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The 50th Space Wing historian, Randy Saunders, will be giving out "Schriever Air Force Base: A History in Pictures" Thursday from 1 - 4 p.m. in Building 210 atrium. Military personnel and civil service civilians working on Schriever Air Force Base are eligible for a free copy.

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THIS WEEK

Top 3 sponsors Schriever Superintendent Course

The Top 3 is sponsoring a Superintendent Training Course from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30p.m. Monday and Tuesday for all Senior NCOs/ Master Sergeant Selects in Building 210, Room 310. The course is designed to bridge the developmental gap in an enlisted member's career transition from NCO to a Senior NCO. To register, go to Sharepoint or e-mail Master Sgt. Amador at janelle.amador@us.af.mil.

Combative courses available at Schriever Fitness Center

Free basic and intermediate combative courses are available at the Schriever Fitness Center 6 - 7 a.m. every Wednesday. The course is open to all Department of Defense cardholders affiliated with Schriever (15 years old and above). This is limited to 20 people a week and filled on a first come, first served basis. Bring a mouth guard, water bottle and exercise clothing that you're not afraid of tearing. Individuals must register with the fitness center at 567-6628, no later than 5 p.m. every Monday.

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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD The Air Force I know



(Courtesy photo)

Shelby Hodges stands for a photo with his son, James, on his last day in uniform after 20 years of service, at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, in 1986. April is designated the month of the Military Child to highlight the daily sacrifices they make while their loved ones are serving.

By James L. Hodges

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

From the outside looking in, life in the Air Force can be a mystery. I've met many people in my personal and professional life who know nothing about the military, yet they make assumptions. They may make them because of media or movies; I don't know why, but assumptions are often wrong. The most common assumption I hear is the Air Force is an authoritarian, conservative environment wanting to go to war. That's not the Air Force I grew up in. The Air Force I grew up in was a culture of diverse people and thoughts who cared about their community and were always striving to make it better. That's the Air Force I work for today and the one that made me who I am.

As a military child I grew up thinking it was normal to leave schools and change houses every year, just as I thought it was normal to have diversity in every neighborhood I lived. It was the world I lived in, what I understood, it's what I did, what my friends and classmates did, and it's who we were.

I grew up thinking, why make friends, I'll just leave them in a year anyway. Don't get attached to this house, we'll be moving in a year anyway. And today I'm an introvert and a pack rat, some might say verging on hoarder, but I disagree, it's how I adapted. Growing up as a military child I was skilled at

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50th Space Wing Priority #3

Invest in a culture of exceptional service and community for Team Schriever and their families

AFSCN: Linking with space

By Tech. Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

When SpaceX launched a satellite into space with a once-used booster rocket March 30 from Cape Canaveral, Florida, 2nd Lt. Gregory Allen was tucked more than 1,800 miles away at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, monitoring the event through the Air Force Satellite Control Network.

Using antennas from sites all over the world, the network was receiving telemetry signals from the booster's transponder and relaying it back to its customers.

"We want to track things that are going into the orbit. We want to make sure that when they leave the ground, we know exactly where they are and we don't lose track of them," said Allen, 22nd Space Operations Squadron orbital analyst and launch officer.

Although the event was historic to the outside world, the launch is just another day for the men and women supporting the AFSCN, endearingly pronounced AF-Scan.

"It's just business as usual," the lieutenant said.

For a system having seen its fair share of historical events, such as NASA's space shuttle missions and the first GPS satellite among others, the SpaceX launch seemed a bit mundane through the eyes of AFSCN members, it wasn't anything new.

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(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes)

Maj. Gregory Stewart, 22nd Space Operations Squadron mission commander, oversees the Air Force Satellite Control Network antennas from all over the world to ensure they are operating efficiently and providing support to the users at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, April 5, 2017. On average, the AFSCN enables more than 450 satellite contacts per day.

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BASE BRIEFS

Don't forget to check the community calender for more events at www.schriever.af.mil.

13S Space Operations Assignment Team holds briefing

The 13S Space Operations career field manager will visit Schriever Air Force Base 8-9:30 a.m. in the Building 300 auditorium Wednesday to conduct a Roadshow briefing. Topics include Intermediate Developmental Education, Career Field inventory and sustainment, Space Officer Allocation Plan, officer assignment cycle, 13S Development Team, officer vectoring and officer crossflow.

Stage one fire restriction lifted

The stage one fire restriction has been lifted for El Paso County and Colorado Springs. While the restrictions have been lifted, we continue to stress using caution when using open flame or flame producing devices. Always keep a safe area for their use and make sure you keep fire suppression items available. The Sheriff's Office and other fire officials will continue to monitor weather and fire conditions throughout the year and may enact additional restrictions as needed in the months to come.

SAPR office holds donation drive

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child. This year, we would like to give our children a chance to give a used stuffed animal to a child in need. The SAPR office will be collecting animals through Monday to be used for Zoo Zoom Runs and then donated to Safe Passage, a child advocacy center. Donation boxes are located at the Child Development Center, Tierra Vista Community, entry control facilities and Building 210.

Dining facility changes restrictions

The Satellite Dish Dining Facility is now open to all contractors on federal holidays per the base commander.

EPMA self-study groups start

Group self-study for senior NCO Distance Learning Course 15 is now being offered in Building 210, Room 310. The following dates are available to sign up through Share Point April: 21, 26, 28
If you would like to attend but need more information please contact, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador at 567-5927.

MetroRides Van Pool provides openings

Would you like to save money on your commute to Schriever? There are two openings in our MetroRides Vanpool. It is a government subsidized program for all Department of Defense Civil Service employees and active duty military. There is no out of pocket expense for DOD vanpool participants. Contractors can participate. The route starts at the Safeway shopping center in Fountain. We depart Safeway at 6:05 a.m. and arrive at Schriever at 6:30 a.m. We depart Schriever at 4 p.m. and arrive back at Safeway at 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. If you are interested and have any questions, contact Steve Cooper at 567-5668.

