

Astro News

Pardon our dust: Clinic construction starts

John Ryan
Public Affairs

Air Force and City of El Segundo officials joined Congressman Steve Kuykendall (R-CA) in a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of a new Medicaland Dental clinic at Los Angeles AFB Sept. 1.

The new facility will be built at a cost of approximately \$12.7 million and will be completed in about two years. The 47,936 square foot facility will provide a full range of medical and dental services.

While not a hospital, the new medical/dental clinic will be the premier state-of-the-art military medical facility in the South Bay for active duty and retired military personnel. It will feature a drive-thru pharmacy and a computer-assisted self-help education area where clinic visitors can obtain preventive medicine information.

With the closure of March, Norton and George AFBs and the Long Beach Naval Complex the Los Angeles AFB clinic is the only military treatment facility in the greater Los Angeles area.

"This new facility represents a vision for the future of Los Angeles Air Force Base. It also symbolizes a substantial long-term investment by the Air Force to the South Bay community. This building will greatly facilitate our ability to serve the important medical needs of our people throughout the entire southern California region," said SMC Commander Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini.



Photo by Joe Juarez

Left to right: Lt. Gen. Tattini, Congressman Kuykendall, El Segundo Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs, Navy Facilities Engineering Command Capt. Mark Gemaender, Mr. Ed Wylie of C.E. Wylie Construction, Lt. Col. William Saunders and Col. Mark Wisniewski participate in ceremonial groundbreaking.

SMC group puts payloads on space shuttle

Capt. Colleen Lehne
Public Affairs

With a wide range of space responsibilities, SMC rightly boasts the expertise of its highly trained personnel. From specialists in procuring launch vehicles to subject matter experts in areas of payload integration, satellite constellation maintenance, system upgrades, range modernization and even conceptualization of future systems, the list of responsibilities for SMC personnel stretches as far as space itself.

While many of these SMC activities are known throughout the organization, there is one that few are familiar with - the role of finding "rides" for Department of Defense payloads on space shuttle launches.

The only SMC organization whose experts deal with these manned space flights

is a division of the Space Test Program, called the Space Shuttle/International Space Station Office located at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas (SMC,OL-AW). What's remarkable is this operating location has less than seven authorized blue-suit positions.

"We are the single face-to-customer for NASA and the DoD space experiments community," said Dave Hess, director of SMC, OL-AW. "Credibility, integrity and flexibility...these are the characteristics required of my staff to get the job done."

Their cycle of work begins after completion of the annual DoD Space Experiments Review Board, which prioritizes the long list of DoD payloads waiting to get access to space. Once that list is complete, those in the Space Test Program decide which payloads can get to space on the shuttle and which ones require a separate launch vehicle. For the payload

customer, the advantage of submitting an experiment to the DoD SERB is funding-flight and integration costs will be paid for by DoD. When an experiment flies on the shuttle, the customer only pays for the experiment itself.

"STP's first flight option when looking at the SERB list is the shuttle, and most payloads are flown that way," said Hess.

Since 1981 and the advent of the Space Shuttle Program, over 70% of the DoD experiments managed by the Space Test Program have flown via the space shuttle. To date, SMC, OL-AW has integrated and manifested 218 experiments on 71 shuttle flights. While this would be an impressive statistic for any space-related organization, this small team continues to boast a 100% success rate.

"The shuttle should be considered first

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Courtesy photo

MightySat1, an example of a DoD payload, is deployed from the shuttle.

Action line 363-2255

The Action Line is your direct link to Col. David E. Price, 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 any issues that need to be addressed.



- Base Exchange** – David Clore 640-0129
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- Chaplain** – Lt. Col. Gary Garvey 363-1956
- Civil Engineering** –
Lt. Col. William Saunders 363-0287
- Commissary** – Al Cherry 363-6140
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Bikers - keep safety in mind

Col. David E. Price
61st Air Base Group commander

Cycling can be a wonderful form of exercise and a quick means of transportation. But it can also be life-endangering if you fail to cycle safely. Lately there has been an increase in adult and children bicyclists on Los Angeles AFB in the housing areas cutting in front of vehicles and not wearing helmets. It is mandatory for everyone on an Air Force installation to wear an approved helmet. Listed below are some tips to help make the time you spend cycling the time of your life.

Make sure your bike has the required safety equipment. Reflective equipment should be on the rear and front of the bike and a red or colorless spoke reflector on the rear wheel, an amber or colorless reflector on the front wheel and pedal reflectors. When riding at night, a front and rear light is required.

Obey all traffic rules, signs, signals, and pavement markings; keep to the right; ride with the traffic, not against it; do not cut in front of vehicles and keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead.

During the day, cyclists should wear bright clothing so they are visible to drivers. At night, cyclists should wear reflective clothing designed to let drivers know you are on the road so it will bounce back motorists' headlight beams. Safety flags attached to the rear of your bike also help motorists see you more clearly.

Ride in single file. Bicycling two abreast can be dangerous when trying to pass. Make safe turns. Riders should signal turns well before the intersection using cor-



rect hand signals: left arm straight out for left turns, and left forearm extended up for right turn. Slow down when you get to an intersection - you may have to stop suddenly.

- Never wear clothing that blocks your vision.
- Never ride while listening to headphones.
- Wear a helmet. Hardshell helmets bearing stickers indicating approval of the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute offer proven protection.

Tricks and stunts are not for streets. Never let others influence you into doing something that could cause injuries. Do not ride on the handle bars-you can easily lose control of the bike. Ride your bicycle at a safe, prudent speed.

Sidewalks were made for walking on. Not for people to ride bikes on unless otherwise designated. Obey traffic lights and stop signs just as motor vehicle drivers are required to do. A "stop" sign or "red" light means stop and then proceed only after you are sure the way is clear.

Watch for cars which are starting out from a curb or a driveway. Hitching rides by holding on to vehicles is very dangerous. The driver can't see you and they may do something which will cause you to get hurt. Watch for people getting out of parked cars.

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It's your voice, be sure to register and vote

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Officials here at the Air Force Personnel Center want to remind Air Force members the importance of registering and requesting absentee ballots.

"The 2000 general election date is closing in, so voters need to remember to register and request absentee ballots," said Tech. Sgt. Sophia Barnard, Air Force voting program project officer. "Voters can register and request absentee ballots by filling out a Standard Form 76, Federal Post Card Application. There are now 42 states that accept the on-line version of the FPCA, so check out the Federal Voting Assistance Program web site to see if your state is one of them."

