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"Forging the shape of military space for the 21st century"

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'It's official!' AFSPC welcomes SMC into family

By Peggy Hodge
Public Affairs

History was made Monday as the Space and Missile Systems Center became part of the Air Force Space Command, putting both space acquisition and operations under one umbrella. The commander of SMC, Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, looked on as the flag was passed from Gen. Lester Lyles, the commander of the Air Force Materiel Command, to Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, AFSPC vice commander, signifying the realignment of command.

"We are creating an organization that has no counterpart anywhere else in the Armed Forces – a cradle-to-grave powerhouse that's exactly the right organization for the 21st century," DeKok said.

Preparations have been underway for months but now "it's official – we are now part of Air Force Space Command," Arnold said. "This is very exciting. What a wonderful opportunity the Space Commission has provided us in bringing Air Force Space Command and SMC together.



The command of SMC was passed from AFMC to AFSPC at a ceremony Monday at Fort MacArthur, putting space acquisition and operations under the same major command. Left: Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold says it's an exciting time to be part of SMC. Right: Gen. Lester Lyles, left, and Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, congratulate each other after the reins of SMC are transferred.

"Today, we become one team of space professionals with one goal in mind – to continue to provide the necessary tools for the warfighter to do their job," said Arnold. "Space is perhaps even more important now than ever before. We are faced with a new enemy, a new kind of warfare and war against terrorism. Space will be at the



Photos by Joe Juarez

forefront in providing us the capability to win this war," he said.

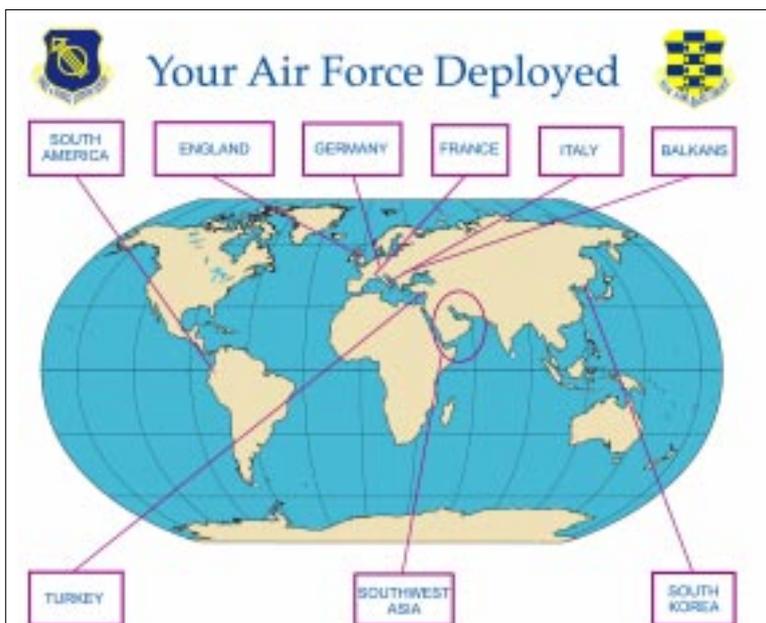
This realignment will enhance the Air Force's efforts in space management and operations. It consolidates space acquisition and operations functions in one organization, creating a strong center of advocacy for space systems and resources to better meet operational

requirements. These closer relationships between people will benefit the entire life cycle of a space system.

"I see exciting new opportunities on the horizon to strengthen our national security space activities as a result of this realignment," DeKok said. "From space acquisition to space operations officers, we'll have a wide range of new space professionals."

This realignment also allows the Air Force to implement streamlined acquisition authority and execution processes in which AFSPC plays a critical role in national security space management and operations. With a streamlined focus on space, the American people can expect developments to be integrated into future space systems at an accelerated pace.

"This organization, and all its incarnations, whether you talk about the Western Development Division, SMC, Space Systems Division, Ballistic Missile Division or its past associations with Air Force Systems Command or AFMC, it has a very proud history," Lyles said. "And now with its association with AFSPC, it will have an even more important, prouder and glorious future."



