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2nd SOPS reaches GPS milestone



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman William Tracy

The 2nd Space Operations Squadron operations floor is a flurry of activity during 2nd SOPS’s formal command of Architecture Evolution Plan 7.5 at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 16, 2018. Airmen worked extensively to ensure a smooth integration of the largest GPS architectural change in operational history, improving squadron cybersecurity capabilities and overall operations.

By Senior Airman William Tracy

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The 2nd Space Operations Squadron took formal command of Architecture Evolution Plan 7.5, the largest GPS architectural change in operational history, after its successful installation at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov 16.

“AEP 7.5 is a milestone in GPS history and improves our cybersecurity capabilities and postures us to better operate in a contested, degraded and operationally limited

environment,” said 1st Lieutenant Jonathan Campbell, 2nd SOPS assistant operations flight commander.

The 2nd SOPS installation replaced 600,000 lines of code in AEP and implemented more than \$29 million worth of hardware and software changes.

Additionally, AEP 7.5 sets the platform for the installation of AEP 8.0, which will deliver the capability to command and control GPS III satellite vehicles — the first GPS III satellite scheduled to be launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida,

next month.

Campbell said AEP 7.5 is a significant step up from the previous AEP 7.3, with overall improvements allowing Airmen to command and control satellites with better efficiency.

The program’s successful installation is the result of extensive training from a Mission Operations Transfer at the squadron’s Alternate Master Control Station at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. Both rotations of the Space Mission Force crew

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Airmen trot towards finish line



U.S. Air Force photo by Kathryn Calvert

Korey Kuykendall with the 50th Operations Squadron celebrates as he crosses the finish line during the 2.5-mile Turkey Trot run at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 16, 2018. The fitness center hosts events like this to boost morale and give Airmen an opportunity to participate in free athletic events.

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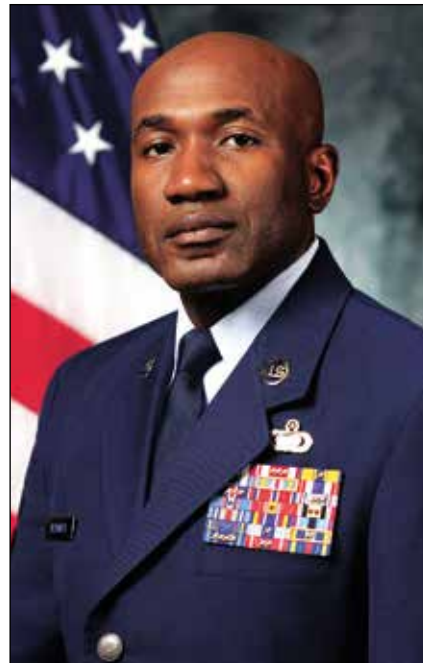
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Leading a champion team

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. —

There is no greater time to serve in the most lethal Air, Space, and Cyberspace force known to mankind, and at this defining moment there is no place I'd rather be than here at Schriever AFB. Indeed, it's an awesome responsibility and distinct privilege to serve alongside and lead space, cyberspace, and combat support warriors as we stand firmly in the gap between good and evil. Make no guesses, have no doubts, the effects generated by Team Schriever everyday are pivotal to sustaining our national power, across all instruments, diplomacy, information, military and economic.

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Chief Master Sgt. Boston Alexander
50th Space Wing command chief

rior leaders. This commentary will focus on three distinguishing characteristics they all displayed; care, character and credibility.

Field Marshall William Slim said; "Leadership is of the spirit compounded of personality and vision; its practice is an art. Management is of the mind, more a

matter of accurate calculations, statistics, methods, time tables and routine; its practice is a science. Managers are necessary; leaders are essential."

Everybody wants somebody to care about them. Leaders are charged with igniting the human spirit, and getting people to where they ought to be on professional and personal fronts. Your people's business must be your business. Do you know what is most important to them? What makes them tick? As a leader, welfare, utilization and progress of those you have the privilege of leading rest squarely upon your shoulders. Your talents, brilliance, technical acumen or genius will not generate sustained superior performance if your people believe that you do not care about them. World-class technology, weapons and mission systems are relegated to fancy props, and in some cases rendered downright useless without people. In the Profession of Arms we embrace the unlimited liability clause, knowing that we could be sent into perilous situations to do our nation's bidding and the ultimate sacrifice might be the end game. In such environments, committed Airmen are key to mission accomplishment. Caring is a crucial step to building commitment. A leader of character will care about the people.

The word character is best described

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Schriever Airman highlights Native American heritage



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman William Tracy

Staff Sgt. Brittinie Alvarez, 50th Security Forces Squadron reports and analysis noncommissioned officer in charge and member of the Shoshone and Bannock tribes, wears her traditional regalia during Diversity Day at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Aug. 17, 2018. Alvarez shared the impact her Native American heritage has made in her life during National Native American Heritage Month.

By Senior Airman William Tracy

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — November is National Native American Heritage Month, and Staff Sgt. Brittinie Alvarez, 50th Security Forces Squadron reports and analysis noncommissioned officer in charge, shared the impact her Native American heritage made in her life.

Alvarez is a member of the Shoshone and Bannock tribes, and grew up in The Fort Hall Shoshone Bannock Indian Reservation in Idaho.

“One of my favorite memories is when I was 16 years old,” Alvarez said. “I was spearfishing salmon on a river with my family in the middle of a forest in rural Idaho. Our people have done this for hundreds of years, and it was a pretty normal annual fishing trip for myself and my family. I just caught a salmon and was walking back to camp when a group of random college students drove by, stopped and called out to me saying ‘Are you an Indian?’ I’m dressed in shorts and a T-shirt. ‘Yes’ I called out. They asked to take my picture and drove off. That’s when I realized that our heritage was a bit different than the normal American upbringing.”

Although stereotypes toward Native Americans have occurred within U.S. society for generations, Alvarez said she welcomes the chance to educate people on her tribes and Native American lifestyle.

“When I was younger, I used to be a bit offended, but I couldn’t be mad because people were genuinely curious,” she said. “I would tease and say, ‘I don’t use a car, I use my horse - it gets great grass mileage.’ Then I would let them know I live in a typical American house and it is not much different than any other house in America.”

Alvarez said joining the Air Force gave her more opportunities to share her unique perspective, including running a Native American educational booth for Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado’s annual Diversity Day event last year.

“We wanted to educate people,” she said. “I feel everyone, regardless where they are from, brings unique assets and perspectives to the Air Force. I just provide one more perspective from a sea of diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences.”

Alvarez is one of more than 30,000 Native Americans serving in the U.S. military, and part of the more than

5 million Native Americans living in the U.S. today.

U.S. military history is marked with the service and sacrifice of Native American service members, such as Ira Hayes, U.S. Marine and Native American from the Pima tribe; one of the men pictured in Joe Rosenthal’s iconic photograph “Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima,” which lifted morale among soldiers and civilians alike, and the famous Navajo code talkers, whose exclusive language coupled with other tribal language code talkers formed a network of cryptic communications aiding the U.S. and its allies’ war efforts in World War II.

Alvarez said she is one of many from her tribes who has served, and the stories she heard growing up inspired

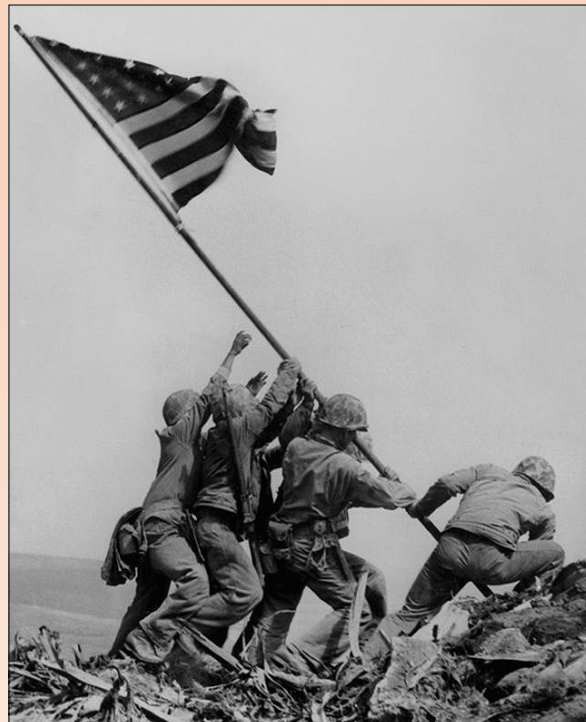


Photo by Joe Rosenthal

Ira Hayes, second from left, U.S. Marine and Native American from the Pima tribe, helps raise the U.S. flag on the summit of Mount Suribachi in the middle of the Battle of Iwo Jima at Iwo Jima, Japan, Feb. 23, 1945. The photo became an iconic image of U.S. service member’s valiance during World War II, and made Ira Hayes a war hero on the home front.

her to join the Air Force.

