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Newsline

SMSgt. selects

Congratulations to the following master sergeants on their selection to senior master sergeant: **John Blaha**, 366th Mission Support Squadron; **Ricardo Chapa**, 366th Component Maintenance Squadron; **Martin Clifton**, 366th Fighter Wing; **Kevin Curl**, 366th CMS; **Kevin Dolan**, 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Homero Elizondo**, 366th Medical Operations Squadron; **Richard Evans**, 366th Security Forces Squadron; **Robert Fahey**, 366th CMS; **Alvin Flores**, 366th AMXS; **Patrick Herdman**, 366th SFS; **John Hinson**, 366th Communications Squadron; **William Manley**, 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Brian Marinelli**, 726th Air Control Squadron; **Luis Martinez**, 726th ACS; **Patrick McGuffin**, 366th Operations Support Squadron; **Thomas Parkinson**, 366th AMXS; **James Patterson**, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Donald Schaaf**, 366th LRS; **John Sedbrook**, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Richard Tudisco**, 366th Maintenance Group; **Stephen Vedder**, 366th LRS; **Timothy Wright**, 366th AMXS.

ACC award winners

Congratulations to the 366th Logistic Readiness Squadron Award winners; Fuels Airman of the Year: SrA. **Edward Mueller**; Logistics Plans Civilian of the Year: Mr. **James Blanton**; Logistics Readiness Field Grade Officer of the Year: Maj. **Nicole Slominski**; Logistics Readiness Squadron Readiness Flight of the Year: **366th Logistics Readiness Squadron**

Area defense counsel

The Area Defense Counsel has moved to Bldg. 2310 on the third floor.

The building is located across from the fitness center track. For more information call 882-2675.

Fishing and hunting licenses

Since the leave earning statement is now electronic and does not show an address, military personnel will now have to provide their military affidavit or two proofs such as phone/utility bills, rent receipts, etc. as listed in the regulation. Credit card and bank statements are not valid proof.

Construction

Air Base Road will undergo major reconstruction March 29 to May 31.

The Idaho Department of Transportation will reconstruct Air Base Road from the main gate to the intersection with State Highway 51 (Bruneau Highway/Chevron intersection).

Improvements include new asphalt surface, minor widening, improving the merging lane from Grand View Highway and possible inclusion of rumble strips to the shoulders.

AFSA

The local chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association is recognizing their best and brightest today at the Gunfighters Club.

The awards luncheon begins at 11 a.m. Dress will be uniform of the day. A pay-as-you-go lunch is available.

Closure

The finance office will close at 2 p.m. March 26. For emergency assistance contact 828-2223.



The plane has landed

Top: A commercial airliner looms in the background while more than 220 Gunfighters celebrate their return with friends and family. Left: A Gunfighter holds his daughter for the first time in three months after being deployed to Southwest Asia. Above: More than 50,000 pounds of baggage was unloaded Sunday as deployed members returned. Photos by SSgt. Christopher Gish

Gunfighters return, celebrate

By SrA. Sergio Aguirre
Gunfighter public affairs office

More than 220 Gunfighters returned Sunday after being deployed to Southwest Asia for three months.

The group deployed in support of operations in the region as part of Air and Space Expeditionary Force 4 and 5, which are a part of AEF Silver.

The members returned to Hangar 201 where they were met by friends and family carrying balloons and signs.

"It was a blast, we did lots of good work," said MSgt. Ray Page, 366th Maintenance Operations Squadron. "But it's good to be home."

"It's good to be home," said SMSgt. Russ Fields, 366th Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant.

"I am glad to have him home again, very glad," said Mrs. Faye Fields.

The group will spend the next two weeks resting and catching up on holidays missed.

Mrs. Janet Bell has been waiting to celebrate Christmas with her husband for more than two months. Her family's Christmas tree is still up and decorated. As she

and her children are re-united with SSgt. Keith Bell, 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, he greeted them with "Merry Christmas."

While some Gunfighters celebrated the homecoming, others were busy unloading the more than 50,000 pounds of personal gear returning members brought back.

The cargo redeployment is handled by the cargo deployment function.

The team is made up of various squadrons including the 366th Maintenance Operations, Logistic Readiness, Contracting and Component Maintenance squadrons and the 266th Range Squadron.