Deadlines and other state specific rules on voter registration are published in the Federal Voting Assis-

stance Guide which is available from installation voting officers or on the FVAP web site.

"Every installation has an installation voting officer who can assist airmen and their family members," Barnard said. "Base telephone operators can refer members to their installation voting officer, who will have a supply of Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot Request cards as well as the voting guides to assist in filling out the card. If members don't receive their ballots 30-45 days before the election, they can contact their local election officials or installation voting officers for assistance."

For more information, Air Force members may contact their installation voting officer or contact the USAF voting action office at DSN 665-2563 or 800-558-1404.

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News Briefs

Pancho Barnes event Sept. 9

The 20th Annual Pancho Barnes Celebration is Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. at the ruins of the Pancho Barnes ranch in the southwest quadrant of Edwards AFB. The evening will include a barbecue dinner, beverages, a live band and dancing. The event's proceeds benefit the Flight Test Historical Foundation and the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum. Tickets are \$15 and are available in Lancaster at Aviation Collectables, 45626 Sierra Highway, (661) 723-0942. Only ticket-holding members of the public will be permitted access to the event through the West Gate along Rosamond Boulevard, roughly 15 miles directly east of Rosamond. For more information, call Capt. Tonya Luther at (661) 275-1085.

Clinic appointments now easier

To provide a more convenient way for our TRICARE Prime patients to access our services we are unveiling a new automated appointment scheduling system. The system will allow Prime patients to schedule, confirm, and cancel appointments with their Primary Care Manager.

Booking appointments through the system requires a combination of the sponsor's social security number and the Family Member Prefix (FMP). The FMP identifies who the patient is in relationship to the sponsor. The most common FMPs are:

01 - 19 Used to designate children. First child would be "01", Second "02", etc

20 Active Duty or Retired Sponsor

30 - 39 Spouses. First spouse would be "30", second spouse "31", etc

To use the system to book an appointment, simply dial the central appointment desk. From there you'll hear a choice of several menu options:

Select the "Automated Scheduling System"

You'll be prompted to enter the sponsor SSN

Then enter the appropriate FMP

The system will then read back a list of available appointments. If there are no available appointments you'll be transferred back to the central appointment desk.

When you hear an appointment date and time that you want to schedule simply press "#" to book that appointment. If you need an appointment sooner than what the system can provide simply press "0" to exit the system and be transferred to the central appointment desk.

To confirm or cancel an appointment call the central appointment desk:

1. Select "Confirm/Cancel Appointment"

2. You'll then be prompted to enter the sponsor SSN.

3. Then you'll enter the appropriate FMP

You'll then be read back a list of scheduled appointments. If you wish to cancel one of your appointments simply follow the instructions. If you just need to confirm an appointment then simply exit the system once you've verified the appointment.

This system can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling the central appointment desk at 363-0964. If you're not enrolled in TRICARE Prime or if you require an urgent appointment you still must use the central appointment desk.

because it is the cheapest, fastest and most reliable access to space," said Maj. Tony Smith, SMC, OL-AW deputy director. Furthermore, the average time-to-launch for DoD experiment payloads on the shuttle is two and a half years, whereas the average for launch for a free-flyer on a rocket is five to seven years.

There are other benefits of having Air Force personnel located at the Johnson Space Center. "It allows us to stay involved with what's going on with day-to-day activities at NASA. When DoD flies experiments on a rocket, it pays a steep price for payloads we typically don't recover. The agreement we have with NASA is if the space is available, we take advantage of available margin, upfront, fly space-available and do our own integration and operations. Thus, DoD realizes a tremendous savings," said Smith.

Over the years, SMC, OL-AW has developed a close relationship with National Aeronautics and Space Administration organizations including the Johnson Space Center, Goddard Space Flight Center, Kennedy Space Center and the Marshall Space Flight Center. "We are a part of the team," said Capt. Don Hill, SMC, OL-AW chief of integration and operations.

"Maintaining our credible relationship with NASA is paramount," Hess said. "We are constantly on guard to ensure our long standing reputation is upheld."

The relationship SMC, OL-AW has with NASA is a good thing for both organizations. "While DoD benefits from cheaper access to space, NASA benefits because we increase their efficiency by making sure there is no empty space on board come launch time," said Hill.

One quickly learns preparation is a key element to the job. "With so many payload customers waiting for a ride to space, the trick to getting our job done is flexibility," said Hill. "We fill gaps on the shuttle by having payloads ready for launch in case NASA determines they have room in the final hour. We readily take advantage of these last minute opportunities."

Doing so, effectively, requires constant communica-

tion with the payload customer, ensuring it is ready for integration to the shuttle and for its mission in space. "It's not unheard of for us to complete payload integration in less than six months," said Hess.

Through constant communication and mediation between NASA and the payload customer, SMC, OL-AW often encourages its payload customers to alter their requirements slightly to match their experiment up with a shuttle mission that can meet their specific needs.

The job of those in SMC, OL-AW doesn't end with mating a payload to a particular shuttle mission. After they have secured a mission for the payload to ride on, they are responsible for payload integration to the shuttle, launch support and orbital support.

For instance, SMC, OL-AW is responsible for training the shuttle crew on operating an experiment. "This is an exciting part of the job," said Hill. "The astronauts rely on our expertise for training and we rely on their skills to operate the experiment while in flight." SMC, OL-AW personnel sit on console at their DoD Payload Operations Control Center in Houston and relay mission messages back and forth to the crew throughout a mission.

The team constantly investigates ways to increase the launch capability for DoD. If the team discovers how a smart adaptation on shuttle space hardware could increase DoD payload capability, without adversely affecting the NASA mission, negotiations begin to implement the change and SMC, OL-AW leads the design process.

In the same way the office has taken advantage of shuttle missions, they plan to ensure DoD payloads get their fair share of space on the International Space Station. STS 106, set for launch today, will carry the first active DoD payload to ISS. Capt. Tom Hoge, shuttle mid-deck payloads chief, led the charge in securing this historic ride aboard the shuttle. "We're the first in the world to place any active payload on ISS," said Hess. "That's just another example of how we get DoD experiments to orbit-and we do it well."

Forgery scheme lands AF staff sergeant behind bars

Capt. Jesse Arnstein
Chief, Military Justice

A staff sergeant from SMC/XR was recently court-martialed in the Los Angeles AFBs Courtroom. The staff sergeant pled guilty and was convicted of three specifications of forgery, three specifications of attempted larceny, two specifications of attempted forgery and one specification of violating the Joint Ethics Regulation.