“My reservation has many military veterans; so much that the Military Order of the Purple Heart announced that the Fort Hall Reservation will be known as the first reservation in the United States to be recognized as a Purple Heart Reservation,” she said. “I have grown up listening to our veterans tell their stories and sharing pictures.” She added military service among Native Americans runs deep and there are many similarities between the military and Native American lifestyle.

“A large amount of Native Americans respect military personnel and we consider them warriors for our country; holding ceremonies, honoring them in powwow grand openings and prayers,” Alvarez said. “Tribes vary by location and people depending on where you go. Some are bigger or smaller; somewhat like a military base but without any fences or physical barriers. A lot of what we do is comparable, like having our own special jargon, having ceremonies for promotion and more.”

Former President George H.W. Bush established National Native American Heritage Month in 1990 to recognize the positive impact Native Americans have made in U.S. history. November was chosen because the month concludes the traditional harvest season and is a general time of celebration for Native Americans throughout the country.

“During National Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate the legacy of the first people to call this land home,” said President Donald Trump in his annual Presidential Proclamation on National Native American Heritage Month. “American Indians and Alaska Natives are both important components of the American mosaic. Native Americans are business owners creating good jobs for American workers, teachers educating our children, first responders assisting neighbors in need and leaders serving their communities. This month, we especially recognize the immeasurable contribution of American Indians and Alaska Natives who serve in the armed forces at five times the national average.”

Alvarez said “Oose” (thank you in Shoshone) to the Air Force for the opportunity to share her heritage and strengthen it through diversity.

“Diversity is essential to growth and prosperity whether it is in military or civilian life,” she said. “It brings different perspectives of experiences, cultures, genders and ages all together to understand one another.”

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Chaplain's office to give through Angel Tree Program

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Coleman-Foster

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — With the holidays quickly approaching, the 50th Space Wing Chaplain's office is partnering with Ellicott School District to sponsor the Angel Tree Program through Dec. 20.

The program is an annual toy and clothing drive for children in the local community and on Schriever Air Force Base.

First Lieutenant Lauren Hughes, 50th Space Wing chaplain, said there are three angel trees decorated with candy canes, angels and bells placed in different locations throughout the base.

"Each decoration, has a code, gender and age listed," she said. "The code is to ensure personal information is protected. Once you select a decoration, you can contact the Chaplain's office with the code and we will give you more information regarding the child's interests and wish list."

The Chaplain's office and volunteers will collect gifts and deliver them to students in the Ellicott School District.

"You can drop your gifts off the chapel's office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 210 and 300 room 146 up until Dec. 14, 2018," Hughes said. "Please ensure the tag is securely attached to the unwrapped gift."

Schriever first sergeants will also play an active role in the program.

"First sergeants will distribute gifts to their Airmen that may need some assistance," Hughes said. "The team involved in the program will protect the identities of Schriever AFB personnel who will benefit from the event, so please let your first sergeant know if you are struggling financially through the holidays."

Hughes said the holidays can be extremely difficult for some, creating financial stressors for families.

"We get involved to help the Ellicott community and our Schriever Airmen who may be experiencing financial hardships during the season," she said. "We get to help neighbors and be good wingmen to those in need."

Staff Sgt. Joshua Jones, 50th Space Wing Chaplain's office noncommissioned officer in charge, said the Angel Tree benefits Schriever AFB by not only reaching out and strengthening the base's relationship with local communities, but also fulfilling the 50th Space Wing's priority of taking care of Airmen, and their families.

"I think this gives Airmen and their families some fulfillment and joy by purchasing the items and having the

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U.S. Air Force illustration by Chris Blake

The 50th Space Wing Chaplain's office is partnering with the Ellicott School District to sponsor the Angel Tree Program at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, throughout Dec. 8. The program is an annual toy and clothing drive for children in the local community and on the base. The Chaplain's office and volunteers will deliver them to students in the Ellicott School District and Airmen in need by Dec. 20.

opportunity to help the Airmen of our installation and the local community," he said.

The Chaplain's office is still in need of volunteers and will be hosting gift wrapping parties in the Chapel Resource Room, in Building 300, Room 146, Dec. 17 — 19.

"Volunteers will help us decorate the trees, wrap gifts and deliver gifts to Ellicott children and Schriever Airmen," Hughes said. "Holidays for Ellicott and the Angel Tree program are a tangible way for personnel to help families in need, strengthen community ties and care for their

fellow wingman during the holiday season."

Jones said the Angel Tree Program is a wonderful opportunity for the installation to participate in the spirit of giving.

"This is my first time being a part of a Chaplain's office putting on an event like this," he said. "I am looking forward to seeing the joy this event will bring to families."

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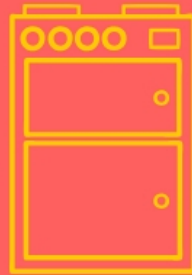
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Stay Safe for the Holidays

Safety tips going into the holiday season:

Cooking

- Keep children at least 3 feet away from an active stove.
- Monitor food while cooking.
- Use kitchen safety equipment, such as oven mitts.
- Be extra cautious when using a turkey fryer, avoid spilling oil.



Christmas Trees and Decorations

- Ensure all Christmas lights are well maintained.
- Water Christmas trees often, and dispose of dead trees.



Out and About

- Keep your purse/wallet secure and in front of you on Black Friday, avoid shopping alone.
- Be careful with alcohol consumption - do not drink and drive and have a designated driver.



Keeping safety in mind for Christmas, New Year's holidays

By Senior Airman
William Tracy

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Fire and safety personnel from Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, remind Airmen to exercise the necessary precautions to keep themselves and their family safe this holiday season.

“Using caution — be proactive instead of reactive — as it is crucial during the elevated risks of the winter season,” said Staff Sgt. Robert Cook, 50th Space Wing Safety Office noncommissioned officer in charge of occupational safety.

Brad Truver, Schriever Fire Department assistant chief of fire prevention, said the season's cold weather often means use of heating equipment, warranting increased safety measures.

“Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional and keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater,” Truver said.

To prevent burning the turkey and possibly the whole house down, Truver shared advice.

“Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food and check on the holiday turkey or ham frequently,” he said. “Use an oven mitt when removing food out of the oven or from the stovetop and keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and children should stay at least three feet away.”

According to the National Fire Prevention Association's official website, Thanksgiving is the peak day of the year for home cooking fires, next to Christmas day. In 2016 alone, fire departments responded to an estimated 1,570 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving.

Certain equipment, such as gas stoves and especially turkey fryers, add to the safety risk.

“The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, and the destruction of property,” Truver said. “If you must use one, follow the instructions completely. The fryers use a lot of oil, consider the size and weight of the turkey. Extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it's not dropped in the fryer and splattering oil on the chef.”

During Christmas, trees and lights are at the forefront of fire risks.

The NFPA states between 2011— 2015 fire departments responded to an average 200 Christmas trees fires per year, with electrical distribution or lighting equipment involved in 40 percent of cases.

Truver said Christmas lights are common sources of fires and injuries. This is usually due to unsafe practices such as daisy chaining (hooking up multiple extension cords in a row on one extension cord for extended reach) and stringing lights near flammables. Additionally, lights often cause electrical injuries due to faulty wiring.

“Ensure all of the bulbs are installed and serviceable,” Truver said. “When one ‘daisy chains,’ you run the risk of potential electrical failure and possible fire hazard. The reason this happens is because you put too much power through a cord that it wasn't made to handle, and the excess heat can melt the cable and cause fires.”

Truver said leaving Christmas lights and trees up past the holiday is not only in poor taste, it can lead to dangers as well.

“Check with your local community to find a recycling program,” Truver said. “You should recycle your Christmas tree soon after the holiday or when they are dry and begin dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside against the home.”

“Typically, in Colorado Springs, trees are collected from curbside during the first two weeks of January; be sure to remove all decorations from the tree before discarding it,” Cook added.

For other decorations, Truver said ensure they are not damaged, have loose or exposed wires and do not obstruct doorways or means to escape fires. Additionally, avoid use of actual candles, as according to the NFPA, candles start almost half of all home decoration fires.

New Year's Eve and alcohol can go hand-in-hand, and the statistics show it. According to Alcohol.org, a survey conducted on more than 1,000 American adults revealed that the average number of drinks consumed on New Year's is four — with 47 percent of men and 40 percent of women binge drinking on New Year's Eve.

Cook said no matter the occasion, it is important one never leaves their drinks unattended, never drink and drive and drink responsibly in general.

“Be safe, drink water and have a sober ride planned beforehand,” he said.

Truver said the greatest gift of the holidays is one's family's safety. “Holidays are a time for family and festivities,” he said. “Following a few safety tips will provide a joyous and fire-safe holiday season.”

