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Smooth Move/Going Overseas briefing

Smooth Move/Going Overseas is for military members, Department of Defense civilians, and their families. This brief, March 24 at 8 a.m., is designed to help reduce the stress and confusion often associated with moving. Information provided during Smooth Move will include briefings from the Finance Office, JPPSO, TRICARE, Airman and Family Readiness Center, and legal briefing. We will include going overseas to address the unique needs of those doing a permanent change of station to overseas locations. Individual appointments are available if you are unable to attend and need information on your new location. The class is at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. T-65. Call the A&FRC at 567-3920 to sign up.

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SSA enhanced thanks to new 1 SOPS mission

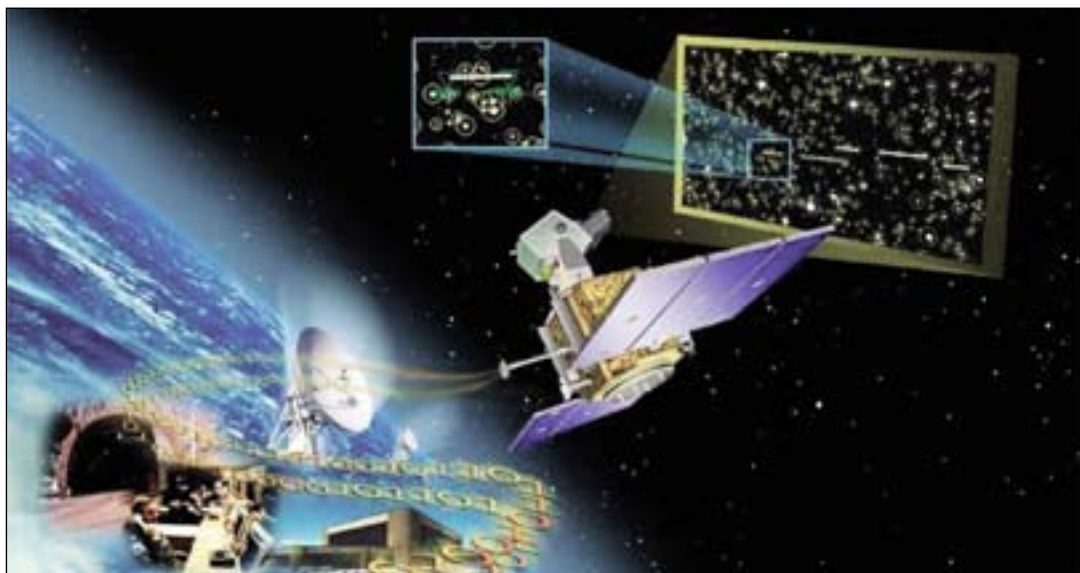
By Scott Prater
Schriever Sentinel

Col. Steven Smith, Space and Missile Systems Center advanced systems division chief, referred to Feb. 23 as “the dawn of a new era,” comparable to the day pre-Neanderthal man learned he could construct tools, and the day the Internet revolutionized the delivery of information worldwide.

Feb. 23 marked SMC’s transfer of satellite control authority of the Space Based Space Surveillance system to the 1st Space Operations Squadron here, signaling the start of the satellite’s operational duty.

The new space situational awareness satellite fulfills a mission Air Force leaders deem of extreme importance, now, and in the future. Since space assets play an increasingly significant role in our nation’s defense, it becomes increasingly more vital that we preserve and protect them to the best of our ability, according to information released by 1 SOPS prior to the transfer.

“Compared to ground-based tools, SBSS provides an increase of space situational awareness by a factor of three,” said Lt. Col. Lorenzo Bradley, 1 SOPS commander. “This enables command-



Courtesy graphic

The 1st Space Operations Squadron assumed satellite control authority of the Space Based Space Surveillance Satellite from the Space and Missile Systems Center during a ceremony Feb. 23. The new satellite is a low earth-orbit sensor that provides all-weather, 24-hour, near real-time space situational awareness data.

ers throughout the military to better detect, identify and track potential hazards in space.”

Until now, U.S. military leaders have relied on terrestrial-based systems, which are limited by weather conditions and nighttime observations.

The SBSS system, however, can be thought of as the Air Force’s eye in space, a low earth-orbit sensor that provides all-weather, 24-hour, near real-time SSA data.

It’s two-axis, gimbaled optical telescope provides coverage of satellites and other objects in deep space and the geostationary belt.

“In today’s strategic environment, space is a contested domain serving as a medium for a variety of transnational threats,” Colonel Bradley said. “Space situational awareness is the effective understanding of anything associated with the space domain that could

affect the security, safety, economy or environment of the U.S. and its associated interests.”