The military judge sentenced the staff sergeant to nine months confinement and a reduction to E-1. A pretrial agreement in this case limited confinement to six months in return for the guilty plea. He began serving his sentence immediately after trial at the Edwards AFB confinement facility.

The charges stemmed from a scheme in which the accused used the PC III government database to acquire the social security numbers of officers in SMC/XR and then applied for credit cards in the officers' names. The accused first applied for credit cards in April, 1999, listing the work addresses of the officers. Several cards were issued, and some of the applications resulted in re-

jection letters. The credit cards were never used, and the crime went unnoticed and unsolved for nearly one year.

In December 1999, the staff sergeant applied for another round of credit cards, but this time he had the credit cards sent to his home address. This round of applications triggered change-of-address notifications which were sent to the officers' work addresses. The new evidence enabled special agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations to crack the case. The credit card companies' cooperation helped lead to the apprehension of the staff sergeant who confessed to his crimes.

Capt. Pete Kang, SMC/JA and Capt. Nechelle Snapp, Circuit Trial Counsel, prosecuted the case. Capt. Arthur Kirkpatrick, Los Angeles AFB Area Defense Counsel, defended the accused. Judge Lt. Col. Mark Ruppert of the Western Circuit presided.

Lt. Col. Robert Federico, 61st Air Base Group Staff Judge Advocate, said "At a time when identity theft is growing nationwide, we are gratified that our AFOSI was able to discover these offenses before more harm was done to the victims' credit and financial standing, and to hand us airtight evidence in their report."

Detachment 8 gets new leader

Capt. Colleen Lehne
Public Affairs

Col. Gregory C. Muntzner handed over command of SMC Detachment 8 to Col. Michael T. Baker as the former prepared for his final Air Force farewells. Col. Baker comes to SMCs Detachment 8 after serving as the deputy program manager for Titan Space Systems in the Launch Programs Directorate at SMC.

Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini presided over a two-part ceremony Aug. 23 in the NCO club at Patrick AFB, Fla., that recognized the change of command for SMC Det. 8 as well as the retirement of its departing commander.

After expressing personal gratitude to Muntzner for his dedicated service to the country, the general encouraged all young officers in the audience to mold their careers after these two fine examples. "Under Col. Muntzner's leadership, the job you've done in the last couple years has been nothing short of amazing," Tattini said. "While Col. Muntzner has big shoes to fill, the choice was obvious for this position. Col. Baker is a launch vehicle expert—he knows the business of putting launch vehicles in the air and space vehicles into orbit."

During Muntzner's tenure, Det. 8 was responsible for launching 4.7 billion worth of space hardware in 14 launches. "You've done an absolutely marvelous job supporting the national space effort," Tattini said. "You're mission is appreciated and thought highly of often by the top AF leaders in the business of space."

Before reflecting on his AF career, Col. Muntzner gave encouraging words to his replacement. "You're assuming a great position with a great team to back you," he said.

Baker added his excitement in taking the job. "This marks the completion of the cycle in my experiences with launch systems," he said. "My challenge is to keep experienced personnel here in Det. 8—this job requires expertise and I will focus on making that a priority."

Finally, Muntzner wrapped the ceremony up with a warm wish for all the people he's worked with in the AF and thanked his family and friends for supporting his often-demanding career. "The AF team, spectacular leaders, friends...these faces are the greatest memory of my career," he said. "On one side, this is a sad day for me because I want to continue launching rockets — it's what I love."



Lt. Gen Tattini presents Col. Muntzner with the Legion of Merit.

Courtesy photo

Congratulations

Civilian promotions

The following civilians were recently promoted or selected to a higher graded position: **Daniel J. Abma, Melissa A. Applebaum, David B. Asher, Sean K. Dodge, Delores E. Duncan, Nakia D. Edwards, Pearl A. Eszlinger, Robert G. Graham, Kevin L. Greenfield, Lorraine King, Pam A. Lopez, Elaine Marquez, Ian B. Martin, Kandie R. Morgan, Charles W. Owens, Ernestine Reed and Deborah E. Tutson.**

Time-off awards

The following individuals recently earned a Time-Off Award: **Barbara M. Arrant, Sherman Brown, Virginia B. Callanan, Linda P. Eccles, Adrienne L. Evans, Jack L. Hanson, Cheryl R. Johnson, Loretta Jordan, Joan T. Kunkler, Daniel J. McGilvray, Michele L. Morgan, Dennis A. Nyman, Gloria A. Roof, Darlene P. Thompson, Jimmie Thornton and Carmen Wood.**

Special act award

A Special Act or Service Award was given to **Dolores D. Batiste.**

A day on the greens...

Candice and Jim Gill from the Space and Missile Systems Center's MILSATCOM Joint Program Office won the A League Team Air Force Association Golf Tournament at the Los Alamos Navy Golf Course with a score of 62 Aug. 21 with the help of David Block.

Three teams were tied for second place in the A League with a score of 63 to include (1) Patricia McAlpine, Chris Wood, Bill Orzak and Daren Williams; (2) Dean Dreadman, Karl Roderfer, Mark Witechi and Jerald Loeffler; and (3) Doug Van Mullem, John Dunwoody, Wayne Brown and Bill Fraser.

The first place team for the B League were Frank Vcheck, Jerry Bernhardt, Greg Griffin and Bob Peterson. The second place team for the B League were Harry Lee, Don Bernhard, Bruce Fujimori and Bernard Reger.



Courtesy photo

America's Air Force: No one comes close

Commercials, slogan debut across nation

Tech. Sgt. R. R. Getsy
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Evoking feelings of “pride and patriotism, fascination and diversity,” the Air Force has wrapped up test screenings of its new television commercials, and they are now airing in movie theaters and on network and cable TV.

The unveiling for Pentagon media Aug. 23 is another initiative to address Air Force recruiting and retention challenges and increase the visibility of the service. Even though the Air Force has met this year’s recruiting goal, recruiters are not resting on their laurels.

“These commercials are the next offensive in our war on recruiting and retention,” said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. “At the heart of the issue is retaining the quality people we have in America’s Air Force today and getting our story out to people considering what to do with their lives — and to the people who influence them.”

