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Photo by SSgt. Kathy Myles

A B-25 bomber and a Learjet fitted with special cameras were used while making an IMAX film over the base's ranges April 12 through 16. The crew filmed Gunfighter and other Air Force aircraft in flight.

## Newsline

### Sharp troop recipients

Congratulations to the following First Term Airman Center's award winners: Amn. **Courtney Koss**, 366th Medical Operations Squadron, Sharp Troop Class 04L; A1C **Robert Reichert**, 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Razor Sharp Troop Class 04L; A1C **James Stowers**, 366th AMXS, Sharp Troop Class 04M; A1C **Corey Davis**, 726th Air Control Squadron, Razor Sharp Troop Class 04M; A1C **Maria Maravelias**, 366th Component Maintenance Squadron, Sharp Troop Class 04N; A1C **Hunter Hary**, 366th CMS and Amn. **Thomas Price**, 366th Security Forces Squadron, Razor Sharp Troops Class 04N; A1C **Brianna Reese**, 366th CMS, Sharp Troop Class 04O; Amn. **Tiffany Ryan**, 366th MDOS, Razor Sharp Troop 04O.

### School to host carnival

The base primary school is hosting a carnival April 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be games, prizes, food and raffle prizes. To volunteer to run a booth, call Ms. Judy Blanchard at 832-4651.

### Visitor center renovation

The Mountain Home AFB visitor control center, Bldg. 7001, will undergo a renovation project starting May 7. The project is expected to last about two weeks. During the renovation, restricted area badges will be issued by appointment only. Visitor and contractor passes will be issued from a trailer in rear of the building located in the parking lot. Any questions can be directed to the VCC staff at 828-6098 or 828-6568.

### Road closure/detour

South Mellen St. will be blocked between Fairway Dr. and Silver Sage Dr. (area in front of the temporary living facility) from Monday through May 14.

Access to golf course and clubhouse will be provided by detouring through the parking lot across from TLF. Please follow the detour signs and exercise caution. This detour is a necessary part of the housing construction.

### Letters from the front

Gunfighters can see *Letters From the Front: WWII*, a play that involves actual letters from World War II, at the base theater May 8 at 2 p.m. After the show the audience can meet the performers. The play is suitable for all ages and admission is free. For more information call the community center at 828-2246.

# IMAX film crew visits Gunfighter country

By 1st. Lt. Joe Campbell  
Gunfighter public affairs

A Canadian-based film crew visited here April 12 to 16, gathering footage for an Air Force IMAX film due to be released later this year.

Montreal Pacific Films, based in Dorval, Quebec, Canada, in conjunction with K2 Communications of Los Angeles, began filming at Nellis AFB, Nev., in 2003. Three major shoots occurred at Nellis AFB before coming here.

Gunfighters and pilots from other bases in the United States flew sorties for additional footage that was filmed over the base's ranges throughout the week.

"We tried to give them what they wanted," said Maj. Scott Moon, 366th Operations Support Squadron and base project officer for the IMAX visit. "Overall, there were no glitches and no roadblocks and the film crew was happy with the support."

The film crew accomplished what they came here to do, filming everything from F-117s to B-52s to U-2s in addition to Gunfighter aircraft. Many of the assets filmed met the IMAX team in the airspace over the ranges at prearranged times.

"The cooperation is exceptional," said Mr. Stephen Low, the film's director. "This is the best filming opportunity on earth."

The Air Force IMAX film is being shot from a pilot's perspective, and the Gunfighters are motivating the director to "do it for real," he said.

That is, show the world how it really is — not the typical Hollywood version of flying.

"If you like airplanes, you will like this film," said Mr. Low. "If you don't, you will have some serious anxiety."

The IMAX team used specialized equipment to film the maneuvers.

A Learjet retrofitted with a camera in the nose and two more in the cabin that utilized a periscope above and below the aircraft were used for the project.

Additionally, a 60-year-old B-25 aircraft was fitted with an aft-mounted camera for the project.

"The advantage of IMAX over the traditional big screen

is we have a bigger canvas to work with," said Mr. Low. "You get ten times better quality with IMAX."

The image is more like what people would see with their own eyes if they were watching the planes maneuver from the ground, said the director.

