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## SMC to realign under AFSPC

*SecDef: Full speed ahead with Space Commission recommendations*

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio (AFMCNS) – The Space and Missile Systems Center will realign under Air Force Space Command by Oct. 1, according to officials.

This comprehensive planning effort by the two major commands is one element of the Air Force's overall implementation of the Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization. Chartered by Congress, the Commission provided specific recommendations to improve oversight, management, acquisition and operation of U.S. military space systems and capabilities.

The Department of Defense recently completed a review of the Space Commission report and agreed with its recommendations, and the Air Force is preparing to implement all congressionally approved actions.

Realigning SMC under space command consolidates space acquisition and operations functions in one organization under one commander—

creating a strong center of advocacy for space systems and resources, according to Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander.

"This realignment will better meet operational requirements for space," he said. "Space priorities will be set by a single command – Air Force Space Command – ensuring the Air Force continues to provide quality stewardship for America's space assets. AFMC will still provide acquisition and science and technology support to AFSPC after SMC has been realigned."

AFSPC Commander Gen. Ed Eberhart said combining space acquisition and operations functions is an important part of the "transformation" of military space, as envisioned by the Space Commission.

"For example, the same people who acquire our satellites may now be flying the satellites. This closer working relationship will benefit the entire life cycle of a space system," Eberhart explained. "Most importantly, blending

these communities will grow space leaders who can better understand and translate technical and operational requirements into the world's premiere space systems."

The SMC realignment does not change the status or importance of Los Angeles AFB, and command officials expect no change in SMC's current mission of acquiring and sustaining America's quality space systems.

There will be limited physical movement of people and organizations. There could, however, be manpower and process changes as command responsibilities are reexamined and refined in ways that make "cradle-to-grave" space operations and acquisition more efficient, effective and coherent.

"The Air Force believes space-related functions are being performed in the right locations, and SMC is ideally suited to execute its space acquisition mission in Los Angeles," said Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini, SMC commander.

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## Tattini wins Schriever Award



Photo by Joe Juarez

Space and Missile Systems Center commander Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini, right, is presented the Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Award from retired Maj. Gen. Wes Clark, the chairman of the board of Chapter 147 of the Air Force Association, at their Salute to SMC May 11. The award is the chapter's highest honor and is presented for "outstanding achievements in support of Air Force space and missile programs." *More award winners, Page 3.* For more information on the AFA, stop by its membership drive and cookout today from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Area A mall.

## Lyles: Realignment a 'positive' move for space community

By Tim Dougherty  
Public Affairs

"It's a very positive time" for the space community, Air Force Materiel Command commander Gen. Lester Lyles said regarding the Air Force's implementation of recent recommendations from Congress' Space Commission Report. In Los Angeles for the annual Air Force Association Salute to Space and Missile Systems Center, Lyles sat down for an interview with Astro News to communicate his

thoughts on SMC's upcoming realignment with Air Force Space Command.

"This is a very interesting and challenging time for the space community. To me, however, it's a very positive time. The Space Commission has made some specific recommendations and as we all know, the Secretary of Defense endorsed those recommendations and gave out direction of things he expects to see," Lyles said.

The Space Commission recommendation that has people

at SMC the most concerned is the realignment with AFSPC. Lyles agrees that it's a major change from how the space community has been organized for almost 50 years. However, while people might be wondering how this will affect them, the general says it's a positive change that will help give space greater visibility and move it into the "forefront of interest for the warfighters."

"While there are lots of issues we need to address, lots of things we need to make sure we do properly, I personally feel

this is a great move for the space community and ultimately will be a very positive thing for everybody involved in this organization. I also think that eventually there will be more resources such as better training and better career development. From the standpoint of the people at SMC, and from the standpoint of those involved in the space community, I think it's a very positive step."

Lyles agrees with Gen. Ed Eberhart, commander-in-chief of U.S. Space Command and the head of Air Force Space

Command, when he said the realignment is "creating a new culture."