Graphic by Gilmar Cortez

Los Angeles AFB personnel are no strangers to the Aerospace Expeditionary Force concept. At press time, 14 Team SMC people are deployed with AEFs, supporting various operations around the globe. AEFs include a cross section of both Air Force weapon systems and people, tailored for specific needs.

SMC kicks off CFC campaign at annual breakfast



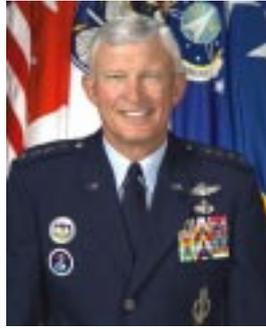
Photo by Joe Juarez

H.T. Linke, the communications and marketing director for the American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles, speaks at Wednesday's Combined Federal Campaign kick-off breakfast at The Club. The American Red Cross is one of the many charities federal employees can give to through the CFC.

Gen. Eberhart: AFSPC welcomes the men and women of SMC

By Gen. Ed Eberhart
AFSPC Commander

It is an honor to welcome the men and women of the Space and Missile Systems Center to the Air Force Space Command family. We have taken an important first step in transforming our space forces to dominate the battlespace of the future. By consolidating space research, development, acquisition and operations functions into one team, we will be more effective space warriors and provide better support to other warfighters. Additionally, this transition allows the Air Force to develop a new cadre of leaders able to translate techni-



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cal and operations requirements into the world's best space systems. For almost a half-century, the people of SMC and its predecessor organizations have delivered unrivaled space and missile capabilities for our Nation. During the Cold War, new technologies and the tension of a bi-polar strategic environment presented a serious threat to our national security. From the early

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ICBMs to EELV, from DSCS II to MILSTAR, through the evolution of GPS and with many other systems, SMC answered the call with the determination and resources needed to fight and win that historic conflict.

The increasing importance of what space brings to the fight has been clear since Desert Storm. As we mobilize to defeat terrorism in the aftermath of the tragic attacks on Sept. 11, our space systems will again play a significant role. There will be challenges as we help shape the future, but there is no doubt the entire Air Force Space Command team will achieve success in keeping America the world's premier space-faring nation.



Gen. Lyles: I salute you, wish you the best in new command

By Gen. Lester Lyles
AFMC Commander

To the Men and Women of the Space and Missile Systems Center. Seven years ago I received my third star and assumed command of the Space and Missile Systems Center. That was the beginning of a close, personal relationship with SMC. I was immediately impressed by the dedication and professional performance exhibited by the men and women of this organization so vital to our nation's defense.

As time passed, I realized that what we did day in and day out at SMC was to deliver warfighting, war-winning capabilities to our nation's decision-makers and warfighters. Commanders and warfighters need the information, remote sensing, communication, early



Gen. Lyles

Information can travel halfway around the world and back in less than 30 minutes. Today SMC is still on track to deliver these capabilities that truly revolutionize the way our warfighters process information and make decisions. After I left SMC, my thoughts were often with you. I had recently assumed my present position when SMC encountered severe problems as fate welcomed a new commander with a launch failure on the very day that Lt. Gen. Gene Tattini assumed command and as more failures occurred over the next few months, the men and women of SMC—along with their compatriots in The Aerospace Corp.—proved to be undaunted in their determination to wrest victory from mishaps. And, indeed, victorious you were! Since then, SMC's launch rate has

warning, navigation and weather forecasting data we gave to them from our space systems.

It was during Operation Allied Force in Kosovo that we proved we had what it took to fight a war we could win with few casualties. For example, we learned that high-powered computers linked by satellite could permit weather forecasters or logistics analysts in the United States to pass information to field commanders and warfighters as easily as if they were standing next to them.

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been so successful that a whole nation points proudly to the success of your efforts.