Schriever AFB Traffic Safety Week

In observation of Distracted Driver Awareness Month, the 50th Space Wing Safety office will host a traffic safety awareness week April 24- 28. The following events will take place:
Monday is First Sergeant's Traffic Safety Checks; Tuesday is Car Seat Safety Day at the Child Development Center at 3 p.m.; Wednesday is Distracted driving simulator/simulated distracted driving display at Base fitness center at 10 a.m. -12 p.m.; Friday is motorcycle mentorship ride and car seat checks at Tierra Vista and CDC with McGruff. Please come out and support. For more

information, contact Staff Sgt. Morris Thomas at 567-2847.

Staff and Family Tour

The 50th Space Wing Public Affairs is hosting the quarterly staff and family tour April 28. Get a look into the space mission and invite your spouse. Please no children under 8. Contact the PA office 567-5040 for more information. Deadline to enter is close of business Friday.

CHAPEL

Chaplain hosts Working Women's Bible study

Come join us for our Working Women's Bible study 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. every first and third Tuesday in the back area of the dining facility in Building 300. We will discuss the book "Beautiful in God's Eyes: The Treasures of the Proverbs 31 Woman" by Elizabeth George. Bring your lunch or grab some from the dining facility and let's all indulge in some food for the soul.

Join the women's Bible study

Come join us for a women's Bible study held 9:30 – 11 a.m. every Tuesday at the Tierra Vista Community Center. There will be fellowship, Bible study and conversations about today's critical issues from a Christian perspective.

Chapel offers family Christian fellowship

A family Bible study will be held 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday at the Tierra Vista Community Center. Come join us for inspiring worship, Bible study and prayer. Families are welcome. Childcare and separate kids activities for 10 and under provided.

ON-BASE

Schriever Wingman Day classes available

The 50th Space Wing is holding Wingman Day May 4. Please sign up now to attend two Wingman Day University classes at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4faaab23a1f85-wingman>.
The deadline to sign up is April 28, however most classes have limited space. Spouses are welcome to attend Wingman Day events. If your spouse would like to attend a class inside the restricted area, you can escort them under normal escort procedures. For more information, contact Jessica Schroeder at jessica.schroeder.5@us.af.mil.

TA mass briefing, one-on-one education counseling begins

Tuition Assistance Briefing followed by Education Counseling is now offered every second Wednesday of the month in Building 210, Room 310. Mass TA Counseling is held 8 -9:30 a.m. and one-on-one education counseling at 9:30 a.m. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To sign up, call Master Sgt. Janelle Amador or Vicki Brautigam at 567-5927 or 567-5903.

Sign up for SAI

Single Airmen Initiative events are free for both officers and enlisted personnel. If you are single and would like more information on the events available or would like to register, contact Seth Cannello at 567-6658.

Fitness center holds aerobics class

The fitness center staff will be teaching aerobics classes until May 31.

Aerobics Class Schedule:

April: 28
May: 4, 9, 19, 22, 31
For more information, visit the fitness center or call 567-6628.

Children of Valor wrestling club opens registration

The Children of Valor would like to invite all Schriever dependents (military and civilian) to join the team. We are a USA wrestling chartered club and part of the Peak 2 Peak League. We are a traveling competition team seeking dedicated youth athletes to compete with us. We accept boys and girls, ages 4-15. Practice times are 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Tierra Vista Housing multipurpose room, 300 Hartinger Circle. Contact Coach Morris Thomas at airman265@gmail.com for registration information.

The 2017 Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest kicks off

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association is pleased to sponsor the 2017 Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate thought, discussion and debate on matters relating to how the Air Force and Air Force Space Command provide space and cyberspace capabilities for the joint force and the nation. Contest details and submission rules are contained in the 2017 Schriever Essay Contest Information and Rules Summary, which is available on the Lance P. Sijan Chapter website, <http://www.lancepsijanafa.org/>.
Submissions must be unclassified and are due to the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the AFA by Aug. 15. For more information, contact George Bradley, AFSPC Director of History at 554-3081.

Vanpool to Schriever - Woodmen/Powers Walmart

The government provides the cost per rider per month to pay for the commuter van. The route includes Woodmen/Powers Walmart (pick up is at 6:15 a.m.). The final destination is Schriever Air Force Base with arrival times between 6:45 and 7 a.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 567-3428.

Floorball (Floor hockey) now available

The fitness center gymnasium is open for floorball (floor hockey) 5- 6 p.m. Thursdays. All equipment is supplied. If you are interested in participating, contact Staff Sgt. Matthew Coleman-Foster at 567-5640.

50 OG hosts annual banquet

The 50th Operations Group will host the annual Jimmy R. Morrell Banquet 12:30-2 p.m. June 1 at the indoor running track. The event will commemorate the individual achievements of Airmen throughout the squadron. For more information, contact Capt. Brandon Hua at 567-3287.

Air Force Assistance Fund

The 2017 Air Force Assistance Fund ends Friday, May 19. This campaign is a way for Airmen to support Airmen.

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Month of the Military Child: My child, my hero



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The “My Child, My Hero,” display greets Schriever Child Development Center patrons and visitors from the building’s atrium. The display is part of the CDC’s Month of the Military Child observation, and includes a photo with a brief statement explaining why the child is their parent’s hero. Some of the reasons include “kind spirit,” “taught me the meaning of unconditional love,” “he is fearless” and “she inspires me every day.”

History Quiz

Week of April 20, 2017

Answer to April 13 question: What was the first jet fighter operated by crews of the 50th Fighter (now Operations) Group? The first jet fighter operated by the 50th Fighter Group was the F-84 Thunderjet. The group operated this aircraft from 1949-1950.

This week’s question:
What were the two medical establishments assigned to the 50th Tactical Fighter (now Space) Wing from 1953-1991?

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Schriever Airmen dodge to raise awareness

By Airman 1st Class William Tracy
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Dodge
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Dip
Dive
and Dodge

These are the 5 D's of dodgeball - sacred tenants dictated by the late, great Patches O' Houlihan for mastery of the classic game, practiced by (some) participants during the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Dodgeball tournament in the base fitness center Friday.

At the foundation of the "friendly competition," was a fundamental purpose to raise awareness of SAAP, April being the month dedicated to this message.

"We're trying to get the awareness out and represent at many events," said Staff Sgt. Carrie Tierney, an event volunteer. "We are using the tournament and other events as a foundation for raising awareness."

Tierney and other volunteers helped with a 50th Space Wing's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office booth outside the gym, handing out free tournament T-shirts and items with SAAP slogans to participants.

