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## Newsline

### Award winners

Congratulations to the following Air Combat Command award winners:

**366th Fighter Wing** first place in the Organizational Achievement Category of the National Operation Security Awards Program

Mrs. **Karine Kucej**, ACC's nominee 2004 Katharine Wright memorial award

Maj. **Andrew Foltz**, 366th Fighter Wing, ACC Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the Year

### FTAC winners

Congratulations to A1C **James Stowers** from the 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for being selected as the First-Term Airmen Center's "Sharp Troop" Award winner for Class 04M.

Congratulations also go to A1C **Corey Davis** from the 726th Air Control Squadron for receiving the FTAC "Razor Sharp" award for excellence in dress and appearance.

### Youth award winner

Ciara McLee has been selected as the 2004 All-League Basketball player from the base youth center. Ciara is the first recipient to receive this award here.

Gatorade, Nike, Junior National Basketball Association (Jr. NBA) and Junior Women National Basketball Association (Jr. WNBA) present this award. This award is signed by the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA advisory council, which consist of Mike Bibby of the Sacramento Kings, Ray Allen of the Seattle SuperSonics, Sue Bird of the Seattle Storm and Tina Thompson of the Houston Comets.

### Personal safety survey

The Air Combat Command Personal Safety Survey ends today. The survey provided an opportunity for Airmen to voice their concerns about sexual assault and sexual harassment. The information will be used with data recently collected by the Sexual Assault Assessment Teams and will be included in the command's April 9 sexual harassment/assault assessment report to Gen. Michael Moseley, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff.

### Ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new housing area across from the elementary school is scheduled for April 9. All military personnel, family members, retired service members and Department of Defense civilians are invited to the ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The event takes place at Willow Circle near the intersection of Phantom and Gunfighter Ave. Parking for the event will be in the base exchange/commissary parking lot.

### Horse stables

A ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the horse stables takes place today at 10 a.m. there.

### Car wash

A car wash is scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Wal-Mart parking lot to raise funds for the Gunfighter Ammo flight.

### Daylight-saving

Remember to move clocks one hour forward at 2 a.m. Sunday.

### Housing office closure

The housing office will be closed today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Photo by SrA. Chawntain Young

### Story time

Col. Ted Thompson, 366th Fighter Wing vice commander, kicks off Month of the military child by reading to young Gunfighters at the child development center Thursday.

## Base hazardous waste program best in state

By Capt. Kelley Thibodeau  
Gunfighter Public Affairs

Three environmental inspectors from state and federal environmental agencies arrived on base Tuesday for a state and federal no-notice hazardous waste inspection.

Officially called the State/Federal No-Notice Hazardous Waste Regulatory Inspection, the inspectors were from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Gunfighters showed their expertise as the inspectors toured the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron Hazardous Waste Central Collection Facility, the 366th Medical Group hospital, and the 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's armament, survival equipment and corrosion control shops.

The wing passed the inspection for the eighth consecutive time, according to Ms. Paula Jo Miller of the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron's environmental flight. "It's always a pleasure coming to Mountain Home Air Force Base," said Mr. Matt Alvarado, lead inspector for the Boise Regional Office of IDEQ. "IDEQ uses Mountain Home Air Force Base as a model for the rest of the state."

Gunfighter pollution prevention techniques and practices are showcased on IDEQ's website at

[http://www.deq.state.id.us/assistance/business\\_casestudies\\_p2\\_MHAFB1.htm](http://www.deq.state.id.us/assistance/business_casestudies_p2_MHAFB1.htm).

"Mountain Home Air Force Base serves as the benchmark for region-wide businesses," said Mr. Alvarado.

"Department of Defense facilities are on the cutting edge of environmental stewardship, and Mountain Home Air Force Base is a prime example," said Mr. Jack Boller, inspector with U.S. EPA, at the outbrief Tuesday.

"On a base with so many moving parts, the fact that every single shop we went to had flawless accumulation points is huge," said Mr. Nathan Rowland, chief of the environmental flight. "We couldn't have succeeded today without the support of every environmental coordinator on base. Everyone should be proud that we earned such high marks from this inspection."