"In some respects, people can't think of themselves as going from acquisition, science and technology and becoming operators," Lyles said.

"We're blending, for the first time, the acquisition, technology and development community for space with the operational community and it will be neither of either side," Lyles said. "It will be a blend of both and the best will come out."

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# Command, union partnership creates better AFMC

**By Gen. Lester Lyles**  
AFMC Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio (AFMCNS) — Partnerships have been a mainstay of American society since the birth of our nation. Our founding fathers formed one of the greatest partnerships of all time when they came together to forge the Declaration of Independence and later, the Constitution.

Partnerships are also vital to our military history. The Allies of World War II and the more recent Persian Gulf War pooled resources to further a common goal. And today, our national defense strategy is based on a military doctrine that calls for all the Armed Services to work together as partners for the strongest defense possible.

Air Force Materiel Command and the American Federation of Government Employees Council 214, AFL-CIO, which is the union representing the vast majority of AFMC's civilian employees, share that

objective, too. We have formed a partnership that is enabling the people of our command to better carry out our mission.

The partnership is based on a simple, but important vision — labor and management working together, creating and sustaining an environment to take care of our people so they can take care of the mission.

There was a time when our union and management debated how best to serve the command workforce. But today, our relationship is built on such principles as respect for all workers, common interests and shared problems, an open sharing of information, trust in each other as equals and a commitment to sustaining a partnership process. We adhere to these principles with respect and appreciation for each other's roles and responsibilities.

Our partnership process kicked off 18 months ago with the formation of a command-level Partnership Council and local councils at most AFMC

bases. These councils are made up of representatives from the command and AFGE.

They are working together on a number of initiatives with the goal of operationalizing the partnership concept across the command, from the headquarters to the smallest AFMC unit. We want to instill management-union partnerships as part of our day-to-day routine — a routine with a people-first philosophy.

Key elements to operationalizing this partnership include establishing partnership agreements at all AFMC centers and operating locations, redefining the roles of AFMC and the union by giving the union a greater role as an advisor to commanders, requiring partnership training for all AFMC people, developing measurements to track the partnership efforts, implementing a communication plan that will help all members of the workforce to be better informed and last, but perhaps most important, undertaking meaningful initiatives.

Some of the initiatives already being worked by our Partnership Council include:

— Developing a plan to establish Alternative Dispute Resolution processes at each base. ADR allows our people a way to resolve workplace disputes without filing a formal grievance or unfair labor complaint. It allows our people to meet, discuss and reach agreements. It has been a big success at the bases where it's already in place.

— Working to come to an agreement on 105 Air Force Instructions previously were converted from Air Force regulations. The command and AFGE have reached agreement on 63 of the AFIs and are making progress on the majority of the remaining instructions.

— Moving closer to reaching an agreement on whether the command should implement the new "pass-fail" civilian appraisal program.

— Working with the AFMC Surgeon General's office to develop a command-wide

policy for workers compensation and return-to-work issues.

As the Air Force command with the largest number of civilian employees, we are committed to maintaining a climate in which management and union work together. Whether it be on a shop floor at one of our depots or around the table in a conference room, we must work together as partners.

Our Partnership Councils, both at the HQ AFMC/AFGE Council 214 level and at our centers, are making great strides as we establish partnerships as the standard for how we operate. We call on everyone in AFMC, military and civilian, to work as a team and embrace the efforts of their local Partnership Councils.

It will make a difference in your quality of life on the job and become an important part of AFMC's own history of success in meeting our nation's national security objectives.

— AFGE Council 214  
President Scott Blanch contributed to this commentary.

## SMC prepares for Change of Command

The Space and Missile Systems Center commander's change of command and retirement ceremony will be held at the Fort MacArthur Parade Grounds May 25 at 1:30 p.m. Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold will assume command. Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini will relinquish command and retire. All personnel assigned to, or associated with, SMC are encouraged to attend. For military attendees, dress is the uniform of the day. Attendees should arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. as on-base parking is limited. Additional parking and transportation to the event will be provided from the parking lot at Harbor Blvd. and 22nd Street in San Pedro.