Gen. Mike Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, expects the new ads to help boost recruiting and retention by focusing audiences on the challenges and rewards of Air Force service. “These ads reflect the intangible rewards of pride, honor and the higher calling of serving our nation,” he said. “They also showcase our incredible people.”

Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, said the six new commercials consistently portray the dedication and professionalism of Air Force people performing important missions every day.

“We did a lot of research,” he said, “that told us we need to advertise on television to help us reach potential recruits and the general public, and also to recognize the people currently serving.”

“These ads convey important messages: the Air Force does a lot for our country, the Air Force is a diverse family of extraordinary Americans, the Air Force is hiring and the Air Force values and appreciates its people,” Ryan said.

Describing the cost of the project, Rand said, “We spent \$4.4 million producing the ads, and another \$28.2 million on television and theater advertising which will reach millions of people during the coming year.”

The ads were produced for the Air Force by Siegelgale, a branding and advertising firm in New York. Siegelgale scripted several proposals and hired a Hollywood production company, MJZ, to film the ads at Edwards AFB, Calif., and Eglin and Hurlburt AFBs in Florida earlier this year.

The job of directing the new commercials went to Bob Richardson, an Academy Award winner whose credits include being director of photography for box office hits such as “Platoon,” “A Few Good Men,” “JFK” and “Wag the Dog.”

The ads depict scenes of a KC-10 Extender refueling a B-2 Spirit and F-117A Nighthawks. Additional scenes include aerial shots of the F-22 Raptor, as well as an F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-15 Eagle fighters flying over the Mojave Desert.

But it’s not just glitzy airplanes that are showcased in the commercials. Bill Coker, assistant director, said the ad campaign’s central theme was to show what it means



An Air Force C-17 is depicted in a shot from one of the new Air Force television commercials now airing.

to be an Air Force member. “The ads emphasize Air Force people,” he said. “You often see hardware (in past commercials) because it’s exotic and exciting. But what these ads show is the team spirit and sense of adventure in what the rest of the Air Force does the part that (the public) doesn’t get to see very much, such as what it takes to launch a bomber or fighter.”

He said the commercials also serve as a salute to those who work in support roles. All airmen “should see themselves as role models,” Coker said.

Everyone appearing in the ads is an Air Force civilian or military member, such as Airman 1st Class Crystal Pajak, a 412th Component Repair Squadron jet mechanic.

While talking to a friend, she learned that MJZ had selected her to participate in a commercial. Not surprisingly, Pajak immediately called her family, letting them know “to start looking for me on television soon.”

Following the filming and editing, the commercials were ready for screening by focus groups representing a sampling of the general public and Air Force members.

The civilian focus groups were held in Boston, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Kansas City. The active-duty sessions took place at Patrick AFB, Fla., Moody AFB, Ga., and at Hurlburt and Eglin AFBs.

During the screenings, comments from the audience ranged from the positive to the negative, said Dr. Steve Everett, head of Air Force public affairs research.



“The feedback from the focus groups was extremely important,” said Everett. “We took all the comments from everyone involved and used them to fine-tune the ads.” For example, he said, in the civilian screenings, one ad generated comments ranging from “pride and patriotic” to one by a student who said, “I would have ignored (the ad).”

Other comments came from people who had previously expressed no interest in the military prior to the screening. Afterward, one such naysayer called an ad “fascinating. They (airmen shown in the ad) are trying to make an impact.” Another viewer said an ad “made me feel like I’m a winner, because I’m part of a winning team.”

Similar comments were also evident throughout the Air Force screenings. “There were some ads where the airmen felt emotionally involved and reacted strongly,” Everett said. Some airmen felt pride and patriotism, while others disliked the music and overall theme of some of the ads.

The commercials also tested a new theme line for the Air Force, “America’s Air Force — No One Comes Close.”

“‘No One Comes Close’ really describes our Air Force,” said Rand. “People in the focus groups interpreted this to mean no other country in the world comes close to the U.S.; no other Air Force in the world comes close to doing what we do; and no other endeavor comes close to the high-tech opportunities available to people in the Air Force.”

“‘No One Comes Close offers lots of other communication advantages, Rand said. “For example, no one comes close to our technical sophistication, no one comes close to our education opportunities and no one comes close to what we offer our members.”

“Ultimately, we want these ads to evoke strong positive feelings and a greater understanding and awareness of the Air Force,” Peters said.

(Ray Johnson, Air Force Flight Test Center public affairs, Edwards AFB, Calif., contributed to this article.)

Left: An Air Force F-117A is photographed in front of a blue screen during the filming of Air Force commercials at Edwards AFB this spring. (Photo by Ray Johnson.)

Helping AIDS research one step at a time

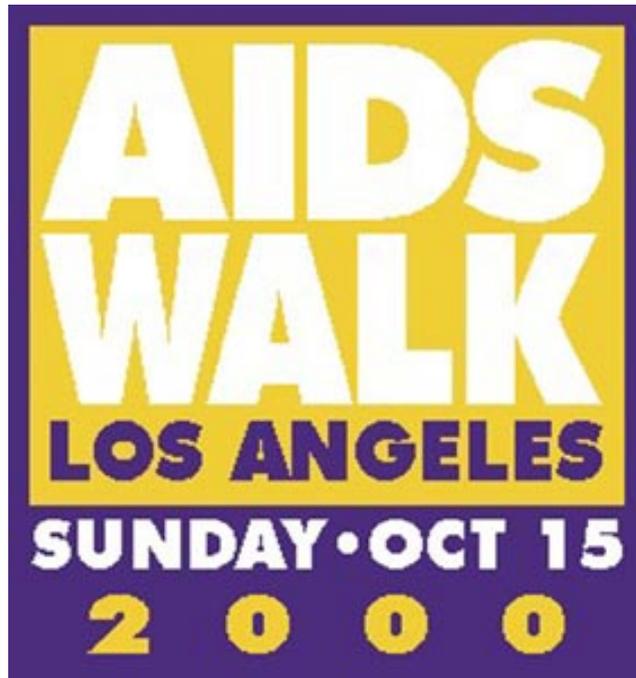
Rick McGilton
Equal Opportunity Office

HIV and AIDS infection has yet to disappear; its growth continues to infect individuals of all ages, races and sex. Los Angeles County accounts for 6% of all AIDS cases in the U.S. It is estimated there are between 43,000 and 59,000 people in LA County living with HIV/AIDS with half of them unaware of their infection. California is second only to New York State in the number of AIDS cases reported as of December 1999. It is estimated that there are between 650,000 and 950,000 people living in the U.S. who are HIV positive, many of them unaware of their HIV status.