The alliance between SMC and Air Force Materiel Command will not be severed by this realignment. We will continue to work closely with Air Force Space Command and SMC in all acquisition logistics matters, striving toward our mutual goal of providing our warfighters with the best equipment and technology the world has to offer. In these troubled times, our cooperative efforts are more necessary than ever. You have already demonstrated your devotion to duty and I feel sure you are equal to the task of meeting the forthcoming challenges.

I wish you every success in your new command. Ladies and gentlemen of SMC, it is with gratitude and great pride that I salute you.

Lt. Gen. Arnold: Realignment ceremony shows U.S. is strong

By Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold
SMC Commander

On Monday, the Space and Missile Systems Center was realigned from the Air Force Materiel Command to the Air Force Space Command as recommended by the Space Commission report. Gen. Les Lyles bade us farewell and Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, standing in for Gen. Ed Eberhart, welcomed us. Only three weeks before that, we were rather blissful in our ignorance, making plans for the ceremony, deciding the sequence of events, even deciding where all of us would park and how we would get to the site where the formalities would take place.

But, on Sept. 11, there was a tragic and direct attack on our American way of life. There were many casualties as a



Lt. Gen. Arnold

we altered our preparations for the upcoming ceremony and reworked all of our plans. As Robert Burns said a long time ago, "The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray." However, despite the disruption of our "best laid plans," our special event took place quite successfully. This is but another small proof that the United States is strong, and we will prevail through this catastrophe

result of these attacks and the nation has since unified to assist those in need. On a minor scale, like many other Americans—especially military organizations—

just as we have in the past.

Both Generals Lyles and Eberhart have let us know they expect us to continue our outstanding support of commanders and warfighters. Our nation is very dependent upon our satellites and missiles to get us through these troubled times. Yet, at the same time, while we accomplish our SMC mission, we must exercise certain precautions.

Your health and welfare are important to Air Force leadership and to myself, and base services are ready to assist in taking care of my number one priority...our people. The people I am talking about are the military, civilian, and contractor population that keeps SMC running on a day-to-day basis. Without them, SMC would be a place with a lot of empty buildings, which

means little or no assets going on-orbit to support the warfighter.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers going out for those who lost their lives, those injured, and their families. The first "bomb" has been dropped and the cloud of the aftermath is billowing forth across the entire planet. How can we tolerate the scenes of horror and pain? How can we bear the burden of believing in truth, kindness, and love in the face of such an act and the pain it inflicts?

While grieving and wiping away the tears, we must be strong; we must endure; we must triumph! To ensure the presence of freedom and human rights in this world, we must meet and defeat the enemy.

We in SMC will not be deterred from our mission. God bless.

Defense Support Program Following in the footsteps of America's earliest silent sentry

By Maj. Richard Williamson
Space Based Infrared Systems Program Office

"One if by land, and two if by sea..." Most of America's school children learn about the midnight ride of Paul Revere. But, what they are not normally taught in their school lessons is that the beacon in the Old North Church the night of April 18, 1775, and the subsequent rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes to sound the alarm of the British invasion, probably signify one of the first uses of a coordinated C3ISR – command, control, communications intelligence surveillance reconnaissance – system in American military history. The Old North Church represented the C3ISR "high ground."

When the Soviet Union launched the satellite known as Sputnik in October 1957, a new "high ground" was established – a new high ground for which the United States had no equal. Not only did Sputnik usher in the era of spaced-based

communications, it also brought with it the ability to obtain intelligence, do surveillance and reconnaissance, and drop nuclear warheads onto unsuspecting countries. America's leaders realized the critical need for a permanent system of space-based sensors to watch for rocket launches from potentially hostile nations and provide an early warning of potential hostile activity.

Answering the call for more years than most members of today's Armed Forces have been alive, military, civilian and contractor team members with the Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB, have been designing, acquiring, launching and turning on the nation's silent sentry in the sky. Over 40 years, continually improving and ever more capable space-based infrared systems have looked down on the earth to provide early notification of missile launches and nuclear detonations in the atmosphere.

