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Tanker Pride

A "tail stand" is installed on a parked KC-135 to prevent the aircraft from tipping onto its tail during refueling operations or cargo loading as fuel moves between the tanks, changing the aircraft's center of gravity.



(courtesy photo)

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Commander's Direct Line

I am deploying, and my wife and children will be going to stay with her parents in Oklahoma. Can I have my sister, who is a civilian that lives in Spokane, house sit while I am away? What procedures must I follow to get her on base while I am away?

Only another person with a valid military ID card is eligible to watch your home when you are deployed and your family has gone to stay with relatives during the deployment.

The procedures are explained on page 17 of the Fairchild Air Force Base Family Housing Brochure, which specifically states, "You must make arrangements with a neighbor or good friend with a valid military ID card to watch your home during these absences."

An "Absence from Quarters" form is available in the Housing Office.

You will need to provide the name, address and telephone number of the person that you want to watch your home in your absence.

The Housing Office needs this information in case your representative gets locked out or loses your key.

Otherwise, they won't be able to get a backup key. Also, it's a good idea to notify the security forces for patrol purposes.

Thanks for the question.

— Col. Anthony M. Mauer
commander, 92nd Air Refueling Wing



Col. Anthony M. Mauer

Chief of staff speaks about 'force shaping'

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said a decrease in recruiting is the right way to reduce manning rather than forced reductions.

"Retention and recruiting for the Air Force throughout this crisis over the last three years has remained superb," the general said. "Even after stop-loss was lifted, people feared that Airmen would be leaving the Air Force in great numbers, especially in the Guard and Reserve; it just didn't happen."

"And so we find ourselves in a position where we have 20,000 people more than we should have by law," he said. "I want to try and deal with it without any forced reductions in the force. I don't want anybody to be forced to leave (who) doesn't want to. The secretary of the Air Force (Dr. James G. Roche) and I are absolutely dedicated to making sure we don't break faith with our Airmen."

To get the manning numbers to where they should be and keep Airmen's faith, recruiting is going to be cut by about one-third for a year, General Jumper said.

"We've never tried this before, but I think it's the right thing to do" he said. "Taking that loss in one year (should help us) get back to the numbers we're supposed to have, and we hope that the excesses in the few previous years will help fill in those holes as far as grade opportunity."

Taking care of people and the Air Force organization as a whole is all about knowing where the critical shortages are and ensuring the right people have the right skills and are doing the right things, General Jumper said.

"We went for years during the '90s making cuts in people," he said. "We would cut 10 percent, and then 15 percent and then 20 percent — and then we finally ended up cutting a total of 40 percent of our force. "In a lot of cases, those slots didn't go away, and people with other skills then migrated into them. You have people with essential skills we need, now filling slots that should have been taken off the books and never were."

"It's a hard thing to do, and it's very traumatic, but (during) the first two years of my tenure, we got the books balanced, and we got the people out of the slots that were supposed to be emptied; we got the right people in the right slots," he said. "Only then did we really know what our critical shortages were."

But this shift in manning does not mean the Air Force is doing more with less, General Jumper said.

"We've got better budgets over the last three years than we've had in many years..." he said. "We've got airplane parts, and we've got mission-capable rates in our airplanes higher than what they've been for years. Why? Because we've had money to buy the parts for the first time in years and years."

It all comes down to proper use of Airmen and letting them know they are valued, the general said.

General Jumper said he wants Airmen to know that "we appreciate their service, and we're going to do everything we can to keep people who want to stay in the service."

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Friday
Partly Cloudy

L 45° H 75° F

Sunday
Partly Cloudy

L 48° H 86° F

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Group of Irishmen tour base

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A group of six men from Dublin, Ireland, returned to their home country Saturday after a short visit to Fairchild.

After a visit to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, where the group was acquainted with the base's many airframes, they made a special trip to Washington to get an up-close look at the KC-135 and learn about Fairchild's many missions.

Led by Capt. Del Rivera, pilot, 96th Air Refueling Squadron, the group was given a tour of one of

Fairchild's refurbished tankers and visited Heritage park where they were familiarized with Fairchild's aviation history.

They also visited the U.S. Air Force Survival School and got a windshield tour and explanation of the base's facilities.

The group, all heavily involved in aviation at home, thoroughly enjoyed the chance to learn more about the airframe, the Fairchild mission and the U.S. Air Force.

"This has been a great tour," said Colin McKeeman, aviation historian in Dublin. "We want to thank everyone for their hospitality and kindness."



(Above) A couple of the men exit the cockpit after being briefed on the flight portion of the KC-135. A boom operator and maintenance troops were also on hand to give the group from Ireland their perspectives as well. The group traveled from Dublin to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, then to Fairchild and back home again. (Left) The group listens to Capt. Del Rivera, pilot, 96th Air Refueling Squadron, and their guide for the day, as he speaks about deployments and life in the military.



Base radios to improve with new system

By Airman 1st Class
Nathan Putz
92nd ARW Public Affairs

The 92nd Communications Squadron currently maintains more than 30 individual radio networks on base, but will be upgrading to a newer system to improve signal strength and clarity in November.

The system will be changed to a trunk system, which has a computer that keeps track of all the users and resources in the system.

It acts like a traffic cop, automatically controlling the channel assignments for the users in the system.

For example, if four people are set to the same talk group, when one person talks the other secure radios are able to listen but their users cannot speak.

The computer will control the talk groups, preventing outside listeners from monitoring the line.

"The trunk system takes only 20 frequencies for a ten channel system," said Master Sgt. Constance Wetzels, personal wireless communications, 92nd CS. "We can have more talk groups on a trunk system without requiring additional frequencies. The Trunk system uses frequency sharing technology similar to cellular phones."

Currently, all the radios on base are at least ten years old. With the new system, there will be more power out of the system, improving the range of the radios and minimizing dead spots.

"The current equipment is outdated for Fairchild's needs," said Sergeant Wetzels. "The new system will afford us security and better connectivity. Users will see an increase in coverage."

Antennas are mounted as high as possible to provide maximum range.

Fairchild's 150-foot trunk system antenna pole was constructed behind the 92nd CS in June and members of the personal wireless communications section are becoming familiar with the system for its expected startup in mid November.

Main Gate construction traffic revisions

Town hall meeting scheduled

Col. Anthony M. Mauer, commander, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, will host a Town Hall Meeting at the Michael Anderson Elementary School's cafeteria/multi-purpose room at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Topics of discussion include traffic revisions associated with the upcoming Main Gate construction project and an update on housing privatization and fire safety. Plan on attending to get the latest information on these very important topics.

