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Newsline

MSgt., TSgt. selects

Gunfighters are invited to attend the promotion celebration for the master sergeant and technical sergeant selects today at 3:30 p.m. at the Gunfighters club. See page 10 for a list of selectees.

Award winners

Congratulations to A1C **Timothy Howard** for being selected as the First Term Airmen Center's Sharp Troop for Class 04T and A1C **James Wallace** for receiving the Class 04T Razor Sharp award for excellence in dress and appearance.

Roadway construction

The 366th Civil Engineer Squadron is replacing and repairing the roadway and traffic light at the intersection of Hope Drive and Gunfighter Avenue.

Construction work on the roadway is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

Contract work to repair the traffic light is scheduled for July 2. Stop signs will be placed in the intersection, but motorists should use caution.

For more information, call the 366th CES at 828-6494.

Holiday hours

July 4

Commissary	Closed
Base exchange	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza	Closed
Robin Hood	Closed
Popeye's	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Shoppette	7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Burger King	Closed
Theater	Showing at 7 p.m.

The barber shop, beauty shop, laundromat, Moxie Java, wireless store, GNC, flower shop, alterations and dry cleaning are closed.

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AWC enrollment

The Air War College nonresident program is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for the 2004 through 2005 seminar.

This program is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve O-5 selectees or above of any component of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense civilian employees above GS-13.

Seminar classes meet weekly, starting in early August and running until mid-June 2005.

The AWC nonresident curriculum closely parallels the resident program and emphasizes joint operations, senior leadership issues, national security strategy, regional studies and the employment of air and space power.

People who are interested should apply and indicate their preference for group learning no later than July 18 by logging on to www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm.

For more information, call Mr. Mike Jewell at 828-6363.



Photo by SSgt. Kathy Myles

Change of command

Col. Charles Shugg (center), 366th Fighter Wing commander, renders a salute after Col. Blair Hansen (right) relinquished command of the 366th FW during an official ceremony June 18. The ceremony was officiated by Lt. Gen. Randall M. Schmidt (left), 12th Air Force commander.

ACC gives base ESOHCAMP top marks

By Ms. Cheri Kirkpatrick
366th Civil Engineer Squadron

Mountain Home AFB Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program was recently evaluated by an Air Combat Command inspection team from Dyess AFB, Texas.

During the base wide assessment, a group of 27 surveyors visited 510 sites and found that 85 percent were in full compliance.

The high compliance rating garnered a number two position for Mountain Home AFB in ACC for overall ESOHCAMP health.

Throughout the week, the ESOHCAMP inspection team recognized four top performance programs: fuels management, hazardous waste leadership, ergonomics and procedures, and pesticide/herbicide reduction.

"We observed on a routine basis that the fuels management team has a top-notch program base-wide and is taking care of the details," said Lt. Col. Clint Taylor, ACC ESOHCAMP inspection team chief. "Everyone is proactive, responsive and motivated."

"The strengths of the hazardous waste program at Mountain Home are effective leadership in the environmental flight and conscientious personnel throughout the base," he said.

"Personnel have identified key issues and strengths at other bases and implemented procedures to correct deficiencies and adopt outstanding ideas," he continued.

"The pharmacy was the first in ACC to identify wastes that must be managed as hazardous wastes and implement procedures to adequately manage these wastes," Lt. Col. Taylor said. "The pharmacy procedures ensure compliance despite personnel turnover."

"The pest management shop runs a great program," he said. "They continue to reduce the number of pesticides and herbicides used in pest management operations. The shop also benefits from a top-notch facility, enabling proper pesticide handling and management."

Numerous individual top performers were also commended:

Outstanding ESOH Stewardship: Lt. Kendra Fletcher, 366th Aeromedical Dental Squadron; and TSgt. James Johnson, 726th Air Control Squadron

Outstanding Hazardous Waste Management: SSgt. Jeff Gates, 366th Security Forces Squadron

Outstanding Natural Resources Management: Ms. Cheri Kirkpatrick, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron

Outstanding Hazardous Waste Management: Ms. Paula Jo Miller, 366 CES; SSgt. Eric Mullen, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Outstanding Corrosion Control Program: SSgt. Stephen Murphy, 366th EMS

Outstanding Environmental Coordinator: TSgt. Dan Parlin, 366th EMS

Outstanding Central Collection Facility: Mr. John Watkins and Mr. Hal Young, 366th CES

Outstanding Storage Tank Management: Ms. Karen Wilson, 366th CES



Ride hard, shoot straight and always speak the truth.