### Key performers

Ms. **Paula Jo Miller** – Chief of Compliance/ Hazardous Waste Manager

Ms. **Tracy Steffens** – Environmental Engineer/ Hazardous Waste Manager Trainee

Mr. **John Watkins** – Central Collection Facility Manager

Mr. **Jerry Martin** – Hospital Environmental Coordinator

TSgt. **Mark Allen** – 366th EMS Environmental Coordinator

MSgt. **Norman Swartz** – 366th EMS Environmental Coordinator (Alternate)

# Driving under the influence, core values

By Maj. Marion Dallison  
366th Security Forces Squadron commander

A great deal is said about getting to know our people, and we are specifically challenged to get to know folks early rather than waiting for a problem to develop.

This isn't a hint only for commanders and first sergeants; it really reaches down to individual supervisors and coworkers.

It is important to find out what makes people tick so that we can balance their strengths and weaknesses and trigger innovative ideas to improve processes within our organizations.

I like to start by asking people about themselves. Questions about family, hobbies, experiences, goals and expectations go a long way to effectively integrating individuals into the unit.

Our Airmen bring a wide diversity of experiences, ambitions and goals to the Air Force.

The best thing we can do to motivate Airmen is to help them see that their goals and ambitions are also equally important to getting the Air Force mission accomplished.

Understanding an Airman's goals and ambitions helps leaders explain the expectations of the organization in a way that communicates the Airman's importance and also shares opportunities within the base community that might help further the Airman's goals.

Obviously, to stop here would be very short-sighted. The more difficult task is staying involved and keeping up on the Airman's progress.

We spend a great deal of time in our respective organizations working on upgrade

training, task certification and other important aspects of doing our jobs.

The challenge I'm referring to here goes well beyond on-the-job training. I'm referring to helping build character and professionalism.

For the vast majority of us, our basic character was formed well before we entered the Air Force, but character is something that must be continually groomed and molded to ensure it withstands times of crisis.

That is where the Air Force core values come into play.

These values were not published to imply you are issued these qualities as you enter the Air Force but rather to help us pull together the diverse population that makes up the Air Force.

Integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do are really values that should be common throughout society; however the reality is that they are often overshadowed by an individual's desire to get ahead.

The Air Force obviously can not be successful when its members act selfishly and do not take care of each other and the mission.

The expectation to take these values seriously and apply them seven days a week 24 hours a day is a vital part of being on the Air Force team and the first step in being a professional.

This is where the teaching comes in. I would venture to say that integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do is fairly easy when a supervisor is watching or when a technical task is being accomplished.

But, what about our Airmen out on a Friday night when out with their buddies or

## Commander's Hotline

This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home AFB a better place to live and work.

I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function.

Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828-6262 or CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.



Col. Hansen

Col. Blair Hansen  
366th Fighter Wing commander

when they are home on leave? This is the piece of the core values that I suggest we need to spend time teaching folks.

Each Air Force member must remember that off-duty behavior has direct impact on our mission and sets an image for the surrounding communities.

There are dozens of examples that come to mind in which Air Force members have failed to live up to the expected standards of the core values, and both the community and mission have been hurt.

These failures take many forms, but in the interest of time, I'd like to focus on failure in the form of driving under the influence.

Each of us reading this article should recognize the recklessness of this failure of character and professionalism. Look at the costs.

Yes, there are the court costs or uniform code of military justice punishments and the suspension of driving privileges, but the real cost is potentially ending the life of the person driving or an innocent bystander.

Relating this back to the core values, take a look at the slippery slope of decisions.

Starting with integrity, it is often said that once you get past integrity everything is easy.

Make the right decision and hand over the keys before you break the law. Service before self, our second core value, is also tossed to the side by the DUI offender.

Can anyone say that they are carrying their weight at work if they risk being taken

out of the shop by death, injury or even temporary absences for court time appearances?

Finally, what about excellence in all we do? There is an expectation of teamwork, professionalism and readiness that accompanies the Air Force image. DUI offenders certainly do not epitomize excellence as they allow their judgment to be so clouded by alcohol or other substances they prevent others from taking care of them.

While I focused this very brief application of our core values to an individual decision to drive while under the influence of alcohol, I hope it hits a chord with every member of our community on how we can take care of each other and motivate each other to live out lives of character and professionalism.

Similar examples could be made of conduct in the dormitories, treatment of family members and coworkers and virtually any other activity we do. The bottom line: It's all about choices.

Each of us chose to join the Air Force, and each of us chooses our roads to maturity. We direct our lives and careers by visions, values and personal goals.

We must aspire to be the best we can, set the example that inspires others to follow and build an Air Force that entices others to join. Total disregard for our core values touches all Airmen and threatens the very foundation which has been established to protect the nation which we volunteered to serve.