Beginning
Sept. 30

Main Gate

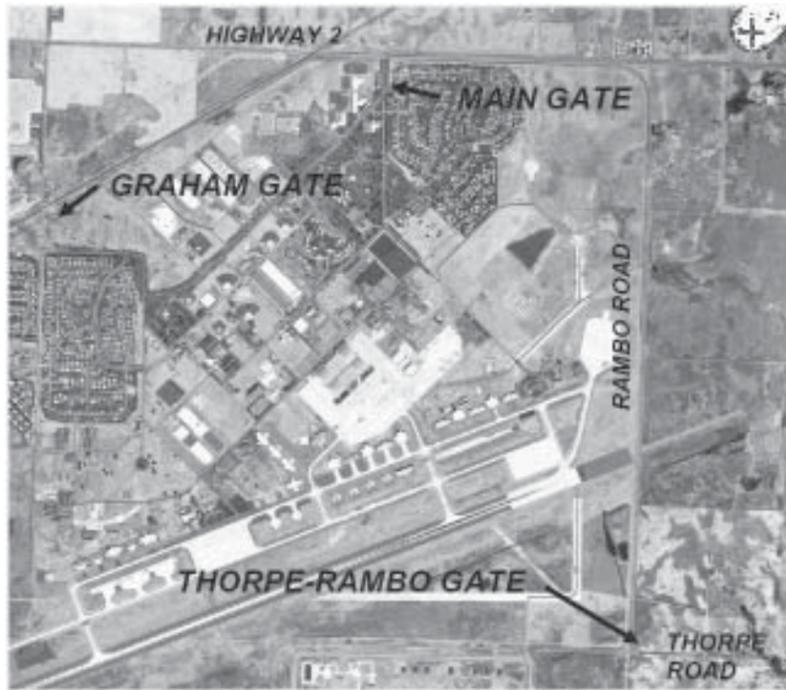
One in-bound lane (decaled vehicles only) and one out-bound lane (all traffic) in current out-bound lanes. Current in-bound lanes will be closed for construction.

Graham Gate

In-bound only for visitors, commercial traffic and decaled vehicles.

Thorpe-Rambo Gate

6:30 - 8 a.m. and 4 - 5:30 p.m. for decaled vehicles only.



Command chiefs address concerns

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force joined command chief master sergeants from Air Force major commands at a forum during the Air Force Association's 2004 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here Sept. 13.

"As I travel around the Air Force, I (stress) that one of the most important parts of our jobs as senior enlisted leaders is communication," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray.

That communication was the focus of the command chiefs' forum, where the audience had an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from today's enlisted leaders.

One hot topic was force reshaping, with audience members wondering whether shrinking forces would result in the same difficulties faced after the drawdown in the early '90s.

"You know, right now we are over-strength, and retention is great," said Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers from Air Education and Training Command.

"Obviously, we need to make cuts. AETC is taking on one part of that to reduce the force

without doing it the way we did in the '90s."

This AETC role mainly focuses on enlisting fewer new Airmen in the next year. Chief Meyers said only some career fields will see new recruits this year, with others having to wait until ideal numbers are reached across the board.

To make sure problems do not exist in the long term for those career fields that have to wait out the year, AETC and Air Force Personnel Center officials will watch retention trends at the three- and five-year marks, the usual timeframe for re-enlistment.

Another training-related question revealed concerns about Airmen's role in the war on terror. As more and more Airmen see combat up close and personal, the Air Force is finding ways to prepare them for it.

"Our Air Force has transformed as this war takes a deeper and deeper toll on our forces," said Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman from U.S. Air Forces in Europe. "Our sister services are running out of personnel, and we're stepping in to fill those spots."

Because equipping and training Airmen to carry out the mission is important, Chief Coleman said it is a tough call to



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

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decide where training resources should be spent. The Air Force needs to be careful to strike a balance, and just where that balance is depends on what new roles and missions the Air Force takes on.

Air Mobility Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Kerver said his command is taking on this training challenge with a program called Eagle Flag.

Eagle Flag prepares support

Airmen to do their jobs in a deployed environment.

"It used to be [that] unless you were a cop or [were] civil engineer or services Airmen, you got next to no training in the expeditionary environment," Chief Kerver said.

The command's goal is to have all Airmen attend Eagle Flag during their air and space expeditionary force training cycle.



Airman 1st Class Clay Lancaster

Seconds anyone?

Chief Master Sergeant Michael Hashberger, 92nd Mission Support Group superintendent, serves Colonel Douglas Jackson, commander, 92nd Mission Support Group, a healthy helping of salad at the Chief's Steak Out in Miller Park Wednesday. They served steaks, baked potatoes and beans, as well as salad. The proceeds from the event go to a number of events, including scholarships for each CCAF graduating class, the annual awards banquet, Airman Leadership School and first sergeant's fund for Operation Warm Heart events.

Some KC-135Es removed from flying schedule

General John Handy, commander of Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command, has directed 29 KC-135E Stratotanker aircraft with identified engine strut problems be removed from the flying schedule while Air Force leaders evaluate a report from the Fleet Viability Board and recommendations of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center's KC-135 system program office.

This decision is based on flight safety considerations associated with this model of the KC-135.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche tasked the board in June to perform an independent, in-depth analysis of a portion of the KC-135E fleet

affected by a problem with the engine pylon support struts. The board, a team of experienced aircraft engineers, evaluated 30 aircraft throughout a two-month period, assessing the engine strut problems and overall health and viability of these aircraft.

General Handy was briefed on their draft recommendations Sept. 13 and has directed that 29 aircraft be removed from the daily flying schedule while the board's findings are thoroughly reviewed and evaluated.

A decision will be made on further disposition of the affected 29 aircraft sometime after senior Air Force leaders are briefed.

(Courtesy of AMC News Service)