To find out more about holiday safety, contact Truver at 719-567-5994.

Col. Dean Sniegowski takes command of 310th SW



Col. Dean D. Sniegowski, incoming 310th Space Wing commander, addresses members of the wing during a change of command ceremony, Nov. 3, 2018. The 310th SW is the only space wing in the Air Force Reserve and has units assigned to Schriever, Peterson and Buckley Air Force Bases in Colo. and Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.



Members of the 310th Space Wing watch as Col. Traci L. Kueker-Murphy relinquishes command to Col. Dean D. Sniegowski during a change of command ceremony, Nov. 3, 2018. The 310th SW is the only space wing in the Air Force Reserve and has units assigned to Schriever, Peterson and Buckley Air Force Bases in Colorado and Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

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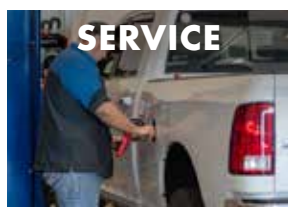
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U.S. Air Force photo by Mark Captain

James Giddens, Schriever Fire Department assistant fire chief, displays a visible upper lip for the first time in 30 years at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 12, 2018. Giddens and the FD raised \$500 for Breast Cancer Awareness Month during October after Giddens promised he'd shave his mustache if his team reached their donation goal.

Fireman shaves 30-year mustache for breast cancer

By Tech. Sgt. Wes Wright

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Throughout his firefighting career, James Giddens, Schriever Fire Department assistant fire chief, has seen a lot of change.

Multiple presidential elections, the Internet, Facebook, cell phones and hybrid cars have either started, occurred or significantly developed during the last 30 years. However, three things have remained constant during that period: death, taxes and his mustache.

That all changed Nov. 12.

The Schriever FD is heavily involved each year in raising money for October's Breast Cancer Awareness month. This year, they wanted to get creative and really motivate their members to support the cause.

The idea for shaving Giddens's mustache arose in a discussion during a coffee break.

"I was slow walked into it," Giddens said. "The guys were discussing ways to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Then, they asked how long I had my mustache. Before you know it, I was volunteering to cut it off if they raised \$500. I think I fell for it even faster than they expected."

The fire department also sold T-shirts to raise money with the slogan "Fight Strong" on the back with a pink ribbon. The firefighters were allowed to wear them as a uniform shirt during October.

"Our fire department is involved with a few charities throughout the year, like Empty Stocking Fund and others," said Matthew Clark, Schriever FD firefighter. "Breast cancer awareness hits a little closer to home. Just about every member of the department has a family member or friend who has been affected by breast cancer. The goal was never money or a cool shirt, the firefighters wanted to show those people fighting, we love you and fight alongside you."

As expected, the firemen became doubly engaged with the awareness efforts after Giddens announced his intended incentive.

"Once the department realized the goal was achievable, there was a step up in donations," Clark said.

Giddens told his crew whoever donated the most money could perform the shaving

honors. With the opportunity to carve their name in barbering history on the line, the competition soon heated up between the firefighters.

Joseph Jaffe, Schriever FD firefighter, emerged as the early front runner, as the FD quickly surged to their \$500 goal.

"I could tell as the month went on he was getting pretty excited about the prospect," Giddens said. "When the day came, there was some dispute about who was going to do the work, but Mr. Jaffe won out."

Jaffe said the challenge motivated the team members to donate and get involved in breast cancer awareness efforts.

"It definitely gave us a little extra oomph this year," Jaffe said. "While it was definitely funny, we understood this is a very serious topic and we were able to give to a good cause."

On the fateful day Giddens mustache faced the electric guillotine, the department decided to make it a production.

"They had me put on one of our awareness shirts while they shaved me in the truck stalls," Giddens said. "I was laughing most of the time, not sure why. In the end my face was cold and the floor and shirt I was wearing looked like somebody had just skinned a squirrel."

Jaffe reveled in his duties that day.

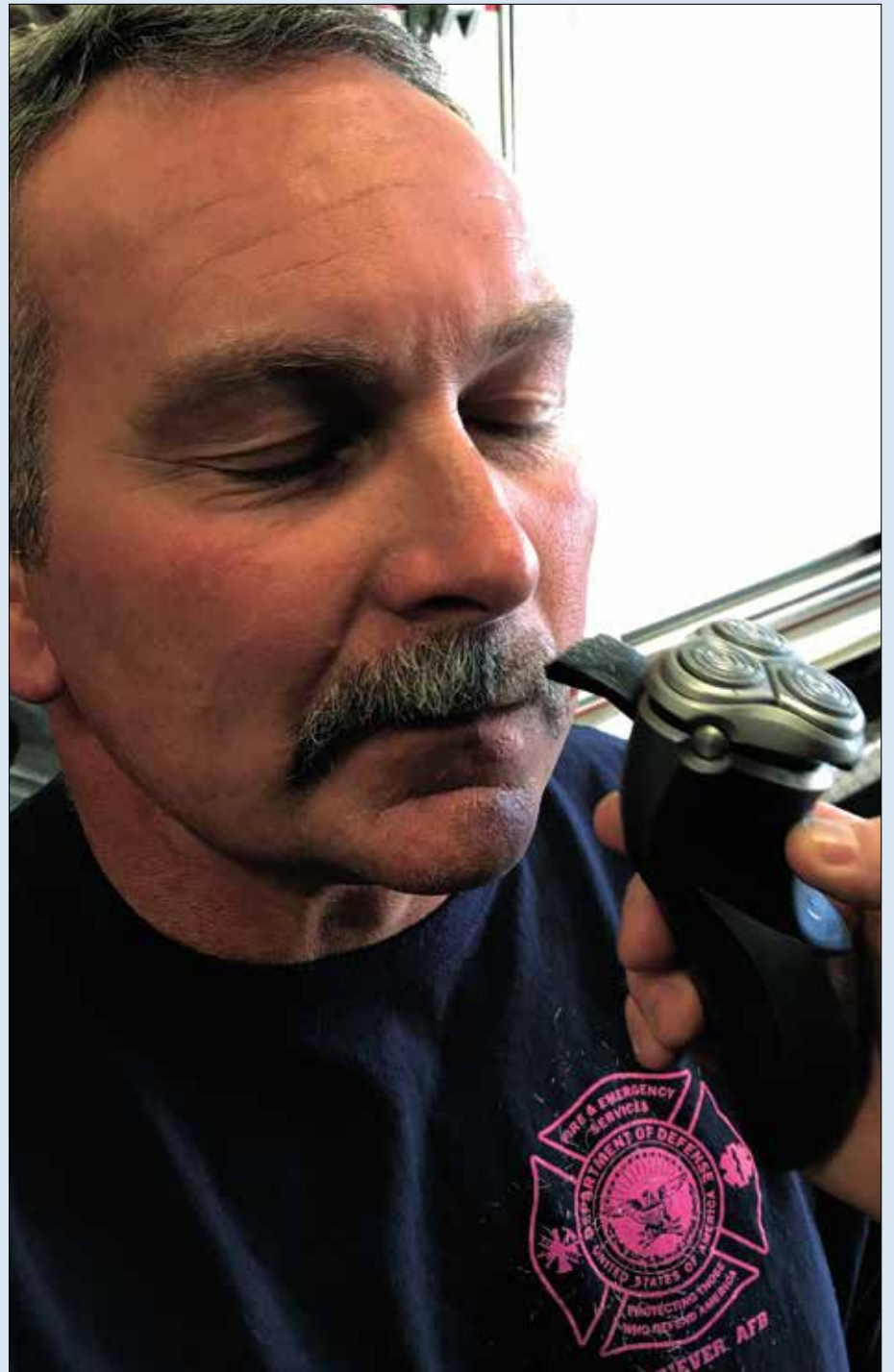
"It was funny to see him without a mustache," he said. "I think he looks like he has no upper lip."

To his chagrin, Giddens must wait at least 30 days before he can regrow his "lip."

"My wife is not happy about it," Giddens said. "The neighbor's dog almost bit me the other day when I went over. However, every time somebody asks about my mustache, I get to tell them why and hopefully help increase awareness."

Clark said this year's efforts were a smashing success and believes, much like Giddens mustache, the efforts will continually grow.

"Each year the participation has grown as well as the donation," Clark said. "This year, assistant chief Giddens mustache removal helped us reach a higher donation goal and awareness. Our intent was and will be to raise awareness of the fight with breast cancer and show support for the people who struggle through the fight."



U.S. Air Force photo by Tyler Rich

James Giddens, Schriever Fire Department assistant fire chief, holds still as his mustache is shaved for the first time in 30 years at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 12, 2018. Giddens allowed his mustache to be shaved as an incentive for his crew to reach their \$500 donation goal for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

CFC, chili cook off warm hearts

By Halle Thornton

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Charities gathered for the Combined Federal Campaign fair and chili cook off at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 14.

Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Boston Alexander, 50th SW command chief, and Airman 1st Class Emily Rivera, 50th Operations Support Squadron student, judged the 15 chilis, and awarded prizes for best overall, most unique and spiciest chili.

Capt. Regan De la Cruz, 19th Space Operations Squadron deputy flight commander, won most unique and best overall chili, earning a \$50 gift card, crediting his wife for helping make it.

"I was honestly surprised I won, and all the credit in the world goes to my wife," he smiled. "I was simply the medium to presenting it at the chili cook-off. We were lucky enough to win the gift card and my wife will spend it on whatever she wants."

De la Cruz said the day was perfect for chili.

"It was a brisk morning and the sun was shining so it was one of those misleading Colorado sunny days that made me think it would be warm, but it was still a bit 'chili,'" he laughed.

De la Cruz added he got to meet a lot of organizations that support people in the local community.

"I really appreciated being able to hear their personal stories and why their charities mean so much to them," he said.

De la Cruz said he enjoyed the opportunity to meet CFC charities and spend a day with his fellow Airmen, learning and eating good food.

"Having morale-boosting events are important to organizations because it gives service members moments of levity during the work week and the opportunity to bond and meet others in different career fields," he said.

Senior Airman Brian Roppolo, 50th Contracting Squadron contract specialist, said planning and executing the cook off was stressful at times, but with guidance, seeing it come together as a success was rewarding.

Roppolo added it's important to host events like the charity fair so Airmen can educate themselves on organizations and the difference they can make in the community.

"Talking with the charities opened my eyes to a lot of ways that I can help out in Colorado," he said.

De la Cruz said the best part of the day was being able to hear from Vietnam War veterans representing the Quilts of Valor organization.

"There are so many great causes to support and I would never have known about this organization and their mission through a



U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Rogers

Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, tastes a chili sample during the 2018 Combined Federal Campaign fair and chili cook off in the fitness center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 14, 2018. The funds raised by the CFC each fall help those within the local community, throughout the nation and around the world.

quick perusal of the CFC booklet," he said.

Master Sgt. Kenneth Dallies, 50th Space Communications Squadron special mission system flight chief, said the turn-out for the event was good, and hopes to see even more attendees next year.

"The charities appreciated the opportunity to come out to the event and bring awareness to their causes," he said. "Several have expressed they are looking forward to coming back out next year."

Dallies explained it's important to host fairs like these to raise awareness of the great charity organizations out doing meaningful work.

"Someone may not know who they would like to support until they actually talk to these organizations to learn what they actually do," he said. "They may just happen to find something that strikes a nerve or close to home that they become passionate about."

Dallies said the most rewarding part of the day was the interactions with the charities and hearing their appreciation for hosting the event.

He expressed his appreciation for the help of his fellow Airmen.

"Their hard work and dedication to getting

"There are so many great causes to support and I would never have known about this organization and their mission through a quick perusal of the CFC booklet."

the event set-up and organized were key to bringing the event to fruition," he said. "I could not have pulled it off without them.

"I would also like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to en-

ter their chili and those who came out to sample the chili and visit with the charities," he continued. "I hope everyone enjoyed the day and got something out of it."

Dallies encouraged Airmen to think about what they are passionate about and find a charity that supports it.

"The great thing about the CFC this year is your donation doesn't have to be monetary, you can choose to donate volunteer hours."

The nonprofits at the fair were just a few of the thousands of participating charities, representing a multitude of causes from veterans services, disaster relief, disease research, wildlife preservation, recreation, arts, animal welfare and more.

The CFC has many benefits for nonprofits, including the following:

- The CFC gives charities access to hundreds of thousands of federal employees through one application process.

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- CFC donations provide a critical source of revenue received throughout the year, making budgeting easier for charities.

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Paul Bowman, 2nd Space Operations Squadron Network Administrative Operator, monitors operations during 2nd SOP's command of Architecture Evolution Plan 7.5 at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Nov. 16, 2018. AEP 7.5 is the largest GPS architectural change in operational history, and paves the way for the installation of AEP 8.0, which will deliver the capability to command and control GPS III satellite vehicles.

GPS

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structure were activated to ensure full operational capabilities at both sites, performing security control assessments on the system and taking other measures.

"Training consisted of acclimating to AEP 7.5, learning how to navigate it and utilize it to the best capability," said Senior Airman Ryan Lape, 2nd SOPS satellite systems operator. "Because our constellation was so big, upon taking command at Schriever we had to iron out the changes on a large scale."

Campbell said the hard work was worth it — the successful installation and command of AEP 7.5 through the squadron's efforts will prepare for changes in the near future.

"This will provide combat ready space warfighters delivering position, navigation and timing to optimize the full range of Air Force, joint force and civilian operations, across all domains," he said. "The updated hardware provided in the AEP 7.5 installation lays the foundation for a

software update next year enabling the command and control of GPS Block III vehicles."

Campbell added not only will the installation advance the 2nd SOPS's mission, but the 50th Space Wing's as well, helping evolve space and cyberspace warfighting superiority through integrative and innovative operations.

"The capabilities provided in this update, and those coming in the next year, provide a significant improvement to our warfighters," he said.

With this milestone, Campbell said the continuation of the U.S. military's dominance in position navigation and timing systems is secured.

"This update furthers the U.S. military's and Schriever AFB's position as the center of satellite command and control and space operations," he said.

Lape said the milestone will make an impact outside of the military as well.

"We are the premier PNT system in the world with the largest satellite constellation," he said.

"With measures like these, it will definitely make our adversaries think twice."

Leading

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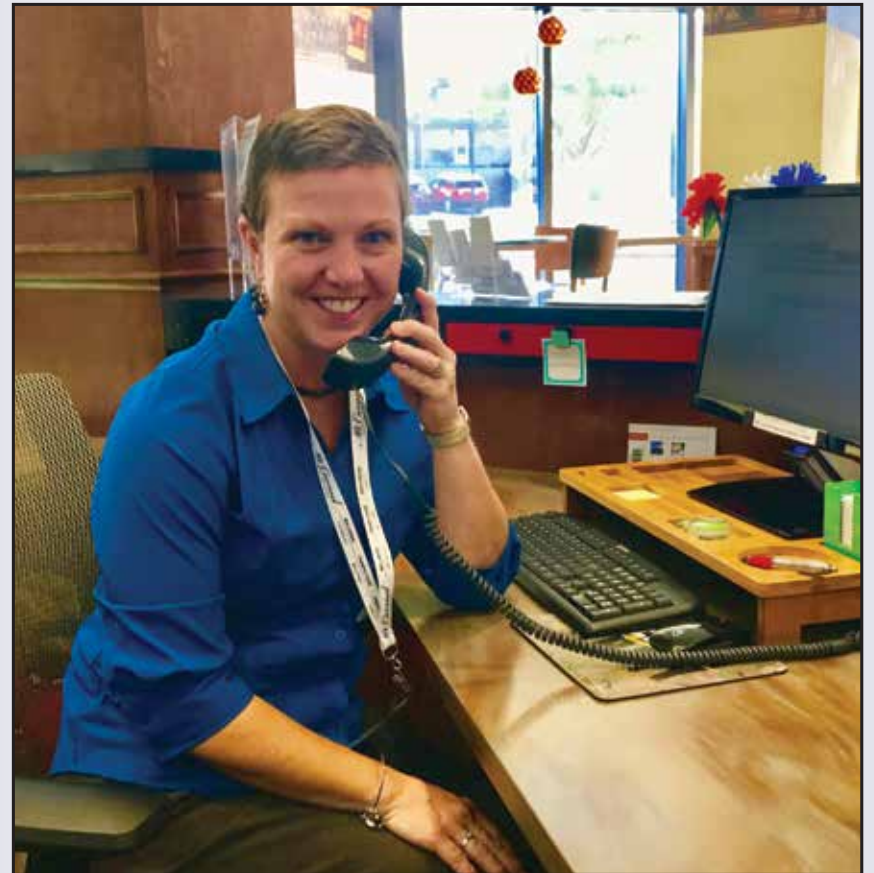
rather than defined. Integrity, service, and excellence are building blocks of character. For many Airmen, integrity means, doing the right thing when no one is looking. That's the meaning most of us were given when we entered the Air Force. What's your definition of integrity? How about doing the right thing when everyone is looking and when the right thing is not the popular call? It can be lonely at the top at times. Do you possess the personal and professional courage to stand alone? Service; leaders are charged with placing the needs of the service, nation and subordinates above personal desires. At the core of every decision you make, it must be right for the service, the people and the nation. Excellence; we are champions on a champion team. Excellence must be a habit. We must bring it strong every day. Do things the right way. Get those reps in. Train like you fight. Eventually it will become muscle memory. You did not wake up this morning saying; it's a great day

to be mediocre! People are watching. Remember you set the tone. You'll get what you display, reward, or tolerate. Set high standards and demand excellence. Brings me to my last characteristic, credibility.

