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SMC commander talks realignment, addresses concerns at town hall

By Tim Dougherty
Astro News Editor

"There are some really big changes coming down for the command and these changes will affect all of us in one way or another. I wanted to take this opportunity

to make sure our families understand what is going on," said Space and Missile Systems Center commander Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold as he addressed the transition to Air Force Space Command

and many other issues with the Los Angeles AFB community at a town hall meeting July 17.

"The biggest event happening for Los Angeles AFB is that we are going to become members of Space Command on Oct.

1. This realignment stems from recommendations from a recent Space Commission Report. To get ready for this transition, we've moved out smartly and have spent lots of time working on the details and the planning," Arnold said. The general said

he has recently been in working meetings with AFSPC commander Gen. Ed Eberhart and vice commander Lt. Gen. Roger Dekok, and says that although the realignment is a very significant change, everyone within the leadership of

both commands is working on the details to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

One of the significant details in the realignment is the transition of the Program Executive Office for Space from Washing-



Photo by Joe Juarez

Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold discusses quality-of-life issues with a Los Angeles AFB family member.



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Lt. Gen. Arnold speaks to a packed house at a Town Hall meeting July 17 at Fort MacArthur.

ton, D.C., to SMC.

"The Air Force will become the executive agent for all of space for the Department of Defense and secondly, the Program Executive Officer, who is now Brig. Gen. Craig Cooning, will come out here and I will become the PEO," Arnold said. "In the past, the PEO has been in Washington

yet the programs have been running here. So one of the biggest changes is to bring that person here to SMC, and I will become that person. We'll have the PEO right here which will give us much better control of the programs because we'll have eyes on the target every day, which is really a great way to run the business."

Also with the realignment, decision-making authority will shift to the Under Secretary of the Air Force who will become the acquisition authority for space for the Air Force and all of DoD.

"We're in a very exciting time because space is in the forefront of our national See TOWN HALL, Page 3

SMC helps missile defense test succeed

By Tim Dougherty
Astro News Editor

Team SMC played a significant role in the success of the most ambitious missile defense test the United States has ever conducted.

The Rocket Systems Launch Program, part of the Space and Missile Systems Center's newly created Detachment 12 in Kirtland AFB, N.M., managed

the entire target vehicle program.

"The RSLP team of Lockheed Martin Astronautics, Sandia National Laboratories, TRW and Detachment 9 provided a flawless target," said Col. Dan Dansro, program director of the Rocket Systems Launch Program.

At Vandenberg AFB, Calif., SMC's Det. 9 conducted a flawless countdown, said Col.

John Wagner, Det. 9's commander.

"We had to process two target vehicles simultaneously in case we needed a backup. This had never been done before now. It took a concerted effort by the entire team and they all came together and

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Tops in Blue takes stage tonight at Ft. MacArthur

The U.S. Air Force's Tops in Blue will perform at the Fort MacArthur parade ground tonight at 8:30 p.m. The 2001 Tops in Blue show, the Magic of Music, is a spectacular medley of songs guaranteed to captivate audiences of all generations. Tops in Blue is the Air

Force's premier entertainment showcase," said Tom Edwards, show producer and chief of Air Force Entertainment. "The new 2001 team is a reflection of the 'best of the best' performers throughout the Air Force."

The show concludes at 10 p.m. Don't miss it!

Chief says farewell, reflects on SMC

By Chief Master Sgt.
Don Cleveland
Command Chief Master Sergeant

As I sat in my office with bare walls revealing the outlines of the numerous mementos accumulated over my 28-year career, I took time to ponder my tour at Los Angeles AFB as the Senior Enlisted Advisor and later the Command Master Chief Master Sergeant. My memories were filled with the rich encounters of the many airmen who started and those who finished their Air Force careers at Los Angeles. I have visited every nook and cranny of our organization and admire

the diversity and spirit of the troops. We have come a long way to improve the quality and value of life for the Space and Missile Systems Center enlisted corps. I felt proud to be associated with a small and dedicated enlisted corps. We help create an Airman's Attic. We implemented a monthly enlisted promotion and NCO induction ceremony. We have an awards program that recognizes the entire workforce. We helped resurrect the USO at Los Angeles International Airport. We installed a fitness room and storage cages at the dormitories. We obtained thousands of dollars of quality-of-life funds

to make a difference for the troops at home station as well as the troops at our detachments. The list of accomplishments is long and I have one request as I depart for my next duty on the flight line at Edwards AFB.

