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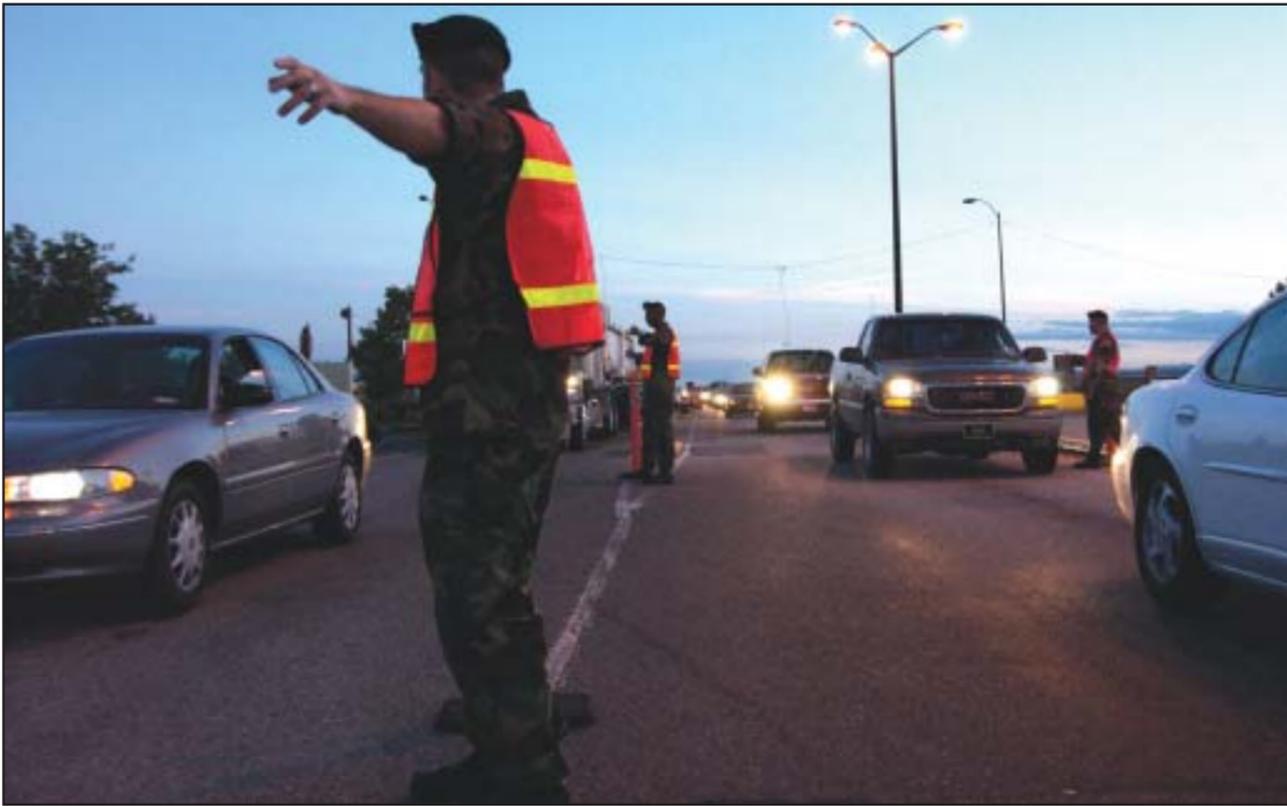


Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

Gunfighters from the 366th Security Forces Squadron work together to expedite the flow of traffic at the main gate, which is the only entry point to the base. The 366th SFS and 366th Civil Engineer Squadrons secured \$550,000 in anti-terrorism/force protection funds to help redesign the main gate, and the construction is scheduled to begin some time next year.

## Senior leaders address main gate traffic issue

Morning traffic congestion at the main gate is a hot issue, not only for commuters to Mountain Home Air Force Base, but also for 366th Fighter Wing senior leadership.