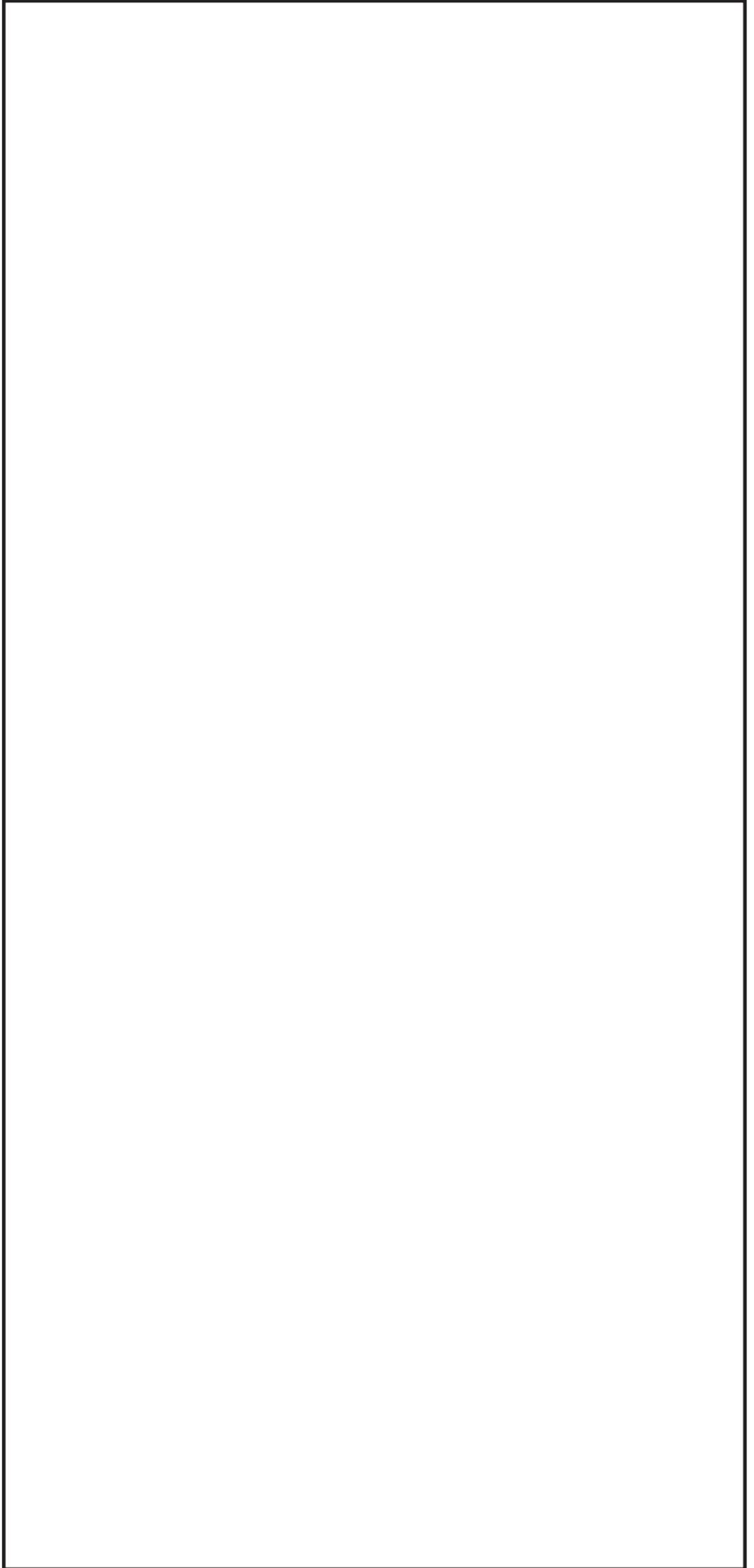
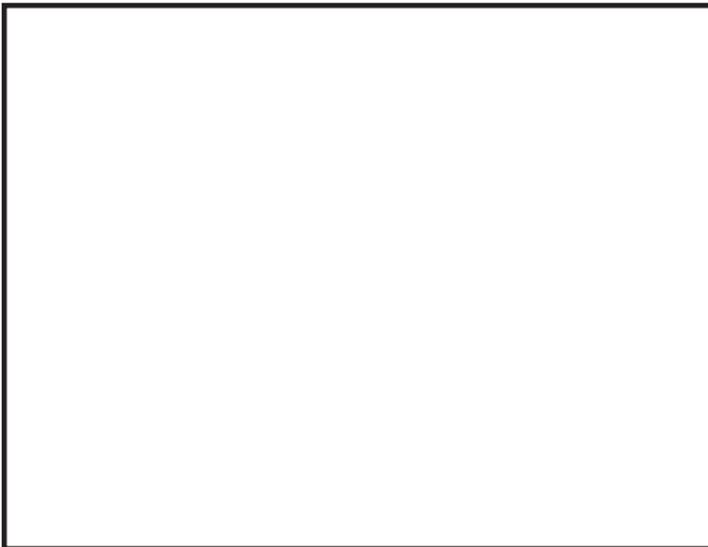
Crystal Lavadour

Chief Master Sgt. Scott Conger, fuels flight chief, 92nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, disconnects the water hose at his base residence before the freezing weather arrives.

Residents prepare for winter weather

Cooler weather has arrived and the housing office has a few reminders for base residents:

- ◆ Change furnace filters once a month. Filters are available at the Self-Help store or through the maintenance contractor.
- ◆ Leaves should be raked and placed in the compost containers, which are picked up Wednesdays.
- ◆ Disconnect hoses before winter to prevent damage to faucets, pipes or waterlines.
- ◆ Residents who are gone for several days or more need to fill out an absence of quarters form and provide contact information for the person watching the house.
- ◆ Winter Watchman lights will be issued for units that will be vacant for an extended period of time. The red light attached to a thermostat will alert neighbors of a heating problem inside the unit. Anyone who sees a light should call the housing maintenance office immediately at 244-5643.



Fifty years later...

By Airman 1st Class Nathan Putz
92nd ARW Public Affairs

After 23 years of active-duty service in the Navy and Air Force, one retiree kept a close bond to the services and continued an additional 27 years of service totaling 50 dedicated years to the U.S. Armed Forces.

"The Air Force has changed to more complex machinery and more Air Force specialties from when I first joined," said Verne Patten. "Also, force mobility has improved because of the new machinery."

Mr. Patten began his military service with the Navy in 1948, only one year after the birth of the Air Force. It was not until he married in Newfoundland and was unable to have his wife travel with him that he decided he needed to find a new service - the Air Force.

"I liked the service and wanted to stay in so I joined the Air Force and worked in base promotions and testing," said Mr. Patten. "The closeness of the base community, the opportunities to build morale at the club and various recreational activities like softball and baseball kept everyone close and involved."

While serving around the world, and even after he got out of the service Mr. Patten continued his education. He obtained three undergraduate degrees and a masters in elementary education, but his connection to the military brought him back to work as a department of defense civilian.

He ended his military service in 1972 and accepted a job as an ROTC instructor in Idaho. During his four years there he began traveling to Fairchild for use of the base facilities and put in for a change of assignment. He enjoyed the area so much he moved to the Spokane area, retired and began working at the base education office.

In his time here he has seen a variety of changes to the base.

"Most of the buildings were constructed in the 1940s and living quarters were not nearly as nice as they are now," he said. "The Air Force has not just modernized their equipment for the service members, but also the care for their families."

After 27 years as a DoD civilian Mr. Patten retired again, but says his life in the military has kept him serving others.