According to General Bill Creech; "There is no more ruinous path than selective adherence to or enforcement of standards." There is nothing more despicable than a do as I say not as I do leader. Leaders must walk the talk, be the example. It can take an extended period to build credibility. On the other hand it can be lost in seconds. You must guard it with your life. Leaders must own the high ground, be ethically and legally sound. If you do not have credibility, nothing else will matter.

In closing, I am honored to be on this champion team. These are exciting time in space and as our wing commander posit, we are the epicenter of space. Whether leading up, down, or laterally, remember, care, character and credibility are must-haves for your toolkit.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Dec. 8: Santa Fest, family fun and photos with Santa, 11 am to 3 pm
Free tickets on our Facebook

Dec. 10: Prep Connect 360 5-Day Advanced Jobseeker Workshop, Register: reconnect360@gmail.com

Dec. 13: Peer Navigator Social & Networking Event for transitioning military, veterans & military spouses, 5-7 pm, Red Leg Brewing Company, 4630 Forge Rd. Informal event with light refreshments, water & soda provided.

Dec. 18: Support Mt. Carmel and IndyGive! at Goat Patch Brewery, 727 N. Cascade Ave., 5 pm to close

Dec. 20: Brown Bag Bible Study, 1 pm

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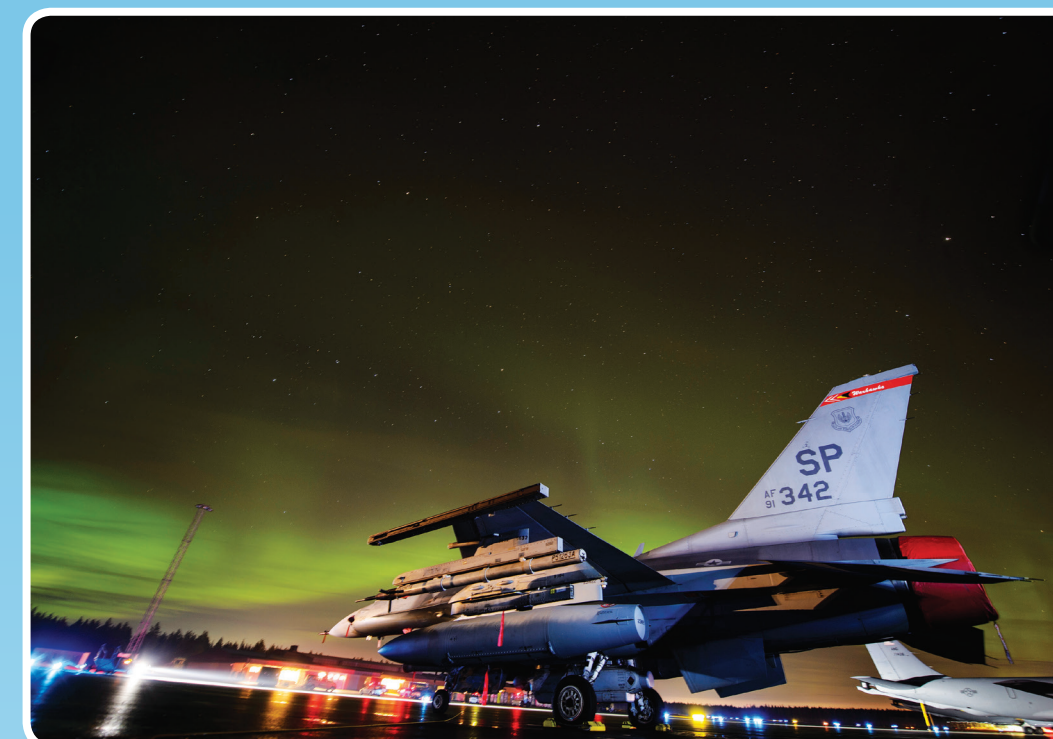
U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Kunkel, 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron C-130 Hercules flight engineer, conducts a pre-flight inspection prior to launch at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Nov. 13, 2018. Kunkel reached 10,000 flying hours Oct. 6, 2018, a number considered prestigious amongst military aviators.



U.S. Air Force photo by Louis Briscese

A musician with the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West from Travis Air Force Base, California, enjoys pregame activities during the San Francisco Forty-Niners and New York Giants Monday Night Football game at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California, Nov. 12, 2018. The band performed in honor of Veterans Day and to support the National Football League's Salute to Service Campaign.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Snyder

An F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 480th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron sits on the flight line under the Aurora Borealis during Exercise Trident Juncture 18 at Kallax Air Base, Sweden, Nov. 5, 2018. This exercise takes place in Norway and surrounding areas of the North Atlantic and the Baltic Sea, including Iceland and the airspace of Finland and Sweden. With more than 50,000 participants from 31 countries, this is the largest NATO exercise since 2002.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley

A rainbow appears over F-16 Fighting Falcons from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing, on the flight line at Boca Chica Naval Air Station, Florida., Nov. 9, 2018. Maintenance, operations, logistics and security personnel from the 177th FW traveled to the Key West Naval facility to take advantage of the weather and fly numerous training sorties, as well as incentive flights for deserving Airmen.



U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tamara Dabney

A side-by-side photo collage of Frances Daniels, created from photos taken during an annual Veterans Day celebration held at Little Sisters of the Poor St. Joseph's Residence, Enfield, Connecticut, Nov. 9, 2018. Frances Daniels served as a medical assistant in the Women's Army Corps from 1965 to 1968.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Ki Hong

An 388th Fighter Wing F-35A Lightning II from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, is refueled by a KC-10 Extender over Texas, Nov. 9, 2018.



U.S. Air Force photo by Shawn Sprayberry

Staff Sgt. Kevin Greene pushes hard to make it up the court during wheelchair rugby practice at the Northeast Region Warrior CARE Event at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Adaptive sports are the biggest moving part of the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program Warrior CARE Events. They are dynamic and fast-moving, giving each warrior an opportunity to see what they can do. Wounded warriors often come to the events with a prescribed lists of things they cannot do and the coaching staff work to move around those mental barriers to increase their restorative care for long-term success in their overall recovery.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John Rohrer

Lt. Col. Daniel Bunts, a 120th Fighter Squadron pilot, Colorado Air National Guard, and the Green Flag deployment detachment commander, prepares to take off on a mission in an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during a Green Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, Nov. 9, 2018. Green Flag is a realistic air-land integration combat training exercise involving the air forces of the United States and its allies and is primarily conducted in conjunction with U.S. Army Combat Training Center exercises at Ft. Irwin, California.

BASE BRIEFS

Don't forget to check out facebook.com/SchrieverAirForceBase for more events.

50th SW/PMD has free furniture

The 50th Space Wing Program Management Directorate has the following items available in Building 210, Room 366. For more information, contact Nancy Anderson at 719-567-3083.

- Matching pieces:
- Two wood desks
 - One hutch
 - One credenza
 - One short bookshelf
 - One tall bookshelf
 - One wooden file cabinet
 - One conference table

ON-BASE

Health Promotion activities

The Health Promotion office has several events taking place during the next few weeks:

Dec. 6 2 p.m. Sleep and Stress Management Class
 BodPod walk-in hours are 3:30 — 4:45 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays and 7:15 — 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. Additional services available upon request. For more information, call Carol Carr at 719-567-4292.

Clinic announces closures

The Schriever Air Force Base Clinic is closed on the following dates/times:

Dec. 13	11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.	Training day
Dec. 24	All day	Family Day
Dec. 25	All day	Holiday
Dec. 31	All day	Family Day
Jan. 1	All day	Holiday
Jan. 10	11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.	Training day

Note: Walk-in services end at 3:30 p.m. Normal clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Monday — Friday. For emergencies, call 911. For appointments, call 719-524-CARE.

MetroRides Vanpool has openings

MetroRides Vanpool 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 may also participate. The route starts North Powers and Old Ranch Road and departs at 6:35 a.m. arriving at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, at 7:30 a.m. The vanpool departs Schriever AFB at 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, contact Joe Colunga at 719-567-3350.

Logistics planner retraining opportunities

The Air Force Logistics Plans specialty career field is continually seeking enlisted personnel to retrain as logistics planners (2G0X1). For more information, contact Ed Smith at 719-567-3082.

KMC to provide training

The Knowledge Management Center is providing reoccurring training/classes for the Knowledge Management programs. Classes are in Building 301, Room 119, every first Thursday of the month. Records Management is noon — 1:30 p.m. and Freedom of Information-Privacy Act is held 1:45 — 3:15 p.m. Publications and Forms class is provided 1 — 3 p.m. every third Thursday of the month. For more information, contact 50th Space Wing Knowledge Management Center at 719-567-6001.