The commander has selected Chief Master Sgt. James Travis as the next SMC Command Chief Master Sergeant. The chief brings 12-years experience as a First Sergeant with him. I ask that you welcome him and his family to Team SMC and give him your trust and loyalty in the months ahead. Invite him to visit your workcenters, housing and recreation sites. Let him know your concerns

and dreams for a better Air Force. If at the end of his tour he too can say, "I left it better than when I found it" then we can declare victory. I too am declaring victory at the end of my tour and wish you well as you transition to Air Force Space Command.

About Chief Cleveland: Chief Cleveland was born in Cody, Wyo., and entered the Air Force in June 1973 after graduating from high school in Avondale, Ariz. He began his career as a maintenance analyst for Strategic Air Command. He also performed reliability and maintainability studies on a fleet of 120 F-4 aircraft and was the noncommissioned officer in charge of avionics analysis. Other duties ranged from



Chief Master Sgt. Cleveland

production analyst for aircraft maintenance to test and evaluation analysis for the MC-130H Combat Talon II program to Maintenance Operations Flight Chief for special operations.

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achieved 100 percent mission success. This was only the second strategic intercept ever accomplished and we were honored to play a role in this historic event," Wagner said.

At 11:07 p.m. Eastern time July 14, an exoatmospheric kill vehicle launched from

Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands homed in on and destroyed a target warhead launched from Vandenberg AFB. The interception took place more than 140 miles above the Earth. The kill vehicle slammed into the warhead at 15,000 miles per hour.

"The early indications we have is that everything worked in a nominal mode," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, during a brief Pentagon press conference after the shoot. "Nominal" means "acceptable."

"These tests take several weeks to deduce the data, but we believe we have a successful test in all aspects at this time," he said. "This test, though, is one stop on a journey. We have a long road ahead in all the missile defense activities."

Kadish said he does not

know for sure if the test met all objectives. "But early indications are that we have performance in every one of the objectives of the test." Full results should be available in about 60 days. — *Jim Garamone of American Forces Press Service contributed to this story.*

Action Line 363-2255

The Action Line is your direct link to Col. Phil Parker, 61st Air Base Group commander. Its purpose is to make Los Angeles AFB a better place to live and work. 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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Jumper tapped to be next AF chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The president announced his nomination of Gen. John Jumper on July 16 as chief of staff of the Air Force.

Jumper, currently the commander of Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, Va., has been serving in the Air Force since 1966 and has commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings and a numbered air force and two major commands.

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security policy in every way," Arnold said.

Arnold addressed several other issues at the town hall. Some of the highlights:

Systems Acquisition Management Support Complex

"We're getting ready to get out of our old buildings in Area A and move into new buildings in Area B in a land swap. This is a novel approach and everyone in the Air Force and in Washington supports us. We are going to trade our old buildings and land to a developer who will in turn build us a new complex. The proposal will soon be sent to Congress and I am expecting construction to begin next summer. I'm going to push this forward as quickly as possible. Ultimately we'll have a new base appearing right in front of our eyes. There is going to be a tremendous amount of construction, but, in the end, we'll have a completely new complex - new fitness center, new clinic, new base exchange, new People Center, new mall and much more. It will be a modern complex which will be very good for our people and very good for all the folks we support."

Fort MacArthur Shoppette for your convenience

"I want everyone to realize the Fort MacArthur Shoppette operates at a loss. If it were a 7-11 or another commercial venture, it would have gone out of business a long time ago.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service runs the shoppette as a convenience for family housing residents, and I urge everyone to use it. It's very kind of the BX and AAFES to run the shoppette."

Thrift Shop to relocate

"The Thrift Shop will soon move into Building 220. I hope everyone realizes that when they support the Thrift Shop they are supporting such things as scholarships for our high school students and other great programs. It's a really neat thing for our community as we take care of ourselves."