Early 1960s work with the Missile



satellites to provide early warning and detection of intercontinental ballistic missiles launched from what was then the Soviet Union. This same type of threat was also perceived from the Peoples Republic of China and sea-launched ballistic missiles from Soviet submarines near the North American continent. The classified launch of

Defense Alarm System infrared sensors and VELA satellites led the way to the much improved Defense Support Program specification. The DSP would be based in a geosynchronous orbit over the equator – at about 35,000 kilometers – and would provide coverage of a portion of the earth 24 hours a day. Like the beacon in the Old North Church, it would signal ground-based observers at control stations of any activity that its sensors could detect.

In November 1970, the Air Force used a Titan IIIC rocket to successfully lift into space the first of a new fleet of

that first satellite 30 years ago, the first of 20, has evolved into what is today known as the Air Force's Defense Support Program.

DSP satellites have been answering the call for U.S. defense for many years. "This satellite system has been preserving peace in its missile role for over 30 years – something that our TRW, Aerojet and U.S. government participants are very proud of. We're expecting to live out the legacy of being constant with regard to our mission, consistent with the past and committed

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Action Line 363-2255

The Action Line is your direct link to Col. Phil Parker, 61st Air Base Group commander. As members of Team Los Angeles, we share a common goal of building a strong sense of community where we support each other and work together to provide the best programs and services that serve all customers or users equitably. Although we strive to achieve this goal daily, there will be occasions when a base member or visitor believes we could have helped him or her in a more courteous or timely manner, or in some way better meet their expectations. In those cases, the individual concerned should first contact the responsible organization to allow unit command-

ers and managers an opportunity to resolve the issue and ensure professional and impartial treatment. When these officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual should contact Col. Phil Parker through the Action Line at 363-2255. Each Action Line call will be thoroughly researched and a reply will be given by telephone or in writing. All Action Line callers should leave their name and number so they can receive a personal response. Together we can continue to make Los Angeles AFB a great place to work, live and visit!



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to the future in terms of performing our missile warning function,” said Col. Dudley Killam, DSP Program Manager.

The first block of four satellites weighed 2,000 pounds and were designed with a service life of about one and a half years. Warning was provided by an infrared sensor array of 2,000 lead sulphide detectors which provided below-the-horizon coverage. Secondary missions for the DSP included space launch detection and nuclear detonation detection in support of international test ban treaties.

The Los Angeles-based program office continued to evolve the capabilities of the satellite for the second block to be flown. This series of five planned satellites improved the design life to two years and included an experimental above-the-horizon array sensor on the sixth DSP launched in June 1976. An above-the-horizon capability would allow the Air Force to detect and potentially track a rocket in flight and provide a better understanding of the nature of a rocket launch.

One unforeseen consequence of the tremendous capability built into each Phase II satellite was that the spacecraft on orbit lasted longer than anticipated. Two satellites were placed in storage at TRW as the next generation DSP was

coming on line in case they needed to be called into service at a later time.

With 13 satellites launched and more than 20 years of experience developing and improving space-based infrared systems, the combined government and industry team developed the DSP 1 series spacecraft during the mid-1980s. The first two of 12 planned launches occurred prior to the 1991 war with Iraq and provided the Air Force with the ability to observe Iraqi Scud missile launches. The DSP’s superb operational performance demonstrated that the system could provide significant early warning capability for tactical missile attacks providing direct support to our warfighters.

While the nation continues to receive the early warning benefits of America’s silent sentry, the SBIRS staff continues to innovate and improve the current command, control, communications management and reporting system as work on the next generation space-based infrared system continues.

The Air Force’s SBIRS Mission Control Station at Buckley AFB in Aurora, Colo., represents a significant step in the evolution of the nation’s SBIRS management by centralizing global command, control and communications for strategic and tactical warning into a single modern peacetime facility.