Planning for the film began approximately eight years ago with talks between officials from Montreal Pacific Films, K2 Communications and Air Force leaders at the Pentagon. A teaser was filmed in June 2003 to help gain interest and support in the project.

Mr. Low said the filming has been fun and the goal and team-oriented Airmen that he has worked with has made it a sensational experience.

The film is due to be in IMAX theaters by Christmas.



Photo by SSgt. Kathy Myles

Mr. Jack Tankard, a freelance cameraman, loads film into camera to be installed on a Learjet April 15. The camera was used in the making of an Air Force IMAX film due to be released later this year.

## 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

## Last DUI:

(As of noon Thursday)

366th Medical Support Squadron

Days without a DUI:

# 5

AADD made 5 saves since March 19,  
53 in 2004

### Risk management:

# Key to being great Gunfighters

By Maj. Cheryl Minto

366th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

Although we have not yet entered the 101 Critical Days of Summer many people are taking advantage of the warming weather to begin doing the same activities they do during the summer months.

Boats are being de-winterized, mountain bikes and roller blades are being tuned up, family vacations are being planned and friends are getting together to hike, camp, barbecue or just hang out.

If you have not already made personal risk management an ingrained part of your decision-making process, it's the perfect time to start.

I have a card the wing safety office handed out last year that I carry with me all the time.

On one side, it has Uncle Sam saying, "I am counting on you to be a great Gunfighter 24/7, on or off duty in or out of uniform." This simple phrase succinctly sums up what we should all try to be – great Gunfighters 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

It's very difficult to be a great Gunfighter if you are lying in the hospital or at home as a result of a safety mishap since you are not at work contributing to the wing's mission.

The other side of the card lists the six steps of the per-

sonal risk management process – one of the many tools available to ensure you continue to be a great Gunfighter 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Some may believe that the six steps – identify the hazards, assess the risks, analyze risk control measures, make control decisions, implement risk controls and supervise and review – are too cumbersome or time consuming.

However, these six steps can be easily condensed into three simple questions:

What potentially bad things can happen?

What can I do to prevent or mitigate the hazards?

Are the action(s) I am taking effective at keeping me safe?

Since I just finished giving motorcycle safety briefings to two of my Airmen, let's apply those three questions to a planned motorcycle ride from Mountain Home to Sun Valley on a day forecasted to be warm and sunny.

What potentially bad things can happen? You could run out of gas or break down, hit an animal or even get struck by a meteor.

What can I do to prevent or mitigate these hazards?

You can fill up with gas and do an overall serviceability check of your bike to ensure there are no problems.

You can get a good night's sleep so you are alert, pay attention to what's going on around you and wear a helmet, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and sturdy boots in case you are thrown from your motorcycle.

As for the meteor, since it's such an unlikely occur-

rence, that would just be a risk that you would have to accept.

A bit far-fetched?

Of course, but it does illustrate that you can't always eliminate or even mitigate risk, but knowing that up front allows you to assess the benefit of the event versus the potential cost.

Finally, are the action(s) I am taking effective at keeping me safe?

You have a good plan, your bike is in good shape and full of gas, you are well rested and alert, you are wearing the proper protective gear and you have started on your way.

Then it starts raining.

Now your situation has changed and you may need to alter your risk-mitigation strategy.

If the roads are slick and visibility is poor, you may just want to pull over at the nearest sheltered place and wait for the storm to pass.

Taking just a few minutes to assess the potential risks and mitigation strategies before performing tasks at work or heading out for off-duty fun can mean the difference between successful completion and becoming a safety statistic.

If we incorporate the three simplified risk management questions into our every day lives, we will all become great Gunfighters 24-hours a day, seven days a week and achieve the chief of staff's goal of zero safety mishaps.

***Wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is not an option, it's mandatory***



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# Base opens second gate for military members

The 366th Security Forces Squadron will be opening an access gate for incoming traffic to help with traffic flow at the main gate starting today at 6 a.m.

Gate 31V will be open Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 8 a.m. for incoming traffic and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Due to manning, the only people allowed to use the gate will be military members with a valid military identification and base sticker on their vehicle.