School issues for families new to Los Angeles AFB

"For those families who are new to the area, I know that from my experience as a father of five children, one of the most important factors for you is schools. You need to get involved in the process because parents here have had great success in getting their children into the right schools. The place to start is the family support center. They can walk you through a web site that shows where the good schools are. You can also talk to other parents about the schools. But don't be satisfied by just sending your kids off to school thinking you don't have any control, because you do have control. If you feel like you aren't getting the support you need, come see me and we'll talk to the school superintendents about getting your



Photo by Joe Juarez

Linda Poole, left, along with husband 2nd Lt. Lynn Poole from SMC's Launch Programs directorate, listen to Lt. Gen. Arnold at the July 17 town hall meeting as daughter Lauren checks out the crowd.

children into the right place. Don't let somebody tell you that you can't choose the school you want your children to attend because you do have the choice."

New youth center new completion

"As we complete the new youth center at MacArthur Hall, we are seeking your suggestions on improvements we can make to programs we offer to our younger folks."

Ft. Mac Fitness Center

"The Fort MacArthur Fitness Center has come under scrutiny

from the Arnolds, and so I've asked 61st Air Base Group commander Col. Phil Parker to get some new equipment into the gym. We just installed two new CrossTrainers and two upright bikes. Some of the items in that gym are old. I'm trying to get some extra funds to fix up the gym. If anyone has any ideas for the gym, please make sure you get those ideas to us and we'll try to get them on the list. We're going to make it a good place to work out."

Outdoor Recreation

"When you're at the Fitness Center in El Segundo I want

everyone to stop at Outdoor Recreation. They had some of their items displayed at the Summer Bash, and I think you'll be impressed at all the equipment available. It's amazing."

Tops in Blue

"Tops in Blue is the Air Force's premiere entertainment group and they will be here tonight. This is a great activity for the children. It's the first time Tops in Blue has ever visited Los Angeles AFB and it should be a great show. The show starts at 8:30 p.m. on the Fort MacArthur parade ground."

Student wins commissary scholarship

By Tim Dougherty
Astro News Editor

Steve Lothrop, a 2001 graduate of San Pedro High School, and nearly 400 other students around the world have a reason to celebrate as they have been selected as recipients of the first annual Scholarships for Military Children presented by the Defense Commissary Agency.

"I was really excited when I found out I won," Lothrop said. "I gave it my best shot to win but I was certain that a friend of mine

would win instead of me. I know her very well and think she's a great person. I thought she was an excellent candidate for the scholarship."

Despite his confidence in his friend, Lothrop picked up the scholarship at a ceremony earlier this week.

He graduated high school ranked sixth in his class with an overall grade point average of 4.09. He said that advanced placement classes in subjects such as computer science made it possible for his GPA to be better than straight "A's."

The \$1,500 scholarship will be put to good use in a little less

than a month as Lothrop heads to college at the University of California in Berkeley. He plans to major in computer science.

"The scholarship will hopefully let me get some rest," Lothrop said. "I heard that students majoring in computers don't get much sleep."

Commissary agency director Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert Courter Jr. said "The program is a great way for commissaries and industry to get more involved in the military communities they serve." He noted that the company hired to manage the program reported the caliber of the scholarship winners is



Photo by Lou Hernandez

Lothrop accepts a \$1,500 scholarship from Los Angeles AFB commissary director Al Cherry, as his mom, Imsun, and 61st Air Base Group deputy commander Lt. Col. Terry Regan look on.

among the highest in the 500 programs it manages.

Agency officials said more than 5,000 young people applied for scholarships. The

"average" winner carried a grade-point average of 3.8 or higher and is a member of the National Honor Society or on a college dean's list.

SMC gears up for Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week

By Col. Michael Kaye
Systems Acquisition

The Space and Missile Systems Center is again gearing up for an intensive week of training focused on improving our acquisition programs. Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week will be held Sept. 10-14. You may have noticed that the word "Excellence" has replaced "Reform" in the title from previous years. I believe this provides an "excellent" focus for improving our current acquisition processes and best practices as well as striving to make further improvements.

This year the SMC theme for

ALEW is "Partnering for Space Acquisition and Logistics Excellence." These words recognize that success in our acquisition efforts depend upon our customer and industry partnerships; they also denote the new levels of cooperation started by the integration of the space community driven by Space Commission implementation.

Our goals for the up-coming ALEW are for each system program office or integrated product team to improve one process, for each individual to be able to perform one acquisition task more effectively, and to establish meaningful dialogue with industry to identify further

improvements that can be made.