The SBIRS MCS will replace four legacy DSP ground control centers – the three major DSP control stations in the United States and overseas as well as the ALERT tactical warning center. This innovation will provide the Air Force with a cost avoidance of more than \$50 million in operations and maintenance costs and reduce staff required to operate the world-wide system by more than 900 people. The new SBIRS MCS is expected to assume existing DSP strategic ground station duties next month.

“The future depends, in large part, on the success we enjoy today and yesterday and tomorrow from the standpoint of the technologies that are involved,” said Killam.

“The integrated weapon system concept is part of a grander whole we contribute to whether it be the North American Aerospace Defense Command functions in Cheyenne Mountain, the tactical ground station at Schriever AFB, Colo., and other locations,” he said.

Over the next several years, the DSP constellation will be joined by the SBIRS High Geosynchronous and Highly Elipitical Orbit spacecraft that will eventually replace the DSP as the primary silent sentry standing watch over the earth ready to signal:

“One if by land, and two if by sea...”



Courtesy photos

Previous page: An artist’s conception of Defense Support Program Flight-1 spacecraft as it watches over the earth. Above: DSP Flight-1 during stage one of construction in November, 1970. For more than 30 years, DSP spacecraft have been providing early notification of missile launches and nuclear detonations in the atmosphere.

Report shows candles causing more fires in American homes

By Jim Powderly
Base Fire Chief

Candles are no longer used for the occasional dinner party. In fact, only a small percent of candle fires start in dining rooms. With candle sales booming and families lighting candles in their living rooms, family rooms, dens and bath-

rooms, fires from candles have increased dramatically.

A child playing with the candle itself or near the candle is one of the biggest contributors to candle fires. Faced with fire, many children hide in a closet or under a bed rather than notifying an adult. This often leads to tragic fatalities. In fact, children under age 5 have a fire

death rate more than twice the national average.

Like many fires, these are preventable. Reduce the chance of a fire in your home by following some simple safety tips.

- Keep matches, lighters and candles away from children.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.

- Keep combustible materials away from candles.

- Don't put candles in a location where children or pets could knock them down.

- Use only non-flammable candle holders.

- Always trim the wicks before lighting.

Remember, the primary responsibility for ensuring a fire

safe environment in your home rests with you. By following a few simple rules and educating your family members, you can reduce the likelihood of a candle fire in your home.

For more information on home fire safety or a free home fire safety inspection, contact the Fire Prevention Office at 363-2395.

Officer Promotion Flight

Taking mystery out of promotion process

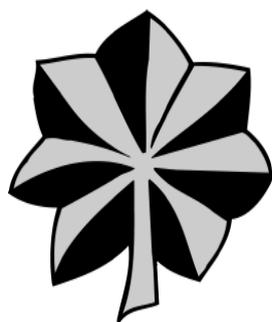
By Capt. Ramona Vallery
Officer Promotions Chief

It's past the PRF A/D, and the ROP and PRF from your OIC signed by your Sr. Rtr. is due to DPX, HHQ and the CSB. On top of that, you've never even seen your OPB, let alone your OSB! Does this sound confusing? To most officers, all these acronyms are confusing, however, the officer promotions flight can help.

The promotions process generally starts 150 days before the Central Selection Board convenes. The most important factor to realize in getting promoted is that it's up to you! It's your responsibility to ensure your personal data, professional military education, decorations, assignment history, etc., is correct, and it's up to you to take appropriate actions to correct erroneous information in your record.

For more information about the promotion process, you can

visit the Air Force Personnel Center website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. The Officer Promotion Flight is here to help. Call us at 363-3801 or 363-2932 or visit us in Building 105, Room 1315.