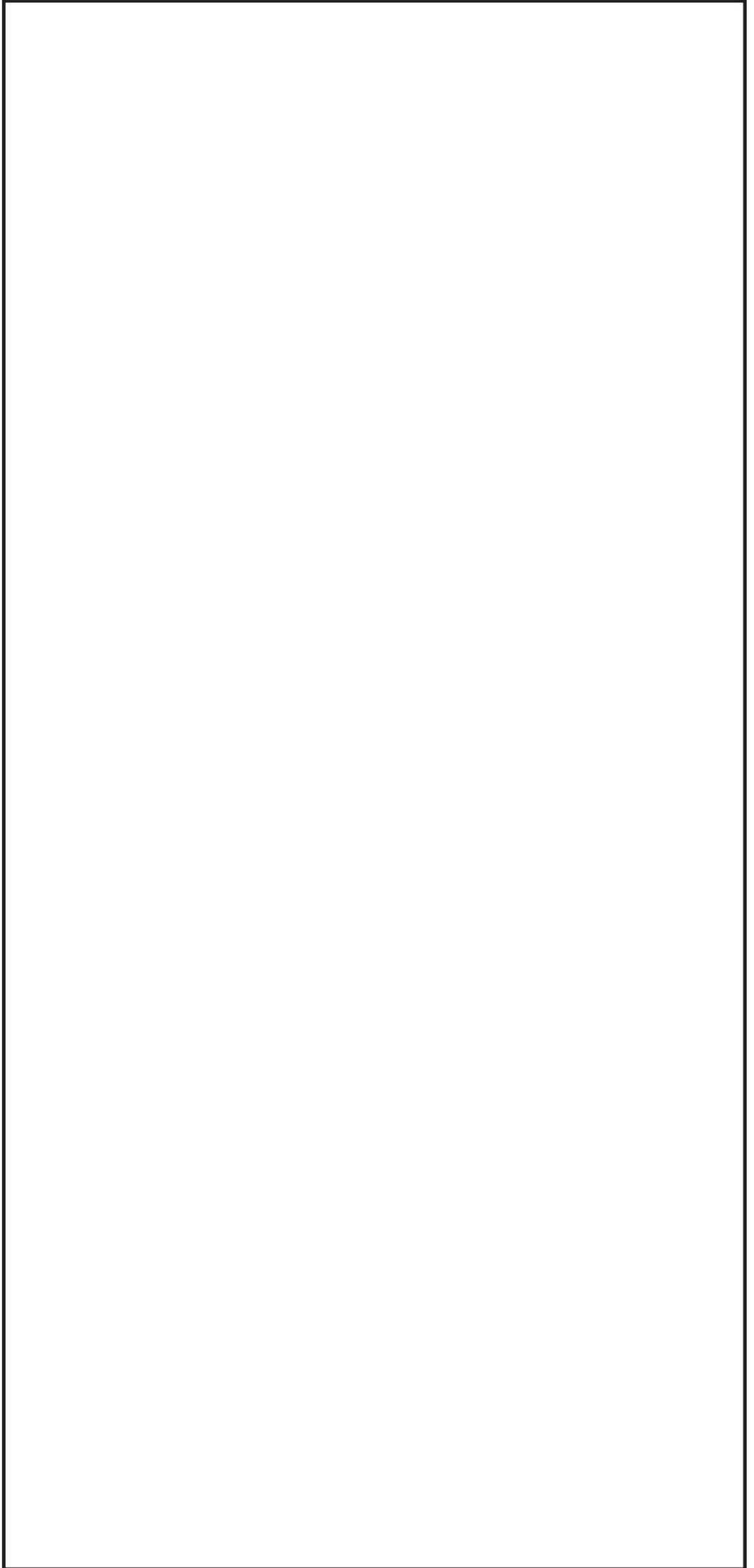
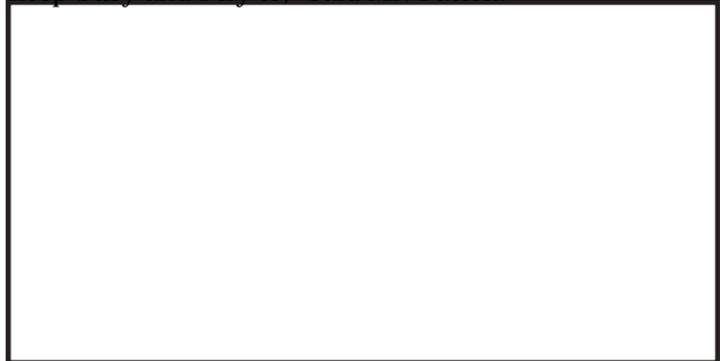
Mr. Patten continues to assist families in need by volunteering his time at a local food bank, collecting food for the homeless and has even written a book, which was published in January.

"I've learned the best way to stay out of trouble is to keep busy and I try to," said Mr. Patten.



(courtesy photo)

Mr. Patten graduated from basic training in the early 50's





Staff Sgt. Laura Smith

Power-up at the fitness center

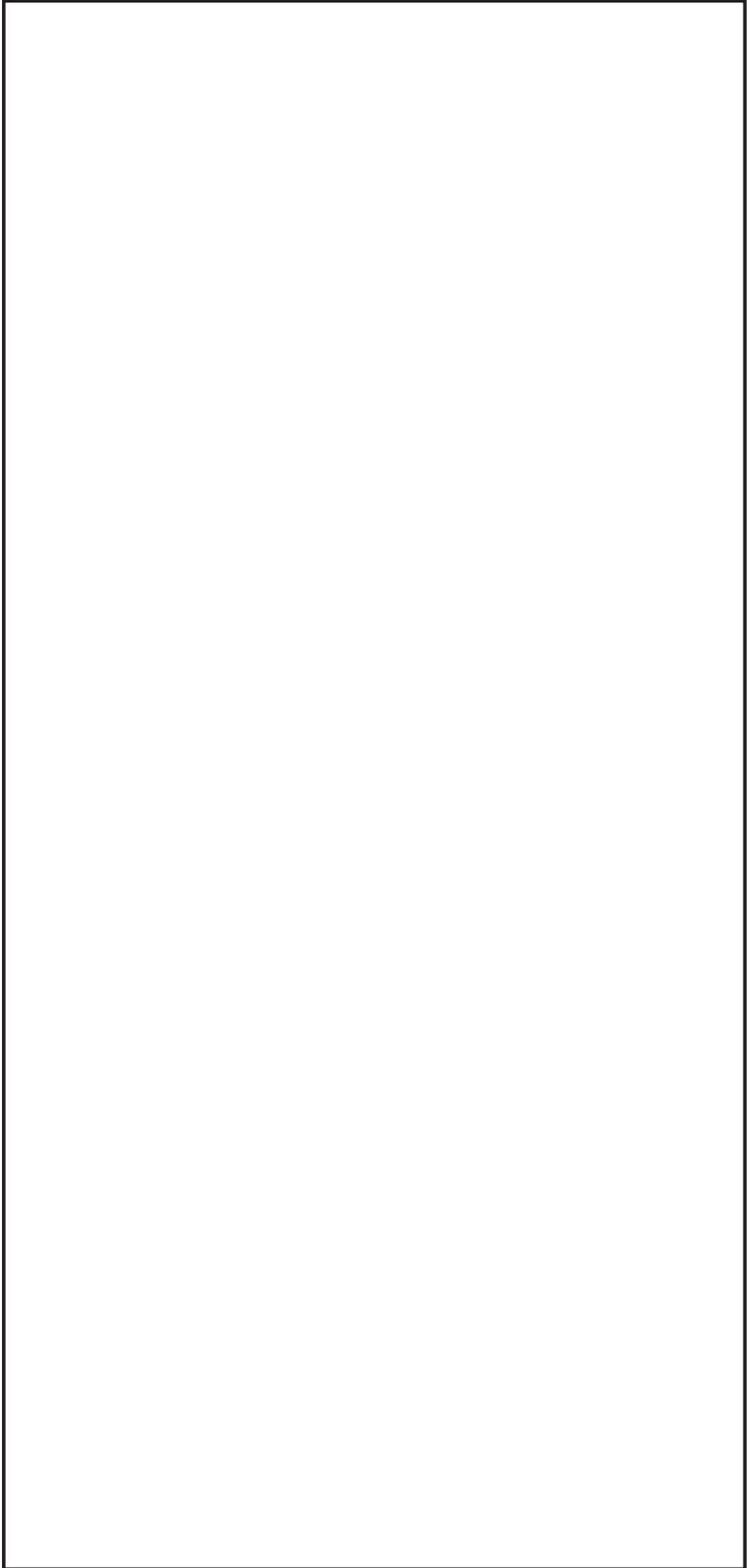
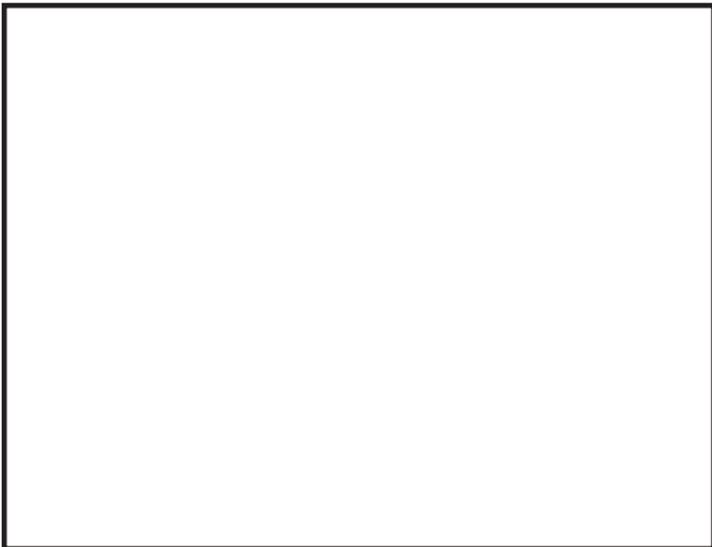
Jessica Smith serves Senior Airman Jason Martinez, an aviation management technician, 96th Air Refueling Squadron, a coffee after his workout at the gym. Ms. Smith serves coffee and smoothies at the Power-up stand in the gym 6-9 a.m. weekdays.