Earlier this year, the 366th Security Forces and Civil Engineer Squadrons secured \$550,000 in anti-terrorism/force protection funds to help redesign the main gate.

Later this month, the Air Combat Command Civil Engineer Gate Design Team will be here to observe gate operations and provide recommendations for the gate redesign to meet force protection requirements without greatly impeding the follow of traffic.

While there is no date set yet, construction of a new gate should begin sometime over the next year.

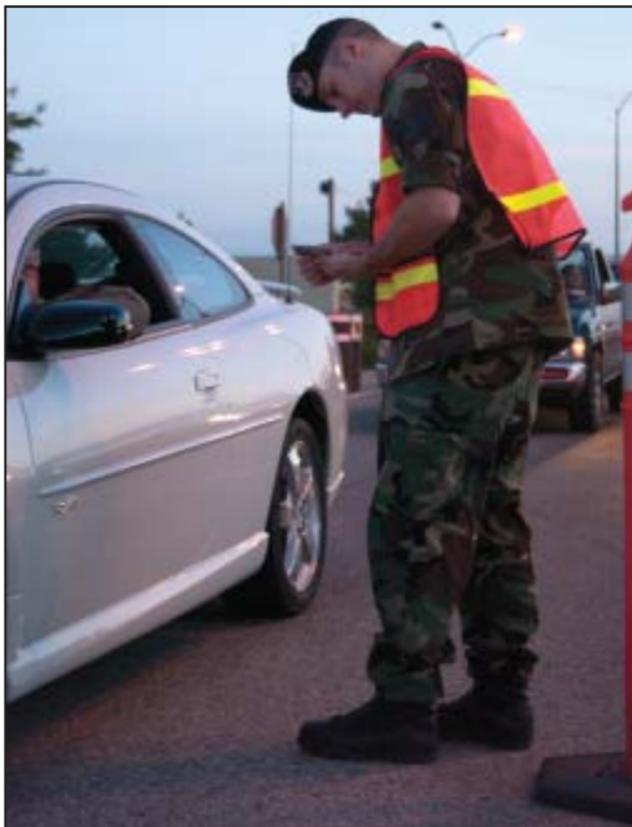
"We've looked at number of congestion initiatives and have conducted different tests to address the wait time at the main gate, but the fact remains that right now, we only have two lanes that come into the base and two lanes that continue on after the gate," said Capt. Joseph Engelbrecht, 366th SFS commander.

During recent Airbase Road construction, security forces opened the contingency gate to relieve congestion. However, the number of Gunfighters who used the gate barely scratched the one percentile mark of daily commuters.

"We have also reviewed the possibility of altering the traffic flow at the main gate to allow more vehicles in at one time," said Capt. Engelbrecht. "However, we still must merge traffic back into two lanes and the safety considerations with that volume of traffic are vast."

One way commanders and supervisors can help control congestion at the gate in the morning is by staggering work times.

"We're all accustomed to the 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. duty day," said Col. Robert Lemmon, 366th Mission Support Group commander. "Staggering work hours, by as little as 15 to 30 minutes would lower the volume of traffic on Airbase Road and inevitably through the main gate at any given time."



Staff Sgt. Christopher Apsaga, 366th SFS, checks to ensure each motorist entering the main gate has the proper credentials before they pass through.

"While we don't have any immediate fixes, we understand the inconvenience people have waiting outside the gate to get to work in the morning," said Col. Lemmon. "We're working to try to ease the burden on commuters as quickly as we can."

(Compiled by the 366th SFS and Gunfighter public affairs.)

## Newsline

### Supplemental promotions

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. select **David Mumford**, 726th Air Control Squadron; Master Sgt. selects **Denise Nuessle**, **Donald Sutphin** and **Derrick Wiley**, 726th ACS; Tech Sgt. select **Robert Bobair**, 726th ACS; and Staff Sgt. selects **Mark Bonner**, 366th Security Forces Squadron; **Eric Jones**, 366th Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Nathan Phillips**, 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Adrian Gonzalez** and **Phillip Horton**, 726 ACS; and **Ryan Hendrickson**, **Brian Stutzman** and **John Wolfert**, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

### Parking lot closure

The gravel parking lot on the corner of Aardvark Avenue and Liberator Street is temporarily closed to allow the base fitness center contractor an opportunity to install utilities and pavement in that area. It is scheduled to reopen Oct. 22.