Paula Krause, 50 SW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, pointed out the connection between dodgeball and SAAPM's theme of: "Protecting our People Protects our Mission."

"The dodgeball teams need to protect their team members and their mission, which in this case is to win the game," said Krause. "This is similar to what our members need to do within their units."

While SAPR was the foremost important acronym for the event, in the fitness center gym, the 5 D's served the practical purpose of helping those who used them move their teams up in the brackets.

Emerging victorious in the name of SAAP was the 21st Space Wing's Family Advocacy Program, a triumphing upset over last year's victors - Schriever's own 50th Security Forces Squadron.

"It feels good to win, it was an intense game," said Jeremy Roberts, 21 FA. "We were down a couple times but we made



Caleb Guarino, 50th Operations Support Squadron, scouts the opposing team during the annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Dodgeball Tournament at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Friday, April 14, 2017. His team, the 21st Space Wing Family Advocacy Program, won the tournament beating out the 50th Security Forces Squadron.

some plays, caught some balls and came out on top."

Monica Ibarra, 21 FA, said it was important for family advocacy to represent in SAPR events, even those on Schriever.

"With it being Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, as well as Child Abuse Awareness month, it's important for us to get out there and support these causes as well as make sure we are rallying with military members and their families," she said.

Ibarra added the competition at Schriever was fierce, and she was grateful for the chance to participate.

"Thanks to SAPR and the 50th Space Wing for letting us take part and win their tournament," she laughed.

Whether you can dodge a dodgeball, a wrench or even a moving vehicle, Krause said the true importance of the event was uniting Schriever Airmen under the banner of SAAP.

"We had great competition from all teams and great participation from all the groups," said Krause. "This was a fun event with a serious underlying message. The whole crowd gets involved, whether the members are playing or not."



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Detachment 1 provides vital connection capabilities

By Airman William Tracy
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Far north – so far, the northern lights are south – sits Detachment 1 of the 23rd Space Operations Squadron, a remote unit nearly situated on top of the world in the ice fields of Thule Air Base, Greenland.

As the northernmost U.S. armed forces installation, Thule AB's unique location allows Detachment 1 to efficiently and frequently track satellite movements overhead. Relaying this information in a timely manner is vital to the Air Force Satellite Control Network, and as part of Schriever's network of geographically separated units, Detachment 1 serves as a testament to its worldwide outreach.

Providing telemetry, tracking and commanding operations for U.S and its allies through its mission, Detachment 1's northern location allows contact with polar orbiting satellites 10-12 times a day – much more frequent than other AFSCN tracking stations, which are limited to sparse daily contact.

"The location enables the mission," said Maj. Uri Mandelbaum, Detachment 1 commander. "Without being in this area, we wouldn't have nearly as much visibility and connection with orbiting satellites."

The unit is a crucial part of Thule, which also hosts the 21st Space Wing's 821st Air Base group, and a handful of Danish and Greenland contractors.

This small community provides a close-knit backdrop for the important satellite tracking and operations missions held there, said Master Sgt. Andrew Martin, detachment chief.

"There is an incredible sense of esprit de corps and community here I haven't found anywhere else," said Martin. "It's a very small base, we only have about 100 active duty personnel here. Although small, everyone looks out for each other."

Thule has seen a significant downsize since the Cold War era, when more than 10,000 military personnel worked on base, always on standby due to the looming Soviet presence.

The base has a museum and other remnants serving as a reminder of Thule's olden days, said Martin. Among the relics is an old munitions warehouse and a shelter which has an office space that is part of a bunker complex – all well preserved in the arctic climate.

"It's like frozen history, there is nothing else like it," he said.

Now dedicated to satellite operations, the general mission of the base has changed, but the unique conditions of the arctic remain the same. Base personnel experience months of incessant darkness, as well as months of sunlight, subzero arctic temperatures, and isolation, the nearest town being Qaanaaq, 75 miles northwest of Thule with a population of only 600.

"It's an austere environment, it isn't exactly hospitable," said Martin. "We deal with a lot of communication issues with everything so far north. There are difficult aspects of being here but the good outweighs the bad by far."

Despite the challenges, Thule's critical location is an exceedingly important asset of the Department of Defense; however, its vital mission would be nonexistent without the crucial efforts of Detachment 1 and other base personnel.

"Having this presence in the arctic will become more and more important in the upcoming years," said Mandelbaum. "We are an important link in the chain which connects Schriever to their satellites in space."



Detachment 1, 23 SOPS advances the 50th Space Wing's mission of commanding space and cyber systems to deliver global combat effects by operating satellite telemetry, tracking and commanding operations in an efficient manner.

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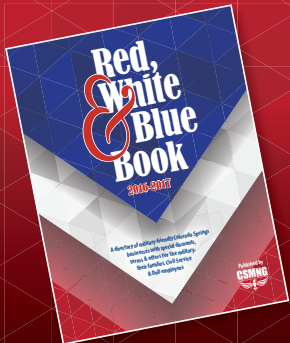
CDC celebrates Month of the Military Child



(U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Arielle Vasquez)

Schriever members and military kids line up for smoothies at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Friday, April 14, 2017. This marked the fourth consecutive year a smoothie bar was set up at the Child Development Center during the Month of the Military Child.

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CLOSURES

Clinic announces closures

The Schriever Clinic will be closed the following dates/times:

May 3	All day	Training day
May 26	All day	Down day
May 29	All day	Holiday
June 16	All day	Training day
July 3	All day	Family Day
July 4	All day	Holiday
July 13	noon- 4:30 p.m.	Training Day

Note: Normal clinic hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Walk in services end at 3:30 p.m. Pharmacy and lab close at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For emergencies, call 911. For appointments, call 524-CARE.

OFF-BASE

Schriever holds food drive

The Schriever Air Force Base Teens and Kids Helping Kids Spring Food Drive will be held in front of the Peterson Air Force Base commissary April 29 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and April 30 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. All donations collected will go directly to the Ellicott Helping Hands Food Pantry, which not only serves Ellicott and Peyton, but Schriever as well. Email Lisa Kosiewicz Doran at lkosiewicz@sb-cglobal.net if your kids are interested in participating.

Society of Military Widows holds meeting

The Society of Military Widows is open to widows of any branch of military service, regardless of the spouse's rank. The Pikes Peak Chapter 15 of the Society of Military Widows meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Peterson Air Force Base club. Call 597-0492 or 591-9523 for more information.