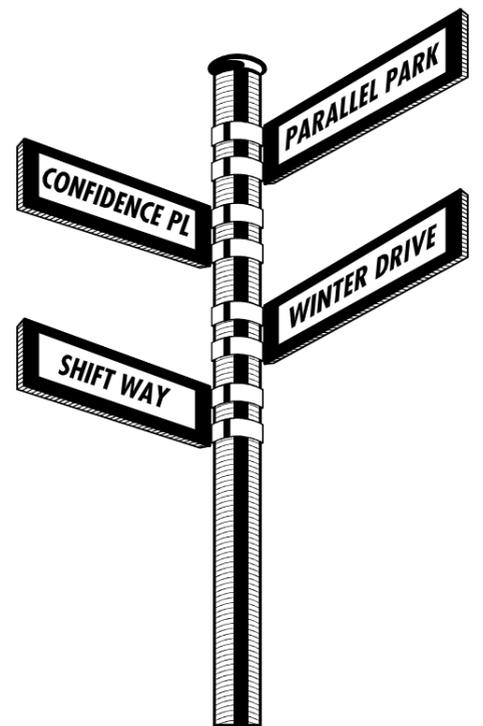
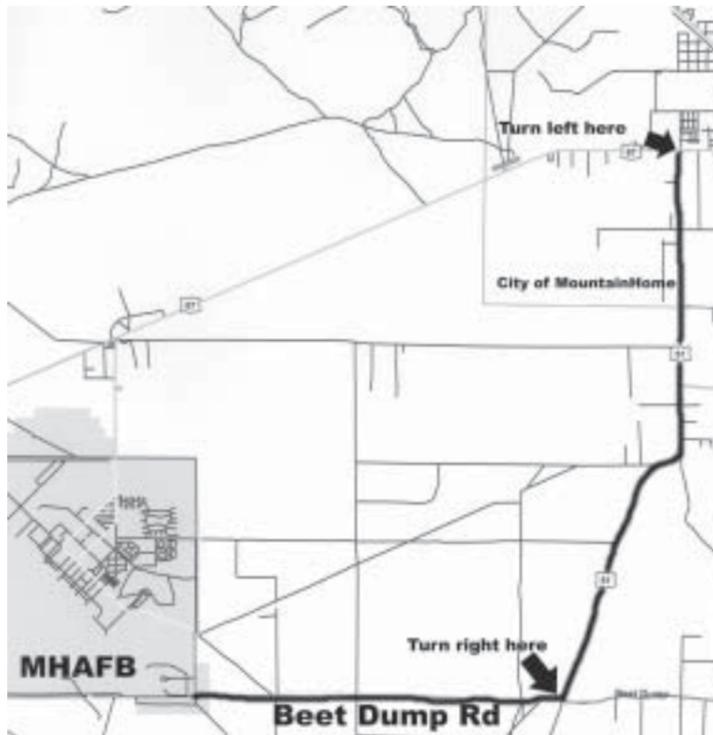
The gate will not be available for deliveries, contractors or visitors.

Signs will be posted along the highway to direct Gunfighters to the gate.

Beet Dump Rd. is paved until the last half mile. From the gas station it is 8.6 miles to the main gate and 11.7 miles to gate 31V.

**The gate can be accessed by turning left on to Highway 51 off of Airbase Rd., just before the Chevron station.**

**Turn right off the highway onto Beet Dump Rd. Follow this road to the base.**



# Gunfighters lead with WMD exercise

Story and photo by  
SrA. Chawntain Sloan  
Gunfighter public affairs

Unsure what to expect, they geared up with their blue suits and breathing tanks. Armed with radiation, explosive ordnance and chemical detection tools, they prepared themselves for entry in a house that was rumored to be the scene of a terror lab. This was the scenario Airmen First Class Kyle Leger and John Lopez, 366th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight technicians, encountered during the weapons of mass destruction response and detection exercise March 31. The exercise took place in the Oasis housing area.

“When I arrived on scene, I expected we would be doing a simple sampling exercise,” said A1C Leger. “I quickly realized we had to get spun up on cross-contamination procedures and learn how to sample effectively.”

With 30 minutes of air in their tanks, they were responsible for finding, collecting and identifying hazardous substances without compromising their safety or the safety of others.