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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. If you have an issue that needs to be resolved, discuss it first with your supervisor or First Sergeant. Call the Action Line at 363-2255 if you can't find a solution through

your chain of command. Your call will be recorded and, if you leave your name and number, you will get an answer to your question.



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# Tattini: Thank you for support, keep up great work

**By Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini**  
SMC Commander

As I approach my retirement from our Air Force, I want to thank all of you for the outstanding support you have given me during my tenure as your commander. From my first day on the job, I knew the Space and Missile Systems Center was an excellent organization.

We started by overcoming the challenge of five launch failures in our first ten months of command. We now have in place both mission assurance

and risk management processes and programs that have allowed a continuing string of successful launches. And, despite these challenges, there is one thing that has been a constant, and it has been you – the men and women of SMC.

As we now approach a heightened level of activity in space, the future of SMC is bright for you. Let me expand on this thought in three ways.

First, SMC is the leader for space acquisitions. We are the leaders because of our history and expertise. Simply put, no

one else can do it better than we do it. As a result, we manage over \$5 billion in contracts a year; and this is not going to change anytime soon in the foreseeable future.

Second, the future of SMC is bright because of the renewed emphasis on “mission success.” This mindset is at a premium now amongst the SMC team, and will continue to be so under the leadership of the new SMC Commander. There will be a critical period of time for our new space acquisitions in the coming years, and your focus

on success will make these acquisitions a reality.

And, the last way the future of SMC is positive is because of the increased focus on space at the highest levels of government. The Secretary of Defense is among those leading this charge, and the Space Commission recommendations are providing the basis for ensuring space is a number one priority for the nation. There are revolutionary capabilities that space systems can provide, and since we are in the business of developing and procuring these

systems, we are at the center of this activity.

In closing, I want to personally and sincerely thank all of the airmen, civilians and contractors of the SMC team for contributing in a significant way during my command. I can only hope that you provide the same level of extraordinary support to the new SMC commander. I know you will. With that said, SMC and the future space for the U. S. is in good hands. Thank you, God bless and stay in touch. It has been a privilege to coach the “winning team.”

## Armed Forces Week

I am proud to offer my sincere thanks during Armed Forces Week to the brave men and women who protect our Nation. During the past several months, I have been privileged to witness personally the depth of your dedication and the strength of your character. The professional manner in which you conduct your duties, your can-do spirit and your sense of patriotism all reflect the fact that our Armed Forces are second to none in the world. In a world of both existing and emerging threats, you provide a strong and steady defense. Because of you, America is a secure nation where our citizens can hope, dream and live in freedom. My office holds no greater honor than to serve as your commander in chief. On behalf of all Americans this Armed Forces Week, I salute you for the tremendous contributions you make to our Nation's defense. May God bless you all.

– President George W. Bush

## AFA salutes SMC awardees at annual banquet



Photo by Joe Juarez

Air Force Association Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Chapter 147 annual award winners pose for a photo at the annual Salute to SMC banquet held May 11 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. From left to right: Dr. Alfred Rockefeller Jr. Outstanding Civilian award winner **Mark Jensen**; Chairman's Award for Outstanding Field Grade Officer **Col. Wesley "Allan" Ballenger Jr.**; Lt. Gen. Kenneth Schultz award winner **Maj. Patrick Burke**; Lt. Gen. McCartney Outstanding Company Grade Officer award winner **Capt. Vida Beard**; Outstanding Airman of the Year award winner **Airman 1st Class Paul Rand**; Air Force Materiel Command commander **Gen. Lester Lyles**; SMC commander **Lt. Gen.**

**Eugene Tattini**; Lt. Gen. Richard Henry Leadership award winner **Maj. Lyle Cary**; President's Award for Outstanding Non-commissioned Officer award winner **Tech. Sgt. Gary Garver**; and Lt. Gen. John W. O'Neill award winner **Col. William McCasland**. Not pictured were Award of Excellence award winner **Capt. Dean Fitzgerald**; Gen. Samuel Phillips Young Engineer/Scientist award winner **Capt. Brian "Marc" Baumann**; and Outstanding Company Grade Officer (less than four years) award winner **2nd Lt. Michelle Bernhard**. In addition, the chapter selected SMC's Directorate of Launch Vehicles as the Outstanding Unit of the Year.