To assist in meeting these goals, we are again scheduling a wide range of workshops focused on process implementation and lessons learned. Once again this year, we will have a web-based enrollment system that will simplify the process for identifying workshops and setting schedules. The catalog will also aid our personnel in scheduling the best overall program by classifying workshops as foundations, applications, and advancing state-of-the-art. Each acquisition person should attend four workshops during the week in addition to hearing the VIP speech.

We want our industry

partners to take full advantage of any workshop they feel will provide high return of their investment of time. Industry's involvement also offers to yield tremendous benefit by providing their perspective, while ensuring we consider factors unique to their role in the partnership.

A highlight of past reform weeks has been the VIP day. This year, the Honorable E.C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, is scheduled to be our keynote speaker. He will join government and industry leaders for an executive panel discussion. Topics will include

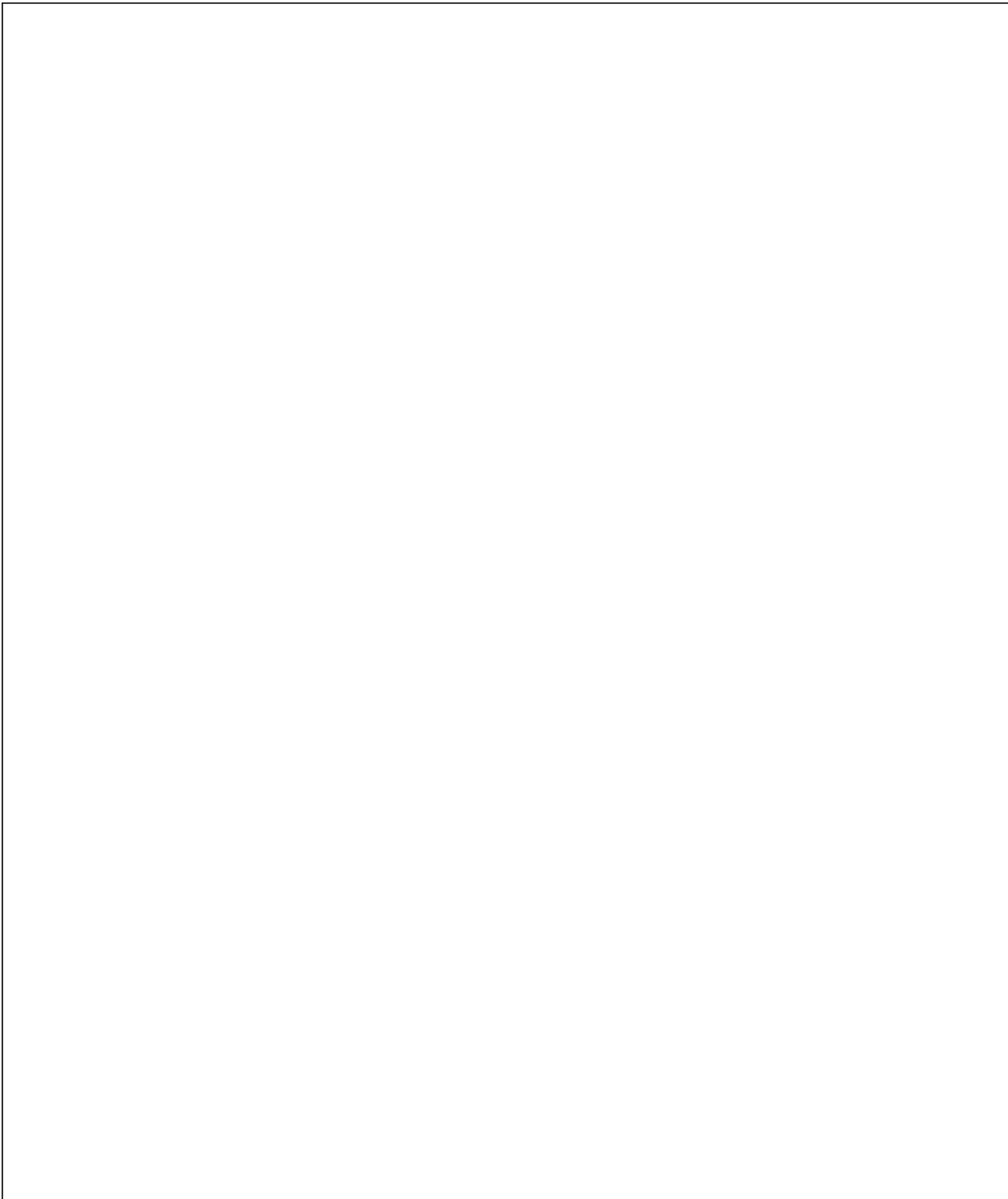
the impacts and challenges resulting from the Space Commission implementation.