This year alone, 40,000 more Americans will become HIV infected and one fourth of these will be people under 22 years of age. Through December 1999, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has received reports of 733,374 men, women and children with AIDS and 59% of these individuals have died. In 1999, 2.6 million people died of AIDS-related causes more than ever before in a single year and currently, 33.6 million people are living with HIV/AIDS. By the end of this year, this figure will reach 40 million. An estimated 15,000 people become infected with HIV everyday; almost 11 new infections per minute. The highest worldwide incidents of HIV/AIDS are in sub-Saharan African nations. It is projected that without proper medical services, the life expectancy will drop from 73 to 30.

In comparison, the incident of HIV infection in teenagers and young adults in these countries is 16% whereas in the U.S., it is 6%. The U.S. and organizations like AIDS Project Los Angeles are providing funds necessary to these sub-Sahara African nations for drugs and services to slow the growth of HIV/AIDS infections.

In 1997, 22 individuals from LA AFB formed a team



and participated in the AIDS Walk Los Angeles raising \$3,355.68. In 1998, 33 individuals participated as a team, walking in the AWLA raising \$4,408.00. Last year, 54 individuals as a team walked and raised \$8,829.00. This year we are walking again.

Here are some reasons why this team forms each year to raise money for the many medical, legal, educational awareness and necessities of life programs provided for by AIDS Project Los Angeles to men, women and children who require these services:

– “I will want to walk because I don’t know anyone with HIV or AIDS. But I’m pretty sure I’ve come in contact with people that do have it. I feel sorry for anyone that has to die with this awful disease. This disease crosses all color and economic lines. One day I hope there will be a cure.”

– “My participation in the AIDS Walk reflects the

journey I am on through this thing called life. Things may not always be perfect for me, but my upbringing compels me to appreciate what I do have and work to help ease the struggles of the weakest of us who may be humbled by ailments, deficiencies or loss. In short, I walk to lend strength to those in need.”

– “I will walk because of all of the names on The Quilt who are unable to walk anymore.”

– “I’m walking for my mother who was diagnosed with HIV six years ago and died two years ago.”

– “I walk for the pages in my address book that turned from ash to dust, for people today who are HIV or have AIDS and for a cure.”

– “I walk because we cannot become complacent on this issue.”

The TEAM is diverse and includes civilian employees, military members, contractors, their children, family members, relatives, significant others, friends and neighbors. Events such as the AIDS Walk have tremendously helped in providing the necessary services for individuals who live with HIV/AIDS. The stark reality remains; there is no cure for AIDS. Until a cure is found, the prevention, education and support programs that organizations like APLA provides remain the best weapons available to address the spread of HIV infection.

The TEAM is walking again this year on October 15, 2000. The 6.2 mile walk begins and ends at Paramount Studios backlot, Hollywood. If you would like to register or to obtain more information, please contact: Master Sgt. Jean Barrett, 61MSS; Staff Sgt. Evelyn Serafica or Airman Amy Browne, 61MDS; Paula Provost, SMC/XR; Senior Airman Amanda Holloman, SMC/FM; Staff Sgt. Tristan Lasmams, SMC/CZ; Capt. Dave Wendling, 61ABG/SV; Bev Campbell, SMC/CW; Tech. Sgt. Maria Steele, SMC/AD; John Bolden or Alice O’Neal, SMC/AX, 1st Lt. Kristi Bateman, SMC/MV, Tony Riccio Co-Team Leader, SMC/FM or Rick McGilton Co-Team Leader, SMC/CC.



Photo by Matt Talbot

Capt. Eric Kolb sits atop a mountain peak in Bolivia after a physically and mentally challenging climb.

Reaching the summit

Preparation is the key at work, play

Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Public Affairs

If he's not cheating death in Bolivia at 20,000 feet climbing Huayna Potosi, then he's cheating death on the 405 heading to work at SMC/AD. But Capt. Eric J. Kolb says he isn't addicted to danger.

"I love the outdoors and I love the physical challenge of climbing, but the risks I take are very closely calculated and I usually err on the side of caution. I try to choose only climbs that match my experience and abilities," he said.

To minimize the risks on his recent South American adventure that took him to Peru and Bolivia, Kolb, a 27-year-old former Air Force dependent from Maine, started to prepare over a year ago. Similar to many of the projects here at SMC, the execution of the climb, while certainly not easy, went smoothly. The tough part was the preparation.

"I'm right now working on a contract that might take my entire tour to complete. This is a long, tough project where we have to weigh all of the risks and be very deliberate in our decision making. When we actually commit the government to the system, all it takes is a signature on a contract," Kolb said. Preparing to sign a contract takes lots of hard work. And it took lots of

hard work for Kolb to gear up for his trip to Bolivia.

Just like on a daily basis at SMC/AD, Kolb used many tools to help him prepare. He researched the climb in books and magazine articles, and he used the Internet to trade trip logs with climbers who recently made the same journey. This opened his eyes to many of the challenges such as altitude and endurance that he and his climbing partner, Matt Talbot, were about to face.

"Eric and I run and work out all of the time which helped us get ready physically for the climb. The altitude is another story. I live at 6,000 feet in New Mexico, so I got a little head start on acclimatizing to the altitude. But you can't just show up and start climbing without somehow letting your body get used to the altitude," Talbot, an Air Force civilian contractor at Kirtland AFB, said. Talbot arrived in Bolivia early and spent three days at 13,000 feet "just lying around" in La Paz.

For Kolb, getting used to the altitude started in Peru on vacation with his wife, Ila. They met a few friends and did some hiking and easy climbs on the Inca trail.

"I worried the most about getting sick from the altitude or the food. I was told that people who rush acclimatization invariably regret it later, so I wanted to make sure I was ready. I had heard about the natural

beauty of Peru, and the altitude was near perfect," Kolb said.

Kolb and his wife, a captain in the Air Force currently working on a masters degree at the University of Colorado, spent four days in Cuzco, Peru, the old imperial Inca capital, at 11,000 feet, where they experienced fairly good food, "amazing" arts and crafts and inexpensive clothing such as Alpaca sweaters and hats. On day five, they hit the "Inca Trail" enroute to the "lost city of the Inca."

"The hike to Machu Picchu was absolutely breathtaking. I know now why some people think it is spiritually enlightening. Words can't really explain it except to say it was like a dream," Ila said.