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Air Combat Command Award



Rack 'em up — Annual Gunfighter winners

# Military heritage runs in Gunfighter family

By Mr. Dan DeGuzman  
The White House

At Arlington National Cemetery, Col. (sel) Arthur Homer, 366th Fighter Wing Chaplain, paid his last respects March 17 to his father, Army Pfc. Arthur Homer, a World War II combat veteran and prisoner of war.

Pfc. Homer died Feb. 13 at the age of 86. With family and friends in attendance, Pfc. Homer was buried with full military honors together with a 21-gun salute and taps given by the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment "Old Guard" and Honor Guard to the President.

Maj. Gen. Lorraine Potter, Air Force Chief of Chaplains Service, presided and conducted the funeral services of Chaplain Homer's father at the Fort Myers Chapel, Va.

Chaplain Potter presented Chaplain Homer a folded U.S. Flag on behalf of a grateful nation and the Army Chief of Staff for his father's service and sacrifice during World War II. Pfc. Homer was born in New York City April 18, 1917.

He was inducted in the U.S. Army January 13, 1942 at Fort Dix, New Jersey and was honorably discharged October 20, 1945 after World War II. He was a Sherman M5A1 light tank driver assigned to Company D, 707th Tank Battalion.

He served and fought in the Rhineland, northern France, the Ardennes, and central Europe campaigns in the theater of operations in World War II.

Pfc. Homer, then a private, endured the horrors of battle during the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944, fighting against the onslaught and counter attack of German tanks and infantry forces inflicting heavy losses to the men and tanks of his unit.

During the Battle of the Bulge, he was taken prisoner and was held in the infamous Stalag IX-B at Bad Orb, Germany, until it was liberated by Allied forces at the end of the war.



Courtesy photo

Members of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment "Old Guard" and Honor Guard to the President perform a military burial for Pfc. Arthur Homer at Arlington National Cemetery March 17.

Pfc. Homer was one of 985 American soldiers captured during the first two days of the Battle of the Bulge.

He relocated to Boise in 2003 to be close to his son, Chaplain Homer, who is stationed at Mountain Home AFB.

He was a member of the American Ex-Prisoners of

War Association and the American Legion.

His military decorations include Prisoner of War Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 4 bronze battle stars.

## Space camp available to Gunfighters



Gunfighter children have the opportunity to participate in the second annual space camp, sponsored by Air Force Services Family Member Programs, in Huntsville, Ala. July 31 through Aug. 6.

Fifty scholarships will be available for students, ages 12 to 18, to participate in the Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

The center is the premiere provider of authentic, inspiring and entertaining educational experiences in space science and aviation.

The camp is divided into two age divisions.

Thirty-two children, ages 12 to 14, will be selected to participate in the space academy and 18 teens, ages 15 to 18, will be selected to participate in the advanced space academy.

This program is open to family members of active-duty and retired military members, civilian employees, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

Participants arrive at the camp July 31 for the

advanced space academy and Aug. 1 for space academy.

Attendees participate in a wide variety of physical activities, hands-on experiences and classroom activities.

The Air Force Services Agency provides chaperones. Attendees will not be accompanied by an adult chaperone from their youth center.

Parents or guardians must allow their children to travel unaccompanied or make other arrangements.

Travel costs to Alabama are the responsibility of the attendees or the installation youth program.

The Air Force will centrally fund all lodging, meals and activity fees at no cost to attendees or their bases. Interested students with a minimum of a 2.8 grade point average must complete an application form and submit a package to their individual youth program.

For more information or to pick up an application stop by the youth center or call 828-2501.

(Air Force Services Release)

Last DUI: 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

(As of noon Thursday)

Days without a DUI:

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AADD made 9 saves since March 26, 64 in 2004

## Staff Sergeant Alfred Fleming

366th Maintenance Operations Squadron

**Duty position:** Maintenance operations center senior controller

**Hometown:** Pound, Va.

**Hobbies:** Riding motorcycles, outdoor sports

**Time on the job:** 11 years

**What is the best part of your job?** The people and being able to directly impact the mission.

**Why did you join?** To serve my country, see the world, become a more well-rounded person and to follow in my grandfather's footsteps.



### Feel the burn

# Chiefs raise funds for Gunfighters

**CMSgt. Ronald E. Cook**  
AEF Battlelab

Anyone who has been here through the summer months knows about the teriyaki steak lunch with baked potato, salad, roll and drink that the Chief's group prepares and serves at the community center for \$6.



Normally, the chiefs serve 500 to 700 Gunfighters each month at the famous steak burns.