AutismOne Conference free for military members

The AutismOne Conference is coming to Colorado Springs May 24-28 at Hotel Elegante. The main conference is free to active and retired military personnel and their significant others, family and friends. To receive

passes, provide your military ID at the door. Learn more at www.autismone.org. For any questions, email info@autismone.org.

Air Force Marathon open for applications

The U.S. Air Force Marathon is conducting a major command challenge Sept. 16. Applications will be accepted until May 1. A 10-person team will represent Air Force Space Command and will be authorized a permissive tour of duty. Information and applications for the team is available at <http://www.usafmarathon.com/active-duty>. For specific information, contact Seth Cannello at 567-6658.

Fort Carson DLA announces services

Disposition Services Colorado Springs, located in Building 324, 1475 Wickersham Boulevard, Fort Carson, conducts orientations by appointment. The orientations discuss disposition services/processes to include turning in excess property, reutilizing government property, available web-based tools, special handling of property and environmental needs.

- To schedule an orientation training, contact 719-352-4186
- For receiving/turning in questions, contact 719-526-9689
- Environmental questions, contact 719-526-0289
- Reutilization/Transfer/Donation RTD, contact 719-466-7002

TAPS looking for service members

The Tragedy Assistance Program is hosting a survivor seminar and is in need of active-duty service members to pair with a child during their journey of grief, helping them gain coping skills in a supportive environment. For more information and how to register, visit the program's website at www.taps.org or call Melissa Hermosillo at (915) 780-3344.

50 CONS Base Support Flight Newsletter

The 50th Contracting Base Support Flight quarterly newsletter, "The Goods," is available for download at <http://go.usa.gov/x96XV>. For specific questions and concerns, email 50CONS.LGCB.BaseContracting@us.af.mil.

Academy cadet sponsor program looking for volunteers

The U.S. Air Force Academy is looking for volunteer sponsor families to build a professional mentoring relationship and provide a home-away-from-home for cadets. The program needs about 180 families to sponsor cadets. Sponsors must be at least O-3 for officers, E-6 for enlisted and GS-05 for civilian. The program is designed to provide new cadets mentorship, offering active-duty and retired military personnel and civilians in the community an opportunity to mentor cadets on a permanent basis for their time at the Academy. Email cadet.sponsor@usafa.edu or usafa.cwtmsponsor@usafa.edu or call 719-333-2727 for more information.



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#IamSCHRIEVER Portraits

“IamSCHRIEVER Portraits” feature photos and interviews of Team Schriever members and aim to engage community members and share their stories and experiences with all of Team Schriever. The intent is to increase awareness, appreciation and engagement of diversity within the force and enable more open, honest and respectful communication throughout base. If you are interested in sharing your stories, call the 50th Space Wing Public Affairs office at 719-567-5040.



#IamSCHRIEVER Portraits

I belong to a Freedom Through Vigilance association; we support congressional action recognizing Vietnam era veterans for their service.

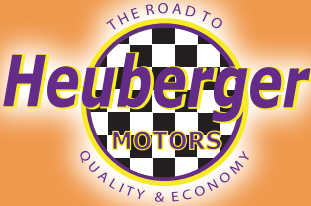
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AFSPC members provide Kids Against Hunger meals

By Senior Airman Arielle Vasquez
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Schriever Air Force Base, Peterson Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station volunteers prepared 40,000 meals during a Kids Against Hunger event April 11.

This marked the first time Schriever held a volunteer event of this kind.

The mission of KAH, a humanitarian food-aid organization incorporated in 1999, is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the United States and to feed starving children throughout the world.

Stephanie Thien, Peterson, Schriever, Cheyenne Mountain Spouse Club president, coordinated the event along with Stan Sack, KAH Colorado Springs satellite director.

When Thien became the PSC Spouses Club president last May, she said she wanted to change the direction of the spouses club to be a more philanthropy-driven organization.

“I was told this is the first time any of the military bases in Colorado Springs has participated in KAH,” she said. “Our mission as the spouses club is to do outreach projects and give back to the community that has continuously supported our military families here.”

Offutt Air Force Base active duty member and KAH volunteer, Tech. Sgt. William Robinson, brought pallets of food from Omaha and arrived at Schriever April 10. This was all packaged and sealed by volunteers the following day.

Sacks said the meals contain rice, soy, black beans and spices.

“KAH has about 50 satellites across the United States, run by volunteers,” said Sack. “All the food packaging goes through one of those satellites. We package food for local use as well as ship it around the world primarily to third world countries. A KAH meal-a-day can bring a child back from starvation within 60 to 90 days.”

Two hundred and fifty volunteers signed up to assemble the KAH meal packages between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Volunteers prepared 40,000 meals, which feed up to six people each.

“It was a very fun experience working with others toward this mission,” said 2nd Lt. Veronica Leddy, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Engineering chief. “I did this before in technical school in Ohio.



(Air Force photo/Senior Airman Arielle Vasquez)

Airmen from Schriever Air Force Base, Peterson Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station prepare meals during a Kids Against Hunger volunteer event at Schriever Fitness Center, Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Volunteers prepared 40,000 meals, which will feed up to six people each.

When I saw the email with the sign-up sheet, I remembered my experience of doing this before and I wanted to do it again. It was only two hours of my time, yet we made thousands of meals and I would encourage others to come out and participate for future events.”

First Sergeants from all three bases delivered the food packages the following day to Ellicott and Peterson feeder schools as well as the Care and Share Food Banks.

“What is satisfying is making a difference in people’s lives who I don’t even know,” Sacks said. Mother Theresa said, ‘If you can’t feed one hundred people, feed one.’ All of the meals could be packaged by machines, but the beauty of it is that volunteers are doing hands-on work. I’ve already had people ask me when they can participate again after only working one hour.”

While the volunteer event lasted a few days, planning began in August 2016.

The Tierra Vista Housing Community provided the PSC Spouses Club with a \$10,000 grant to coordinate the project.

Thien said she did not realize what a huge turnout it would be during the days of the actual event.

“At first I thought to myself ‘there’s no way we will get the number of volunteers we need,’ but to see so many people support this mission speaks volumes to me,” she said. “I’ve never seen so many people pull together for one mission. It’s humbling to know I’m a small part of this.”