To enroll/register, visit <https://eis2.afspc.af.mil/sites/50sw/wsa/kmc/tn/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

OFF-BASE

50th SW to host Wing Holiday Party

The 50th Space Wing will host the annual Wing Holiday Party Dec. 7 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dress is holiday attire (no jeans). Ticket prices are E1-E4 and G1-GS6 \$10, O1-O3, E5-E6 and GS7-GS11 \$20, O4 and above, E7 and above, GS12 and above and contractors \$30. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kelly Branch at 719-567-5490.

Air Force Academy looking for volunteer families

The U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School is looking

for volunteer sponsor families to build a professional mentoring relationship and provide a home-away-from-home for the cadet candidates. Sponsoring provides students with a local family support system, adult role models and an avenue for community involvement that would ultimately continue for the duration of their time beginning here at the Prep School, into their journey to the Air Force Academy, and beyond. Please send an email request for a sponsor packet at prepinfo@usafa.edu or call 719-333-3164.

Military Child of the Year open for nominations


Operation Homefront, the national nonprofit that builds strong, stable and secure military families, is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Military Child of the Year Awards, as well as applications for the 2019 Military Child of the Year Award for Innovation. Military Child of the Year is the nation's premier celebration of the achievements of military children. Nominations are open through Dec. 5, and all awards will be presented at a recognition gala April 18, 2019, in the nation's capital. To nominate a child for the award, visit www.militarychildoftheyear.org and click the nominations tab.

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, 10:30 a.m. at The Club at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Call 719-331-6689 or 719-260-8172 for more information.

Military Retirees Activities Office

The Military Retiree Activities Office holds monthly council meeting the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Club at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. The meeting is followed by lunch at 12:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, call the Retiree Assistance Office at 719-556-7153.

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Arts & Crafts Sale 2018, featuring the work of more than 70 professional artists/craftsmen, as well as 20 Colorado College students. Includes works in fiber, clay, metals, painting and more. Fri., Nov. 30, 4-8 p.m. and Dec. 1-2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free to attend. CC's Worner Campus Center, 902 N. Cascade Ave., 389-6607, coloradocollege.edu.

Arty Party, an opportunity to make art, hear music and have a drink. Art supplies are provided, or you can bring a project you are working on, hang out and get inspired. Fri., Nov. 30, 7-10 p.m. and Fri., Dec. 28, 7-10 p.m. \$5. The Gallery Below, 7188 N. Weber St., 347/961-4789, jonb@thegallerybelow.com, facebook.com/thegallerybelow.

Craft Fair, including more than 160 vendors. Benefiting Doherty High School Instrumental Music Program. Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 2, noon to 4 p.m. Free. Doherty High School, 4515 Barnes Road, 388-6778.

Informal Open Studio, a chance to learn new techniques and grow at your own pace. All levels and styles of art welcome. Reservations required. Tuesdays, 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays, 9 a.m. to noon. \$10/hour. Second Floor Studios, 2418 W. Colorado Ave., 660-1923, lunastudioscos@gmail.com, lunastudioscos.com.

Little Glass Art's Sip & Solder, a stained glass creation class with guided instruction and take-home projects with more than 50 unique designs to choose from. Fridays, 6-9 p.m. \$35. Full Spectrum Art Glass, 828 E. Fillmore St., 445-6551, hello@littleglassart.co, littleglassart.co.

There is a Hope for Tomorrow, the annual art show of the Teen Board of Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention. Includes original art and performances. Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention Partnership, 704 N. Tejon St., 573-7447, info@pikespeaksuicideprevention.org, pikespeaksuicideprevention.org.

ART EXHIBITS

Academy Art and Frame Company, 7560 N. Academy Blvd., 265-6694, academyframe@gmail.com, academyframesco.com. Theresa Leasure, featuring this multi media artist working in inks, weaving and glass. Through Jan. 7. Chris Nelson, featuring this artist's photographic works. Through Dec. 7. Collected Works by Darcy Lee Marquis, an acrylic, oil, and colored pencil artist, whose work will bring some beauty and whimsy to your artsy senses. Through Dec. 31.

Boulder Street Gallery Artists, 206 N. Tejon St., 636-9358, boulderstreetgallery@gmail.com, boulderstreetgallery.com. November Featured Artists, featuring Jack Malloch and Tom Light with guest Susan Randolph. Malloch's acrylics focus on the effects of light, shadow and mood. Light creates brilliantly colored impressions in a variety of subjects. Through Nov. 30.

The Bridge Gallery, 218 W. Colorado Ave., 269-7055, thebridgegallery@gmail.com, thebridgeartgallery.com. *Un Peu de Tout*, featuring works by Betty Atherton, Deena Bennett, Michael Cellan and Susan Risinger. This exhibit includes ceramics, drawings, jewelry, handcrafts, mixed media, photographs and paintings. Through Dec. 1.

Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade Ave., 359-2848, 331-2235, info@rhyolitepress.com, car.elpasoco.com. *Colorado Springs, A Changing Landscape*, a photography exhibition and book release party that celebrates the city of Colorado Springs' past and present. Features eight talented Pikes Peak Community College student photographers (current and alumni). Through Dec. 15.

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, 30 W. Dale St., 634-5581, fac@coloradocollege.edu, csfineartscenter.org. *Art of the Southwest: 1840s to Present*, a highlight of some of the most celebrated work by indigenous and Latina/o artists. Explores individual stylistic movements, artists, and topics such as art markets and creative innovations. Through July 29. Desert ArtLAB: *Ecologies of Resistance*, illustrating the artistic process of the collaborative's site-specific ecological installation in the high desert of Southern Colorado through the use of artifacts, archival materials and botanical samples. Through Jan. 13. Jaune Quick-to-See Smith: *In the Footsteps of My Ancestors*, artwork examining themes that perennially recur in Smith's work, including conflict, compassion, peace, the cycle of life, irony and identity. Through Feb. 10. *P.S. I Love You: A Portrait of Miss Elsie Palmer*, an exhibition that represents Elsie's domestic life and surroundings. Capture a rare glimpse of what life may have been like for the Palmer family during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Through March 17. Ralph Allen: *Envouement*, a mural which captures the vibrancy of Haitian music and dance. Through vigorous brushstrokes and vivid colors, this work communicates the energy of Haitian music. Through Dec. 30. Virgil Ortiz: *Revolution*, telling the story of the 1680



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Pueblo Revolt, while making the subject relevant and engaging to the next generation; blending historic events with sci-fi and fantasy. Through Jan. 6.

Commonwheel Artists Co-op, 102 Cañon Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1008, marketing@commonwheel.com, commonwheel.com. *Holiday Market*, featuring and fine craft items made by local Colorado artists, with price and quality in mind. Through Dec. 31.

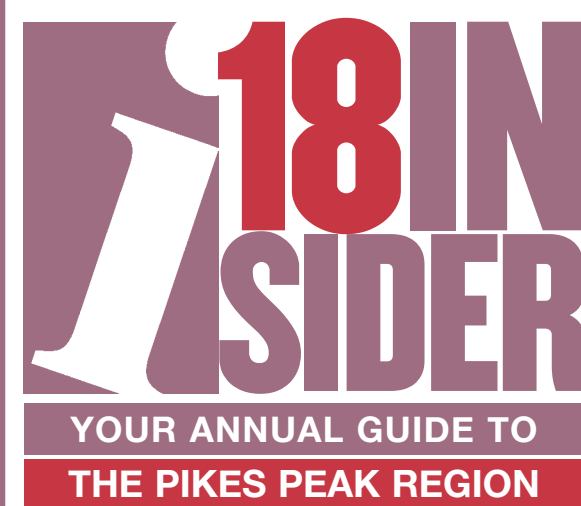
Coquette's Bistro and Bakery, 616 S. Tejon St., 520-1899, liaison@cottonwoodcenterforthearts.com, coquettesbistro.com. *Los Colores y Texturas de San Miguel de Allende*, a collection of works by Colorado-based artist, Jo Carol Ciborowski. Her renditions of photographs she took while in Mexico. Through Jan. 2. Tish Lacy Reed, a Colorado-based artist who works in mixed media, oils, cold wax and encaustic. She finds inspiration in

nature, astronomy and her spiritual connection to the world. Through Jan. 2.

Cottonwood Center for the Arts, 427 E. Colorado Ave., 520-1899, liaison@cottonwoodcenterforthearts.com, cottonwoodcenterforthearts.com. *Synchronicity*, a juried show composed of artists of all mediums, inspired by Helen Frankenthaler, a post-WWII painter who changed the modern take on abstraction with her invention of her soak-stain technique. Through Dec. 4.

Downtown Studio Gallery at Pikes Peak Community College, 100 W. Pikes Peak Ave., 502-4040, ppcc.edu/departments/art. *The Shadows*, a visual exploration of the taboos around mental illness and artistic expression by Matte Refic. Through Dec. 2.