## Lyles, from Page 1

“Our engineers, scientists, technicians and developers will be taken care of. I will insist on this in the processes and checks and balances we're going to establish. I think it's probably understandable but probably

## Realignment, from Page 1

Currently, a comprehensive programming plan for initial phases of the SMC realignment is being jointly developed by

incorrect for research and development people to think they're going to go over to the operational command and become operators. This is going to be a whole new culture that we're going to create. It's something different and we will

AFSPC and AFMC. The plan has detailed steps to be taken to give AFSPC overarching responsibility to execute space acquisition and operations

evolve with it.”

Lyles has a secret weapon to offer anyone who is concerned about how the realignment will affect them.

“I can't resist the opportunity to use my old buzzword people have heard me say many

efficiently and effectively.

Functional experts from AFSPC, AFMC and SMC have been working closely together on the plan to ensure the

times. It's my three-word motto for management and leadership I think really applies: Communicate, communicate, communicate,” Lyles said.

“People need to understand exactly what's going to happen and shouldn't just be surmising

realignment is accomplished as smoothly as possible.

As the process of reengineering military space organization and management

what they think might happen to them. Everyone needs to talk to each other and get the issues out on the table so we can disavow (rumors) where needed or find issues we need to solve. We'll never know unless people communicate,” Lyles said.

begins, uninterrupted delivery, operation and sustainment of space-based capabilities to the joint warfighter will continue in support of our national security

# Local wife, mom wins 2001 'Spouse of the Year' award

By Joe Davidson  
Public Affairs

When Lisa Pinder stood at her husband Robert's side 20 years ago at his first reenlistment in the Air Force, she had no idea she was reenlisting as well. She stood next to Space and Missile Systems Center commander Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini last week as he announced that Lisa was selected as the 2001 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year.

Today, if you mention reenlistment to Pinder, she would be more than happy to sign the contract if she could arrange the ceremony. Like her husband, Lisa has made the Air Force her life. Since that first reenlistment 20 years ago, she has attended not only all of her husband's reenlistment ceremonies but has personally arranged

other ceremonies, banquets and celebrations for various friends and associates.

But she received the award for doing much more than act as a party planner.

"Being married to an Air Force member has gotten us involved as a family as we try to do everything together as far as the Air Force is concerned. What I try to do is make the Air Force our world," Pinder said. Her family includes three boys who run her ragged as husband Robert, the 61st Medical Squadron's first sergeant, deploys or takes care of other Air Force business.

Whenever he has been away, Lisa has been more than happy to attend graduations, airman dinners, quarterly awards ceremonies and other functions on his behalf. Being totally involved has also meant sup-



Photo by Joe Juarez

Lisa Pinder, center, stands with SMC commander Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini and his wife, Jene, at the AFA salute to SMC last week. Pinder is the 2001 Joan Orr Spouse of the Year award winner.

porting other Air Force family members, her church and local community activities as well.

Whether it's baking cookies for a local fundraiser or arranging ceremonies for friends, she has been involved and known for her ability to make events a

success. A fire chief she barely knew personally requested that Pinder be the one to arrange his retirement party after 45 years federal service. Apparently, word of her abilities got around.

Her life has been an Air Force life and she says she's

been more than happy to be a part of it all. "I think it's an honor to be an Air Force spouse. Being involved has truly proven this to me," Pinder said. She will receive her award in Washington, D.C. in early September.