"Everything went real smooth," said Mr. Tom Saucier, 366th Logistic Readiness Squadron cargo deployment function manager. "Everyone was helping and laughing. They are a good bunch of guys to work with. Everything went just as planned."

The returning Gunfighters deployed as part of a scheduled deployment and performed many functions including aircraft maintenance, support and operations.

"We are happy to have them back and proud of their performance," said Col. Blair Hansen, 366th Fighter Wing commander. "They did a great job."

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: Equipment Maintenance Squadron

(As of noon Thursday)

Days without a DUI:

10

AADD made 18 saves since March 12,
59 in 2004

Air Force Portal now mandatory

By 2nd Lt. George Hemmingway
366th Communications Squadron

The Air Force Portal is an Air Force-wide initiative to place all information pertinent to airman, on a single, secure Web site.

According to a Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Information Technology Initiatives Memo dated Dec 3; "The Air Force Portal will be the airman's interface to all services and information needed to perform his/her job."

In accordance with that memo, all Air Force personnel must have a portal account by April.

Air Combat Command clarified in a memo to all ACC directors that all members in the command will have a portal account by April 1. Active-duty military, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, civilians, contract and other Air Force support personnel who have military accounts are included.

To obtain an account, visit the Air Force Portal site at www.my.af.mil and click on the "self-registration page." After completing the form, an e-mail will be sent with login name and password.

In time, the Air Force Portal will have self-service applications and virtual desktop capabilities.

These capabilities will include web-based e-mail and reduced sign-on to Air Force Personnel Center secure applications by April.

Reduced sign-on allows the Air Force Portal to remem-

ber members' usernames and passwords for many commonly used secure sites, such as myPay.

By September, the portal will have true single-sign-on capabilities either through password or common access card.

This will allow users to truly sign in once and stay in a secure environment, thus eliminating the need for multiple usernames and passwords each time they visit separate sites such as myPay and Tricare online.

The Air Force Portal offers many levels of information that can be easily customized. The main categories are "AF home", "my org", "my base", "my workspace", "library", "career" and "life" link.

Each link is set up with up-to-date information that will assist the member in locating information. Each link also allows the user to customize what information is shown on that page. Each tab has a guided tour in the top right corner that will give members a step-by-step foundation for navigation through the site. There is also a help and feedback button.

What does the Air Force Portal mean to the individual?

□ Better informed airmen

Information is updated as soon as it is available at any level. Air Force personnel will be the best informed in the military.

□ Less time wasted searching for information

The portal is structured to allow for easy navigation within the site and easy access to many frequently used military sites.

The "library" provides easy access to Air Force Publications, policy and procedures, the Chief's bookshelf and more. The "career" link provides military and civilian information on promotions, awards and more.

□ Routine operations will be easy to accomplish

The "life" link provides easy access to Air Force Crossroads, myPay, Tricare online, exchange online shopping, travel and resort reservations, as well as many other links.

□ Better communication

The site will provide access to communities of interest. These provide web-based communities where people from similar areas of interest can meet online and discuss issues through a bulletin board style forum.

To join a community, members must request permission from the community owner.

A list of community owners is found by visiting the "library" link, then clicking "about the Air Force Portal" in the left navigation bar, then click on "AF Portal communities".

The "my base" link is active and the "my org" will be online by April 1. Most other tabs and links are active and can be explored prior to the April 1 deadline for account registration.

For more information please visit the following sites:

https://www.cio.hq.af.mil/private/newsletter/index_main.html and <https://wwwmil.acc.af.mil/sc/scs/afportal/> and visit the "user's guide" located in the left navigation bar for Power Point presentations and a tutorial.



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Country — home of a
winning attitude!



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Rack 'em up — Annual Gunfighter winners

Global engagement, Air Force vision

By TSgt. Ronald Newpher
AEF Battlelab

To support the Air Force's vision of global engagement it must ensure the most efficient and effective use of its aerospace ground equipment assets.

Consolidating equipment and incorporating advanced technology solutions should become the key focus areas in attaining the Air Force's expeditionary combat support goals.

The Air Expeditionary Force Battlelab proposed the Mobile Aircraft Jacks and Equipment Kit concept to support those goals.