Many may not know why the chiefs provide this service for the base population, how the proceeds from this event are used or even why the organization exists.

The Mountain Home Chief's Group is a private organization made up of voluntary members. Membership in the group is limited to active-duty and retired chief master sergeants, E-9s from the U.S. Armed Forces and chief selects assigned to the base or surrounding area.

Its mission is three fold.

The chiefs work to advance enlisted issues, programs and concerns.

They strive to develop mutually beneficial relationships with the surrounding communities.

And they help each other, work together and establish camaraderie.

The group meets twice monthly to discuss issues, share concerns and plan for upcoming events.

During the first meeting of each month Col. Blair Hansen, 366th Fighter Wing commander, joins the group to engage in open two-way communication.

Col. Hansen relies on the group to bring up important issues that it can't resolve at lower levels. He counts on the group to communicate his thoughts to every enlisted member on base.

He also reminds the group members often that their individual roles and jobs as chiefs in their respective units are not as important as the leadership, mentorship and guidance they provide across the base.

The monthly steak burns are just one of the ways in which they strive to accomplish their mission.

First, it forces them to get out from behind their desks and interact with each other and all those who attend.

Second, the proceeds from this event enable them

to financially support several enlisted programs to foster improved morale and esprit de corps.

Just to name a few, the Chief's group provides Levitow trophies presented to the top graduate of each Airman Leadership School and provides a cash gift to the wing's enlisted quarterly and annual award winners.

It contributes funds for refreshments at the monthly enlisted promotion ceremonies, the semi-annual Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony and the annual senior non-commissioned officer orientation course.

The Chief's group also has a scholarship program for enlisted members and presents recipients with a cash award that can be used for whatever individuals need to help them in their pursuit of higher education goals.

Once a year the chiefs conduct a ceremony to induct newly selected chiefs into the group and they present the departing or retiring members with a memento in recognition of their contributions.

The Chief's group is here to support Gunfighters, but they need help to be successful.

They are able to do quite a bit with the money they raise from their steak burns, which is their primary fund raiser but none of it would be possible without the continued support of all who come out and join the group for a teriyaki steak lunch.

Those who have attended in the past should spread the word and bring a friend or co-worker next time. For newcomers, they encourage them to come out and give the lunch a try.

The Chief's group is convinced that its special teriyaki marinade is the best many have ever tasted and the \$6 price is hard to beat.

Tickets are available for purchase in advance from any chief. This helps them determine how many customers to prepare for. The first steak burn this year is scheduled for April 21 and monthly lunches are scheduled through September on the third Wednesday of each month.

**Ride hard, shoot straight and always speak the truth**

# What is holy week, its meaning?

By Chaplain Capt. Martin Adamson  
Liberty Chapel

Traditionally, Holy Week has been the most celebrated and observed holiday for Christians around the world, surpassing even Christmas.

Although it might be called by various names, Holy Week begins the Sunday before Easter and ends at sunset on Easter Sunday.

These days of observance focus attention on the central features of the Christian faith, namely the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This is sometimes called Pasch which comes from the Hebrew word *pesah* meaning deliverance or Passover. For Christians who observe this special week, it is a way of remembering what happened.

But it is not just a remembrance. Through participation in the worship opportunities of the week, it is a way of experiencing and embracing the significance of those events in one's own life.

The week begins traditionally with Palm Sunday this weekened because it commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Palm branches are often part of the worship.

At Liberty Chapel, Palm Sunday celebrations include Catholic Mass at 9:15 a.m. which begins outdoors and Protestant worship at 11 a.m. Thursday is a day to remember the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. Some churches also perform a foot washing ceremony imitating Jesus' washing his disciples' feet.

Holy Thursday Mass for Catholics is at 5 p.m. A Protestant Maundy Thursday Service is at 7 p.m. Maundy comes from the Latin term *mandatum novum*, meaning new commandment.

Good Friday, April 9, services testify to Jesus' love for sinners and his death on their behalf. It is a very solemn time for Christians who recount his passion and that he gave his life as a sacrifice for their sin. The word passion in this context is not a romantic term, but refers to the suffering of Jesus. Catholics on base may participate in Living Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. and a Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5 p.m. Protestants can gather for Good Friday worship at 11:30 a.m. The most anticipated day of the Holy Week is Jesus' resurrection celebration. The celebration is scheduled for April 10 and 11. At Liberty Chapel, a Catholic Easter vigil begins at 8 p.m. April 10 and Easter Sunday mass is at 9 a.m. For Protestants, an Easter Sunrise service is at 7 a.m. April 11 and a community worship service is at 11 a.m.