Following their spiritual enlightenment in Peru, Ila Kolb flew back to the states to continue her studies, while Eric Kolb made his way to Bolivia to rendezvous with Talbot. Their preparation paid off.

"Matt and I were in Bolivia for 10 days and climbed both Pequeno Alpamayo, which was 17,600 feet, and Huayna Potosi at 20,000 feet. Both mountains were very kind to us. We had no problems with the climbs or the altitude," Kolb said.

They might have been ready to tackle even tougher challenges than the 20,000-foot peak they attacked. Prior to the final push to the summit of Huayna Potosi, Kolb and Talbot set up camp approximately five hours away from the top. They ended up summiting much



Photo courtesy Capt. Eric Kolb

Kolb and his wife, Ila, as they hike along the Inca Trail enroute to Machu Picchu.

faster, as they reached the summit before dawn.

"It was pitch black when we reached the summit. We waited for about 15 minutes and were treated to one of the most glorious sunrises I have ever seen," Talbot said.

Being the good tourists they were, they always had a camera at the ready. Photos at the top of the mountain in the middle of the night weren't exactly what they had planned.

"It was so cold that had we hung around on the top of the mountain much longer waiting for the sun, we would have froze to death. We stood mesmerized for a while at the sight of a lightning storm over the Amazon rainforest far away and far below us, but we couldn't wait. Our pictures of the summit didn't come out very well because of the low light, but the photos of the sunrise are great. What an incredible experience," Kolb said.

Military Training Day

NAVSTAR GPS team pitches in, pitches tent

Todd Trabue
NAVSTAR GPS Joint Program Office

The military members of the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System joint program office recently spent the afternoon learning how to properly build a general purpose medium tent. After classroom instruction, the troops went into action erecting the 512-square foot tent in less than 30 minutes.

“These military training days are critical to ensure readiness to deploy or to assist in natural disasters,” Col. Peter Hoene, deputy director said. “It’s great to see everyone working together and displaying such great camaraderie and esprit de corps.”

After the tent was erected, the group gathered inside their creation to discuss the importance of what they had just accomplished.

“I thought it was a great idea for a training day. The first thing that happens when you arrive at a location in the field is to put up your tent. It’s one of the fundamentals of military service,” said Todd Trabue, GPS Joint Program office training manager and a retired Air Force technical sergeant.

The GPS joint program office has had lots of interesting and topical military training days, said Hoene. In the past, the El Segundo Fire Department presented a class on disaster response, while in June, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations presented a class on crime prevention and gang awareness.



Photos by Joe Juarez

Top: Maj. Carlos Ortiz (right) and 1st Lt. Chris Schweighardt work together to raise the roof of a GPS tent. Below and left: Military members from GPS participate in their monthly Military Training Day.



AFA salutes outstanding SMC members



Col. Douglas Loverro



Col. Peter Hoene



Lt. Col. Joseph L. Hollett



Col. Robert K. Saxer



Lt. Col. Peter Vaccaro

The General Bernard A. Schriever chapter of the Air Force Association selected the winners for their 26th Salute to Space and Missile Systems Center.

The winners are:

Col. Douglas Loverro, SMC/CZ, Outstanding Program Director.

Col. Peter Hoene, SMC/CZ, Outstanding Field Grade Officer.

Lt. Col. Joseph Hollett, SMC/IN, Lt. Gen. Richard C. Henry Leadership Award.

Lt. Col. Jane Robinson, SMC/MV, Chapter Award of Excellence, Col. Robert Saxer accepting.

Lt. Col. Peter Vaccaro, SMC/CZ, Outstanding Program Manager.

Capt. Kevin Carrow, SMC/MT, Outstanding Young Engineer/Scientist.

Capt. Jay Schatz, SMC/MC, Outstanding CGO Project Officer.

1st Lt. Kevin Eckersley, 61st Medical Squadron, Company Grade Officer of the Year.

George Pace, SMC/TE, Outstanding Civilian.

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Britton, SMC/XP, Outstanding NCO.

Staff Sergeant Raminah Hartke, SMC/CL, Outstanding Airman.

SMC/TE, Unit of the Year, Col. Ralph Monfort accepting.



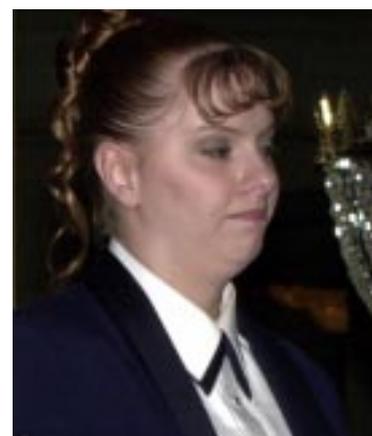
1st Lt. Kevin Eckersly



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Col. Ralph Monfort

Lyles receives prestigious AFA award

Ronea Alger
Public Affairs

Gen. Lester L. Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander, received the 2000 General Bernard A. Schriever Award for outstanding achievement in support of Air Force missile and space programs Friday night at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel.

Lyles was honored during the annual "Salute to Space and Missile Systems Center" awards dinner hosted by the Air Force Association General Bernard A. Schriever Los Angeles Chapter 147. The Schriever award is the chapter's highest accolade.

"Not since Gen. Schriever have we had a four-star general who has been so well versed in the space business," said Maj. Gen. (USAF retired) Wesley Clark, chairman of the AFA Schriever chapter. "He is a strong advocate for space systems acquisition both within the Air Force and the congressional realm."

As a second lieutenant, Lyles started his career as a

propulsion and structures engineer, Standard Space-Launch Vehicles Program Office, Los Angeles Air Force Station. In 1974, he became the program element monitor for the Short-Range Attack Missile in Washington D.C. In 1987, he returned to Los Angeles Air Force Station as a colonel and served as director of the Medium Launch Vehicles program office and the assistant deputy commander for Launch Systems.

In 1994, he became the commander of SMC. Before serving in his present position as commander of AFMC, he spent nearly three years as director of Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and almost one year as vice chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force in Washington D.C.

"To some extent, I see this award as an obligation—an obligation to continue the fight and the determination to show excellence in everything we do—especially in space," Lyles said. "I will continue to dedicate myself to continue the push for space programs and excellence for the United States Air Force."

"Thank you again. This is a wonderful recognition, and I am very proud to receive it," Lyles concluded.