Designed and constructed by Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation to support the Space Surveillance Network, the SBSS satellite launched Sept. 25, 2010 from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., aboard a Minotaur IV. It was designed to withstand

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Schriever Reserve unit celebrates 10 years in space



Photo courtesy of the United States Air Force Reserve

Col. Karen Rizzuti, 10th Air Force vice commander, speaks to an audience of current and past members of the 19th Space Operations Squadron during their 10th anniversary celebration Feb. 4 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, Colo. Colonel Rizzuti was the first 19 SOPS commander, as well as the first commander of the 310th Space Wing.

By Tech. Sgt. Scott P. Farley
310th Space Wing Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The 19th Space Operations Squadron marked a milestone in their history during a celebration Feb. 4 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort.

The 19 SOPS, the Reserve associate unit to the 2nd Space Operations Squadron assigned to Schriever, is the 310th Space Wing’s first space squadron and it celebrated its 10th

anniversary in a military ceremony that included not only the current members of the squadron, but past members and commanders and plank holders of the unit.

“It meant a lot to see the past commanders and plank holders (at this event),” said Maj. Jason King, 19 SOPS assistant director of operations. “It was neat to see all of that history. To see these people come back and be a part of this was pretty awesome.”

Master Sgt. Jason Gravitt, who planned the anniversary celebration, said he was pleased with the outcome of the celebration.

“The evening was perfect,” said Sergeant Gravitt, who made the move from 2 SOPS to 19 SOPS training and evaluation in 2007. “It was the right mixture of people with military, contractors and spouses making up a 19 SOPS

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History Quiz

Week of Mar. 3, 2011

Answer to previous question: In February 1942, the 12th Pursuit Squadron was reassigned from the 50th Pursuit (now Operations) Group and relocated to what airfield? The 12th and its P-39s moved to Cassidy Field, Christmas Island, then a British-controlled island (now a territory of Australia) in the Indian Ocean about 310 miles south of Jakarta, Indonesia.

This week's question: Colonel (later Lieutenant General) Roger DeKok assumed command of the 50th Space Wing when it activated on January 30, 1992. What was Colonel DeKok's assignment prior to assuming command of the 50th?



Fitness TIP

Going TDY? Take your gym clothes on your next temporary duty assignment and take advantage of hotel gyms and swimming pools. The equipment might not be state of the art, but there's never a shortage of towels. Try push-ups, crunches and lunges in your room or sight-seeing on foot!



Law & Order

The following real-life events with real individuals from Schriever Air Force Base are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events involving Schriever members. The following entries are selected from hundreds recorded in the Schriever Police Blotter.

***Editor's note: Although the Schriever Sentinel staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

Regular or Extra Crispy?

After a long day of work, who doesn't like to come home to a nice home cooked meal? You walk in the door; the smell of fried chicken fills the house. You relax knowing you don't have to do anything but sit back and enjoy what has been prepared. Okay, now back to reality...this is Law and Order after all. All the good intentions were in place for the aforementioned to happen; however, it was in the execution where things went south quickly. Let's break it down. Chicken...check. Pan filled with hot oil....check. Chicken frying in the oil on the stove...check. Kids....oops, got to run down to the bus stop to get them. Hmmm...

well, it will only take a minute, the chicken should be fine. Wrong answer sports fans! In the few minutes it took Schriever's Julia Child to make it to the bus stop, the hot oil reached ignition temperature...and you guessed it, blast off! Upon returning to the residence, they were greeted with the sound of a blaring smoke alarm and the smells of burning oil, chicken, cabinets, microwave...well, you get the picture. And, to further complicate the matter...instead of calling 911, the member called their sponsor at work. The occupant was able to extinguish the fire, utilizing the fire extinguisher under the sink; however, the damage wasn't pretty. The Fire Department arrived on scene and ensured all was safe. Bottom line folks, never...and I mean never...leave unattended food cooking on the stove, regardless of the duration. Bad things can and usually do happen. Also, in an emergency, and yes...if your house is on fire, microwave is melting, stovetop smoldering, it is an emergency...CALL 911! The sooner our first responders can get on scene, the better it is for all involved. After all, our new housing area is pretty nice; we would like to keep it that way for a while longer.

Knock, Knock. Who's There?

Ah, the age old joke. Someone knocks, you say "Who's there?" They come back with a reply which elicits a comeback of "Who?" the punch line is delivered, and hilarity ensues. Well, as much hilarity as a knock-knock joke can achieve. In this case, another type of punch line was delivered. A military member was at his residence when the doorbell rang. Upon answering the door, wham! He was punched right in the nose. The assailant fled the scene while our victim had to be transported to a local hospital for treatment of a broken nose. The Sheriff's Office managed to track down our merry joker and he was subsequently charged with a third degree felony assault. Word to the wise, if someone knocks on your door or rings the doorbell, don't be so quick to answer. Take some normal security precautions. Look through the peephole, or engage the chain and ascertain who is outside your door before opening it. If you don't have these basic security devices, a trip to the local hardware store might be a wise choice for you. These small steps can go a long way to protect you and your family. It doesn't matter how secure your neighborhood is, we all need to do our part to protect ourselves and our loved ones.