# AFMC unveils knowledge management site on web

By Dick Ennis

AFMC Knowledge Management Team

Government and industry have long recognized the need to document and apply the lessons from past experience to current and future projects, programs and systems. Despite numerous, limited attempts, little had been done to facilitate a sharing culture until the Air Force Inspector General and the General Accounting Office identified a need for an "overarching and universal" lessons-learned program.

That is until now. Air Force Materiel Command Knowledge Management, or AFMC KM, is a web-based, selected knowledge directory and repository. Originally chartered by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition to develop a lessons-learned database, AFMC's Directorate

of Requirements drove a focus shift to knowledge sharing.

This shift provides for collection and sharing of all categories of knowledge to include virtual education and training, consulting resources, lessons learned and best practices, learning histories and other nuggets of knowledge related to a wide variety of product support mission areas, weapon systems, programs and business processes.

As part of the developing "My Air Force" portal and expansion of Defense Acquisition Deskbook capabilities, the AFMC KM website provides content material and serves as a hub to multiple, sources of

knowledge providing links to related and relevant web sites aligned by subject area.

"Our intent is to operationalize quality by providing the necessary tools to leverage the vast amount of knowledge residing in desk drawers, file cabinets and the minds of our workforce," said Randy Adkins, AFMC KM program manager.

"We do this by providing a foundation to facilitate the collection, analysis, classification, and sharing of knowledge," Adkins said.

The "overarching and universal" requirement was satisfied using the top-level of the Air Force numerical index

of standard and recurring Air Force publications. This easily navigable structure serves as a foundation for categorizing knowledge in a logical and recognizable framework. Knowledge may be found through a subject area drill down from generic to more specific subject areas, and typical or advanced word-based search queries.

AFMC KM seeks to instill a knowledge management partnership at all levels throughout the Air Force and is in continuous search of lessons learned, best practices, success stories and other essential information intended to document key facets of individual

programs, policies and systems.

The evolving product is already a robust, fully interactive KM system that is now available to all AFMC personnel. A one-hour class demonstrating how to access and use this system is scheduled here at SMC with sessions throughout the day on June 5, 6 and 7. This class demonstrates both the power of KM and ways to use KM tools to be more effective and efficient in your day-to-day acquisition, sustainment and administrative support activities.

The course, AFMC KM 101, is open to all Los Angeles AFB government and on-site contractor personnel who register at: <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil>.

The class earns attendees one Acquisition Reform Continuous Learning Point towards the biannual 80-point requirement.



Air Force Knowledge Management

# DoD mobilizes to mitigate California power shortage

**By Gerry Gilmore**

American Forces Press Service  
Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld announced plans May 3 to cut DoD's peak power usage in California to help mitigate that state's growing energy shortage.

Rumsfeld directed DoD installations in California to decrease their peak power draw from state commercial electricity grids through conservation, energy efficiency investments and power generation, depart-

ment officials said.

The secretary's actions follow initiatives announced earlier by President Bush to involve federal organizations in assisting California's search for more electric power.

"The situation in California and the surrounding states demands the full attention of all electricity consumers, public and private," Rumsfeld said.

"We intend to do our part to mitigate the electricity shortage." He noted DoD is one of

California's larger consumers of electricity even though its draw represents only 1 percent of the state's peak load.

Rumsfeld said he wants DoD's peak-hour electricity consumption in California this summer reduced by 10 percent from a year ago and by another average 15 percent by summer 2002.

The Defense Department will invest more than \$50 million over the next two years as part of energy-saving initia-

tives in California, Ray DuBois, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, said at a May 3 Pentagon press briefing. The investment will leverage over \$290 million in private-sector spending on energy-saving projects in the state, he said.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz remarked May 3 at the White House that DoD's conservation efforts in California would essentially provide the state with the

energy equivalent of a 200-megawatt power plant.

DuBois said electricity generation at two DoD-operated natural gas power plants in California would be stepped up, pending state approval, to help alleviate the state's power shortage. DoD-owned diesel mobile power generators in the state, however, won't be used to provide more power, he added.