Photo by Teri Mathis

Gen. Lyles speaks at AFA banquet after receiving General Bernard A. Schriever Award.

Piranhas host final swim meet

Season dubbed "great success"

Lt. Col. Joseph L. Hollett
Director of Intelligence

The Fort MacArthur Piranhas, Los Angeles AFB's Youth Swim Team, recently wrapped up their summer season with an invitational meet and picnic at the Fort MacArthur Community Pool. One of the highlights of the day was the "Momma Piranha Relays" in which moms swam with their children.

The 2000 team consisted of 45 children from 5- to 14-years old. Every swimmer was a military dependent, with skill levels from beginning swimmers to those with several years of experience. The team built upon swimming lesson skills offered by the 61st ABG Services Outdoor Recreation Division to develop safer, stronger and more confident swimmers who can enjoy water sports for a lifetime.

"Neither of my sons could swim at the beginning of



Photos by Gwen Severance

Ashley Harris, above, competes in the breast stroke at the final swim meet of the season Aug. 26 at the Fort MacArthur swimming pool. Bottom left, the 2000 Piranha swim team poses for a group photo.

the summer," said Capt. Angel Ortiz, an Army engineer, "but after swim lessons and a summer on the team, they both love the water. And the friends they made on the team really helped us get acquainted after arriving here this summer. The season was a great success."

The Piranhas swam in an instructional summer league against city recreation department teams in West Los Angeles. Practices consisted of stretching, instruction and a variety of games to build endurance and confidence.

"It was lots of fun and much better than sitting home in front of the television," said Lance Dugger, 12-year old son of Maj. Sterling Dugger.

"My three daughters participate in a number of Services' programs and the swim team is the best," said Amy Miller, wife of Col. Greg Miller, SMC/MC.

The Piranhas swam in seven meets this summer. One advantage in swimming over other sports is

that the children pick their events so every child can swim in any or all events he or she wants. Swim meets are exciting but low stress, team points aren't kept and there are no "most-valuable" awards.

The 2000 team was coached entirely by volunteers. Lt. Col. Larry Hollett, who "moonlights" as the SMC director of intelligence, was the head coach. Master Sgt. Jim Van Hoesen, 61st ABG/DO, and Sarah Henderson, whose husband Lt. Col. Scott Henderson works in SMC/MC, were his assistants. Pat Brown, the director of the Youth Center, oversaw the budget and various Air Force youth sports regulations.

The year was a resounding success with the children having lots of fun, as evidenced by one youngster's desire to skip vacation to stay home and swim.

"My daughter Ameera has been in swimming programs since she was two years old but this is the best program by far. She even pleaded with us not to go on summer vacation because she enjoyed the program so much," said Mena Keval, wife of Capt. Azad Keval, SMC/CZ.

The year 2001 season for the base swim team is scheduled to kick off in May 2001. For more information or to volunteer to be part of the program, contact the Youth Center at 363-8565.



Blotter: Police respond to protestors, guns, more

Concealed firearm

A Security Forces member working the Isis St. Gate notified the Law Enforcement Desk to report that a U.S. Army retiree made contact with him to report that his personal cellular telephone was stolen while shopping at the Base Exchange. Officers were dispatched and responded. Contact was made with the individual, and it was determined the cell phone had been lost and not stolen. A verbal consent was given by the individual for the officers to look in the interior of this vehicle for the phone. Opening the glove compartment, the officers discovered a loaded 38-caliber pistol. The individual was transported to El Segundo Police Department for booking where he was cited and released.

Juveniles busted with drugs

A Security Forces member notified the Law Enforcement Desk to report they were detaining three juveniles at the Pacific Crest Gate for being in possession of two 750-ml bottles of alcohol, located in the bed of their truck. Officers were briefed and responded. While conducting a pat-down of one of the juveniles, a smoking pipe was found in his pocket. The pipe appeared to have marijuana in it. The officer obtained a consent to search the vehicle for additional marijuana and paraphernalia. A small plastic bag containing an additional pipe and marijuana were found. The Los Angeles Police

Department was notified and responded. The juveniles were interviewed and transported to their residence and released to their parents. The truck was impounded.

Traffic stop leads to Article 92

An Air Force member received a Uniform Code of Military Article 92, Failure to Obey an Order, for failing to stop when a Security Forces officer stopped him for having an expired registration on his vehicle, and failing to use his turn signal. The member failed to yield to the flashing red and blue and continued driving until he pulled into a parking stall. The member refused to follow or comply with the instruction of the officer. For failure to obey an order or regulation, an apprehension was made, and the person was transported to Building 241 where he was detained until the arrival of his unit commander. He was advised of his rights under UCMJ 31 and released to the custody of his unit commander.

Grand theft

An Air Force retiree notified the Law Enforcement Desk to report that a diamond engagement ring and gold diamond watch valued at \$4,000 were missing. Security Forces members were briefed and responded. Officer made contact with the victim who stated she had the movers at her house packing her belongings. Later that day after the movers had

departed, she checked her residence and discovered items from her jewelry box were missing. The victim stated the movers had to go upstairs and walk through the master bedroom to have access to the jewelry box. A security forces investigator was notified and an investigation was conducted. The items were recovered.

Response to protestors

A member of the 61st Security Forces Special Response Team was requested to respond to the Federal Building at 888 Figueroa Street to assist the Federal Protective Service with a group of protestors. Approximately 4,000 protestors began marching from Pershing Square into the downtown area to the Federal Building. Upon arrival, the on-scene commander of FPS determined the crowd appeared to be peaceful. The team was briefed by the commander and released to return to Los Angeles AFB.

Medical Emergency

A services employee at the base pool notified the Law Enforcement Desk to report a five-year old was observed submerged in the pool, without any movement for approximately five seconds. Contact was made with the child in the pool and she was in a semiconscious state. Once the child was removed from the water, she immediately regained consciousness, and CPR was not needed.

Chapel Schedule

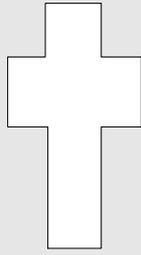
Roman Catholic

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:45 p.m., Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Mass at 9 a.m., CCD in Building 37 at 10:30 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday: Sunday School at 9 a.m., Building 37; General Protestant worship at 10:30 a.m.



All the above services are at the Fort MacArthur Chapel. Call the Chaplain Service Division office at 363-1956 for more information.