The MAJEK demonstrated its potential by reducing the AEF aircraft jack footprint from 400 pallet positions to 19 and reducing preparation time from 1640 man-hours to 7.4.

These cargo space reductions could save the Air Force approximately 2.5 million dollars in airlift costs each 15 month period the MAJEK system is employed.

The problem heavy aircraft jacks are airframe specific and require deployment of sufficient numbers of each type of jack to support each aircraft type.

Deploying with each type of airframe-specific jacks and their specific maintenance support structure (spare parts

and tools) increases deployment time and footprint. Also, currently used heavy aircraft jacks are individually bulky, taking up much needed cargo space during shipment and require a significant amount of time for deployment preparation and employment reconfiguration.

Finally, there is no deployable tripod jack tester in the Air Force inventory. Periodic load testing is required while at deployed locations.

Deployed load testing is currently accomplished by using the weight of an aircraft to perform the test; posing significant risk to personnel and extremely expensive aircraft.

Less bulky, universally applicable aircraft jacks with a built-in capability to perform required load testing while deployed would prove extremely beneficial to deployment forces.

The MAJEK initiative proposes a commercial off-the-shelf aircraft jack, which can be used in place of most aircraft jacks currently used. Standardization of aircraft jacks could better allow for pre-positioning of those assets in current AEF deployed locations.

This would eliminate the need for units to supply their own jacks during deployment, reducing deployment footprint and deployment preparation time. Standardization of jacks could also reduce the support structure required to

maintain jacks while deployed.

Finally, incorporating a deployable aircraft jack load tester into the jack technology, without increasing the deployment footprint, would allow for a safe jack testing procedure while deployed, decreasing the risk to personnel and aircraft.

Current deployment data, obtained from the AEF Center, was applied to the deployment and re-deployment of an entire AEF cycle (AEFs 1-10) over a 15-month period to determine how the MAJEK equipment might reduce deployment space and man-hours.

Using the current method of deploying two AEFs per rotation, five deployments and re-deployments were used to baseline the current operations for a complete AEF rotation cycle. Using this scenario and taking advantage of the universality of the MAJEK equipment, a footprint savings of 95% or 381 pallet positions compared to the current 400 can be achieved. This also yielded a 99.5% or 1632.6 man-hour deployment preparation time reduction as compared to deploying with the currently used equipment. To date, the MAJEK initiative has successfully been demonstrated on the B-1B, C-5, C-17 and KC-135 aircraft. A final demonstration on the C-130 is scheduled for June. For further details, contact TSgt. Ronald Newpher of the AEF Battlelab at 208-828-3522.

F/A-22 simulator team visits, demonstrates aircraft capabilities

By 1st Lt. Lucas Ritter
Gunfighter public affairs

Gunfighters were able to witness the combat capabilities of the F/A-22 Raptor Tuesday and Wednesday as part of a nationwide educational campaign. The campaign features briefings by Lockheed Martin personnel and a live demonstration in a million dollar flight simulator.

"The cockpit demo gives the person flying a very real sense of what the Raptor can do during combat," said Mr. Greg Caires, F/A-22 communications and public relations manager. "The objective of this program is to educate both military and civilians about the F/A-22."

The Lockheed Martin team tries to travel to at least two different locations a month. So far they have traveled to more than 60 in the last five years. The team accomplishes its goal of education with a briefing about the history of the program and tells how the Air Force will employ the F/A-22 in war before allowing people the chance to fly the simulator.

"The outreach has been a huge success," said Mr. Caires. "I have not seen a person walk away and not understand what this aircraft means to the Air Force."

The simulator team does not just talk to civilians, but also to military members as well.

They have found that a lot of military members do not understand why the F/A-22 is so important.

"Most people see the cost of the airplane to be too much," said Mr. Caires. "We try to help them understand that while the Raptor may be costly, its benefits outweigh those costs. Ultimately, it will mean fewer lives lost in combat."

The cockpit simulator is unclassified, but still allows the user to see how the flight controls, weapons systems and various displays are all integrated. This integration is one of the advantages the F/A-22 will have over the adversary. The advanced technology will allow pilots of the F/A-22 to have the "first look, first shot, and first kill."