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A LEADER’S PERSPECTIVE

Competitive thinking leads to advancement

Commentary by Col. Michael Mason
50th Space Wing Vice Commander

Mentorship is one of the key tenants we rely on to help develop our most important resource, our people. For officers, mentorship usually means finding a trusted supervisor or commander with whom you can discuss how to improve your personal performance, how to further develop your leadership skills and how best to position yourself to be more competitive for leadership opportunities, including promotions, when they come your way.

As a young lieutenant and captain, I clearly remember the mentoring sessions I had with more senior captains and majors where it was clearly explained to me what I needed to do if I wanted to be competitive to advance. These sessions were often followed by similar discussions with my peers to compare what I was told with what they had heard in a similar mentoring session. While the advice was never exactly the same, there were common themes and “rules of the road” which began to emerge.

However, during my time here back in the wing, I have often found myself scratching my head wondering if our young officers today are provided similar guidance when it comes to preparing themselves to be competitive to advance to the next level. With future force shaping initiatives on the horizon and the recent change to stop promoting 100 percent of 1st lieutenants to captain, it will become even more important for young officers to understand the expectations to



Col. Michael Mason
50th Space Wing Vice Commander

be competitive for advancement.

While there is no cookbook or checklist to follow to ensure you have a strong record, the following “rules of the road” will help to ensure you do not put yourself at a disadvantage when the next opportunity for a leadership position or promotion comes about.

Job Performance: Your first priority in any position is to become an expert in your job.

Becoming an expert means you need to dedicate yourself to your training, continuously pick the brains of more senior officers and non commissioned officers you work with, and put in the effort necessary to try and become the best performer you can be. As it should be, job performance is the primary determinant of who will advance to higher levels of responsibility (i.e. mission commander, flight commander, etc). An officer’s performance combined with the level of responsibility and authority they hold then becomes the primary determinant of who is selected for promotion. One great way to improve your job performance is to work to be selected for the wing’s new week long Lieutenant’s Professional Development Program. While it won’t show up on your SURF, it is excellent training to improve your job performance and also demonstrates your commitment to become the best officer you can be.

Professional Military Education: Your second priority is to complete the personnel military education commensurate with your newest rank. In English, this means you should complete Squadron Officer School via correspondence as soon as possible after being selected for captain. SOS provides valuable training to assist in honing your leadership skills. In addition, the selection process to attend SOS in-residence is competitive, and to be blunt, if you have not completed SOS via correspondence, there is very little chance

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Parents share invaluable knowledge at special-needs luncheon

By Scott Prater

Schriever Sentinel

For parents of special-needs children, even life's smallest details can create unmanageable situations.

Tasks that most people find routine like: communicating with school administrators, obtaining a diagnosis from a doctor, or arranging for transportation, can evolve into complicated issues, involving large, diverse groups of people and organizations.

Add the mobile nature of a professional military career into the mix and it's easy to see how hectic life can be for Air Force members who also happen to be parents of a special-needs child.

By the request of an on-base parent, Schriever's Airman and Family Readiness Center hosted a Brown-Bag Luncheon for Parents of Special Needs Children Feb. 25 at the Tierra Vista Community Center.

"We are in a position where we are supposed to be providing services and resources for these people," said Nancy Seckman, Schriever Airman and Family Readiness Center, community readiness consultant. "We want to get as close to the mark as possible, and the best way to do that is to have parents tell us what they need and what they want. After all, they are the experts."

Many Air Force bases around the globe

have hired Exceptional Family Member Program coordinators, but here at Schriever the task is performed by members of the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

"I let people know up front, assisting parents of special-needs children is not my specialty," Ms. Seckman said. "However, I tell them they'll have my full attention and that I'll do everything in my power to get them the resources or people or services they need."

The brown-bag luncheon was designed to allow parents to voice their needs, create an environment for people to meet each other and help parents find out what resources exist in the community.

Ms. Seckman invited a few representatives from local resource agencies to interact, explain their programs and offer advice and tips to attendees.

"Having Marsha Unruh from The Resource Exchange was especially helpful," said Doris Willis, mother of a special-needs son who is nearing adulthood. "The fact that she could guide us in the direction we needed to go was extremely beneficial. She was able to tell us what resources to focus on for the various age levels we represented."

Attendees ran the gamut, from mother-to-be to parents of young adults. Issues were wide and varied as well.

"Having the expert guest speakers from the various agencies is the best resource these type of meetings can provide," Ms. Willis said.