“Two years ago, we would’ve gone in there knowing it wasn’t the safest conditions, but would’ve done our jobs anyway,” said A1C Leger. “Now, we have realized the danger we could’ve put ourselves into, and safety is our number one priority.”

With help from base agencies like the fire department, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 221, civil engineer readiness and security forces, and through extensive training from off-base response partners such as the 101st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team in Boise, the two technicians were able to quickly secure the scene and tend to the matter at hand – identifying the potentially harmful substances.

“I was really impressed,” said TSgt. Jan Menard, NCOIC of the bioenvironmental flight. “When they went up to the building,



**Airmen First Class bioenvironmental engineering technicians John Lopez and Kyle Leger, 366th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, gear up for a weapons of mass destruction response exercise March 31 in the Oasis housing area.**

they monitored for radiation and explosives even though the scene had been cleared by an explosive ordnance team, which was really smart.”

Using on-scene sampling and detection equipment like the SensIR, an infrared scanner, the technicians were able to identify the origin of several mysterious substances to a degree of 98 percent certainty within a matter of minutes.

“It’s Airmen like John and Kyle that are the experts, and they did a great job,” said TSgt. Menard.

“I am extremely proud of the progress

our flight has made in the area of weapons of mass destruction response,” said Capt. Jim Shay, bioenvironmental engineering flight commander. “Every one of our Airmen take this [Air Combat Command] priority very seriously, and they are constantly working with our internal and external WMD response partners to improve their service to the wing.”

Since the exercise, the flight’s efforts have gained recognition from ACC and the wing. The entire flight was acknowledged as outstanding performers for their part during the last wing major accident response

exercise April 2.

Capt. Bob Campbell, ACC chief of medical counterproliferation, also personally thanked the Airmen assigned to the 366th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight for their “initiative and energy on the homeland defense program.”

“The Mountain Home [AFB] bioenvironmental engineering shop is leading the Air Force in this respect,” said Capt. Campbell. “This is a priority for the Secretary of Defense, and we are glad to see it is a priority at Mountain Home as well. Keep up the great work.”

# Mother of two realizes dream job

By Retired Chaplain Lt. Col. Jim Sands  
Red Cross Station Chairman

What is a dream job? For 2nd Lt. Reysan Price since childhood, it was to be a nurse. But how was the stay-at-home mom going to realize her dream?

It happened to be at an Air Force base hospital where she was a Red Cross volunteer.

Observing the Air Force nurses, she said to herself, "I think I could do this."

She took opportunities offered through the Red Cross and began down the path of learning and volunteering.

She had no nursing skills, no formal medical training or education.

But she had drive and determination.

So much drive and determination that she attended college, got her nursing degree and began to realize her dream, a dream that included the Air Force.

The planting of a seed when 2nd Lt. Reysan Price was a Red Cross volunteer has yielded for the Air Force a good harvest.

She is finally at her first duty station (wearing a gold bar on her collar) and firmly believing, "You got to reach beyond your own life."

The Air Force path began at age 17 when she spoke with a recruiter, but had not graduated from high school. She got married, had children and 20 years later with nursing skills and maturity she said, "I set goals and attained them. I've learned patience and to take life one step at a

time."

2nd Lt. Price has been able to turn her long-range vision into a reality only through hard work, long hours and the support of her family.

When asked what her most significant accomplishment has been, she said "It's living a balanced life of maintaining a marriage of 20 years and raising three teenagers."

What Lt. Price didn't say was important were the many honors she's received earning her nursing degree including membership in the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, her sizable scholarship awards and being on the distinguished Public Service Awards board and being president of the Student Nurses Association.

Her priority is people. By never giving up she has realized her childhood dream.

## Air Force Assistance Fund helps those in need

Commentary

By 1st. Lt. Eugenia Ramirez and  
MSgt. Greg Westbrook

366th Fighter Wing Air Force Assistance Fund  
project officers

The Air Force Assistance Fund has done a lot lately for more of us than you may realize.

The behind-the-scenes approach in which AFAF positively affects our lives makes it easy to fall victim to the perception that the money contributed is simply falling into some black hole, never to be seen again.

However, nothing could be further from the truth, and some of us may have benefited from AFAF without even realizing it.