It's your future...



Where can I get more voting help?

All military installations have an Installation Voting Action Officer assigned. For Fairchild, the voting officer is Maj. Joseph Murrietta. He can be reached by calling 247-2404 or emailing joseph.murrietta-02@fairchild.af.mil. The Fairchild intranet site also lists his contact information as well as some links to helpful sites. Most IVAOs have unit voting counselors assigned in work centers. Additional assistance is available by calling the HQ AFPC Contact Center at 1-800-616-3775.





(Above) Members of the 141st Air National Guard's "Jazz in Blue" provided musical entertainment for attendees at the 57th Anniversary Air Force Ball. The ball was held in Hanger 2050.

(Below) Attendees 1st Lt. Travis James, training flight commander, 92nd Security Forces Squadron, and 2nd Lt. Laureen James, squadron section commander, 92nd Operations Support Squadron, examine the inside of a KC-135 cockpit.



AF Ball celebrates

By Crystal Lavadour
92nd ARW Public Affairs

The twinkling lights over the door was the first indication that it wasn't a normal day in the hangar. Yellow lines that normally guide aircraft became the center aisle for the official party. An American flag and blue and white banners behind the stage, balloon arches and 12-foot-tall red, white and blue stars helped to make the transformation of building 2050 complete.

More than 700 people including members of Team Fairchild, sister service, retirees and civic leaders from the local community attended the Air Force Ball Sept. 17 in celebration of the Air Force's 57th

birthday.

Colonel Anthony M. Mauer, commander, 92nd Air Refueling Wing and his wife Cathy were the official hosts for the evening.

The theme, "Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future," was evident throughout the night.

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, commander, 18th Air Force, was the guest speaker and touched on this during his address.

"The most exciting thing for me tonight is to look around the room and see all of the young airmen and their guests," he said. "You are the future."

He also thanked those who have worked to make the Air Force what it is today.



Photos by Airman Anthony Ennamorato



(Above) Fairchild's honor guard members posted the colors and performed various precision demonstrations for the attendees of the Air Force Ball.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Rebecca Miller, aero repair craftsman, 92nd Maintenance Squadron, sang several patriotic songs.

(Left) Hanger 2050 received a full house for this year's turnout for the 57th Annual Air Force Ball, with an estimated attendance of more than 700.

past, present, future

"It is the people of the past who made it possible for us to be here," the general said.

Some of Fairchild's finest performed, including several singers and the Fairchild Air Force Base Precision Drill Team. The Washington Air National Guard's 560th Band of the Northwest performed for the dancing portion of evening.

The ceremonial cake was cut by the General Welser, Col. Mauer and the most junior Airman in attendance, Airman Basic David Hewer, fuels operator, 92nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Airman Hewer was very surprised when he learned that he would be sitting at the head table.

"I thought 'I better give my shoes an extra shine,'" he said. "I haven't even been in the service six months, and I'm already meeting a lieutenant general."

The Airman was also very excited about the special souvenir he received from the general: the three star's coin.

Guests enjoyed the meal prepared by Club Fairchild, the music and the chance to socialize.

"The food was great, the company was wonderful, and the evening was fantastic," said ball attendee Lin Sands.

Wine glasses replaced wrenches, high heels instead of boots clinked across the floor and for one night, a hangar became a ballroom.

After-hours care

The 92nd Medical Group and its TRICARE partners provide a variety of care options after normal duty hours, weekends and holidays.

Emergency Care - The 92nd MDG does not provide emergency care. For medical emergencies, call 911.

For urgent problems that occur after hours, call the After-Hours Care line at 247-5661.

Saturday Clinic - Appointments for acute, non-emergent problems are available on Saturday mornings. Call 247-5661 between 7-11 a.m. for an appointment.

Holidays and Pacing Days - Morning appointments are available on most holidays and pacing days. Call the After-hours Care line between 7-11 a.m. at 247-5661 for help in scheduling an appointment.

On-Call Providers - The 92nd MDG providers are always on-call to address urgent care issues. The After-Hours Care line staff can help reach an on-call provider at 247-5661.

Intramural Bowling

Rank	Team	Points
1st	Med. Group	12/4
2nd	LRS	12/4
3rd	Services	10/6
4th	CES #2	10/6
5th	CES #1	10/6
6th	MSS #2	8/8
7th	2 SS	8/8
8th	MSS #1	6/10
9th	Survival	6/10
10th	92 OSS	6/10
11th	Comm	4/12
12th	MXS	4/12

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FAFB runner competes in Air Force Marathon



Kerri York

David York passes the aircraft displays in front of the United States Air Force Museum as he approaches the finish line at the eight annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The marathon is always held the third Saturday in September in celebration of the Air Force's birthday.

By Crystal Lavadour
92nd ARW Public Affairs

A runner from Fairchild ran in the eighth annual Air Force Marathon Saturday at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

David York competed in his first marathon finishing the 26.2 mile course in 5 hours, 26 minutes.

For York, the most difficult portion of the race was the middle.

"I just kept pushing for the next mile," he said. "I was also reminded that each step was a personal record in distance."

The course, which is mainly on Wright-Patterson, was lined with 19 volunteer stations offering water and sports drinks. Several of the aid stations had costume themes and music playing.

"The volunteers, over 1,800 of them, were helpful and cheered on each person," said York. "Until you do a marathon you don't know how much of a boost those cheers give you."

He has been involved in long distance running since a tent mate got him interested during a deployment to in 1998.

"The more you run and the longer distances you run, the more it gets in your system," he said.

York runs three times a week with the Bloomsday road racers club with shorter runs during the week and a longer one on Saturdays.

He continued preparing even while deployed to southwest Asia and found the extreme weather helpful to his training.

"If I can run 18 miles in 100 degree heat and 80 percent humidity, I can probably run 26 miles in Ohio," he said.

York's advice to anyone interested in running marathons is to start slow and build up to longer distances, find a good training program, stick to the plan on race day and break the race up into smaller goals.

His wife, Kerri, competed in the half marathon Saturday, finishing with a personal best time of 2:58.

The first official Air Force marathon was held Sept. 20, 1997, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force.