But Ms. Seckman figures the experts are the parents themselves. And that a few of them gained some benefit from not only airing their needs but by providing answers to their fellow attendees.

"At more than a few points in the meeting, a parent would say they were looking for a specific program or service and then Ms. Unruh or another parent would jump in and say, 'You need to go here, or call this person or attend this class,'" She said. "The purpose of this meeting was for us to find out their needs, but in the mean time a bunch of networking started happening and they actually began learning solutions to some of their needs."

Throughout the two hour luncheon, parents shared their experiences, sought help about their specific circumstances and provided insight while others spoke.

Attendees conversed about how laws and agencies who serve special needs children change drastically from state to state and how, as members and retirees of the military, navigating those agencies and laws represents a large portion of the struggles of everyday life.

"Sharing our stories was enlightening," Ms. Willis said. "It let us see that we're not in this situation alone and that there are others experiencing the same stress and concerns we experience. Really, it allows open communication and allows us to pass on vital information and share some of the hurdles we've already experienced, so that families can avoid some of the pitfalls some of us have already gone through."

Ms. Seckman said she was pleased with the turnout, the discussion, the advice and information shared by resource representatives and the input provided by attendees. She plans to host more meetings for parents of special needs in the near future and hopes to announce a quarterly routine for the event.

"We learned quite a bit," she said. "This meeting reinforced my belief that people need help with individual education plans, the plan local schools create for children with special needs, and that people need more information on finding respite care for the children, so they can catch a much-needed break once in a while."

Parents of special needs children at Schriever and in the local community are encouraged to contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 567-3920 to learn more about resources, services and information offered at the center.



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First lady, Dr. Biden to launch military family awareness campaign

By Tech. Sgt. John Orrell
National Guard Bureau

WASHINGTON — Dr. Jill Biden and first lady Michelle Obama will campaign to raise awareness of military families, the vice president’s wife told spouses of National Guard adjutants general Feb. 28.

“In the coming weeks, we are going to be launching a formal campaign,” said Dr. Biden, who hosted the spouses for breakfast at the vice president’s residence here.

“We’re going to reach out to all Americans,” she said. “Michelle and I are going to go on a tour around the country to create this mass-media awareness, so that the 99 percent of Americans who are not serving can now serve the one percent who are.”

She and the first lady will travel the country encouraging Americans to join these efforts, she said.

“Over the last couple of years, Michelle and I have been traveling all around the country talking to families,” she said. “We’ve brought our stories back to the White House, and now the president and the cabinet are going to act on it.”

Dr. Biden, whose son Beau just returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq with the Delaware National Guard, has dedicated herself to bring awareness of “military families’ strength and courage, as well as the challenges that they face,” she said.

“I am a Blue Star mom,” she said. “I will always remember the mixture of pride and concern that I felt about (Beau’s) deployment,” Dr. Biden said. I feel like we’re all family, all of us together. We share the same concerns, anxieties and sense of duty and pride that comes along with being military family.”

With thousands of Citizen-Airmen and Soldiers serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions of the world and almost half the nation’s military strength residing in the National Guard and Reserve it is almost impossible to overstate the importance they both have, she said.

“In this era, when so much is being asked of the Guard and Reserve, you all have been a source of strength, relieving some of the burden of stress on loved ones left behind,” Dr. Biden told the spouses.

Vice President Joe Biden made a surprise stop at the breakfast to share his feelings on how state senior leaders make a difference for families during deployments.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. John Orrell

Dr. Jill Biden, the wife of Vice President Joe Biden, met with spouses of National Guard adjutants general at the vice president's residence, Feb. 28, 2011. Dr. Biden said she and first lady Michelle Obama will launch a formal campaign to raise awareness of military families.

“Don’t underestimate the impact that you all have,” he said. “I watched the impact on Jill when our son was deployed.”

Mr. Biden told the spouses about a prayer his wife received from Jane Vavala, wife of Delaware’s adjutant general, Army Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, during Beau’s deployment ceremony.

“I would walk in every morning into the kitchen, and I would see Jill mouthing this prayer,” he said. “It’s truly a personal gift of kindness.”

Dr. Biden recalled that prayer and what she has done

with it.

“When Jane sat beside me and handed me that prayer, that prayer meant so much to me, it was such a wonderful gesture of kindness,” she said.

“When I meet families who are being deployed, I try to pass that along, that act of kindness, because I know as a military mom how much that meant to me.”

Dr. Biden encouraged people to visit www.serve.gov or contact her office and share how they’re supporting those who serve.

Mission

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the harsh climate of space for seven years and perform its mission for more than five.

“Thus far, we’ve been in the driver’s seat

and had 1 SOPS in the passenger seat,” Colonel Smith said during a ceremony to commemorate the transfer of satellite control authority to 1 SOPS. “Today we pulled over and swapped seats — and we’re with you all the way.”