DoD's efforts in California, he added, would eventually bring savings of \$25 million.

## Tips for a smooth move

**By Rudi Williams**

American Forces Press Service

Relocation is part of life in the military and for some DoD civilian employees. Every permanent-change-of-station order means moving yourself, your family and all your belongings to a new duty location somewhere in the world.

Moving is a big event with a lot of physical and emotional challenges that need to be handled with care. Like everything else in life, there's a right way to move. And doing it the right way can make a big difference in stress, peace of mind — and your pocketbook.

Here are some things to do to help make your move smoother:

- Contact the household goods office for an appointment with a counselor.

- Notify the housing office of your orders and date of departure.

- Check school enrollment requirements at your new station.

- Contact the department of motor vehicles for information on changing your driver's license and vehicle registration.

- Fill out a postal change-of-address form.

For more information on preparing for a move, contact the housing office at 363-8397.

## Cinco de Mayo on the mall



Photo by Joe Juarez

Cinco de Mayo folklorico dancers excite the crowd at The Aerospace Corporation's Paulikas Mall March 4. The Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the "Battle of Puebla" on May 5, 1862.

# Fitness: not just a fad



Photos by Joe Davidson



To recognize May as Fitness Month and get Los Angeles AFB personnel thinking about fitness, the Health and Wellness Center sponsored a Fitness Fair May 16. Hundreds of people came out to learn more about health, watch or take part in demonstrations and even try out a complimentary massage. Clockwise from top left: Fitness Fair visitors sample a variety of fruits and vegetables from the food pyramid. Anita Defrancesco, a local massage therapist, demonstrates deep tissue massage to a willing volunteer. Kim Cahill and Ron Bartolome discuss the benefits of eating a balanced diet using the fundamentals of the food pyramid. Several participants gave a cycle workout a try. Other visitors sat in a massage chair for several minutes of relaxation.

# Dollars and Sense:

## *Finance, travel-related information*

To better serve its customers, the finance office is extending its hours effective May 7. New hours are: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of Wednesday morning where the office will open at 9 a.m. During this time the office can assist customers with a variety of services including: military pay, civilian pay, travel pay, cashier cage transactions and accounting liaison issues.

To contact the office, try one of the following numbers:

Customer Service: 363-1534. Liaison Customer Service: 363-6872. Customer Service Fax: 363-6086.

Customer Service can be reached via e-mail at: [SMCFMF.Services@losangeles.af.mil](mailto:SMCFMF.Services@losangeles.af.mil)

Finance is located in Building 130, Room 1284.

Here are some other helpful hints for customers filing travel vouchers:

1. It is very important that your orders and the location listed on your travel voucher match. Finance can only reimburse travelers for authorized trips.

2. Room rates for the United States and its territories and possessions do not include taxes. This is why it is critical to separate the room rate and the room tax when filing vouchers. For foreign travel, room rates and per diem, include allocations for taxes, therefore it is not necessary to separate the room rate and room tax when filing for reimbursement.

3. If a customer checks the split disbursement block on the travel voucher and does not specify an amount, the total

settlement payment will be sent to their Bank of America Government Travel Card account.

4. To receive actual expense authorization up to 150 percent of the per diem rate, the traveler needs to have approval from their 2-letter director for each specific trip. This is an Air Force Materiel Command policy. It cannot be a blanket statement and it cannot be delegated below the 2-letter director level. Two-letter directors cannot approve their own actual expense authorization – it must go to the Space and Missile Systems Center

commander. To receive AEA over 150 percent to 300 percent, approval must come from the major command level. This type of authorization must go through customer service for forwarding to AFMC.

As a reminder, there is the potential for one or more airlines being involved in a strike or work stoppage this year. With the federal government having 93,000 employees on travel on any business day, there will certainly be travelers with questions on what to do. While the GSA's Office of Government-wide Policy is optimistic that a strike will not

occur, they want to help with a few tips on easing the burden of traveling during this unstable period. The following guidelines will help prevent travel problems:

– Make travel plans early – do not wait until the last minute.