The truth is many of us have experienced or will experience a tight spot some time during our military careers, and AFAF will be there to help, as one Gunfighter in particular can attest. The Air Force Aid Society, one of four AFAF affiliates, helped her June 2, 1995 – the day she returned from convalescent leave after having given birth to her first child at Luke AFB, Ariz.

"The night before returning to work I had mailed out checks and then dropped by my bank to review my bank account and discovered that I had \$350 less in the bank than I thought I had," she said. "My husband had a gambling problem that I was not aware of."

Her next step was crucial to AFAF being able to help her.

"I talked with my supervisor, and we headed to my first sergeant's office," she said. "[My first sergeant] made a

call to the base Air Force Aid officer, who asked me to come to her office and fill out some paperwork.

"Within an hour, I had an Air Force Aid Society loan for the entire amount of the checks I sent out to pay bills. Over the next seven months, I was able to pay back the interest-free loan through an allotment from my paycheck."

"The best part is I didn't have to wait, and I was treated in a sensitive manner – with respect and a warm heart," she said. "Another agency on the base provided groceries since I did not have enough money to buy food. They understood where I was at and what needed to be done to take care of me, and they did it."

This is one of many cases where AFAF has helped Gunfighters, and the important point here is that they help folks like ourselves and our coworkers. Please contact your unit representative today and donate to the AFAF.

## New commander takes the stick at Whidbey Island

By Maj. Pete Bird  
Detachment 1

Air Force Detachment 1, 366th Operations Group, welcomed distinguished guests, families and friends to take part in the time honored tradition of change of command Thursday.

Lt. Col. Kevin Shorb read his orders and assumed command from retiring Lt. Col. Joseph Johnson.

Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 366th Operations Group deputy commander, was the guest speaker and presided over the ceremony.

Lt. Col. Shorb entered the Air Force in August 1986 upon graduation from Central State University in Edmond, Okla.

He attended Air Force Officer Training School and received his commission in November 1986.

Lt. Col. Shorb performed duties as squadron training officer, weapons and tactics officer, flight commander and assistant operations officer in addition to completing a Headquarters ACC staff tour.

Lt. Col. Shorb is a master navigator with more than 2,600 total flight hours including nearly 600 combat hours in the F-4G and F-15E. He accumulated more than 260 hours on 49 missions during Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom and participated in multiple deployments to enforce no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq and Bosnia.

Lt. Col. Shorb has been awarded four Distinguished Flying Crosses for his efforts in these campaigns.



Lt. Col. Kevin Shorb

## Gunfighters break even against Pocatello Black Sox

By SSgt. Ronald Bokan  
366th Civil Engineer Squadron

The Mountain Home Gunfighters men's baseball team split wood with the Pocatello Black Sox, 1-1, during a doubleheader Sunday at Mountain Home High School.

The opening game was a 90-minute pitching duel that resulted in a Gunfighter loss, 3-1.

Gunfighter pitcher Sean Triplett pitched a no-hitter the first five innings, striking out eight and walking no

one. Gunfighter shortstop Michael Hughes banded a triple in the early innings, but the Gunfighters' six scattered hits didn't come with anybody on base.

The combination of two errors and a hit doomed the Gunfighters in the final inning.

Gunfighter catcher Ed Anderson launched the second game into action by popping one over the left-center field fence. Gunfighter's shortstop Hermes Sanchez and second baseman Mark Salmon proved to be a functional two-some in the middle infield, both making a couple defensive gems in their respective positions.

With the help of Gunfighter center fielder T.J. Davis hitting a triple to deep center, third baseman Gerald Russell, Triplett and Davis went four-for-four, winning the game, 16-4.

The Gunfighters' next opportunity to defend their league title is Saturday at 1 p.m. at Fort Boise, and their opponents will be the team they played against for the 2003 championship, the Cubs.

(Editor's note: SrA. Chawntain Sloan contributed to this article.)

# Troops to teachers, how to make transition

The base training and education services office is holding briefings about the Troops to Teachers program May 5 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the 726th Air Control Squadron auditorium for people who are separating or retiring within the next two years.

Doctors Wayne Carroll and Dave Massaro of Lewis-Clark State College joined by Mr. Phillip Nadeau from the Idaho Department of Education will give the briefings.