Col. Wayne Monteith, 50th Space Wing commander, views the operational SBSS as a very successful partnership between 14th Air Force and the Space and Missile

Systems Center.

“It took dedicated effort from everyone to ensure this transfer went off,” he said. “I can’t thank the men and women of SMC enough for providing the capability to bring this system into the operational fold. This is pretty darn cool; bringing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance vehicle to Air Force Space Command and being on the cutting edge of the future of where this

command is going. This is a momentous day, and it’s really the beginning of the rest of the story as we take operational acceptance and bring this to full operational warfighting capability.”

SBSS will be operated by a 1 SOPS crew consisting of a mission commander, mission crew chief, payload systems operator and satellite systems operator around the clock.



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The reason for this is, AFSPC missions are facility-centric; utilities are the runways of our missions and energy is the jet fuel for conducting our operations. Energy use within the command is about 98 percent facility energy and two percent mobility fuels as compared to other Air Force mission areas like Air Combat Command or Air Mobility Command, which have approximately 80 percent mobility fuel usage to 20 percent facility energy usage.

While energy reduction and cost savings are important, energy security must be a primary consideration. Energy security covers sufficiency, surety, and sustainability of energy. Above all, it means having adequate power to conduct critical missions for the duration of that mission. Increasing AFSPC energy security and decreasing our foreign dependence on petroleum only serves to increase our overall national security.

In order to achieve energy security, it is important to adhere to the Four Pillars of Infrastructure (Facilities) Energy Conservation.

The first pillar is “Improve Current Infrastructure.” This pillar focuses on increasing energy efficiency in current facilities, vehicles, equipment as well as actively conserving water through a variety of specific actions such as improving building envelope thermal resistance; installing energy-efficient lighting; recommissioning; maximizing space utilization; and replacing inefficient system components with high-efficiency ones.

An example of this is motion-activated lighting, which saves energy by ensuring the lights are on only when needed, which saves money by reducing the electric bill as well as

reducing the number of light bulbs we need to replace due to higher usage, but sometimes unnecessary usage.

Another good example is at Peterson Air Force Base: the 21st Space Wing headquarters building has a green roof. Vegetation was planted on the roof in September 2007 and the building has seen reduced energy consumption. The green roof spans 19,000 square feet, and heat is redirected through the plants instead of the rooftop, cooling the inside of the building.

The second pillar is “Improve Future Infrastructure.” The focus of this pillar is on improving processes and applying sustainable energy-efficiency standards to accelerate the delivery of high-performance buildings, alternative-fuel vehicles, and supporting infrastructure into the Air Force inventory. The facilities initiative centers on planning, programming, design, construction, and commissioning new and renovated facilities through MILCON and Operations and Maintenance appropriations.

An example for this would be ensuring that all new facility and mission upgrades or new system developments have the latest energy-saving devices, operating systems, and efficiencies incorporated in the design and construction.

Pillar number three is “Expand Renewables.” This pillar promotes the development of renewable and alternative energy for use in facilities, ground vehicles and equipment. Examples of renewable and alternative energy types include those from solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal sources; these can be used for facilities. These projects help us diversify our energy supplies, posturing us for increased energy security. Other examples of renewable and alternative energy include biofuel, hydrogen, and solar-charging, for use in vehicles.

A great example of this is at Los Angeles Air Force Base, where our Airmen are harnessing energy by using solar panels that have cut the base’s energy cost each month.

Renewable electrical energy is purchased directly from the local utility provider in its generation mix, through renewable energy credits (most common), or through direct purchase. At times, this energy is generated on base through either government-owned or third party financed or owned capacity. For the Air Force, on-base generation

is the preferred approach, to increase supply security and decrease stress on the national electrical grid.

Today, DoD is also establishing goals for base-generated renewable energy to be 25 percent of base consumption by the year 2025. Additionally, the Air Force is engaged with DoD and the Department of Energy to define, develop, and implement net-zero energy installations — bases that produce more energy (on-site from renewable sources) than they consume. The Air Force will eventually work at “islanding,” and/or removing, bases from the national energy supply through plans to generate in excess of 100 percent of base requirements with renewable energy. “Islanding” is a term used to state that an installation can self-generate enough electrical power from on-base generators or a renewable energy source that allows our missions to be minimally impacted.

The fourth and last pillar is “Manage Cost.” This pillar focuses on methods to significantly reduce or stabilize utility cost through favorable terms, service, and rates. Purchased utilities include electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, liquid propane, coal, steam, and hot water. Water and sanitary sewer are two additional non-energy utility categories that are managed under this pillar. Utility bills must be examined across all cost components, including commodity purchases, fees, demand charges, and late payments.