### Vehicle roll-by inspection

The annual base vehicle roll-by inspection is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Sept. 29.

Agencies being inspected should contact 366th LRS vehicle management and analysis at 828-1606 to find out their scheduled inspection time and area.

Vehicles should be in place at respective inspection areas at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled inspection times.

The objective of the inspection is to review the condition of the base's vehicle fleet and identify those vehicles requiring new paint, refurbishment or repair.

### Nurse veterans recognized

The Idaho Nurses Association, District 31, is planning a special recognition ceremony to take place in November for all current or previous U.S. Armed Forces or Uniformed Public Health Corps nurses.

For more information or to register to attend, e-mail Ms. Sharon Stoffels at sstoffel@boisestate.edu or Maj. Carol Kirkland at carol.kirkland@id.ngb.army.mil.

### Air Force Ball

Servicemembers, contract and Department of Defense civilians, and retirees are invited to the Air Force Ball Oct. 2 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$35, depending on rank. Price includes a dinner choice of roasted pork loin or baked tenderloin.

Appropriate uniform is mess dress or semi-formal attire for enlisted personnel and mess dress for officers. Civilians should wear formal attire.

Servicemembers and contract and Department of Defense civilians should R.S.V.P. with a first sergeant by Sept. 17. Retirees should R.S.V.P. by Sept. 17 by calling Ms. Ann Taggart at 828-4536.

### Playground Promenade

The base Primary School and PTP is holding its annual Playground Promenade Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. There will also be a rummage and bake sale.

Those interested in a spot in the rummage sale should contact Mr. A.J. Koehler at 832-5024 or Ms. Dianna Mancil 832-5043.

Prices for tables are \$7.50 for one or \$10 for two. Spaces are limited. All proceeds benefit the new kindergarten playground.

### Camper rentals

Outdoor recreation supply will stop renting campers Sept. 30 through the end of the year. However, there will be two SCAMP trailers available for rent during October and November. For more information, call Mr. Joe Morris at 828-2237.

## 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 Wednesday)

366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

# 2

AADD made 227 saves in 2004

# SECAF, CSAF send Patriot Day message

"On the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the world will remember those tragically lost (because of) the heinous actions of terrorists in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. These were attacks against freedom, democracy and humanity that carried a high human toll as citizens from the United States and many other countries lost their lives.

"This Patriot Day, we honor the memories of those lost, and we pay tribute to those answering freedom's call to combat terrorism around the world.

"Your efforts over the last three years have been phe-

nomenal. You continue to professionally safeguard the skies of America. You have dispersed al-Qaida and toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan. And, you were instrumental in ending a cruel regime in Iraq and ensuring that a new, democratic government could take root.

"Our superior total force of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen continue to brilliantly answer America's call to defend peace and freedom. Our country is confident in your capabilities and proud of your service.

"Unfortunately, on this, the third Patriot Day, our mission is not complete. Those who indiscriminately killed more

than 3,000 people on Sept. 11, are still dedicated to terrorizing our nation and the world because we value life, believe in liberty and welcome democracy as the people's voice.

"Let's remember those who are deployed in harm's way to defend the American way of life. And, let's ensure their families are taken care of while they're away from home.

"As Airmen, our cause is just and noble. Our country depends on us to stay the course.

"Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force. May God bless you, and may God bless America."

# CFC: A little donation is never too much

By 1st Lt. Jessica Reuss  
Gunfighter finance office



The Combined Federal Campaign runs Sept. 27 to Nov. 19 with a pause during the exercise.

This is your opportunity to help those around you by donating to the charity of your choice.