In 1994 the Troops to Teachers program was established as a U.S. Department of Education and Department of Defense program that helps eligible military people begin a new career as teachers in public schools where their skills, knowledge and experience are most needed.

The program is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support in Pensacola, Fla., but a network of state offices has been established to provide participants with counseling and assistance regarding certification requirements, routes to state certification and

employment leads.

The TTT homepage on the Internet also provides information and resource links including a job referral system to allow participants to search for job vacancies as well as links to state departments of education, state certification offices, model resumes and other job listing sites in public education.

Pending availability of funds, financial assistance may be provided to eligible individuals as stipends up to \$5,000 to help pay for teacher certification costs or as bonuses of \$10,000 to teach in schools serving a high percentage of students from low-income families. Participants who accept the stipend or bonus must agree to teach for three years in schools that serve students from low-income families in accordance with the authorizing legislation.

For more information about the program, log on to the Web site at [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com). For more information about the briefings, call at 828-6363.



**(Editor's note: This article is comprised of material released by DANTES courtesy of the 366th Mission Support Squadron Base Training and Education Services office)**

## Base youth programs receive educational grant

The base youth programs Boys and Girls Club affiliate was one of 200 local clubs selected recently to receive a grant from Big Lots Inc.

The grant supports the organization's various needs including salary support for tutors, program development and implementation, educational supplies, furniture, educational field trips, incentives and books.

"This grant recognizes our ongoing commitment to meaningful educational opportunities that will contribute to the success of our members in school and beyond," said Ms. Melodi Rodriguez, Boys and Girls Club programs coordinator.

Youth programs received the grant through a national competitive grant process.

To be considered for funding, local Boys and Girls Clubs submitted a plan on how the money would improve their current educational programming.

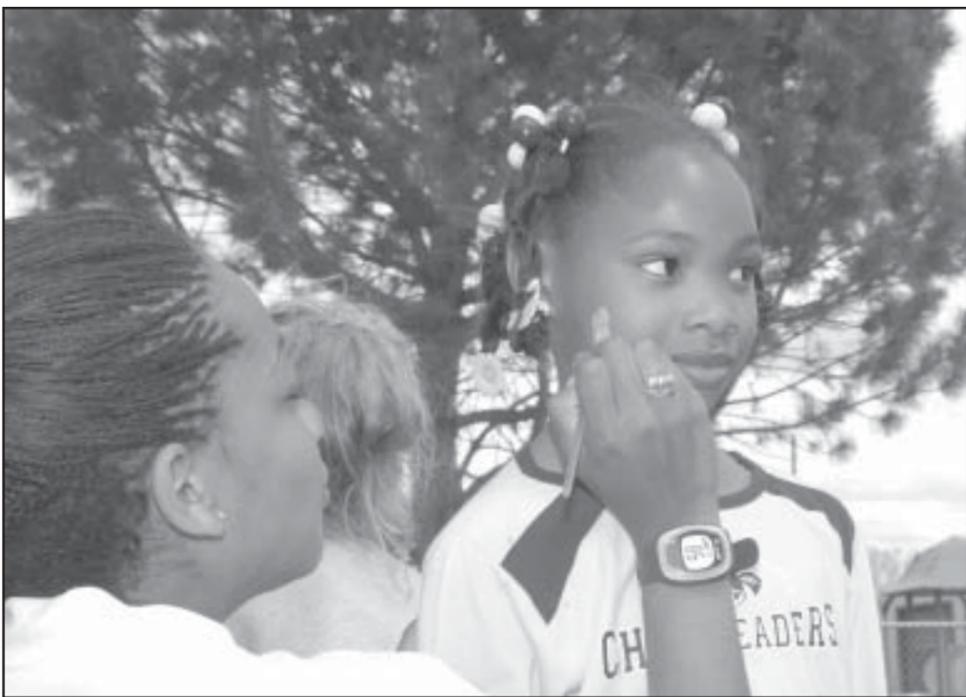
"Boys and Girls Clubs of America has long been recognized for helping our nation's children, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances," said Mr. Al Bell, Big Lots Inc. vice chairman and chief administrative officer. "We're pleased the grants provide further educational opportunities as well as individual development."