The Club 363-2230

The Club will hold a barbecue every Thursday this summer in the Area A Mall. Food is served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Items are priced a la carte and may include ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot links, potato salad, corn cobbetts, baked beans, coleslaw and fresh fruit.

Every Friday the lounge is open at 4 p.m. The DJ starts playing at 5 p.m. Free snacks are available to club members.

The Barber Shop is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Building 120 on the lower level floor. For more information, call 363-1733.

RV Storage

For your convenience, Los Angeles AFB offers four RV storage facilities. They are located next to Bldg. 219 and 215 in Area B, next to the FamCamp in Lawndale and one at Fort MacArthur*. Storage fees are \$30 per month for RVs over 23 feet and \$20 per month for RVs under 23 feet long.

*The RV storage located at Fort MacArthur is open to active duty military personnel residing in Los Angeles AFB military housing.

Family Child Care – 833-8334

The Seal Beach Naval facility has openings in their Navy licensed Family Home Day Care homes. For more information, call Kathy Richards, Family Childcare Director, at (562) 626-7899.

Los Angeles AFB is striving to expand Family Child Care Services in homes of military and retired military members. If you are a spouse who lives either on or off base and are interested in becoming a licensed family Child Care Provider, contact Hyechong Froschl at 363-8334 or stop by the Child Development Center on Fort MacArthur, Building 31.

Providers:

Amy Gonzalez can provide child care from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday for children ages 3 and up on a full, part time and drop-in basis. For more information, call 514-1938.

Terri Gregg can provide child care from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday for children ages 2 and up on a full, part time and drop-in basis. For more information, call 832-1099.

Johvon Tidwell can provide child care from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday for children ages 2 and up on a full, part time and drop-in basis. For more information, call 547-9762.

The above providers are the only individuals authorized to provide child care in the Fort MacArthur, Pacific Heights and Pacific Crest Areas. In accordance with Air Force Instruction 34-276, "Persons wishing to provide care for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis in government quarters must be trained, licensed and granted approval from the Base Commander." If your child care provider is not on this list, please notify our office immediately so we can invite them to become trained and licensed through our Family Child Care office.

The Fitness Center 363-6815

Fitness Center Age Restrictions according to AFI 34-266, Air Force Fitness and Sports Programs, are established to ensure a safe environment for all Fitness Center customers. Guidelines are as follows:

16 years of age and over: Unrestricted use of all Fitness Center facilities and equipment. Need not be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

14 and 15 years of age: Cardiovascular Equipment and Weight Rooms – Require interactive supervision from a parent, legal guardian or Youth Program staff member or coach. Other areas (basketball court, racquetball, etc.) unrestricted use.

13 years of age and under: Cardiovascular Equipment and Weight Rooms – Access to these areas prohibited. Other areas (basketball court, racquetball, etc.) require interactive supervision from parent, legal guardian or Youth Program staff member.

Two new sports will soon be introduced to the Fitness Center customers: 4-Man Indoor Soccer and Tri-Ball Volleyball. Sign-ups are now being taken to determine whether the Fitness Center can run an intramural event or a tournament. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ronnell Ramos or Tech. Sgt. Juan Gordovez at 363-6816.

The fitness Center offers one-on-one free individualized fitness programming. We have certified personal trainers that offer the following services: Fitness assessments, personal fitness planning, fitness goal setting, programs to lower cholesterol, strength training, cardio-vascular training, proper use of equipment and proper lifting techniques. Individual appointments can be made by calling 363-6815 or you can ask at the front desk for a trainer during workouts.

Outdoor Recreation

Camping Trailers

Hard shell camper, sleeps three, w/toilet, shower, air conditioning, stove and refrigerator is \$35 per day, minimum two days.

Pop-up camper, sleeps seven to eight, with stove, refrigerator and air conditioning. Requires electrical brake hookup. \$35 per day, minimum two days.

Large Barbecue Pit on a trailer is \$25 per day.

Camping Packages

Family Pack is \$22 and includes a five-man tent, lantern, two-burner stove and four sleeping bags.

Outdoorsman Pack is \$18.50 and includes a three-man tent, lantern, two-burner stove, four sleeping bags and a mess kit.

Traveler's Pack is \$7.50 and includes a backpack, mess kit, sleeping bag, hatchet and sleeping mat.

Visitor's Pack is \$12 and includes a three-person tent, two sleeping bags and two air mattresses.

FamCamp

Los Angeles AFB operates a Family Campground, or FamCamp. We have 15 hardstand units with hookups for water and electricity.

It is open year-round and advanced reservations are accepted. The camp is located two miles south of Lawndale. For more information, call 363-2081.

Tickets & Information 363-2190

San Diego Padres tickets are now available. Call or come by and ask about special order tickets to major attractions in Florida, Texas and others.

Base Briefs

Cupid's choice contest

The Family Advocacy office is sponsoring a contest designed to help couples identify the positive aspects of their relationships and focus on what makes a healthy relationship. The Cupid's Choice is open to all active duty, retired, civil service and contract personnel involved in a traditional relationship who want to tell what keeps their relationship strong. Couples will be required to submit a list of 10 statements that describe the ingredients that keep their relationship healthy and loving. The list should be sent to the Family Advocacy office via e-mail to Elisa.Parr@losangeles.af.mil; mail to 61st Medical Squadron/SGOH, 2420 Vela Way Suite 1467, El Segundo, Calif., 90245-4659, or fax to 363-6898. Several base agencies are donating prizes to the first, second and third place entries. For more information, call Elisa Parr at 363-1251.

TMO customer service hours

TMO/SATO's customer service hours are from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Both offices are closed every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. for training. The TMO office is located in Area B, Building 219, room 1070A. Request each traveler to please plan accordingly.

The TMO household goods is located in Area B, Building 219, room 1070B and is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To set up an appointment, you must bring six copies of your orders. For more information, call Betty Marshall at 363-1227.

Suicide, workplace violence training is required annually

The Mental Health Clinic is here to help you fulfill Air Force requirements for annual training per AFI 44-154. We are willing to come out to your sections to ensure you get all of your people trained. Call 363-1251 to arrange for a trainer to come to your section.

For those looking to take care of this, training classes will be held Sept. 15 and 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Daedalian Room. Trainers like a full house so come and fill in the 120 seats in the Daedalian Room. Training is mandatory for all military and civilian employees. Must be trained by the end of the year. For more information, call Capt. Franny Goshtasbpourat at 363-1251.