The PSC Spouses Club is always organizing volunteer events and plan to coordinate another KAH event in the future.

Thien said the next events they are plan-

ning to conduct are a clothing drive and filling backpacks for military kids for the next school year.

“My favorite part about this process is seeing the pallets of food come in and making phone calls to schools to tell them we can fill their pantry,” Thien said. “It is such a blessing knowing we can help them out. We’re hoping to make this an on-going relationship with KAH.

“I would like to say thank you to the PSC board and all of the bases involved for allowing this to come to fruition,” she said.

For information on future events and scholarship programs offered by the PSC Spouses Club, visit the PSC Spouses Club Facebook page and pscspousesclub.org

Military Child

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saying goodbye to people and places. On the other hand, my brother, Matt, became an extrovert and got good at saying hello. He hit the ground running, he had to make friends and fast because he only had a year with them. We grew up with the same circumstances yet we are opposites, well not exact opposites, he’s a pack rat too.

This was our way of life until our dad retired and joined the civilian workforce. We moved off base and suddenly my world was smaller, whiter and full of people I didn’t understand and who didn’t understand the life I led as a military brat. It was two blocks to the corn field in one direction and five blocks to Main Street the next. I began to adapt, make friends and plant roots. This was my new community, I was beginning to belong. It was becoming my new norm.

Just when I thought the moving was over, surprisingly four years had gone by and it was time to move again, because civil service didn’t mean permanent, it only meant a slower crawl to more strangers and a different life.

I used to get jealous of the people who were born and raised in one town. When they go home for the holidays they go back to the house they lived in as a child. The place my parents live now is a house I have never lived in, but it still feels like home. The people I love and the things I grew up with are there. I used to think living in one place was the ideal, and somehow I was cheated out of it.

But then I realized what an amazing opportunity I was given as a military child. I’ve lived on the East and West coasts. I’ve lived in the north, the south and Texas (we all know Texas is its own thing). I’ve lived in the Midwest and I’ve lived in Germany. I’ve lived on base and off. I’ve lived in large cities and small towns. I’ve lived the nomad life, moving from place to place. And I’ve seen just how different and special each community is. Where you grow up says



(Courtesy photo)

Matthew and James Hodges stand in front of a parade float in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany in the early 1980s. While moving often is a challenge military children are faced with, moving can be a positive experience giving military children a chance to live all over the world.

a lot about who you are. It instills in you your values and beliefs. As a military child I got to grow up everywhere. I got to be part of many worlds while being part of the Air Force community. The uniqueness to military life can be a challenge but it’s shown me what’s important in life, the people who are in it with you.

In this community I am currently enrolled in the Leadership Pikes Peak Signature Program class of 2017 (best class ever) and we’ve all been asked to present our “why?”

Why do we do what we do? I work at Schriever Air Force Base because it’s my community; it’s my family. There’s always that one annoying cousin you constantly roll your eyes at during a family dinner but I wouldn’t have it any other way. That’s family, am I right?

For the most part, my military family is respected but it’s often misunderstood. And that’s my job in Public Affairs. To share my community, my Schriever family, with those outside the gate. It’s not always easy, but my job is better than yours.



(U.S. Air Force photo/Christopher DeWitt)

Maj. Christine Pasun (right), 50th Operations Support Squadron assistant director of operations, and 2nd Lt. Walker Fickling, 50th Force Support Squadron deputy of sustainment services, crack open their loot while others continue to search during the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Wednesday, April 12, 2017. The 50th Space Wing Chaplains Office hosted the event as a way to get some air and allow Airmen to be kids again.

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Happenings is what’s happening in the 50th Force Support Squadron in the next two weeks. Be sure to check back on the first and third Thursdays of the month for an up-to-date list.

BOLD/GOLD Coed Camp (Boys/Girls Outdoor Leadership Development):

BOLD/GOLD is a teen leadership overnight camp offered for teens ages 13-18. This camp is being offered through the local YMCA specifically for our Schriever youth. Participants get to explore the wilderness in Colorado while learning what it means to be an emotionally intelligent male or female back in their communities. Through the challenges they face on trial and the support they receive from their new friends, participants are anticipated to come back from their trip with higher self-esteem, positive relationships with their peers and adults, and a feeling that they can take on the world. This camp will be offered to Schriever teens from June 26-30. To sign up, please attend the Tierra Vista Community Center Town Hall on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Representatives from the YMCA will be in attendance to brief parents on the event and for registration. For additional information, please contact 1st Lt. Sarah D’Alessandro at 567-4740.

Switchbacks Tickets Available at the Schriever Marketing Office!

Thanks to our sponsor, Switchbacks football club, game tickets are available for free to all Schriever patrons. We have 17 tickets available for all 16 home games of the season. Tickets may be picked up on a first come, first served basis in the 50th Force Support Squadron marketing office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Bldg 210, Room 363. Limit four tickets per pick-up. For more information, contact Jenn Revell at 567-5362.

Free Adventure/GORUCK Event: May 5

The Team Cohesion Challenge was created to give our Airmen an opportunity to participate in adventure race type events while incorporating some of the pillars of the Comprehensive Airman Fitness. This program is targeted those returning from deployment and single Airmen; priority registration will be given to them, but this program is open to all eligible patrons who are 18 and older. The program is in collaboration with GORUCK. Schriever will be conducting the “light” event. The “light” is designed as an introduction to the team-based training found in elite military detachments. The event is very physically demanding through the use of calisthenics and other exercises/activities. GORUCK light takes place over 4-5 hours, and cover roughly 7-10 miles.