For more information about these services or other religious needs, call the chapel at 828-6417.

## Services provided by Public Health

Monday through April 9 is National Public Health Week. Contact the base public health flight at 828-7280 or email them at 366ADS/SGGM@mthome.med.osd.mil for information on the services listed below.

- Food facility and sanitation inspections of public facilities
- Inspections of home day care providers, child development center and youth center
- Surveillance of diseases such as West

Nile Virus, Hantavirus and plague

- Sexually transmitted disease counseling and follow-up
- Tuberculosis education, prevention and patient follow-up
- Investigations of suspected disease outbreaks
- Disease surveillance and monitoring in local, state and national populace
- Immunizations
- Medical profiling and standards

Medical clearances for security, permanent change of stations, separation and retirement

- Rabies control, prevention, education and patient follow-up
- Medical pre-deployment and post-deployment processing and tracking
- Travel medicine
- Occupational health surveillance
- Hearing conservation, testing, education and earplug fit-testing

## Gunfighters earn recertification

By MSgt. William McMahon  
366th Component Maintenance Squadron

Safety, accuracy, traceability and reliability. These are the words that form the heart of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory mission.

The PMEL mission is the timely production of calibrated test, measurement and diagnostic equipment while meeting stringent quality standards.

Those words were proven true for the 366th Component Maintenance Squadron PMEL section when a team of inspectors from the Air Force Metrology and Calibration Office evaluated the 366th CMS Test Measurement Diagnostic Equipment flight commonly known as PMEL.

The inspectors are responsible for ensuring all Air Force PMEL sections can perform maintenance and calibration on assigned equipment.

These repairs and routine calibrations must be accomplished to the highest levels of accuracy and are traceable back to the master standards at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

An example of how precise PMEL's tolerances can be include laboratory linear standards that can measure 20 times thinner than the thickness of a dollar bill or their

platinum resistance thermometer that can measure 0.016 degrees Fahrenheit. For the PMEL section this means maintaining an inventory of more than 8,778 items used by 180 customers, ranging from the 366th Fighter Wing to Air National Guard units in Oregon, Idaho and Utah.

During the inspection team's biannual assessment here, they were extremely impressed with PMEL operations and presented Col. Ted Eaton, 366th Maintenance Group commander, and CMSgt. Michael Goelze, the TMDE flight chief, with its certificate of compliance before departing.

"This assessment is like the wing's operational readiness inspection, but it inspects PMEL's capabilities to provide our customers with a quality product," said Chief Goelze. "What we do affects almost every mission of our customers. We calibrate a wide variety of equipment from simple scales to the most complex aircraft test sets. Our customers rely on us to ensure they are using quality equipment to successfully complete their missions. This was a very comprehensive audit, so we were busy for months preparing for the evaluation."

Flight personnel spent the last few months in a flurry of activity as quality assurance evaluators and managers thoroughly checked reports, supervisors gave daily briefings and people double-checked their processes.

This extra polish paid dividends as the inspection team

immediately noticed the flight's readiness.

"First impressions really mean a lot," said MSgt. David Smeeth, an inspection team assessor. "When we first walked into the building, we felt confident they were ready and would do very well."

In order to receive certification, the flight had to pass six critical factors: quality system, measurement capability assessment, quality program, environmental control system, facility and proficiency testing/measurement assurance program. Other areas were also checked for adequate compliance such as production control methods and procedures, training programs and manpower assigned to perform current workload. The laboratory demonstrated the ability to perform accurate measurements traceable through the Air Force Primary Standards Laboratory to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, passing all areas and earning several noteworthy comments.

The flight's management review process was identified as a benchmark program and will be placed on a Web site as a template for other PMEL flights to use.

"The assessments and calibration processes have really become more complex and mature than it was 20 or 30 years ago," said Chief Goelze at the outbrief. "This audit was tough, but all flight personnel did a fantastic job. I'm proud of their accomplishments."



*Photo by SSgt. Christopher Gish*

### **Brushing up on healthy hygiene**

SSgt. Jennifer Bettinger explains the benefits of proper dental hygiene during the Women's History Month Health Fair held here March 26.



*Photo by SSgt. Christopher Campbell*

### **Practice makes perfect**

The Gunfighters soccer team practices defensive and offensive moves during practice March 24. The team currently maintains a record of 4-0.