Seizing this opportunity requires additional resources, removal of roadblocks, a robust review process, and data transparency. The key actions in this pillar include cost planning, negotiation and litigation of utility rates, accounting management, prompt bill paying, and cost-avoidance education.

For the last few years, as a command, we have done a good job of reducing energy consumption, water consumption across the command has dropped 547 million gallons and electric use has fallen 23,305 million Btus, but that does not mean we can ease off on initiatives of saving and conserving energy. We need to continue to plan and operate according to the Four Pillars to increase our energy security. Each of us plays a role and if you have an idea to reduce our energy use submit them to your Base Civil Engineer Energy Management office.

Celebrates

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family environment.”

The ceremony’s guest speaker, 10th Air Force Vice Commander and the first 19 SOPS commander Col. Karen Rizzuti, provided a nostalgic look at the humble beginnings and accomplishments of the past decade, including the numerous personal and unit

awards bestowed on 19 SOPS, as well as the bright future ahead of the squadron.

“It was a really exciting event for 19 SOPS,” said Colonel Rizzuti. “It was a great celebration of a whole decade of excellence. They have forged an incredible relationship with 2 SOPS and have had a lot of successes.”

Colonel Rizzuti added that the accomplishments of 19 SOPS are a great source of pride.

“I am extremely proud of the contribu-

tions (19 SOPS) has had over the past 10 years,” said Colonel Rizzuti. “I am excited to see what the next decade holds.”

“We’re evolving so we can continue to stay relevant,” said Major King, who said that 19 SOPS is in the GPS business for the long haul, working in not only the launch aspect, but also modernization.

The unit performs launch, on-orbit, anomaly resolution, and disposal operations of the GPS constellation, and provides 24-hour, highly accurate navigation, timing

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Airman & Family Readiness Center Information Fair

Look for us at the Missile Defense Integration and Operations Center March 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's your chance to gather information about upcoming classes and other services we offer. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Give parents a break

Give Parents a Break is March 19 at 1 p.m. The program is funded by the Air Force Aid Society and is designed to provide relief for active duty Air Force parents who are experiencing stress in their lives. This can be from deployment or TDY, emergency situations, other unique circumstances or hardships, or for those who just need a break. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis at the Child Development Center and must be made by March 16. The first step is to get a referral certificate from the Airman and Family Readiness Center, squadron commander/first sergeant, family advocacy, the Child Development Center, or the chaplain. Next, go to the CDC for paperwork and to make the reservation. There has to be more than eight children signed up; if not, the session gets cancelled. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Airman & Family Readiness Center Information Fair

Look for us at The Satellite Dish March 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. It's your chance to gather information about upcoming classes and other services we offer. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Get off to a Right Start

Mandatory briefing for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel, except military members scheduled to attend the First Term Airmen Center. Right Start is held in Building 300, Auditorium March 17, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Individuals should attend Right Start within 30 days of arrival. Please call 567-3920 to confirm your attendance or for additional information.

Calling all new military spouses

Are you a new military spouse? Do you know of a new military spouse, married five years or less? Then please join us for HeartLink March 11. It will be held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Bldg T-65 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Everyone attending must RSVP by calling 567-3920 no later than March 4. Free lunch and child care is provided for children aged 6 months to 12 years of age at the base Child Development Center. You must include child/children's name(s) and age(s) with RSVP. Heartlink is an interactive program designed to introduce and familiarize spouses with key helping agencies, and provide information on available benefits, and programs. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920

Home buying class offered

Looking at buying a home in the next 12 months? Not sure where to go to get objective, educational information? This class will explain everything you need to know from house hunting to closing costs. We've even tossed in information on buying foreclosed homes. Participants will walk away with a step by step guide to assist in getting started on the right path to buying the home of their dreams. The class is March 10, 2- 4:30 p.m. at the Tierra Vista Housing Community Center. Call the A&FRC at 567-3920 to sign up.

Work on your resume

The next Resume Basics class will be held on March 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center and will include an opportunity for resume review. The first hour will consist of basic information on formats, styles, purposes and how to use the resume in a job search. Those who would like to have their resume reviewed will want to stay for the second half. Please contact the A&FRC at 567-3920 to register.

Moving out of the dorms

This class is geared toward all Airmen anticipating a move out of the dorms within three months. Participants learn how to identify how much money is needed to afford to live off base, project a budget based on monthly expenditures, and decide if they are financially fit to move out of the dorms. The class is held March 8 at 3p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. T-65. Please call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 567-3920 to sign up.

MPS Contact Information

Customer Service hours for CACs are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. All other services are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.. For Force Management (EPRs/OPRs) dial 567-5158. For Decorations, Foreign Language Pay, & Career Status Bonus dial 567-5919. For Classifications & UIFs dial 567-5327. For Career Development (Assignments, Retirements, Separations, Re-enlistments, Selective Re-enlistment Bonuses, Extensions, Promotions) dial 567-6239. For Customer Service (Leaveweb, ID cards, INTRO, In-processing) dial 567-5901. All phone messages will be returned within one duty day. For more information, please contact 1st Lt. Elizabeth Enyart at 567-3098.