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. Charles Shugg

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366th Fighter Wing commander

Last DUI:

(As of noon Thursday)

366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

25

AADD made 32 saves in June, 162 in 2004



Photo by SSgt. Christopher Gish

Getting hosed

Above: Col. Blair Hansen, former 366th Fighter Wing commander, taxis to a stop after his final flight June 17. As part of a tradition, fire trucks arced water over his jet.



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Rack 'em up – Annual Gunfighter winners

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Air Combat Command Awards 20



12th Air Force 3

Air quality program rated superior

By Ms. Cheri Kirkpatrick
366th Civil Engineer Squadron

An inspector from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality recently visited the base for a no-notice air quality inspection of the base environmental flight, corrosion control and the hospital boilers.

According to the inspection outbrief, zero non-compliant findings were noted.

"Based on the proven track record of Mountain Home Air Force Base, I didn't expect to find anything here," said Mr. Tom Anderson, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality inspector.

"I have been the lead inspector for 27 Title V facilities, and this is the first to re-

ceive zero deficiencies of any sort," he said.

Mr. Anderson said he was able to conduct the majority of his inspection at the 366th CES Environmental Flight due to the outstanding record keeping practices of Mr. Ken Donley, base air quality manager.

During his first year here, Mr. Donley revamped the air quality record keeping program.

The new process has allowed site managers to enter air emission data on a regular basis and send the information to Mr. Donley, allowing the data to be accessed from one central location.

Mr. Donley said he appreciates the proactive record keeping practices of the site managers and their commitment to environmental excellence.

Base releases drinking water report

By Capt. James Shay
366th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Mountain Home AFB announces the availability of the annual Mountain Home AFB Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report today.

To better inform consumers, a compilation of commonly asked questions with answers and drinking water facts are contained in this article.

The report will not be mailed to all base drinking water consumers. However, information is provided at the end of this article that consumers can use to obtain a copy of the annual CCR.

What is a CCR?

A CCR is a federally mandated report that provides drinking water customers a summary of their drinking water system along with a summary of their system's drinking water quality sampling results. In instances where water quality parameters are detected or exceeded, potential health effects are included in the report.

The Safe Drinking Water Act directs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish and enforce minimum drinking water standards. These standards set limits on certain biological, organic, inorganic and radioactive substances potentially found in water supplies. The report tells base drinking water customers how well base drinking water meets these standards.

Where does Mountain Home AFB's water come from?

The base's water is drawn from the Mountain Home Plateau Regional Aquifer in the Bruneau Formation Basalts. The aquifer extends from north to southbound by Bennett and Danskin Hills to the Snake River and from east to westbound by Glens Ferry to the Indian Springs Creek area. An interesting fact about this water is that it is from

ten thousand to two million years old.

How is the base's drinking water managed?

The Mountain Home AFB water system has been in existence since 1943 and presently serves about 7,383 consumers. The base civil engineer water plant currently maintains six potable water production wells. All monitoring and reporting regarding the water quality is maintained by the base bioenvironmental engineering flight.

What water quality parameters are sampled for, and when?

The base bioenvironmental engineering flight ensures the quality of water is safe to drink by conducting regular monitoring as required by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality using state certified laboratories for analysis. Two levels of standards have been established by the EPA. Primary drinking water standards set achievable levels of drinking water quality to protect people's health. Secondary drinking water standards provide guidelines regarding the taste, odor, color and other aesthetic aspects of the drinking water, which do not present a health risk. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water.

Where do some of these pollutants come from?

The sources of drinking water, both tap and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells.

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity such as industrial or agricultural processes.

What happens if base detects something? Is the water automatically assumed to be unsafe to drink or nonpotable?

Not necessarily. In fact, not usually.

The standards EPA sets for most chemicals are called Maximum Contaminant Levels. In short, this level, which is usually defined in terms of parts of contaminant per millions parts of water or milligrams per liter of water, are based on a repeated intake of water over a period of many years (usually 70).

In addition, the EPA also builds in a safety factor on top of this. This ensures a conservative measure that helps protect consumers long before they are ever overexposed. In other words, the presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

What about consumers who choose to drink bottled water?

Don't be drawn into thinking what has turned into a \$4 billion dollar a year industry is any better than the water the base drinking water system provides.

The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health but does not guarantee it will be better. Remember, it has to come from some source as well.

How did Mountain Home AFB do last year?

Of everything sampled for, nothing exceeded any established regulatory limit. However, a few sampling event for nitrates, trihalomethanes, vinyl chloride and trichloroethylene weren't accomplished.