What you’ll need if you participate:

- You have an option for what you use to weigh down your ruck:
- * Ruck/backpack
 - * Bricks – two if you are under 150 pounds, four if you’re over. Each brick should weigh 4-6 pounds. Wrap your bricks in tape to protect your gear. Label your bricks (each package if wrapped separately) with your full name and phone via duct tape and permanent marker. Bricks will be inspected by the Cadre at the start point.
 - * Sandbag Fillers – If you are under 150 pounds, use a 10 pound sandbag and if you are over 150 pounds use a 20 pound sandbag. Fillers are not required but help out local law enforcement and clean-up crews. We recommend placing the filler bag in a contractor bag or something else waterproof.
 - * Mandatory- Hydration system. We strongly recommend a hydration bladder with minimum 3 liters capacity.
 - * Gloves to protect your hands.
 - * A windbreaker is required if temperatures are expected to go below 50 degrees.
 - * Anything else you need to stay warm and dry. We also recommend snacks, lip balm, and sunblock. To register, contact Seth Cannello at 567-6658.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

2017 Air Force Photo Contest

The Air Force Services Activity will host its annual Photo Contest May 1-31. There are both adult and youth, as well as novice and accomplished categories. This year’s theme is “Travel Destinations.” Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each category. For registration or more information, please visit <http://www.myairforcelife.com/arts/> during the contest period, or call Karen Draper at 567-2525 or Lt Fickling at 567-5808.

The Murph Fitness Challenge: May 19

Participants will start the event by running 1-mile/13 laps in the indoor running track. Participants will then be required to perform 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups and 300

body squats (must touch the back of your legs or your buttocks to the seat of a folding chair). Participants can break up the muscular portion however they choose. After finishing the muscular portion, participants will then run another mile. If the challenge is completed in under an hour, participants will receive a free T-shirt and bragging rights. For more information or to register, please call Seth Cannello at 567-6658.

Right Start: April 20

An introduction of the installation and local community resources to newly arrived personnel April 20. Briefers include: 50th Space Wing Commander, sexual assault prevention representative’s office, family advocacy, medical, legal, 50th Force Support Squadron marketing, and more. This briefing will be held 8 a.m. in the Bldg. 300 auditorium.

First Term Officer’s Mandatory Financial Briefing: April 20

First term officers are mandated to receive financial information. This class is held from following Right Start. This class will cover topics from budgeting to investing and Airmen and family readiness. Participants will also receive a Finance briefing. For more information, please call 567-3920.

eIntramurals Head Coaches Meeting: April 27

The 50th Force Support Squadron is launching its first ever eIntramurals gaming league. The first video game featured will be League of Legends, a 5v5 team based game pitting squadron vs. squadron to see who the best of Schriever. The meeting will be held 2 p.m. April 27 in Building 300, Room 146 to determine those interested in competing. For more information, contact 2nd. Lt. Walter Fickling at 567-5808.

Summer Camp Enrollment Coming Up

Summer Camp enrollment will held April 24-28 for families that currently have children enrolled in the program for before and after school care. Summer Camp Enrollment packets may be picked up at the front desk on April 24. All enrollment packets must be turned into the front desk staff by close of business Apr. 28. Summer Camp Enrollment for families that do not have children currently enrolled in the program may register for care using www.militarychildcare.com. Offers for Summer Camp will begin to go out the week of May 1 via email. Please be advised, customers only have two business days to accept or decline the offer until their name automatically drops out of the system. Please keep an eye on your email for offers. If you have any questions regarding care for School Age Summer Camp, contact Lisa Barnett at 567-7100.

Air Force Youth Programs Space Camp

The Air Force Services Activity is now offering space camp opportunities for all youth ranging from ages 12-18. A variety of camps are available to include Space Academy, Robotics Academy, Aviation Challenge and Scuba Diving. Applications must be submitted by May 15 to Mary Barkley. Applications and more information can be obtained Barkley at 567-5464 or 1st Lt Sarah D’Alessandro at 567-4740.

Education Counseling Now Available in FTAC

Education counseling is now offered every second Wednesday of the month in Bldg. 210, Room 310. Mass Tuition assistance counseling is 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and one-on-one education counseling starts right afterward at 9:30 a.m. An education representative from Peterson will also be available from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. to assist those that need help starting their journey to their degree. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Sign up through our office by calling Master Sgt. Janelle Amador at 567-5927 or Vicki Brautigam at 567-5903.

Group Study for senior NCO DLC and NCO DLC Now Available

The professional development flight now offers a location for EPME study groups for both senior NCO DLC and NCO DLC for those who want peer-to-peer study sessions. The following dates are available to sign up through Share Point: April 21, 1 – 3 p.m. April 26. 9 – 11 a.m. April 28, 1 – 3 p.m. Sign up through our link: <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-SP-14/default.aspx>. If you receive an error message, you must click on “request access.” For questions, please contact Vicki Brautigam at 567-5903.

Air Force Teen Council Looking for Representatives and Advisors

The Air Force Services Activity Child and Youth Programs is now taking applications for teens and adults to serve as regional Air Force Teen Council representatives and adult advisors. Per the guidance, the following are eligible to ap-

ply: Dependent teens of active duty, retired, Department of Defense civilians, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. As of this year, the Air Force will have one total force integrated AFTC which will be comprised of one active duty and one ANG/AFR dependent teen representative per region. note: Teens and adults who previously applied must re-apply using the updated applications. All applications must be submitted no later than May 24.. If there are questions, please contact, Alysse Seligman at 969-7516 or Penny Dale at 969-7251.

AF Civilians Associate Degree Toolkit

The Air Force is introducing an online associate degree program designed specifically for Air Force civilians. Graduates receive a fully accredited Associate of Applied Science Degree from Air University in Air Force Leadership and Management Studies, designed to be completed in two years through a combination online courses, credit by exam and/or transfer credit.

Schriever Fitness Center

Building 120, 567-6628

USAF Marathon Registration: February 1 – May 1

The U.S. Air Force Marathon is conducting a major command challenge Sept. 16. Applications will be accepted until May 1. A 10-person team will represent Air Force Space Command and will be authorized a permissive tour of duty. Information and applications for the team is available at <http://www.usafmarathon.com/active-duty>. For specific information, contact Seth Cannello at 567-6658.

Fitness Center After-Hours Access Now Available for All

After-hours access is now available at the fitness center for common access card holders, dependents and retirees. You must register your CAC at the fitness center and attend a 15-minute orientation, even if you have previously registered for after-hours access. The orientation is conducted on a walk-in basis 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. weekends.

The locker rooms will be closed the following dates/times:

Weekly, Monday – Friday, 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Please note: The schedule is subject to change at any time. To verify availability, please call 567-6628.