Saint Patty's Day 5k

Run for the pot o' gold! The Main Fitness Center will be hosting a Saint Patty's Day 5k fun run March 18 at 9 a.m. Participants will run two laps around the running path located directly behind the main fitness center. No registration is required. No federal endorsement of leprechauns is intended. For more information, please call the main fitness center at 567-6628.

Pike's Peak Library District Bookmobile visits Schriever weekly

The Pike's Peak Library District Bookmobile visits Schriever every Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Base Housing Community Center. Looking for a good read? Go check them out! For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Cassandra Bushyeager at 567-5927.

Schriever Children's Spring Fling

The entire Schriever community is invited to bring your children for Hairy the Bunny's visit at the 50 Force Support Squadron Children's Spring Fling! Complimentary lunch, drawings for fantastic prizes, games and activities, face paintings, Easter egg hunt and more will entertain the whole family. The event is held at the Main Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., no registration required. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact Lynn Sleeth at 567-4740.

Request for leave donations

Titra Jackson, 50 SFS/CCS, Tom Strickland, 50 CONS, and James Mesco, SIDC, have been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program due to their medical conditions. Should you like to donate leave to any of these employees; complete the OPM 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient under the VLTP (within agency) http://www.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF_FILL/opm630a.pdf or https://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630b.pdf (outside agency). You may scan the signed form and email to POC, fax to 567-2832, or take it to Civilian Personnel office in Building 210, Room 137. Donations of leave can only be accepted from civil ser-

vice employees. For more information, please contact Mr. David Duhe at 567-5679.

Student summer hire program

The 50th Space Wing will administer a student summer employment program for 2011. The program will provide valuable work experience for students while giving base units assistance in basic job skill areas. Students, ages 16 and above and who are enrolled in school at least half-time, are eligible to apply. If interested, applications can be obtained by going to the Schriever AFB, Civilian Personnel Website: <https://eis.afspc.af.mil/unit/50sw/50FSS/cpo/Summer%20Hire%20Program/Forms/AllItems.aspx> For more information, please contact Bryant Rushing at 567- 5221.

Motorcycle Mentorship Club

All, If you own or plan on owning a motorcycle in the near future then please read below. There will be a motorcycle mentorship club that helps new and advanced riders continue their motorcycle education by discussion and then applying those topics to an actual monthly ride! A rider should realize there are constantly ways to improve, so once a month we would meet up to discuss such topics as bike safety, maintenance, proper techniques, night riding tips, group riding tips and maybe offer up ideas on books to read about riding then go carve up the canyons! Please come to ride with experienced members. There will be a mix of sport-bikes/ cruisers but if you have anything that has two wheels and has a license plate is more than welcome to join. There are plenty of things in the works but we need to see how many would be interested so please respond back to me with any questions and if you would like to join. For more information, please contact Staff Sgt. Baker at 567-2377.

Immediate openings are available at the Child Development Center

The Schriever Child Development Center has immediate openings available in all five age categories: Newborn, Infant (6-12 mos), Pre-toddlers, Toddlers (2-3 yrs), Pre-school (3-5 yrs). In addition, the before and after school program has openings for children school-age up to 12 yrs. Drop in care is offered at \$4 per hour for all age groups. For more information, please contact Petula Buschert at 567-4742.

Seeking volunteer youth coaches

Make a difference for the Schriever AFB Youth — volunteer to coach or assist in a youth sport. A successful program depends on active participation by community members, and your help matters. For more information, please contact Korey Kuykendall at 567-2850.

Youth Soccer now accepting registration

Youth Soccer registration is now in progress for youth ages 3-18 for the March-May season. Cost is \$50 for 3-6 year olds and \$60 for youth aged 7-18. Youth Sports is open to all children of active duty and retired military, DoD and NF civilians and contractors. For more information, please contact Korey Kuykendall at 567-2850.

Air Force services camps

It's that time of year again to apply for the 2011 Air Force Services Camps. This year there are three camps: Teen Aviation Camp, Teen Leadership Camp, and Space Camp.

For more information, please contact Bill Sokolis at 567-5364.