(courtesy photo)

More than 3,800 runners from 48 states and 10 foreign countries participated this year in several events including the full marathon, half marathon, relay, wheelchair and five kilometer race.

Nutrition: Not a fast claim, but the way to go

By Airman 1st Class
Christie Putz
92nd ARW Public Affairs

(This is the second part of a three-part series entitled "Goals for a healthy lifestyle.")

The low-carb diet. The low-fat diet. The cabbage soup diet. The grapefruit diet. The shake diet.

There's "miracle" pills that claim weight loss without ever stepping foot in a gym. And there's all the herbal supplements for the earth and body conscious consumers.

It's all enough to make a person wanting to shed a couple pounds go crazy. So what's true and what's false?

"If you hear somebody say you can lose 30 pounds in a month healthily, they lied to you," said Staff Sgt. Rebecca Caldwell, diet therapy NCOIC, 92nd Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

In reality, healthy weight loss averages one-half to two pounds a week.

"If you're losing any more than that then you're not losing fat, instead you're

losing muscle mass," she said.

So then, what's the best way to lose weight?

It's not an overnight process, said Sergeant Caldwell. But the only way someone can safely lose weight and truly keep it off is to change their current eating habits for the better.

The staff at the Fairchild Health and Wellness Center promotes a nutrition plan that most people have been familiar with since

childhood: the food pyramid.

While most people think they are familiar with the pyramid and what it teaches, a lot of people either forget or don't know about one of its main teachings.

"In today's society, everything is oversized," said Sergeant Caldwell. "A lot of people just don't understand what a normal portion size is."

For example, six to eleven servings of breads and grains doesn't necessarily mean

six to eleven bowls of pasta or cereal. A bowl of pasta may equate to two or three servings.

This lack of knowledge, coupled with unhealthy food choices is the quickest way to pack on pounds.

It's all things most people have had driven into their minds since grade school, but a lot of times adults forget. That's where Sergeant Caldwell and her co-workers come in.

In addition to Sergeant Caldwell's many classes on proper nutrition, the HAWC has a registered dietician on their staff to help people out.

Available two days a week, she can sit down with a client and help work out a plan that both works with the individual's lifestyle and helps them meet their goals.

Also, in addition to traditional dietary advice, she counsels people on proper nutrition for diabetics, expecting mothers, those with high cholesterol and anyone else

with just about any other condition.

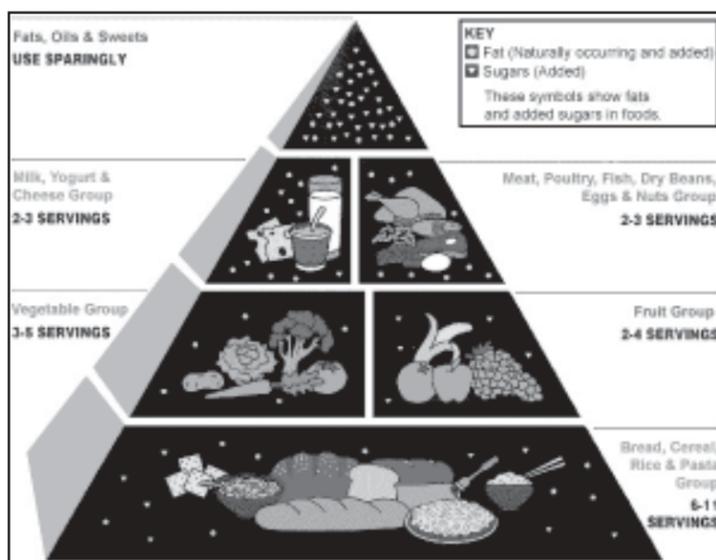
And just by coming into the HAWC, anyone can get books full of healthy recipes, tools to help with portion counting or calorie counting and handfulls of literature explaining the effects of a healthy lifestyle.

"The body is like a car and food is our fuel," said Sergeant Caldwell. "You wouldn't put dirty gas into a car, so why put unhealthy food into your body?"

Like a fine-tuned machine, the human body and automobiles share several likenesses. The better both are taken care of, the longer they're going to last and the better they're going to perform.

The body also needs routine maintenance in the form of cholesterol and blood pressure checks.

However, the main difference between the two is that people on this Earth are only given one body; there's no trading in, or getting a new one. Take care of it.



Community

Change seminar available

The Strategies for Helping Others Cope with Change seminar will examine the basics of change and focus on means and methods for supervisors to assist subordinates transition through the change process. Leaders will gain an understanding and application of various strategies and techniques to facilitate change for individuals or work groups. The seminar will consist of a combination of group activities, discussions and short lectures. Supervisors, military and civilian personnel are invited Wednesday, 8-10 a.m. at the Education Center. To register for the class, call 247-8313.

Notice

The Pass and Registration office will be closed today at noon. Visitors will still be able to receive temporary passes, but decals and restricted area badges will not be available for the rest of the day.

Closure

The Conventional Storage Area will be closed for a 100 percent base stockpile and custody inventory and MASO changeover Monday through Wednesday. All custodians must contact munitions accountability to schedule any expenditures, issues and turn-ins.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Christopher Lanning or Airman 1st Class Jonpaul Betro at 247-3442.

Cash in on

MyCommute.org

The Spokane County Commute Trip Reduction Office has secured a performance grant to promote the use of commute alternatives. Each month people have the chance to win one of 80 cash cards by participating in Cash in on **MyCommute.org**. The more people participate, the more chance they have to win.

Cash in on **MyCommute.org** is on-going through May 2005 and will also give a chance to win a \$500, \$1,000 or \$1,500 cash card. Go to **www.MyCommute.org** for all the promotional details.

For more information, call Shawna Nollmeyer at 247-2313.

Youth groups meetings

Protestant Sunday School meets Sunday from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Anderson Elementary School, for ages three through adults. Come and meet a new best friend.

Jesus' Kids Club meets Thursdays at the Base Chapel from 3:30-4:45 p.m. for all interested elementary aged students. For more information, call Barbara Cluever at 247-2264 or 247-8615.

At the Movies

Friday **The Manchurian Candidate**
R 2 hours 10 min.
 Violence and some language.



A sinister Halliburton-style corporation is behind the brainwashing of a Gulf War hero turned vice presidential nominee, Raymond Shaw. Shaw's old unit commander recommended him for the National Medal of Honor, his recurring nightmares drive him to uncover a massive conspiracy.

The Village
PG-13 2 hours
 Violence and frightening situations.



Night Shyamalan's **The Village** finds the renowned writer-director crafting a suspenseful story of a small community whose inhabitants are plagued by fear of the unknown forest that surrounds them.

Oct. 1 **Princess Diaries 2**
G 1 hours 53 min.



As a teenager, ugly duckling Mia (Anne Hathaway) learned that she was actually a princess. Now that the Princess has completed college in America, she is returning to her country, Genovia.

Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie
PG 1 hour 30 min.
 Scary Combat and monster images.



This animated feature is steeped in the mythos of the Yu-Gi-Oh card game, Manga comics, and television show, which should make it a hit with fans.

Oct. 2 **Collateral**
R 1 hours 40 min.
 Violence and language



Three-time Academy Award® nominee Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx and Jada Pinkett Smith star in the thriller "Collateral," under the direction of three-time Academy Award® nominee Michael Mann. Max has lived the mundane life of a cab driver for 12 years.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the movie starts at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Advanced ticket sales are available at the Cashier's Cage in the Base Exchange. Tickets are good for six months, prices may vary by age.