Fitness Center Closures

The Basketball Court will be closed:

3 p.m. May 3 and will re-open on May 5

T-135 will be closed:

May 4

Aerobics Classes Taught by Fitness Center Staff

The Fitness Center Staff will be teaching Aerobics Classes through May 31. For a schedule of the classes offered, visit the Fitness Center or call 567-6628. Such classes offered are:

-Functional Fitness – trains your muscles to work together and prepare them for daily tasks by simulating common movements you might do at home, at work or in sports. While using various muscles in the upper and lower body at the same time, functional fitness exercises also emphasize core stability.

-Group Exercise – is typically described as exercise performed by a group of individuals led by an instructor. A variety of group exercise formats exist, including (but not limited to) aerobics and dance choreographed to music, BOSU, core conditioning, pilates, yoga, and muscle conditioning. Group exercise offers a variety of benefits you might miss out on if you choose to work out on your own. Some of the benefits include exposure to a social and fun environment, a safe and effectively designed workout.

-Boot Camp – results driven and energetic fitness and fat loss workout program that includes motivation, accountability and dynamic resistance training; all designed to get you the body that you want in a safe, fun and non-intimidating atmosphere.

-Cycle Fitness – creates a work out that is deeply engaging and energizing on an indoor bicycle. This program is physically efficient and challenging, mentally uplifting, and most importantly, fun.

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-Kettlebells – A kettlebell is a solid metal heavy ball with an offset handle just large enough to place your hand through and is one of the most effective versatile pieces of equipment you can use during a workout. Kettlebell training has plenty of benefits—namely strength gains, performance increases, and fat loss. When used correctly a kettlebell improves your joint stability as well as the joints mobility.

AF FA Testing Time/Day Summer Hours
The Air Force Fitness Assessment summer hours are currently in effect. Testing days and times are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7 – 9 a.m. This testing schedule will remain in effect until November 1. For more information, please call the Fitness Center at 567-6628.

Dining facility changes restrictions
The Satellite Dish Dining Facility is now open to all contractors on federal holidays per the base commander.

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Building 300, Room 133 567-6050

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Loveland
Ski Cooper

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Buy now, ticket prices will increase.
Please stop by Bldg. 300, Rm. 133 for more information or call 567-6050.

Call for ticket delivery options on Schriever, outside the restricted area. Outdoor Recreation is an authorized TicketsWest ticket retailer. Get all your TicketsWest tickets at ODR/ITT.

Outdoor Recreation Trips
Outdoor Recreation has the outdoor adventure you’re looking for. Contact ODR at 567-6050 to opt-in to their email list and be the first to know about upcoming adventure trips.

Camper, Camping Equipment Rentals
Outdoor Recreation has campers and camping equipment available for rent. Choose from pop-up campers, Vibe, Shadow Cruiser, Scamps or R-Pods all at a great price. Tents, sleeping bags, coolers, stoves, back packs, chairs and more outdoor gear are all offered at Outdoor Recreation. Please note that campers with running water are not available during the off-season. Call 567-6050 or stop by to see what equipment is available.

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Child Development Center, Building 60, 567-4742
Program is open to all eligible patrons in the entire Front Range area. This includes Peterson Air Force Base, Fort Carson and U.S. Air Force Academy members.

CDC Full Time Care
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Hourly care
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years? The CDC offers hourly care for only \$4 per hour. Parents may call the CDC for more details, to inquire about availability and to register. School-Age Care, Building 60, 567-4742

School-Age Care Registration
Youth who are entering Kindergarten through age 12 may attend the School-Age Care program. The program follows D22 school calendar for Ellicott School District. In addition, care is provided for D49 and D22 breaks in the fall, winter and spring. Youth are provided the opportunity to participate in swimming, archery, clubs, 4-H, Boys and Girls Club and community service projects. For more information, call Vicki Rygiel at 567-2850 or Lisa Barnett at 567-7100. Packets are available at the front desk of the CDC/SAC building.

FSS at the Movies
Tierra Vista Community Center, 567-2525
The 50th Force Support Squadron invites you to join us for free movies at the Tierra Vista Community Center. Movies are open to all personnel with access to Schriever AFB. Snacks are welcome at movie showings.
Saturday, April 29 – TVC
Monster Trucks (PG) – 3 p.m.
Resurrection of Gavin Stone (PG) – 5:00 p.m.

Fun Volunteer Opportunity
We are looking for volunteers to help run movies on base twice a month at Tierra Vista Community Center. For more information or to sign up, please contact Karen Draper at 567-2525.

ON BASE EMERGENCIES

When away from your work station call



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AFSCN

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With an out-of-this-world endeavor, AFSCN’s brain of the network is comprised of two of the 50th Space Wing’s geographically separated Space Operations Squadrons and 22 SOPS. The 21st Space Operations Squadron is based at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, while the 23rd Space Operations Squadron is at New Boston Air Force Station, New Hampshire; both enabling worldwide connection through its antenna. Each of the squadrons mentioned has subordinate units, or additional geographically separated units, in far flung areas of the world —such as Diego Garcia, Guam, Hawaii, Greenland and the United Kingdom ensuring the sun never sets in AFSCN.

With all the antennas, the network provides the bandwidth and allows users to link with their satellites to check their health and maneuver them as necessary to accomplish their mission.

“You can think of us as a cellphone provider. We provide those links that you can talk to someone else on the other end of the line and the other end of the line is your satellite,” said Maj. Gregory Stewart, 22 SOPS mission commander.

The subscribers for this Air Force network include Schriever units, such as 2nd Space Operations Squadron, which commands and controls the GPS; and 3rd and 4th Space Operations Squadrons, which manages several military satellite communications. Other governmental agencies that use the AFSCN include Air Force Space Command units, NASA and National Reconnaissance Office among others. On average, the network provides 24/7 support to more than 170 satellites.

One of the primary organizations the AFSCN team works with is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a scientific agency that provides daily weather forecasts, storm warning and other climate information.

“We give them time so they can get their data from their satellites then pass it on to the users,” said Brian Honor, 22 SOPS satellite network scheduler.

Honor provides communication links and allocates time for users to contact their satellites, roughly 450 contacts per day.

Think of a scheduler as a cross between an old-school telephone operator and a baseball coach. In the olden days people had to call an operator to get connected to another individual, similar to the role a scheduler plays.