AFRC offers books, DVDs

The Airman and Family Readiness Center has just received more than 50 new books and DVD's in both English and Spanish on special needs for all ages of children. Topics are disability specific or more general including resilience, working with siblings, marriage and special needs children, sports, financial

planning for special needs, special needs law, and much more. These are in addition to an already extensive array of books and DVD's that are all available for the Schriever community to borrow. Come by building T-65 any time between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to check them out. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Learn your survivor benefits

Retiring. Hard to believe, isn't it? After all these years you and your family are about to leave active duty to enjoy a well-earned life in the civilian world. Right now your mind is filled with thoughts of the many things you must do to prepare for this major change. The move to and setting up of a new home; new neighbors and schools; a new job — all these things demand time and attention. But before they get you too wrapped up, there's one decision you must make before you retire that will last for the rest of your life and beyond. Prior to retiring, you will have a chance to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan. For more information, please contact Kevin Mitchell at 567-4037.

Education grants available

The Air Force Aid Society provides \$2,000 grants to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with 20+ qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members; spouses (residing stateside) of active duty and Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased, for their undergraduate studies. Visit the Society's web site at www.afas.org for information and application for the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Need a listening ear?

The Military and Family Life Consultant is here to listen and address marriage and relationship issues, parenting, sibling and family issues, communication challenges, stress and anxiety, grief and loss, and daily life issues. The MFLC is available every day, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. T-65. Drop-in appointments are available or you can schedule a time by calling the MFLC directly at 651-3379.

Mandatory pre-separation counseling briefing

The pre-separation counseling briefing is the first step to separating or retiring from the military. This briefing is mandatory and a prerequisite to all other transition-related briefings such as TAP. During this briefing you will learn about all the benefits and services available to you when you leave the military. Documentation of this briefing is accomplished through the completion of the DD Form 2648. If you are a year from separation or two years from retirement, start the transition process now. The class is every Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. T-65. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Deployed Family Dinner

The Top III is sponsoring the Deployed Family Dinner this Friday at 6 p.m. in the Schriever AFB Community Center. Contact Master Sgt Kim Reese at 567-4057.

Bystander intervention in action.

Check out this You-tube video of a young airman using bystander intervention. <http://www.youtube.com/user/airforcespacecommand#p/a/u/0/iklXrm2qyk0> For more information and resources, check out the AFSPC webpage at: <http://www.afspc.af.mil/wingmanresources/>.

Advancement

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you will be selected to attend SOS in-residence. Appropriate PME is also a large factor taken into consideration when selecting for special programs and opportunities, not to mention promotion. If SOS isn't completed before you come up for major, the board could very well question your commitment to our profession. The same is true for completing Air Command and Staff College well before you come up for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

Advanced Academic Degrees: The third priority is to begin to work toward obtaining a masters degree, as the Air Force highly values a well educated officer corps. Each individual needs to decide the amount of challenge they want to take on when it comes to selecting the specific advanced degree to pursue (i.e. technical or non-technical). If your plan is to make the Air Force a career, you can rarely go wrong in pursuing a degree related to your job responsibilities. However, don't take too long to decide. The sooner you complete your masters, the sooner you'll begin to separate yourself from your peers that are still deciding what they want to do. In addition, a masters will likely be a discriminator for a captain coming up for promotion to major and could possibly

even become a factor in the promotion selection process for lieutenants coming up for captain.

While the information above is focused on officers, mentorship applies to all of our members, officers, enlisted and civilians. During the next few weeks, the 50th Space Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Randy Lacombe and the 50th Space Wing Director of Staff, Jeffrey Hunt plan to publish commentaries that outline the specific "rules of the road" for enlisted and civilian members.

Hopefully, the guidance above is consistent with the mentorship you've received from your supervisors, commanders and peers. If not, it just might be time to find a new mentor!

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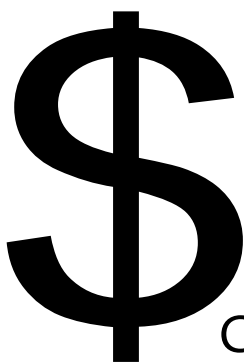
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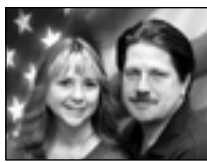
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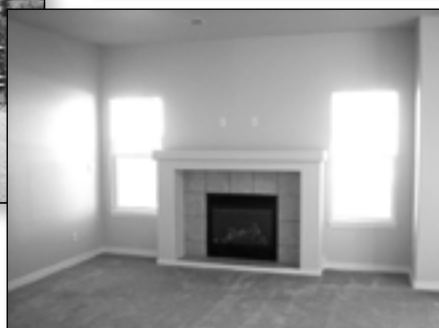
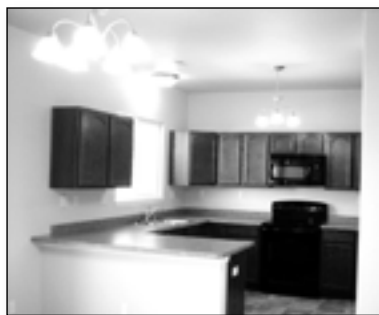
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