36 selected to major

Here's the list of captains who have recently been selected for promotion to major:

Michael Lee, 61st ABG; Edna Walker, 61st ABG; John Allison, SMC/AD; Severin Blenkush, SMC/AD; Scott Diezman, SMC/ AD; Andrew

Sasseville, SMC/AX; Bradley Hawk, SMC/CI; Stephanie Mendola, SMC/CL; Michael Vogel, SMC/CVE; Todd Kee, SMC/CW; Shawn Brennan, SMC/CZ; Charles Brockett, SMC/CZ; Hamilton Dorsey, SMC/CZ; Thomas Gallavan, SMC/CZ; Norman Churchill, SMC/Det. 11; Timothy Fromm, SMC/Det. 11; Kevin Benedict, SMC/Det. 12; George Gonzales, SMC/Det. 12; Scott Haskett, SMC/Det. 12; Anthony Hernandez, SMC/Det. 12; Don Hill, SMC/ Det. 12; Robert Mocio, SMC/Det. 12; Peter Wilewski, SMC/IN; Mark Johnson, SMC/MC; Eric Unger, SMC/MC; Marvin Baugh, SMC/MT; Michael Guetlein, SMC/MT; Daniel Theisen, SMC/MT; Allen Toso, SMC/ MT; Jeffrey Dickson, SMC/ MV; Chad Lusher, SMC/MV; Sean Oswalt, SMC/MV; Luis Garcia, NPOESS; Lynn Anderson, SMC/TM; Steven Sunderlin, SMC/TM; Kyle Critchfield, SMC/XR.

Oct. is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Ira Loper
Breast Care Facilitator

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This year 192,200 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,200 will die. The Los Angeles AFB clinic has a registered nurse trained in breast health and is ready to teach you the importance of early detection.

Make October the month to increase your awareness. It is through education and awareness of the importance of clinical examination, mammography and breast self-examination that breast cancer mortality can be decreased.

You can schedule a class to be taught at your organization, home or church. Classes can be taught on or off-base

and on weekends, depending on the location. Each class takes less than an hour and there is no cost. Each person will receive a free shower card, monthly calendar stickers and pamphlets. In addition, a 7-minute video will be shown on breast self-examination. Contact Ira Loper at 363-5278 for more information or to schedule a class.

Here are several other resources: American Cancer Society (800) ACS-2345; Cancer Care, Inc. (800) 813-HOPE; Cancer Research Foundation of America (800) 227-2732; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (888) 842-6355.



City of El Segundo honors Air Force with Dodger Day



Photo by Joe Juarez
Command Chief Master Sgt. James Travis waves for the camera as he enjoys the game at Dodgers Stadium Sept. 20.



Photo by Lou Hernandez
The Los Angeles AFB Honor Guard presents the colors before a crowd of more than 30,000 at Dodgers Stadium. The Honor Guard was comprised of, from left to right, Staff Sgt. Richard Rositas, Capt. Kevin Rivero, 2nd Lt. Tony Paulson and Staff Sgt. Jerry Hernandez.



Photo by Joe Juarez
Take me out to the ballgame! Brig. Gen. William Wilson, right, and his wife Patty, enjoy the game in the company of City of El Segundo Mayor Mike Gordon, left. The event was sponsored by the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee.



Photo by Joe Juarez
61st Air Base Group commander Col. Phil Parker, his wife Sylvia and daughters Laura and Ashley, have fun at Dodger Day. The game went well into the night as the Dodgers defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks in 13 innings. Unfortunately, the Dodgers went on from there to win only 4 out of 10 games and, at press time, lost all hope of making it into the post season.



Thrift Savings open to military from Oct. 9

By Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Service members starting Oct. 9 can choose to contribute a percentage of their pay to the military's thrift savings and investment program as part of building a nest egg for retirement.

The TSP, administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift

Investment Board, previously has been available only to federal civilian employees. The fiscal 2001 Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act extended TSP participation to active duty and reserve component members of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard, and uniformed members of the Public Health Service and the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

TSP is separate from and in addition to the military retirement system, which is based on years of service and rank.

The first enrollment window for persons who entered military service on or before Dec. 8, 2001, is from Oct. 9, 2001, to Jan. 31, 2002. Persons who enroll during this period will see

TSP contributions deducted each month from their pay starting in January 2002.