El Pueblo History Museum, 301 N. Union Ave., Pueblo, 719/583-0453, zach.werkowitch@state.



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co.us, historycolorado.org. *Without Borders: Art Sin Fronteras*, a display of work of artists from southern Colorado, northern New Mexico and beyond in a variety of mediums which explore the concept of borderlands and what homelands are today. Through March 1.

Ent Center for the Arts, 5225 N. Nevada Ave., 255-3232, gallery@uccs.edu, uccspresents.org. *Confluence*: Linda Fleming, featuring the work of this artist who "makes physical such impermanent elements as wind, air, light and shadow." Exhibition features works in steel, wood, rubber, felt, and paper, and includes two monumental scale public works. Thursdays-Saturdays, 1-8 p.m.; through Dec. 9.

G44 Gallery, 1785 S. Eighth St., Suite A, 720/951-0573, GalleryG44.com. G44 Gallery 6th Annual Holiday Show, featuring more than 50 local artists and artisans. The perfect place for holiday shopping with paintings, photographs, jewelry, pottery, handmade soaps and candles, purses and much more. Through Dec. 22.

Gallery 113, 125 1/2 N. Tejon St., 634-5299, karenstandridge2001@yahoo.com, gallery113cos.com. November Featured Artists, showcasing Karen Storm's oil paintings, ranging from wildlife and landscapes to still life and figurative, and artist Raquel Baiza's paintings in oil and watercolor. Through Nov. 30.

GOCA 121, 121 S. Tejon St., #100, 255-3232, gallery@uccs.edu, uccspresents.org. *Gadzook!*, An exhibit honoring the centuries-old practice of letterpress printing, which has been invigorated by regional, national and international artists. Exhibition includes a collaboration with The Press at Colorado College, a film screening of *Pressing On: The Letterpress Film*, artist talks and workshops. First Saturday of every month, 1-6 p.m., Fri., Dec. 7, 5-9 p.m. and First Friday of every month, 5-8 p.m.; through March 2.

Ivywild School, 1604 S. Cascade Ave., 633-4240, themodbo@gmail.com, ivywildschool.com. New Art by Angie Schwickerath and Dustin Hansen, striking digital prints by Hansen, with lovely oil landscapes by Schwickerath. Through Nov. 30.

Laura Reilly Fine Art Gallery, 2522A W. Colorado Ave., 719-650-1427, laura@laurareilly.com, facebook.com/events/1954786714617604. *Fifty/50 Show and Sale*, featuring fifty marvelous mini masterpiece paintings, each one just \$50. Through Dec. 31. *Shifting Seasons*, paintings that "dance to the exuberant and joyful autumnal rhythms of Colorado in the shifting seasons, perfectly capturing fall's fleeting changes on the Front Range." Through Nov. 30.

The Machine Shop, 4 S. Wahsatch Ave., #120, 359-6966, work@jointhemachine.com, jointhemachine.com. *Directions From Here*, featuring the work of recent studio resident Tara Kelley-Cruz. This series of paintings is about "searching for our own path and the questions that we ask when looking towards the stars." Through Nov. 30.

Manitou Art Center, 513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1861, laura@moxiegirlpr.com, manitouartcenter.org. *EpikNoire*, oil studies and fantasies in black and white, by Houston-based artist Erik Martinez. Through Dec. 30. *1st Amendment Gallery*, including works that promote free speech through artistic expression. Ongoing.

Pikes Perk Coffee & Tea House, 5965 N. Academy Blvd., 522-1432. November Artists, showcasing the portrait art of Marjorie Vernelle, Rita Scafidi and Sue Johnson. Through Nov. 30.

Plaza of the Rockies, 121 S. Tejon St., 260-6637, michaeljpach@gmail.com, facebook.com/plaza-lobbygallery. *Peak Digital Imaging Society Black and White Photo Exhibition*, an annual exhibition by this digital art and photography club in the Pikes Peak region. Through Dec. 5.

Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo, 295-7200, sdcc-arts.org. *Own Your Own Holiday Art Show and Sale*, featuring hundreds of items by well-known local artists and a variety of art in many different mediums including paintings, jewelry, hand-woven creations, photography and more. Through Dec. 30. *Contemporary Western*, featuring well-known contemporary artists such as Donna Howell-Sickles, Paul Pletka, Fritz Scholder and R.C. Gorman. Local and regional artists include Orin Helgoe, Terry Galusha, and Judith Pierce. Through Jan. 20. Lawrence Harris: *Renowned Afro-American Artist*, featuring the career-spanning work of this prominent Colorado Springs-based artist, who has exhibited in galleries both nationally and internationally. Through Jan. 20. *Mendoza | Mendoza*, featuring the work of John L. Mendoza, a diary of the man and his view of life; and paintings by Dorothy Mendoza, created by exploring different media and techniques. Through Jan. 13. *Western Romance From the King Collection*, featuring some of the best-known names in traditional Western art, including John Clymer, Frank McCarthy, Joseph Sharpe, Gerald Cassidy and Oscar Berninghaus. Through Jan. 13.

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AUDITIONS & ENTRIES

Commonwheel Artists Co-op, is accepting seconds, prototypes and any other pieces that artists want to sell fast. Bring them to Commonwheel Artists Co-op's *Pottery by the Pound*. Note: this sale is not just for pottery. Intake will be Jan. 2-3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Commonwheel Artists Co-op, 102 Cañon Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1008, commonwheel.com.

Cottonwood Center for the Arts, is accepting entries into its upcoming show, *Small Tales*, works inspired by Helen Beatrix Potter, an English writer, illustrator and natural scientist. Intake will be Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$10 per piece, up to 3 pieces. Cottonwood also encourages artists to make and donate an ornament for its annual silent auction. Intake will be Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, 12:30-5 p.m. Cottonwood Center for the Arts, 427 E. Colorado Ave., 520-1899, media@cottonwoodcenterforthearts.com, cottonwoodcenterforthearts.com.

Fountain Community Theater, will host auditions for its winter production, *Fond Farewell*, to be performed Feb. 21 through March 2. Cast needed: four men ages 16+, six women ages 16+. Auditions will be held Dec. 27-28, 5-7 p.m. Fountain Community Theater, 326 W. Alabama Ave., Fountain, 233-5192, fountaintheater@gmail.com, fountaintheater.org.

BUSINESS & TECH

CTU Motivation Workshop, a discussion of academic, career, personal and professional motivations as you head into the new year. Open to students, alumni and the community. RSVP requested. Tues., Dec. 4, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Colorado Technical University, 4435 N. Chestnut St., 598-0200, coscareerservices@coloradotech.edu.

Introduction to SBDC, an introduction to the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center's free consulting, programs, workshops, events and resources. First Monday of every month, 10-11 a.m.; through Dec. 17. Free. Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center, 559 E. Pikes Peak Ave., #101, 667-3803, dustinkunkle@elpasoco.com, pikespeaksbdc.org/workshops.

Investment Club, a night of snacks, beverages and discussion of financial opportunities, led by a professional financial adviser. Enjoy two free meetings before joining. First Tuesday of every month, 6:15 p.m. Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust, 1212 W. Colorado Ave., 447-9300, rmclt.org.

IT Info Session, an opportunity to learn more about this IT training program that will help you become competitive in this job market. Scholarships are available. Fri., Nov. 30, noon to 1 p.m. Free. Discover Goodwill of Southern and Western Colorado, Multiple Locations, 381-9463, myost@discovermygoodwill.org, goodwill-colosprings.org.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Currently Speaking Toastmasters, "open to anyone looking to improve public speaking, interpersonal and leadership skills. Come improve your communication and leadership skills in an environment that is fun, friendly, and dynamic." Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Colorado Springs Fire Station 14, 1875 Dublin Blvd., 5481.toastmastersclubs.org.

RPG Showcase, featuring 12 systems in 12 months. No experience necessary. Just bring your dice and sense of humor. Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m.; through Dec. 31. Free. Petrie's Family Games, 7681 N. Union Blvd., 522-1099, petriesmarketing@gmail.com, petriesgames.com/rpg.

Sons of Italy Pikes Peak, a monthly meeting of the service and advocacy organization for people of Italian descent. (But you don't have to be a son or Italian to participate.) Held the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at VFW Post 101, 702 S. Tejon St. sonsofitalypp.com.

COMEDY & IMPROV

Locals Till Last Call, hosted by comedian Melody Klema. Locals Till Last Call showcases a local comedian and band every First Saturday of the month then ends with an Open Mic and Improv. First Saturday of every month, 8 p.m.-midnight. Free. Gold Camp Brewing Company, 1007 S. Tejon St., 695-0344, LocalsTillLastCall@gmail.com, facebook.com/LocalsTillLastCall.