Finally, and most important of all, we want to drive change. Friday of ALEW as a "SPO/IPT Day." Workshops will not be scheduled that day. Instead, members of the program offices and project teams will meet with customers and contractors to discuss the great ideas they've encountered during the week.

Acquisition and Logistics Excellence week will play an important role in the development of partnerships and continued process improvements. For more information on ALEW call Joe Davidson at 363-1221.

SMC TODAY

Got a good story? The staff of the video program 'SMC Today' would love to hear about it. Call John Brazelton at 363-6897 to submit story ideas for the next edition.



He never played hooky from school

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military family member Eric Mize performed what some parents and educators consider a phenomenal feat: He never missed a day of school from kindergarten through the 12th grade — while attending eight schools on four continents.

His perfect attendance record garnered recognition from the Military Child Education Coalition and praise from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry Shelton during the coalition's third annual conference recently in Palm Harbor, Fla.

"Eric is a great example of the outstanding young men and women that are being produced in our school systems," the chairman said. Thunderous applause erupted.

Some 224 Department of Defense schools support

110,000 students in 14 foreign countries, seven states, Guam and Puerto Rico. Another 600,000 military family members attend schools in more than 600 civilian school districts near stateside military bases.

Mize's elementary and middle school years were spent in central Georgia. He then went to Africa and attended Cairo American College in Egypt. From there, he attended Robert D. Degren High School in Japan and finally Ramstein American High School in Germany, where he graduated in 2000 with a 3.3 grade-point average.

"Going to school in different countries was a big change because from 'K' through the eighth grade, I'd only gone to school in Georgia. It was a big culture shock when I went to Egypt," said the liberal arts freshman, who is attending Mercer University in Macon, Ga. "You slowly get used to it, But going to another country is

always a big change."

He said the fun part of attending school overseas is learning different cultures and bits and pieces of different languages.

"I like the socializing part of school," Mize said. "The education is good, but I like friends, too."

The 18-year-old said he logged a perfect attendance record because "I got sick on the weekends and on Christmas breaks. This past year, on a Sunday, I had a 101-degree temperature, but on Monday morning it was 98.6. It's just luck."

Even though he was tempted to play hooky several times, he decided to go to class. "One of my friends wanted me to skip during the last period, but I didn't do it," said Mize, who played football and ran track in high school. "I was halfway to a perfect record in the sixth grade, so I figured I might as well take



Photo by Rudi Williams

Former DoD Dependent Schools student Eric Mize is congratulated for a perfect 13-year school attendance record by Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

the long haul and go for it."

Mize grew up with his mother, Kathy Rowlands, and stepfather, Air Force Lt. Col. John Rowlands, of Ramstein Air Base, Germany. His father, Charles Mize, and stepmother, Natalie, live in Macon.

His brother, Jason, 20, is also at Mercer, working on a double major of political science and Christianity. He missed school one time in the second grade.

"We have good immune systems," Eric Mize quipped.

A pigeon learns to fly as two boys learn about life

By Tim Dougherty
Astro News Editor

“Aaaaah!” my wife screamed as she opened the door to our laundry room. You see, our laundry room is sort of an attachment to our house in the back yard and it’s never locked. The only thing in there is a washer and dryer and I suppose I should lock it but I’m not too concerned about a bad guy breaking in and firing up a load of laundry. Heck, if it’s my kids dirty baseball uniforms I’d actually appreciate the favor. However, on this warm summer day a few weeks ago, a large load of stinky socks was not the cause of my wife’s alarm.

Perched inside an otherwise empty laundry basket was a bird. It was sort of a cute little thing and it could barely stand. Our neighbor had placed the bird in the laundry basket inside our laundry room to keep the little critter safe from her pet cat, a cocky Persian who walks around as if he owns the back yard. Certainly, a freshly opened can of Fancy Feast cat chow is a welcome meal to a feline, but a live bird is a hugely desired treat.