"This mantra refers to the Raptor's ability to detect enemy targets, fire weapons and kill the target before the enemy is even aware the Raptor is present," said Mr. Caires.



Air Force photo

A team from Lockheed Martin brought an F/A-22 simulator to Mountain Home Tuesday and Wednesday and allowed Gunfighters to experience the flight characteristics of the new stealth fighter.



Major Rick Griffin

366th Operation Support Squadron

Duty position: Wing training chief

Hometown: Richmond, Va.

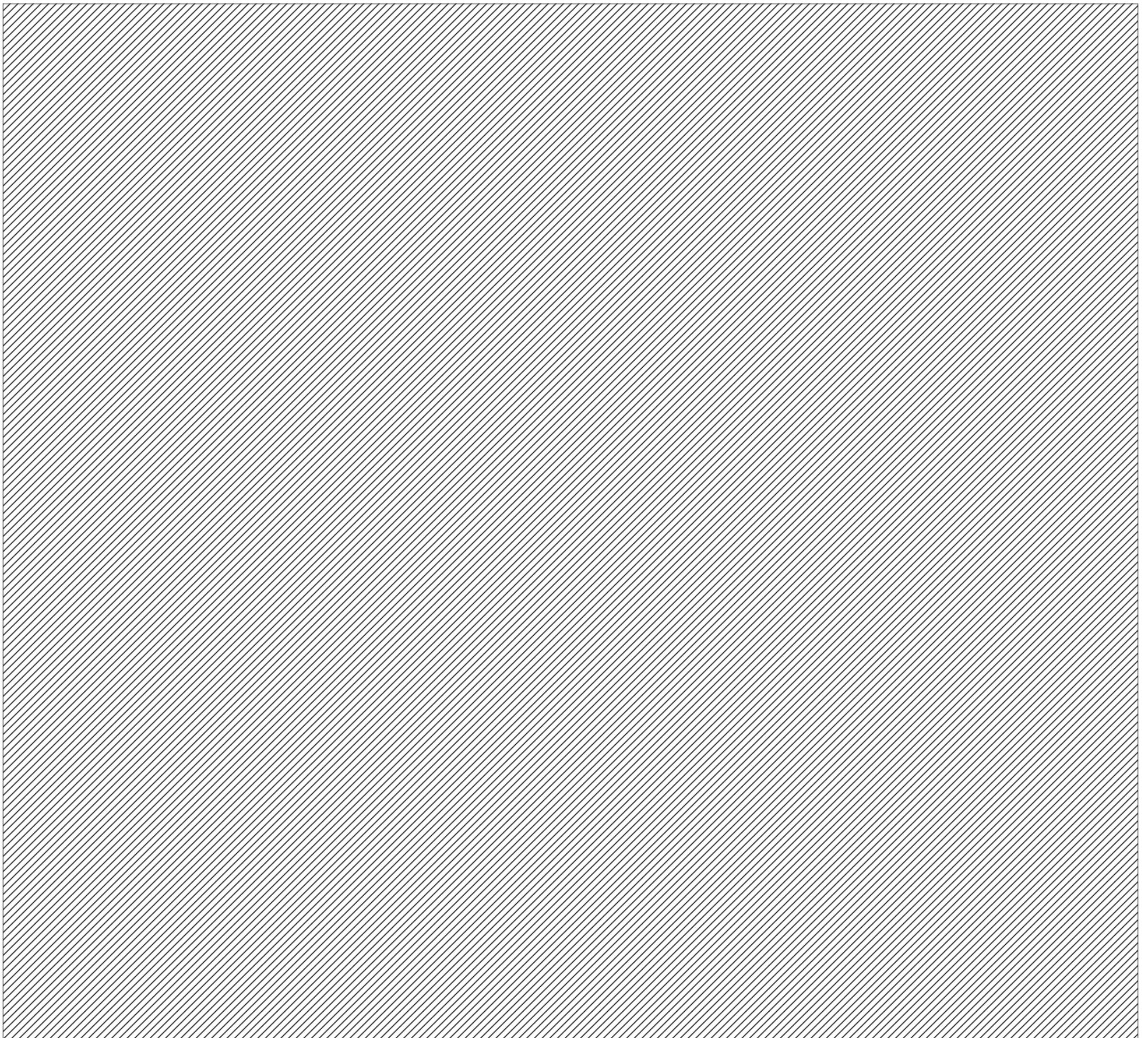
Hobbies: Hiking and camping

Time on the job: 12 years

What is the best part of your job? Flying the world's best fighter.

