Arts School being evaluated. The possible prize: their next belt.

The testing consisted of an hour-long event in which the warriors were pushed through one movement after another. Front ball kicks, roundhouses, jabs, punches and more were being thrown toward imaginary and actual enemies.

“Our program is set up to develop a child’s mind, body and spirit,” said Sifu Gerry Bayle, program instructor. “We’re here to provide guidance and understanding for the children to use in everyday life.”

In a short time, the test was over and the participants were off to play in the sunshine just like all warriors.

This is a free program that is offered to base children. The instructors donate their time and sometimes money for the good of the children.

“We’re not here to make money,” said Bayle, “but rather to be a positive influence to a child.”

For more information, call Staff Sgt Alonzo Jones at 363-6223.



TJ Helton, 10, delivers a roundhouse kick to Sensei Jerome Ginsburg, program instructor.

**Photos by
Master Sgt. Tim Helton**



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May 18, 2001	May 11, 2001

Space-A destinations for December

December departures				
Date	Flight #	Space-A showtime	Departure Time	Destinations
17	MC71	5:35 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	Seattle, Osan, Kadena
18, 26	MC87	7:50 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Iwakuni, Misawa
21, 28	MC79	7:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Kadena
December arrivals				
Date	Flight #	Arrival time	Arriving from	
20, 28	MC88	12:50 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Iwakuni, Misawa	
16, 23, 30	MC80	3:35 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Kadena	

Notes: No scheduled departures on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Passengers with confirmed reservations can check in six hours before departure. No scheduled arrivals on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For more information, contact the AMC ticket counter at 363-0714 or 363-0715.

Volunteers needed to assist with income tax form filing

The holiday season means that tax time is just around the corner. To provide our military members with tax assistance and speedy refunds without the expense incurred by using a commercial provider, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Los Angeles AFB will again provide electronic and paper tax filing at the Central Base Tax Office. The CBTO is scheduled to open Feb. 1, 2001. For the CBTO to provide maximum assistance, Volunteer Income Tax Assistants are needed.

What does it take to be a VITA volunteer? Mostly, just a willingness to help others. The IRS will provide the rest in the form of

training on how to fill out the federal and California state 2001 tax forms. The VITA training at Los Angeles AFB will take place on 16 to 26 January 2001, 0830 to 1130. The location will be announced at a later date. After the VITA training, each volunteer is required to take an exam, consisting of filling out various tax forms in order to be certified as an IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistant.

Once you are certified, you will be assigned a day and time to work at the CBTO preparing returns.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or would like more information, call Capt. Peter Kang at the Legal Office 363-6471.

Household hazardous waste must be disposed of properly

Capt. David Evon
Chief of Civil Law

Over the past three decades, the federal, state and local governments have passed strict legislation governing the disposal of hazardous waste. These laws have been enacted to prevent any further destruction of our environment and its resources. Many of these laws include severe fines and punishments for noncompliance. Air Force members and dependants are not exempt from these laws.

Illegal disposal of household hazardous waste is a prime example of an illegal activity that could result in severe penalties including jail time. All disposal of hazardous waste must be in accordance with local and federal law. It is illegal to dump or pour these wastes onto the ground or into plumbing or refuse containers. Examples of household hazardous wastes include, but are not limited to: oven cleaner, bleach products, paint thinner, paint containers, motor oil, engine coolants and engine grease. Strict adherence to proper disposal procedures for these products is mandated.

Federal, state and local law officials have established severe civil and criminal sanctions for the illegal disposal of hazardous wastes. Pursuant to California state law, any person who intentionally or negligently disposes of these hazardous wastes illegally

will be subject to a fine ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 for each violation. Additionally, each day the violation is not self-reported will be considered another violation. Consequently, a five-day, unreported violation could subject an individual to a fine up to \$125,000. A violator may also be found guilty of a criminal misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine of up to \$1,000 or be imprisoned for up to six months or both. If the offender repeats the violations, he may be imprisoned for up to two years and fined up to \$25,000.