– Be flexible and have a backup plan.

– Have SATO, airline and other emergency phone numbers ready for easy reference.

*Dollars and Sense is a forum to provide education to Los Angeles AFB on financial and travel matters. To submit topics to discuss, send requests to: [mark.holbrook@losangeles.af.mil](mailto:mark.holbrook@losangeles.af.mil).*



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## Space-A destinations for May

May 2001 departures				
Date	Flight #	Space-A showtime	Departure Time	Destinations
20, 27	MC71	6:35 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	Seattle, Osan, Kadena
21, 28	MC87	8:50 p.m.	11:50 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Iwakuni, Misawa
24, 31	MC79	8:30 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Kadena
May 2001 arrivals				
Date	Flight #	Arrival time	Arriving from	
23, 30	MC88	1:50 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Iwakuni, Misawa	
19, 26	MC80	4 p.m.	Seattle, Yokota, Kadena	

**Notes:** Space-available travel is available for active-duty, reserve and retirees. For more information, contact the Air Mobility Command Customer Service Branch at 363-0714. You can sign up for Space-A travel in person at Terminal 2 at the Los Angeles International Airport, by fax at 363-2790 or on the Internet at [www.travis.af.mil](http://www.travis.af.mil).

### Family Child Care

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 at Fort MacArthur, Building 31.

Current providers: **Amy Gonzalez** can provide child care from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for children ages 3 and up on a full, part-time and drop-in basis. For more information, call 514-1938. **Johvon Tidwell** can provide child care from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays for children ages 2 and up on a full, part-time and drop-in basis. For more information, call 547-9762. **Ann Hall** has an opening for a child two years or older. Call 832-5673 for more information. **Kimberly McClure** has an opening for a child two years or older. Call

833-8188 for more information.

**Kellie Heironimus** provides hourly care for children of all ages. Call 833-5751 for more information. **Tina Alejandro** has an opening for a child two years or older. Call 832-2620 to speak to Tina. **Joan Smith** has two openings for children two years and older. Call 241-1422 for more information.

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 child care for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis in base housing must be trained, certified and granted a license by the base commander.

The Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station has openings in their Navy licensed family home day care homes. Call **Kathy Richards** at 562-626-7899 for more information.

### Extended child care

The Child Development Center will implement a new child care initiative to extend the hours of child care to accommodate for extended duty hours. Extended duty is defined as temporary shift change, unplanned weekend duty, short-term temporary additional duty if no other parent available, dual military or single parent deployment. For more information, contact Iris Alexander at 363-5950.

### South Bay Fun Run

The South Bay Fun Run takes place June 2 in San Pedro. Registration is open until the day of the event. Encourage your office to get a team together.

The goal is to sponsor 50 children to go to Camp Del Corazon, a Catalina Island-based camp for children recovering from heart surgery. Go to [www.southbayfunrun.com](http://www.southbayfunrun.com) on the Internet for more details. To volunteer to assist with this event, contact 1st Lt. Kevin Mantovani at 336-4664.

### RV storage

Los Angeles AFB offers two recreational vehicle storage facilities located next to the FamCamp in Lawndale and at Fort MacArthur. Storage fees are between \$20 and \$30 per month.

### The Fitness Center

The Fitness Center offers one-on-one free individualized fitness programming. Personal trainers provide the following services: fitness assessments, personal fitness planning, fitness goal setting, programs to lower cholesterol, strength training, cardiovascular 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.

### Gymnastics offered

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Fort MacArthur Fitness Center at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Worship schedule

Roman Catholic: Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at 4 p.m., Mass at 4:30 p.m. Mass at 9 a.m. Sundays. Continuing Christian Development is held in Building 37 at 10:15 a.m.

Protestant: Sunday School at 9 a.m. in Building 37. General Protestant worship at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Jim Walker at 363-6433.