Stand-Up Comedy Show, featuring a different professional comedian every week. Wednesdays, 9-10:30 p.m. Free. Anchors Country Bar, 606 S. Santa Fe Ave., Fountain, 719/358-9220, dickeybillwagner@gmail.com, facebook.com/anchorsstandupcomedyshow.

Stay Gold Comedy Open Mic, hosted by Tyler James. Sign-up begins at 9 p.m., open mic at 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Free. Gold Camp Brewing Company, 1007 S. Tejon St., 695-0344, facebook.com/goldcampbrew.

CONCERTS

'Tis the Season: The Stories, a performance that will entertain the audience with stories of the holidays told in song by the youngest of voices to the Children's Chorale's top group, the Summit Ensemble. Sun., Dec. 2, 3-4:30 p.m. \$12-\$20. Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade Ave., 520-7469, cscckidssing.org, pikespeakcenter.com.

Instrumental and Piano Recital, a student recital by PPCC students, including guitar, flute, violin, saxophone, piano and more. Piano recital begins at 7:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m. PPCC Centennial Campus, 5675 S. Academy Blvd., 502-3000, ppcc.edu.

Let There Be Peace, a holiday musical program presented by the America the Beautiful Men's Barbershop Chorus. Special guests include the Velvet Hills Chorus of Sweet Adelines and Storm Front. Sat., Dec. 1, 2-3:30 and 7-8:30 p.m. \$10-\$15, free for ages 12 and younger. Sunrise Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd., 301-9457, mcollumlh@gmail.com, ATBChorus.com.

Steve Barta's Annual Holiday Concert, featuring this Grammy-nominated composer and pianist, performing a private selection of his personal arrangements of holiday classics. Piano Warehouse, 120 W. Cucharas St. Sat., Dec. 1, 7-9 p.m. \$25. 459-0817, josh@harmonicgarden.com, harmonicgarden.com/events.

Taylor Memorial Concert: Advent Lessons and Carols, a performance combining the adult Taylor choir, the youth choir and Schola Sanctus Stephanus of Grace and St. Stephen's for a traditional service of lessons and carols to begin the Advent season. Sun., Dec. 2, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Grace and

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 601 N. Tejon St., 328-1125, gssepiscopal.org.

DANCE

21+ Student Showcase, an opportunity to support some talented pole dance students presenting a variety of performances. Be prepared to show ID. One drink ticket with each purchase. Fri., Nov. 30, 7 p.m. \$10. Pole Revolution, 1861 N. Circle Drive, 433-6616, polerevolution@yahoo.com, polerevolutionco.org.

Dance Performance, featuring PPCC's High Altitude Dance Ensemble, a student audition-based company. Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. PPCC Centennial Campus, 5675 S. Academy Blvd., 502-3000, ppcc.edu.

Family-Friendly Student Showcase, an event wherein students will perform to PG music and their performances will be family-friendly in nature. Come watch the beautiful and graceful art of pole dance. Sat., Dec. 1, 6 p.m. \$10. Pole Revolution, 1861 N. Circle Drive, 433-6616, polerevolution@yahoo.com, polerevolutionco.org.

Semi-Formal Holiday Winter Ball, sponsored by the Pikes Peak USA Dance chapter. Practice your Rumba, Cha-Cha, Samba and much more. Couples, singles and all levels of dancers welcome. Sat., Dec. 1, 6-10 p.m. \$5-\$15. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 846 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 337-8294, info@ppusadance.org, ppusadance.org.

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FILM

Film of the Absurd, an ongoing series of curated independent films, featuring a wide range of filmmakers from all over the world. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Free. Urban Steam Coffee Bar, 1025 S. Sierra Madre St., 473-7832, facebook.com/urbansteam.

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Sorry to Bother You, a screening of this film by rapper, producer and community organizer Boots Riley, hosted by the Colorado Springs Socialists. Fri., Nov. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. UCCS Berger Hall, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 255-8227, CStenantunion@gmail.com, csocialists.com.

FOOD & DRINK

Craft Can Tuesdays, with a rotating selection from the best craft breweries at a steep discount for 12 and 16 oz cans. Tuesdays, 5 p.m. Brewer's Republic, 112 N. Nevada Ave., 633-2015, facebook.com/brewersrepublic.

Drag Queen Brunch, a brunch buffet with drag performers from the United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire. Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; through Dec. 30. \$25/ bottomless brunch, \$12/brunch only, \$13/drinks only. Club Q, 3430 N. Academy Blvd., 570-1429, webmaster@ucppe.org, facebook.com/ClubQOnline.

Fancy Finger Foods and Creative Cocktails, a class to learn to create appetizers and drinks that are perfect for holiday entertaining. Afterwards, sit down for a shared dinner featuring the edible and drinkable creations. Tues., Dec. 4, 6-8 p.m. \$65. EpiCentral, 415 N. Tejon St., 445-9107, info@jlgoesvegan.com, CSVeganCooking.com.

Geeks Who Drink Pub Quiz, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Mother Muff's Kitchen & Spirits, 2432 W. Colorado Ave., 344-8727.

Live Trivia, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Back East Bar & Grill, 9475 Briar Village Point, #168, 264-6161, backeastbarandgrill.com. a twice-weekly interactive trivia competition. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lounge in the Village, 3440 W. Carefree Circle, 550-9721, dander2003@comcast.net, loungeinthevillage.com.

Trivia On The Patio or Underground, including food, drink and a trivia contest. Prizes for first, second and third.

Thursdays, 8-10 p.m. Brewer's Republic, 112 N. Nevada Ave., 633-2105, Travis@110Below.com, facebook.com/brewersrepublic.

GET INVOLVED

24-Hour Trainer Challenge, supporting Kids on Bikes' Give! Campaign. Solo riders and teams will ride on a trainer (not moving) for 24 hours straight. Kids can participate in a strider race on Dec. 1, to ride around the infield of the Velodrome. Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. 7-Eleven United States Olympic Training Center Velodrome, 250 S. Union Blvd., 355-3573, jess@kidsonbikes.net, kidsonbikes.net.

Climb & Dine, celebrating Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, in honor of Colorado Gives Day. Sunrise to sunset, 10 percent of all proceeds from CityRock and Ute & Yeti will go toward this organization. Tues., Dec. 4. Free. CityRock, 21 N. Nevada Ave., 475-7800, maggie@pikespeakhabitat.org, pikespeakhabitat.org/cogives18.

Dance Theatre at Panino's, with food and drinks for the whole family, plus a cash bar. Includes door prizes and the opportunity to support Colorado Springs Dance Theatre's Give! Campaign. Mon., Dec. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Panino's Restaurant - Tejon, 604 N. Tejon St., 635-7452, paninos.com.

Indy Give! Pint Night for Springs Ensemble Theatre, during which \$1 of every pint sold will benefit Springs Ensemble Theatre's Give! Campaign. Includes live folk music by Spur. Fri., Nov. 30, 8-10 p.m. Free. Gold Camp Brewing Company, 1007 S. Tejon St., 695-0344, facebook.com/goldcampbrew.

Letting Go Open Mic, a Give! Campaign event for Hear Here Poetry. "Come let go of what no longer serves you. Leave it all on the mic." Sat., Dec. 1, 7-10 p.m. Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave., 531-6333, facebook.com/hearherepoetry.

Nonviolent Night, a Give! Campaign event with Pikes Peak Justice & Peace Commission and RAWtools. First Strike Theatre presents shtick and song, and the organizations offer cookies and cocoa. Sat., Dec. 1, 4-5:15 p.m. Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave., 203-8069, mike@rawtools.org, facebook.com/RAWtoolsInc.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

2019 Medicare Enrollment Informational Event, covering the 2019 changes in Medicare. Tues., Dec. 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ruth Holley Branch Library, 685 N. Murray Blvd., 243-2944, info@DoubleTin-vestments.net, MyColoradoBroker.org.

Christmas Walk in Old Colorado City, including 5- and 10-kilometer routes on OCC streets and sidewalks. Strollers should be able to complete the courses. Wheelchairs are not recommended. Leashed pets only. Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Westside Community Center, 1628 W. Bijou St., 591-8193, walking@falconwanderers.org, falconwanderers.org.

Positioning & Natural Labor Comforting Techniques, a fun, interactive workshop for all expecting parents, providing natural labor coping tools and techniques. Mon., Dec. 3, 6-9 p.m. \$50/couple. Enso Prenatal, 10 S 25th St., 660-5687, ensomama@gmail.com, ensomama.com.

Voices For Hope, a community gathering event. Includes minority speakers sharing their experiences with living with mental illness and mental health professionals speaking and offering resources. RSVP requested. Sat., Dec. 1, noon to 2 p.m. Free. Another Life Foundation, 801 N. Weber St., 216-7238, anotherlife-foundation@hotmail.com, anotherlife-foundation.com.

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