The Air Force may also punish a violator through traditional means including, but not limited to, letters of reprimand, non-judicial punishment and courts-martial. Additionally, the commander of Los Angeles AFB may, at his discretion, terminate the offender's housing privileges. The violator would be forced to move out of housing.

Environmental laws are taken very seriously by the federal, state, and local governments. The Air Force shares in this attitude and will not tolerate any violations by its members or their dependants. If you have any questions or concerns regarding how to identify and dispose of household hazardous waste, you may contact the Los Angeles AFB housing office at 363-8390 or visit the housing office at Building 37 at Fort MacArthur.

'Space-A' helps get you home for holidays



Photos by Joe Juarez

Above: An American Trans Air Airlines charter for the Air Mobility Command lands at Los Angeles International Airport on a day when the Hollywood sign is visible in the background. Right: Tony Sega of the customer service branch and Jackie Scott, the contract manager for Phoenix Management, review passenger records to determine "Space-A" eligibility.



Top right: Staff Sgt. Jerry Jackson, quality assurance evaluator, inspects the off-loading of baggage from an AMC charter flight at LAX. Right: Tech. Sgt. Shari Rattler, who is stationed at Misawa Air Base, daughter Kari and husband Sammy, arrive in Los Angeles on a "Space-A" flight.



Celebrate! Act! Remember!

Base celebrates the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

A buffet-style luncheon to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Jan. 12, 2001, at The Club starting at 11 a.m. The theme is "Celebrate! Act! Remember! A day on, not a day off." Tickets are available for \$12 until Dec. 15. Thereafter, tickets will be sold for \$13 with the deadline to purchase tickets Jan. 5, 2001. Contact Shirley Lamb at 363-2030 or Carolyn Adams at 363-6473 for tickets or more information. This event is sponsored by the Black Employment Program.

The guest speaker will be Claiborne Haughton Jr., director of the Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity office for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. Haughton began his Federal government career in 1967 and has had positions such as equal opportunity specialist, deputy director for contractor employment compliance and acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity. He is currently listed in the Who's Who in Government and has received numerous awards including the Presidential Rank of Meritori-



Courtesy photo

Claiborne Haughton Jr., director of the Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity office for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, will speak at a luncheon at The Club Jan. 12.

ous Senior Executive from President Clinton. Haughton grew up in Baton Rouge, La., and currently resides in Arlington, Va., with his wife Linda. The Haughtons have two sons.

We got game? Well, not yet

Base looks to field women's basketball team

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Staff Sgt. Marcie Weaver stands alone at the center of the basketball court at the Los Angeles Air Force Base fitness center. She wishes she could take the inbound pass from a teammate, drive the lane and score a layup. She wishes she could make a winning 3-pointer with time expiring. She wishes she could jump into a van with her team and head to a tournament. She's got the basketball, a place to play and support from the base. All she's missing is a team.

"At my previous base we needed to conduct try-outs for the team because the interest was so high," said Weaver. "I'd love to have try-outs and lots of interest in playing basketball here, but to start, I'd just like to have enough women to field a team."

Weaver, the sports director for Los Angeles AFB, arrived here in late October and was surprised that there wasn't already a team. She has a few names of people who are interested in playing, but not enough to make up a team.

What the Los Angeles AFB team lacks in quantity it makes up in quality of potential players. One interested cager was a member of her high school basketball team and was recruited to play for the Air Force Academy.

"I had an appointment to the Air Force Academy and was going to play basketball there," said 1st Lt. Amy McCoy, an environmental engineer with 61st ABG Civil Engineers. "I decided to accept an ROTC scholarship to Yale instead. I was involved in team sports at Yale and played basketball at my previous base.

"I hope we can get a team together here."

With deployments and temporary duty obligations, Weaver knows the mission of the various activities at Los Angeles AFB and SMC does not work in her favor. She knows that desperate times call for creative solutions.

"Playing on the base basketball team definitely takes commitment," Weaver said. "However, the team will work around schedules as much as possible."

If you are interested in playing on a women's base basketball team, contact Weaver at 363-6815. In addition, McCoy, Weaver and any other potential players are in need of a coach.