Unlike the classic operator; however, the schedulers follow the network tasking order, sometimes referred to as the



(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes)

Brian Honor, 22nd Space Operations Squadron satellite network scheduler, monitors the schedule for the Air Force Satellite Control Network using the electronic scheduling dissemination at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, April 5, 2017. The network is a system of antennas from all over the world that provide time and link for the users to their satellites.

“batting order” of all the agencies that need satellite contact. Ultimately, this makes it their job, much like a baseball coach, to prioritize the lineup, based on the “teams” needs, and knowledge he has of the tasks and coordination needed to get their respective missions done.

“The most testing part of our job is to make the decision as fast as we can,” Honor said.

On a day-to-day basis, the schedule goes through more than 100 real-time changes. However, situations may arise when a satellite has an emergency and schedulers must decide quickly to help solve the problem and minimize the impact on the other users in the batting order.

“That is not something you can do with an automated system. We are there for that 24-hour real time support to the users so they can get to their satellites,” Honor said.

The need for qualified personnel around-the-clock is precisely why schedulers go through yearlong training to learn about the ins and outs of the network, each satellite’s

personalities, prioritization of the batting order and more.

“It’s mind boggling how much information you have to learn about the system,” Honor said. “Information is key and that’s one of the things we help do. We help get the information to the right people at the right times.”

While making history in space is “just a day in the office” for schedulers like Honor, there is still plenty of skill and importance that can be associated with the occupation, and even with the challenges, Honor says he is proud to work with the AFSCN team.

Without the constant moving parts and consistently vigilant eyes of AFSCN personnel, events such as the SpaceX launch would not be as efficient or as successful as they have been for operators, squadrons and missions around the world over the last 60 years

“It’s fulfilling on a daily basis. There’s always something that you’ve done that’s extremely important to our way of life,” he said proudly.



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Are you ready for Windows 10?



PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Airmen of the 21st Communication Squadron work on several computers at once during the Windows 10 roll out project at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, March 22, 2017. The Windows 10 roll out is part of a Department of Defense-wide mandate to update all computers across all services. The 21 CS has been working extra shifts to ensure that mandate is met well ahead of schedule on April 1.

By Steve Kotecki
21 Space Wing Public Affairs

Are you ready to be amongst the first people in the Air Force to use a Windows 10 enabled laptop? Well, the Airmen at the 21 Communication Squadron are working around the clock to get that laptop into your hands.

The Air Force has set a mandate that all computers be upgraded to Windows 10 by Jan. 1, 2018.

21 CS has other plans, and will have the majority of the 21 Space Wing’s computers upgraded to Windows 10 by April 1. To do so, 21 CS Airmen have been working extra shifts from midnight to 8 a.m. This rapid deployment aims to get roughly 2,000 computers in operation across the 21 SW.

“We’re averaging between 115 and 130 computers a day,” said Tech. Sgt. Shawn Gumadon, 21 CS, client systems NCO in charge. “That includes adding our software to them, getting them ready for the network and then organizing them for pickup.”

The new Windows machines should be faster and more reliable than the aging tower computers the majority of the 21 SW is cur-

rently using, Gumadon said.

In addition, the upgrade to Windows 10 will increase the Air Force’s cyber security posture by improving security features to reduce cyber threats, as well as reducing overall operating costs.

On top of working to roll out of the new computers, 21 CS is still keeping up with their day-to-day mission.

“Our Airmen are really on top of it, we’re still doing our normal jobs including taking care of regular trouble tickets and customer issues with their existing machines,” Gumadon said.

While it sounds challenging, Gumadon says it’s been rewarding.

“It is a lot of work, but it brings a lot of pride to the unit and work center,” said Gumadon.

After April 1 the work won’t stop. The 21 CS Airmen will still have to work out any issues and bugs that might crop up, but Gumadon is confident that by the January deadline all computers will be running at peak efficiency across the 21 SW.

A similar rollout of Windows 10 began within the 50th Network Operations Group Monday, and rollouts will continue through the rest of the wing throughout May.

Improvements to the TRICARE Dental Program

By TRICARE Staff
TRICARE

Beginning May 1, United Concordia Companies, Inc. will manage the TRICARE Dental Program. Beneficiaries don’t need to take any actions to continue their coverage.

The TDP is a voluntary dental benefit for eligible active duty family members, National Guard and Reserve members and their families. Several improvements to the TDP include:

- The annual maximum TDP will pay will increase from \$1,300 to \$1,500
- The TDP will consider sealants a free and preventive treatment, and no longer include a 20 percent cost share
- The auto-enrollment age for family members will lower from age four to one
- For most beneficiaries, the monthly premium rate will decrease

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5 Prevent progress

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13 Norwegian capital

14 Type of cabaret show

15 Parcel of land

16 "Who" isn't in a Telly Savalas saying?

19 Pol

20 Olympic legend Jesse

21 Common concession drinks

22 Excite

24 Established fact

25 Walk through low water

26 Essential trombone part

28 Opaque gem

30 It could be ironclad

31 Bedridden

34 "When" not in due time, Mr. Science?

38 Certain sib

39 Run off to wed

40 Copied, animal-style

41 Puts at ease

42 Type of choir voice

44 Prepares for a bout

46 Put out again, as a CD

49 Surgery aftermaths

50 Turn a cold shoulder to

52 Mountain-reducing sticks

53 "Why" not hurry, Adrian Peterson?

56 Not at home

57 Bridal path

58 Sandwich cookie

59 Create an embargo

60 Norman you don't want near your shower

61 Dampens

DOWN

1 Use a divining rod

2 Visibly terrified

3 Obliquely

4 "Pease porridge ____"

5 Shop without buying

6 Bank security feature?

7 Appliance with a mitt

8 Use profanity

9 Item on a custodian's ring

10 Minimum wage for an actor

11 Far from rural

12 Titles of respect for some Turks

15 Partner of "beyond"

17 Easily heard

18 Like lemon juice

23 Sentry's command

24 Pointed remark

26 Garments under dresses

27 Margarita citrus

28 Expressions of pain

29 Letter of the Greek alphabet

30 Invisible energy source

31 Instance of pretending to be someone else

32 Spike or Brenda

33 Hallucinogenic drug

35 One's last vehicle, often

36 Right-angled shapes

37 Feedbag contents

41 Put on store shelves

42 Sky-high homes

43 Weak ending?

44 Neutral middle vowel

45 Formal expression of praise

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