Why did you join? To make our enemies tremble with fear.

What is your favorite movie? *Night of the living dead*



Welcome home Gunfighters



More than 220 Gunfighters returned home after a three-month deployment Sunday. The group was met by family and friends in Hangar 201 as they stepped off the commercial airliner that brought them home.



More than 700 bags were processed Sunday as Gunfighters returned from Southwest Asia.



The redeployment function team makes quick work of the cargo unloading process.

Summer plans, choices increased

By Ms. Patricia Playle
366th Services Squadron

There is a variety of options for Gunfighters planning a vacation to Yellowstone National Park this summer.

For those planning to camp there are a number of campgrounds within the park.

They will need to make reservations in advance in order to secure a space.

Members can guarantee a place to stay in a very nice campground within minutes of the park entrance by reserving a Yellowstone country trailer offered through the outdoor recreation program.

The trailers are available to military members, Department of Defense civilian employees, retirees and their families.

The trailers include utilities such as water, sewer, gas and electricity. Trailers are already connected and come equipped with dishes, pots and pans and other accessories to make a kitchen functional.

According to Mr. Mark Lothrop, the outdoor recreation director, "Over 400 families take advantage of this program each year."

The trailers are open Memorial Day through mid-September. There are thirteen trailers at two locations to meet Gunfighter needs.

"If you're looking for a great way for your family to spend a few days amidst the beauty of Yellowstone this summer without having to pay outrageous prices for rooms, OAP trailers are the answer" said Mr. Lothrop.

Flagg Ranch, located just outside the south entrance to the park and according to park officials, this location is optimal for people also interested in visiting Grand Teton National Park. Flagg Ranch has a convenience store, horseback riding, rafting, a restaurant and public showers. The rate for Flagg Ranch is \$70 per night.



Courtesy photo

Members of the services squadron inspect the Yellowstone trailers in preparation for the upcoming summer season.

Lionshead Resort has five trailers and is only eight miles from the West entrance. Lionshead Resort is geared for family vacationers and is situated near a playground with two stocked ponds for fishing.

The trailers are near a restaurant, a convenience store, laundry facility, horseback riding and several nature trails that begin on the resort grounds. The rate for lodging at Lionshead is \$60 per night.

Because the trailers have fully functioning kitchens including, oven, refrigerator and microwave, a family can enjoy substantial savings over restaurant eating.

Motels in the area can cost more than \$100 a night and do not have spots for evening campfires or cooking.

Beginning March 26 the OAP office will begin accepting walk-in reservations for base personnel and April 1 they will begin accepting telephone reservations for all other qualified persons for the months of May and June.

Reservations for July will be accepted after May 4 and beginning June 1, Gunfighters can phone reservations for the months of August and September.

Telephone reservations require a credit card payment at the time of the booking. Checks are not accepted.

Pool offers chance to splash, learn

By Ms. Patricia Playle
366th Services Squadron

For people who do not know how to swim, the pool offers swimming lessons for children and adults.

"Swim lessons are a fun and safe way to achieve fitness," said Ms. Nen Daly, swimming pool manager. "Because of the water resistance, stress on the body joints is less." Classes are grouped by abilities. The first two days of class are spent screening students for proper placement. Classes are divided into levels I through VII and each lesson is 30 minutes long. Cost is \$20 per session. The eight-part lessons are held Tuesday through Friday for two weeks. Class size is limited and classes are scheduled throughout the summer. There is no minimum age but students must be tall enough for their head to be above the water when standing at the shallow end of the pool. Semi-private classes are also available for students of any age and ability. Specialized swim classes are offered for advanced swimmers seeking certification in life guarding and water safety instructor. Advanced stroke technique classes are also available. Anyone interested in swim lessons or other classes offered at the pool stop by or call the pool at 828-6620 for more details.



Air Force Photo

Ms. Nen Daly, swimming pool manager, teaches her students to use floats during a recent swim class. Register for the next session of swim lessons through Saturday. Classes start Tuesday and run through April 7.