Aggressive steps have been taken to ensure no sample event will be missed in the future. These steps are described in the public notification section within the CCR. The good news is that all subsequent sampling has remained below established maximum contaminant levels, and the base's water continues to maintain a good standard.

To obtain a copy of the 2002 CCR, contact TSgt. Jan Menard of the bioenvironmental engineering flight at 828-7270 or e-mail her at Bioenvironmental@MtHome.MED.OSD.MIL.

101 Critical Days: Camping safety tips

(Editor's Note: This article is the part of a series of articles compiled by the Gunfighter safety office in support of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign.)

Camping offers a change of pace and the opportunity to experience outdoor living. Idaho has some great camping areas and affords Gunfighters the opportunity to enjoy a great summer recreation.

Being prepared, choosing the proper equipment and researching destinations can make camping trips safer and more enjoyable.

Safety sense

◆ Before setting up tents, look for ground that is flat and has good drainage.

◆ Clear ground of rocks and other debris before putting up tents.

◆ During the dry season, there may be restrictions on lighting campfires; check with the local forest service and follow posted restrictions.

◆ Build campfires downwind of tents, at least six to 10 feet away.

◆ Clear the area of anything else that might catch fire, especially dry leaves and twigs, before lighting campfires.

◆ Watch over campfires at all times.

◆ Pack clothes for rain, sun, cold and heat.

◆ Wear layers of clothes if it's cold.

◆ If in an open area during a thunderstorm, sit or crouch down.

Equipment

Good equipment is essential for any camping trip. Cold, wind, fog and electrical storms are enemies of campers and hikers. Choosing the right equipment and knowing how to use it can mean the difference between a disastrous trip and an enjoyable one. The following list is the essential equipment:

- ◆ Tent
- ◆ Sleeping bag
- ◆ Camp stove
- ◆ First-aid kit
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Gas lantern
- ◆ Emergency survival kit.



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Power surge

Bold Tigers fly 192 sorties in two days

By 1st Lt. Lucas Ritter

Gunfighter public affairs

Gunfighters have once again set a standard that will be difficult for others to match by flying 192 sorties in two days from one squadron and aircraft maintenance unit.

The 391st Fighter Squadron and Aircraft Maintenance Unit, known as the "Bold Tigers," flew 96 sorties a day June 14 and 15 in their quest to break the record for number of sorties flown in a week. To put it another way, the squadron flew 61 percent of an average month's flying in two days.

Due to other taskings, the squadron and unit had to stop their attempt after two days and were not able to finish the three-day attempt.

"We are pretty sure we set the standard for two days of flying from one squadron," said Lt. Col. Brian Kirkwood, 391st FS director of operations. "We were able to fly every sortie that we scheduled."

Each aircrew flew three different sorties, which took them about four hours to accomplish. The crew would take off, fly in the local airspace doing training missions and basic combat maneuvers, land, shut down one engine, take about 10,000 pounds of fuel and then take off again. They did this three times.

"Everyone's performance was outstanding," said Lt. Col. Kirkwood. "Maintenance did such a good job with the jets; we probably could have done this for five days."

During the two days, the maintenance group maintained a 100 percent scheduling effectiveness, which means that



Photo by SSgt. Christopher Gish

A1C Nicholas Rohde, 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, gives the "thumbs up" to Capt. Andrew Poorman, 391st Fighter Squadron, as he taxis an F-15E to the runway. The 391st Fighter Squadron flew 192 sorties June 14 through 15.

they made every scheduled takeoff and landing. The jets were also kept at a 96 percent mission capable rate.

"This is what the maintenance group lives for, this is what we do," said SMSgt. Joseph Livingston, 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit assistant NCOIC. "This was a total maintenance and operation group effort."

On a day-to-day basis, the 391st AMU flies 14 jets on the first go and 12 on the next. During the two days, they flew 18 jets three times in the morning and 14 jets three more times that afternoon.

"There is nothing formal out there, but I know we set a record," said SMSgt. Livingston.



Photos by SSgt. Christopher Campbell

Above and right: A1C Deron Drivers, 391st Fighter Squadron, replaces a face mask for a pilot's helmet. A1C Drivers performs operations checks on all life support equipment for the pilots.





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A1C Rohde inspects the rear stabilizers while Capt. Poorman performs a preflight inspection.



Photo by SSgt. Christopher Campbell

Above: SrA. Danielle Schwamb assists Maj. Jay Hallenbeck in gearing up for his flight June 14. SrA. Schwamb and Maj. Hallenbeck are assigned to the 391st Fighter Squadron.



Right: SrA. Audra Currell, 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, connects a fuel line to a 391st Fighter Squadron F-15E during a hot-pit refueling.