Coupon books available

The 2005 Spokane Entertainment Coupon Books are on sale now at Michael Anderson Elementary School. They are \$30 each and profits benefit the school Associated Student Body Fund. To purchase a book, contact the main office or call Barbara Ewing at 565-3621 or e-mail bewing@mlsd.org.

Time well spent

More than any other youth program available today, Scouting supports parent and son relationships in ways that result in memories of time well spent together.

Parents of Scouts spend time working on fun projects with their son, going on special trips and outings with their son and talking one-to-one.

Scouting builds character, leadership, citizenship, life skills, and personal fitness.

To locate a local pack or troop or to learn how to join a local group, visit:

www.INWC-BSA.org,

www.JoinCubScouting.org,

www.TheScoutZone.org or call

(800) 945-4390.

Volunteers for Native American Heritage Month

Come out and volunteer for Native American Heritage Month this November. All volunteers are welcome.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Bill Savage at 247-9151 or Laura Jackson at 247-4058.

Post Office closed

Due to building renovation, the U.S. Post Office on base will be temporarily relocating all services to the Airway Heights Post Office. Delivery of mail on base will be unaffected by this move. All P.O. boxes located at the U.S. Post Office building will be relocated to the Airway Heights location.

Package and general delivery pick up is relocated to Building 2001B.

The post office in Airway Heights is located at 1501 S. Mullan Rd., about 3.5 miles from base, off US-2.

Operating hours are weekdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.

Retirement for 0-5, 0-6

Effective May 6, the Secretary of the Air Force authorized the reduction of the three-year time in grade requirement for active-duty lieutenant colonels and colonels to retire in grade to no less than two years.

To be eligible, members must be a lieutenant colonel or colonel on active duty, with at least two years and less than three years time in grade on the requested retirement date, to retire under this authority. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Pimentel, NCOIC separations and retirements, at 247-5085.

Ice cream social

Michael Anderson elementary will be hosting an Ice Cream Social and Open House Sept. 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Come out and support the local Parent Teacher Organization. For more information about this or other upcoming events, call the main office at 244-3671.

Community

Linguist positions available

Applications are being accepted for the next cycle of linguist TDY support to the Washington D.C. area. Applicants must be technical sergeant and below. Applicants must possess a current Defense Language Proficiency Test score of 2+ in listening and 2+ in reading or better in the languages of Spanish or Portuguese and have tested within the last year. Applicants must have a secret clearance and must have a government credit card already in their possession before arrival at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Squadron commander approval is required to apply for this TDY.

Language certification testing and application procedures can be obtained from Mr. Voegtle, Military Personnel Flight, at 247-5065.

Air Force Sergeants Association Campaign

Chapter 1462 of the AFSA will hold it's Fall Membership Campaign Oct. 7, at Club Fairchild.

The chapter is one of five chapters in 15 AFSA divisions representing a total of more than 135,000 members' voice on Capitol Hill, including the Air Force enlisted, active duty and retired, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members and their families. Its annual membership appreciation campaign provides an opportunity to thank the members of chapter 1462 and educates members of Team Fairchild on what it means to be an AFSA member.

The Fairchild Chapter is considered a leader among private organizations on base, supporting events such as the Wing monthly promotion ceremonies, NCO professional development, Airman Leadership School, John L. Levitow Award and the Air Force Ball to name a few. Additionally, the chapter has volunteer opportunities at local charitable events like the Second Harvest Food Bank, VA Hospital and Memorial Day remembrance events. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Rodney Wood at 247-2449 or Master Sgt. Carol Buzzard at 247-4662. Also visit AFSA's Web site at <http://www.afsahq.org>.

The Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic, located in the Family Support Center provides gently used clothing, shoes, books, toys, and other household items free to valid ID card holders E-5 and below and their families. Every Thursday, all ranks, including retirees, may use the Attic. Stop by and take advantage of this great resource. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

Due to limited space, for furniture or other large items to be given away, please call 247-5154 and it will be posted on the "Items Wanted" board.



SAFETY SENSE

Clothes Dryer Fires

THE COST

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety commission estimates that 15,500 fires associated with clothes dryers occur annually. The fires account for an average of 10 deaths and 310 injuries and more than \$84 million in property damage annually.

THE CAUSE

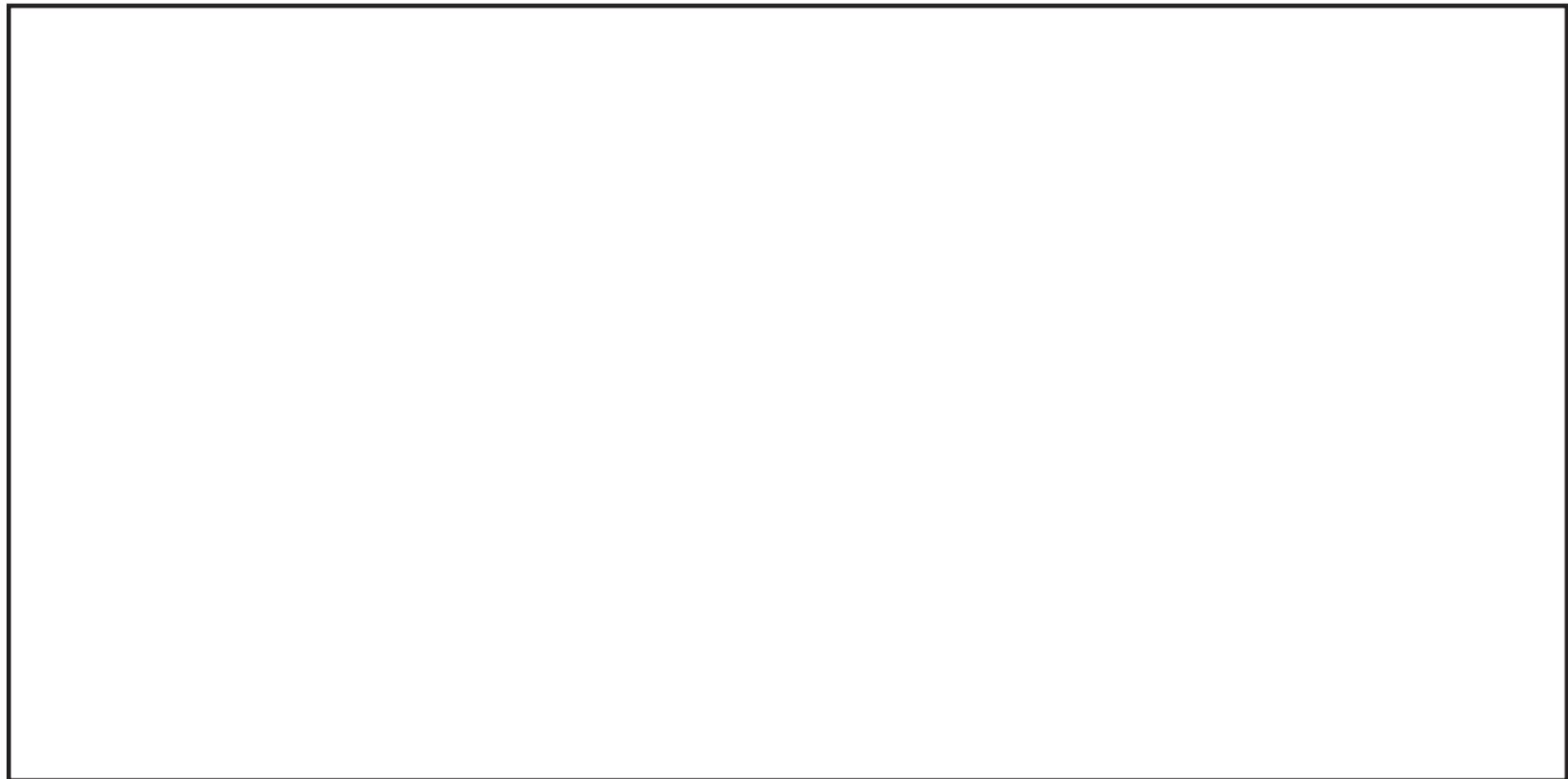
Lack of maintenance can result in increased lint build-up, poor performance, and operation at an elevated temperature which leads to overheating.