I’m not exactly sure why our neighbor decided that this bird was now our problem, but we decided to shoulder the burden of figuring out what to do with the flightless creature. As luck would have it, a friend of mine, who knows everything, found an injured bird a few days earlier and had the number of the South Bay Wildlife Rehab Center written down on his desk. I gave them a call and one of the volunteers offered to take a look at our bird.

We put the bird in a box and drove to the center, which was actually a private home. After a quick physical, the bird was deemed fit but unable to fly since it was a mere baby. We were tasked with nursing the creature until it was able to fly. I told my 8-year-old son Zack that he and his 6-year-old brother Alex were responsible for taking care of the little birdy as a summer project. I said they had to teach the bird how to fly.

Of course, Alex’s question was “Daddy, how can I teach

him to fly when I can’t fly?” I explained that while it was an excellent question, I was pretty sure that if they took good care of “Hawk” as the bird was soon named, he’d eventually figure it out. I was right.

After a couple weeks living inside a large box, eating bird seed and drinking water, it was obvious that Hawk was eager to fly. The boys would throw him in the air, he’d flap his wings a few times, land on the roof and look around, but invariably Hawk would roost either on our front porch, or worse, on top of a motion-detector light next to the front door. Hawk found himself a home. He was happy and decided he wasn’t going anywhere.

Last Sunday I decided to take Hawk to a park. Catching him was a problem. He was fast and the flying thing made catching him a little harder. I tried to throw a towel on him and I even tried to sneak up on him. My boys finally decided to help their inept father capture the bird.

“I’ll catch him for you Daddy,” Zack said. Sure enough, called the bird and it landed on his shoulder. Zack grabbed Hawk and held him tight while I parked our bikes and got myself and the boys into our van. We drove about five miles down the road to a park with hundreds of pigeons and let Hawk loose.

Up until that time, Hawk hadn’t shown much aeronautical prowess. Once in the park, however, Hawk took to the sky like a duck takes to water. He flew as if he was driving a Ferrari on the open road after driving for years in the city.

So now Hawk is on his own. My boys learned a little about pigeons in the process. I’m not too eager for Hawk to return. However, I’m sure the boys are a little sad and hope Hawk makes it back to our home. As we were driving to the park I could hear Alex whispering directions back to our house and pointing out prominent landmarks. Goodbye Hawk. I hope you’re happy in your new home.

The South Bay Wildlife Rehab Center can be reached at 378-9921.