Persons who join the uniformed services after Dec. 8, 2001, will have 60 days after entering service to enroll in the TSP.

After the special first enrollment period, service members may use two "open seasons" each year to join, quit or change the amount of their contributions. Currently, these periods are May 15 through July 31 and Nov. 15 through Jan. 31.

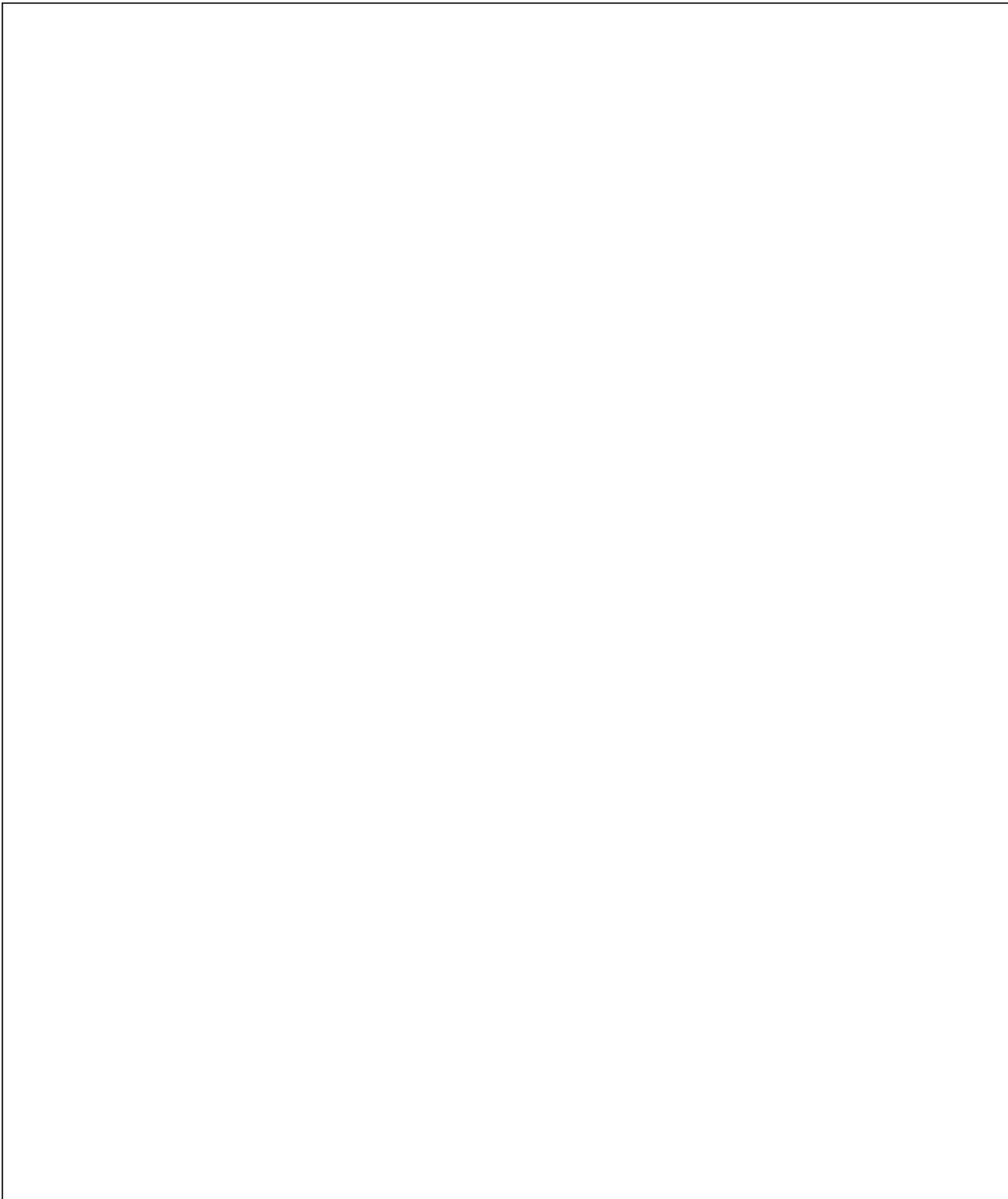
Military members enroll in TSP by completing a TSP election form and submitting it through their local service branch finance office. Enrollment forms are available for download on the TSP Web site, <http://www.tsp.gov>, or can be obtained at local military finance offices. Participants can invest any whole percentage of up to 7 percent of their base pay in any or all of five TSP funds.