THE CURE

Clean lint filter before and after each load
Periodically, have dryer professionally cleaned
Install rigid or flexible metal venting and ducting
Read the manufacture's warnings on use and care

Source AMC Safety

Info Graphic by Master Sgt. Paul Fazzini



Education

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University registration

Registration is underway for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Winter 2004 term. The following undergraduate and graduate classes will be offered: Undergraduate: SFTY 320 - Human Factors in Aviation Safety, MATH 106 - Algebra and Trigonometry, ASCI 310 - Aircraft Performance, MGMT 325 - Social Responsibility and Ethics, and AMNT 270 - Airframe Structures & Applications. Graduate: ASCI 603 - Aircraft & Spacecraft Development and ASCI 606 - Aviation Command & Control Systems.

Classes begin Oct. 11. For more information, call 244-3832, or come by the office in the education center to sign up.

Squadron Updates

92nd Services Squadron

Best get well wishes go to Airman 1st Class Steve Hall for a speedy recovery from an emergency surgery.

Farewell to Senior Airman Monte Gear, Senior Airman Rebecca Merseal and Airman J.T. Johnson-Tannan. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the squadron. We wish you all the best.

92nd Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Congratulations to Senior Airman Laloni Butcher and husband Boaz on the birth of their first child, Boaz Bozrah Butcher, Jr. He was born Sept. 13 and weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces. The family is doing great.

We welcome back from deployment our fearless squadron commander, Lt. Col. Brian Hayes and Airman 1st Class Tracey Daniels. We missed you and are glad to have you home safe and sound.

Congratulations to this month's promotees: Airman 1st Class Melinda Simonsen, Senior Airman Shernette Francis, Senior Airman Dominique Gonzales and Master Sgt. Rob Flask.

Farewell to Kevin Egger, who PCS'd to Lakenheath AB, UK, Maj. Michael Johnson, who retired to the local area, and Staff Sgt. Mark Manley, who is separating from the Air Force. Great job while you were here and we will miss you.

92nd Security Forces Squadron

We welcome two new arrivals to our squadron: Master Sgt. Darryl Gardner from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and Staff Sgt. Kevin Wilson from Ramstein AB, Germany. Welcome to Fairchild.

92nd Manpower Office

Farewell to 1st Lt. Jeffrey Buttars, who will be leaving us to become the headquarters section commander for the 92nd SFS. You will be missed by the west wing.

Welcome 2nd Lt. Deluca Thurmond, who is moving from the 92nd SFS to become the executive officer of manpower and organization, as part of the career broadening effort.

Month in review: October in Fairchild's history



(Courtesy Photos)

Oct. 13-27, 1971

Captain Frank Sherman and crew were part of a three-ship cell which provided refueling support for the Navy's "Blue Angels" deploying to and from the Naval Air Station, Agana, Guam.

Oct. 19, 1971

Four B-52's and Four KC-135's participated in Snowtime 72-2 against the 25th and 26th North American Air Defense Command regions. The exercise was designed to see if Strategic Air Command's manned bombers could penetrate NORAD and to see if NORAD could detect hostile penetration and refute it.

Oct. 21, 1971

Major James Altman and crew participated in Glory Troop 40L. The mission entailed reception and recording of a message transmitted from an experimental missile fired from Vandenburg AFB, Calif.

Oct. 1-31, 1994

The wing planned and launched the third Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces mission, transporting Soviet Officers to six sites within the Western U. S.

Oct. 11, 1994

Numerous members of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing deployed to support Operation Vigilant

Warrior. In total, the 92nd deployed 24 KC-135R aircraft, 31 crews, 300 personnel and 178 tons of equipment.

Oct. 12, 1994

A Southwest Tanker Task Force deployment began. The 92nd ARW sent 10 KC-135R aircraft, 15 crews and 210 personnel. The deployment concluded Dec. 15 1994.

Oct. 28, 1994

In support of Operation Vigilant Warrior, members of the 92nd Civil Engineering's Prime Beef team deployed to Kuwait, where they built a forward operating base.

Oct. 2, 1995

The 98th Air Refueling Squadron flew a business effort to Eglin AFB, Fla. The original mission changed into an evacuation situation in light of Hurricane Opal, which devastated the southwestern panhandle of Florida. The 98th was instrumental in aiding rescue and relief efforts.

Oct. 19, 1995

The 92nd Security Police Squadron supported the United Nations 50th Anniversary celebration in Manhattan, N.Y., by providing two military working dog teams.



Refueling KB-29M and B-29MR
ISAF Museum Photo Archives

Oct. 26, 1995

The 93rd and 98th ARS participated in Gunsmoke '95. Each squadron deployed four crews and four aircraft. Gunsmoke '95 was a tactical bombing competition at Nellis AFB, Nev.

Oct. 7, 1996

The Air Mobility Command Hennessey Team inspected the food services at Fairchild AFB. At a later date, Fairchild and the 92nd Services Squadron was notified that they had won at AMC level for 1996.

Oct. 1, 1997

The 92nd Medical Group was reorganized into three squadrons. It consisted of the 92nd Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, 92d Medical Support Squadron and 92nd Medical Operations Squadron. Concurrently the 92nd Dental Squadron inactivated.

Oct. 6-8, 1998

The 92nd ARW engaged in Titan Fury 98-15, a Single Integrated Operational Plan exercise that lead into the wings Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled

during Global Guardian. During this exercise, the wing generated all available aircraft, housed the aircrews, conducted an alert force exercise and tested aircrews on SIOP general knowledge.

Oct. 24-25, 1998

Members of the 92nd ARW earned an outstanding rating on the Oct. 24-25, 1998 Operational Readiness Inspection. The mobility command's inspection team evaluated Fairchild's ability to get aircrews to the base, tankers ready to fly, cargo and people mobilized and planes into the air.

Oct. 1, 1999

The Air Expeditionary Force rotation cycle transition period began with the expectation to be fully operational by March 2000.

Oct. 23-24, 1999

More than 224 members of the 92nd ARW participated in Global Guardian 2000, United States Strategic Command's largest annual SIOP exercise.

(Information provided by 92nd ARW Historian Office. Historical data is not available from 2000 to current.)