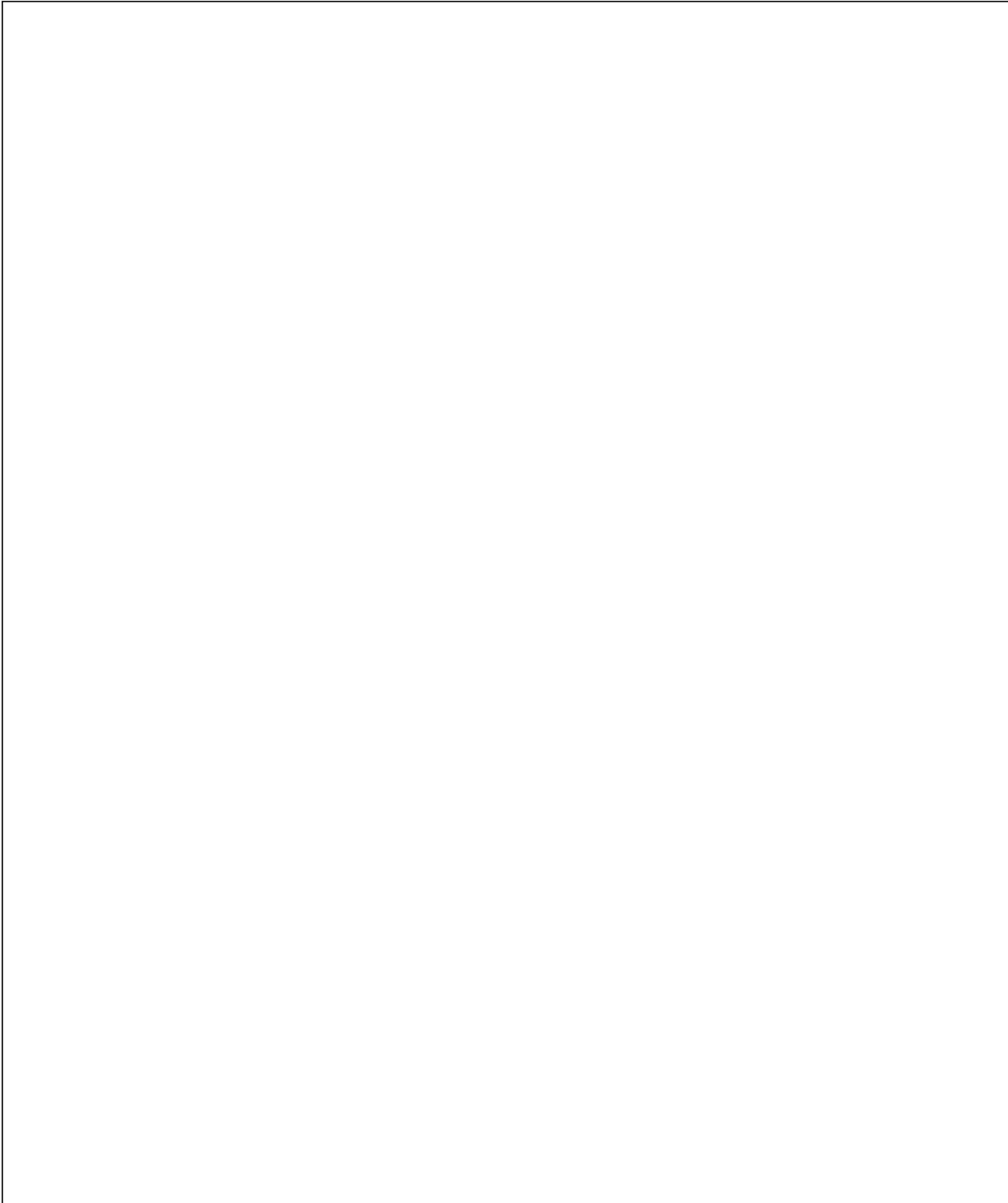
Fixin' for Florida fun

Fritts family first in Summer Bash drawing



Photos by Tim Dougherty

Over 1,500 revellers were in attendance at the Annual Summer Bash, but perhaps none had as much fun as Staff. Sgt. Doug Fritts and his family. They won a drawing for an all-expenses paid trip to Orlando including roundtrip airfare, hotel accomodations, passes to Universal Studios and a rental car. At left, 61st Air Base Group commander Col. Phil Parker presents the prize to Fritts and his family – daughters Kelli (in front) and Megan, and wife Beth. Above: Dave Cambell, from Art Services, receives a check for \$300 as his prize for drawing the winning Summer Bash poster. Dave plans to pick up a DVD player with his winnings.



Air Force Junior ROTC builds future leaders



Local program seeks instructor

Story and photos
By Tim Dougherty
Astro News Editor

“When I retired after 22 years in the Air Force, I quickly realized I missed putting on the uniform,” said retired Master Sgt. Horace Watkins, currently an assistant Aerospace Sciences instructor with the Junior Reserve Officer’s Training Corps program at South Gate High School in South Gate, Calif. “The job is challenging but I enjoy working with the cadets. The program provides support for the cadets that many can’t get at home. We are like an extension of their family.”

There is currently an opening for an additional assistant instructor at South Gate. Retired Maj. Emerson Pittman runs the program and says the benefits are excellent and the rewards are extraordinary.

The Junior ROTC Special Drill Teams at Southgate High School spend several hours per week after class working on the finer points of Close Order Drill. Clockwise from top left: – Cadet Airman First Class Armando Avila practices drill with the sabre. – Rifle Drill members Cadet Airman Roger Cuevas, followed by Cadet Staff Sgt. Rodrigo Carrillo, Cadet 2nd Lt. Abraham Juarez, Cadet 2nd Lt. Daniel Farfan and Cadet Sgt. Dennis Sotelo, stand at ‘order arms’ as they practice rifle drill. – Cadet Airman First Class Yensid Garcia adjusts her hat as she prepares to practice as a member of the unarmed drill team. – Cadet 2nd Lt. Luis Medina takes roll call and talks to Cuevas prior to sending the drill teams out to practice.