For more information, see the military personnel flight.

DAPS always open to new members

The Deputy Auxiliary Police Service program is always looking for new members to participate. The program is open to military family members between the ages of 7-13 and is designed to foster a sense of pride in the community, self-discipline and leadership and is conducted in a positive environment. Monthly field trips are planned, such as their recent trip to the Maritime Museum in the photo at right. For more information on the program, call 363-1677. Participants must have a C+ average and are required to bring in a recent report card. (Courtesy photo.)





Services

Club Membership

A chance to win a new car! Ten new cars will be given away during this membership drive. Club members will be randomly selected from the Club Works database. Other prizes will be given out during each Friday night social hour. On Oct. 31 there will be a drawing for a \$15,000 prize. The new car winners will be selected on Nov. 30.

Preferred Plus Drive

It pays to be a Preferred Plus member. Through this month, Club members will have eight opportunities each month to enter and win prizes ranging from a year of free dues to \$100 in Services gift certificates. For more details stop by the Club.

Breakfast special

1 waffle, 2 eggs served with bacon or sausage only \$3 during October.

Boss and Buddy Night

Play pool or dominoes or just relax with a friend in the Club Pub tonight from 4-6:30 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of our D.J. at The Club Pub every Friday night.

Halloween Party

Be prepared for a night of horror at The Club's Haunted House. The haunting is Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more details call 363-2230.

Air Force Travel

Outdoor Recreation is providing a computer to use the Air Force Travel web site. This web site can be used to book airlines, hotels, rental cars and tours online. You can find outstanding values on cruises, tours, vacations and entertainment. You may assess this web site at work or home by signing on to: www.aftravelonline.com.

Bike rental special

Rent a bike for half price during October.

Open Basketball

Come play ball with us at Open Court Basketball on Oct. 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. This free event is held at the Teen Center

Gym. This is open to ID cardholders 18 or older.

Football Is Back!

Monday Night Football is back at the Harborview Lounge at Fort MacArthur. Come join us at 6 p.m. for food and fun. This event is free. You must be an ID cardholder 18 or older.

Teen Council Meeting

Teen Council meetings are held every Wednesday in October from 6:30 - 8 p.m. to discuss upcoming programs and activities.

Go Kart World

Come show your driving skills on the track tonight. The race starts at 7:30 p.m. This is a Teen Supreme trip. You must be 12 - 18 years old. First-come, first-served.

Auto Skills

October special! The Auto Skills Center will drain and refill up to two gallons of antifreeze for \$45.95. In addition, stalls are available for \$1 off.

New car wash

A new and improved car wash is now open at Ft. MacArthur.

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. 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 following individuals are licensed to provide care in their homes. Contact them for times, ages and availability:

Ann Hall, 832-5673; Kellie Heironimus, 833-5751; Tina Alejandro, 832-2620; Victor

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Martin, 832-7916; Monica Frank, 241-1422; Joane Smith, 548-3910; Tami Phillips, 831-1814; Jennifer Worcester, 547-9281; Samuella Fowlkes, 833-8435; Leslie Galvan, 519-1428; Jennifer Garza, 831-0474; Maribeth Alcayde, 832-4170.

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, weekend duty, short-term temporary additional duty, 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.

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 more information on the various Chaplain services available.

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.

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