Boys and Girls Clubs of America comprises a national

network of more than 3,000 neighborhood-based facilities. Annually these clubs serve about 3.6 million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances. Known as "The Positive Place for Kids," clubs provide guidance-oriented programs on a daily basis for children 6 to 18 years old, conducted by a full-time staff.

Key programs emphasize character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

The national headquarters are located in Atlanta. *(Services news release)*



Photos by SSgt Kathy Myles



### For the children

Top: SSgt. Phoebe Meduri paints a spider web on Javina Norfleet at the 366th Services Squadron sponsored fitness activity. The services squadron provided several activities for children at the child development center Month of the Military Child celebration April 14.

Left: Javina Norfleet jumps over sticks in an obstacle course provided by the 366th Services Squadron during the Month of the Military Child celebration.

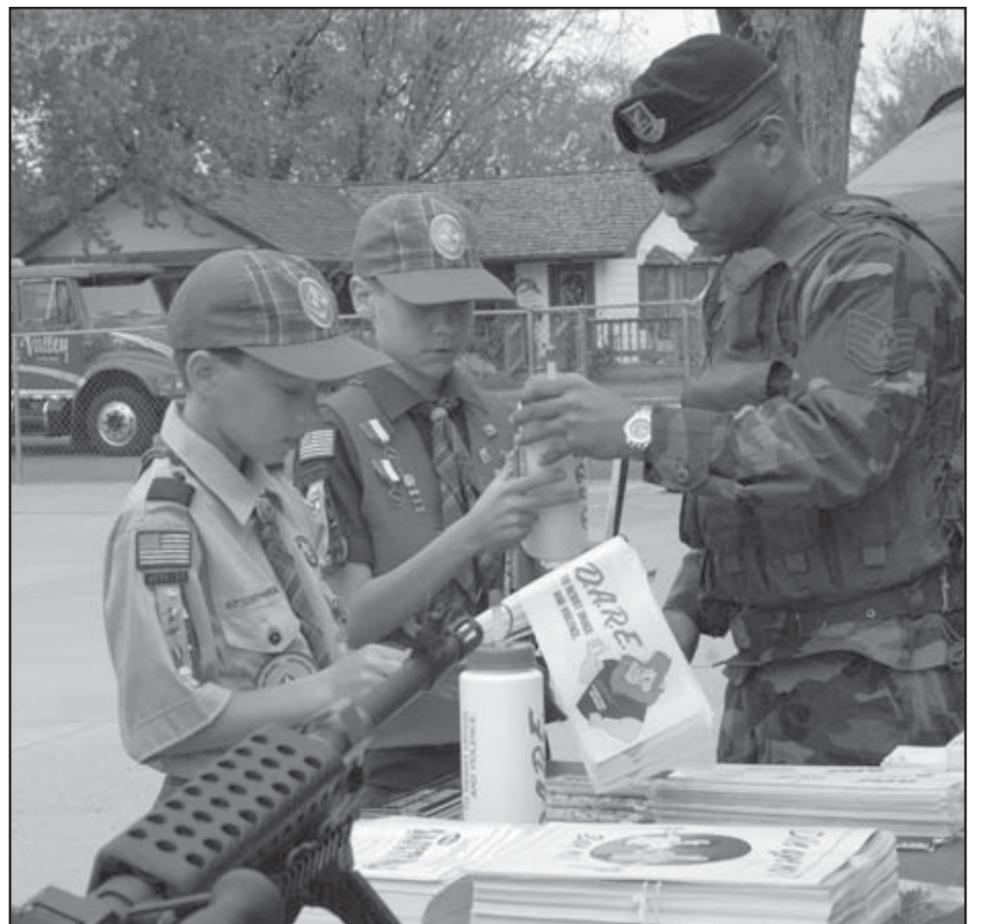


Photo by SSgt, Christopher Campbell

### Got questions?

From left to right Curtis Pangelinan and Ryan Mathews, 2nd year Webaloes Troop 195, talk to TSgt. Darrell Castilio, 366th Security Forces Squadron, about military weapons and gun safety during a Mountain Home Boy Scout Jamboree April 17 at Hacker Middle School.