“Because of our class size and the outstanding support of the principal of South Gate, I have an opportunity to hire an additional instructor. The work is challenging but it gives me the chance to help the Air Force build the leaders for tomorrow,” Pittman says. He explained that the ideal candidate would be a recently retired Air Force

noncommissioned officer from any field who is interested in remaining in the Los Angeles area. Prior experience as a First Sergeant or as a Military Training Instructor would be a plus. It would also help if the candidate speaks Spanish.

Call Pittman at 323-567-2333 ext. 266 for more information or to apply for this job.





Photo by Lou Hernandez

American Leaguer R.C.Pinder from the 61st Air Base Group, slides safely into second base as National Leaguer Jeff Brach with SMC's Advanced Systems Directorate awaits the throw.

Intramural softball 'All-Stars' wow fans

By Ver Dervera
Sports Director

In the first Los Angeles AFB Intramural Softball League All-Star game the American League team defeated the National League team in a best two-out-of-three series. The AL was shut out in the first game 8-0 only to rebound to take the next two games and the series by scores of 12-5 and 11-10.

In game one, NL pitcher Ike Williams pitched a four-hit shutout as the NL completely dominated the AL stars. In addition to his pitching prowess, Williams got the NL stars rolling in the first inning as he blasted a two-run homer over the right center field fence.

Game 2 was completely different as the AL hitters found their bats en route to a 12-5 drubbing of the NL stars.

The rubber match saw one of the most exciting games played this century at Los Angeles AFB. Ed Golinski led off with a homer in the first inning for the AL stars and the AL ran off to an early 6-3 lead. The intensity increased in the middle innings as both teams began displaying all-star caliber defense. The AL seemed to clinch the game by using key hits from Billy Humphrey and Jason Golaboski to build a 9-5 lead after 6 innings.

The last inning was one for the archives. Down by 4 runs with 1 out, the NL stars put together a string of hits to close to 9-8. Rico Pamintuan then lined a shot to center for an inside-the-park homer. The NL got two more hits from Ruben

Montoya and Todd Wiest but the AL defense tightened up and recorded the final out before any further damage.

Now down by a 10-9 score and looking at their last at bat, the AL stars were feeling the pressure. With two outs and Golaboski on first with a single, Rick Harder doubled to put runners on second and third. Rick Barker was put in as a courtesy runner for Harder. Deciding to play the percentages, the NL intentionally walked left-handed hitting Ricky Hunt to load the bases and pitch to Joe Coniglio who had only one hit for the day. Coniglio calmly stepped to the plate and lined a single to center field. Golaboski scored and NL centerfielder Dave Frazer threw a strike to the plate but Barker slid in to beat the tag and give the jubilant AL All-Stars the 11-10 victory.

AL coach Scott Ytzen said his strategy was to run the man from second on any hit to avoid extra innings.

Golinski led the AL with three hits but the real hero was Coniglio who finished with 2 hits for the AL stars.

The AL team was made up of players from the Space and Missile Systems Center's NAVSTAR Global Positioning System, Satellite and Launch Programs, Space-Based Infrared Systems as well as the 61st Air Base Group, while the NL team was comprised of players from Advanced Systems, Launch Programs, Comptroller, MILSATCOM, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles, and Developmental Planning.

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 Christina Kobayashi 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 2 years or older. Call 832-5673 for more information. **Kimberly McClure** has an opening for a child 2 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 2 years or older. Call 832-2620 to speak to Tina. **Joan Smith** has two openings for children 2 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.

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.

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.

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.

Worship schedule

Roman Catholic: Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at 4 p.m., Mass at 4:30 p.m. Mass at 9 a.m. Sundays.

Protestant: General worship at 10:30 a.m. Contact Chaplain (Maj.) Jim Walker at 363-6433 for info.

Vacation Bible School

The Fort MacArthur Chapel is offering an exciting Vacation Bible School Aug. 13-17 in Building 37 on the second floor. Anyone between the ages of 4-years-old to 4th grade is invited. Contact Staff Sgt. Tim Hall for more information at 363-5355.

Astro News deadlines

The Los Angeles AFB paper, the *Astro News*, is published every other week on Friday. The editorial office is located within the Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs Office in Building 105, Room 4049, in Area A. The telephone number is 363-0303.

Deadline for article submissions is Friday at noon the week before the publication date. Articles and digital photos should be sent via e-mail to the editor at:

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