No doubt, you will be approached in the coming days and weeks to give a contribution of money to the CFC, and strong urge might come over you to say, "No thanks," breathe a deep sigh and simply turn away thinking that they are asking for a big donation that will end up in

somebody's pocket out there.

This is a common feeling when soliciting money from the public and is surely no easy task. The difficulty of solicitation becomes even more complicated when people have the preconceived idea that a donation means that they are being asked to give a large part of their paycheck to some unknown cause that will be whisked away to some distant destination. I really want to dispel this widely held notion.

Giving means contributing whatever you can, no matter how small or how big the amount. The amount given rests solely upon you – the giver. Remember, this is a donation – a gift, if you please, from you to a worthy cause.

The Combined Federal Campaign organization allows you the freedom to channel your contributions to an approved agency of your choosing. You have total control over where your money goes through the choice of agencies available.

Your donation, no matter how small, is added to the con-

tributions of others all across the base. When this amount is added to state and national figures, one can easily understand that the grand total is the sum of each individual's donation. Indeed, each person's pledge counts!

So, when approached by a CFC representative, please take the time to look over the list of easy-to-find, approved agencies the CFC has compiled, make a choice based on your beliefs or particular interests, and then contact your squadron's CFC representative. Remember, any amount, no matter how small, adds up and will never be too much for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Over the course of the next several weeks, a CFC representative from your unit will personally contact you to donate.

Last year, we were all incredibly proud of the Gunfighters – we raised over \$140,000. Our goal this year is to surpass that amount.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Reuss at 828-3487 or 2nd Lt. Mark Henderson at 828-1945.



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## Back 'em up – Annual Gunfighter winners

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Country — home of the  
winning attitude

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# Mountain Home to host AFAD



Photos by Staff Sgt. Chris Campbell

The base honor guard marches down American Legion Street in Mountain Home with the Idaho Army Guard band during the Mountain Home Air Force Appreciation Day parade last year. This year's AFAD parade starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and the theme is "Gallant Warriors, Our Defenders of Freedom."

**By 1st Lt. Mike Chillstrom**  
Gunfighter public Affairs

Mountain Home's 44th annual Air Force Appreciation Day, which celebrates the friendship and partnership between community and Air Force members, begins Friday night and runs through late afternoon Saturday.

AFAD kicks off Friday with a formal retreat and remembrance ceremony at Holt Park at 3 p.m.

After the ceremony, there is a five-kilometer AFAD Run and Walk at 6:30 p.m. at Carl Miller Park downtown. All walk/run participants receive a T-shirt.

The top three racers in each of the seven age categories win medals.

Gunfighters can sign up for the AFAD Run and Walk

for \$15 at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Saturday's events start with a parade downtown at 10:30 a.m. The theme of this year's AFAD parade is "Gallant Warriors, Our Defenders of Freedom."

"This is one of the largest parades in Idaho," said Ms. Sue Gross, parade coordinator. "We'll probably have more than 150 entries this year."

Many parade entries are from base units including the 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, 390th Fighter Squadron, 366th Medical Group, 366th Communications Squadron, 366th Security Forces Squadron, Airmen Leadership School, Commissary and Child Development Center among others.

After the parade winds down, AFAD attendees still have a whole afternoon of activities ahead of them. A barbecue at Carl Miller Park offers free food and refreshments from

noon until food runs out. Throughout the afternoon, a variety of booths offer food, art, information, games and entertainment.

The day culminates with parade float winners being announced at about 4 p.m. followed by a prize raffle at 5 p.m.

Raffle prizes include a quarter of prime beef, camping equipment, bicycles, cash prizes, a digital camera, and a gas grill among many other items.

AFAD is funded by boosters, raffle tickets sales, and booth and parade entry fees. Proceeds benefit various organizations on base and in the town, ultimately supporting future community projects.

"Air Force Appreciation Day is all about getting the military and community together to have a good day," Ms. Gross said. "It's a great day."



Gunfighters and other community members line up for a taste of barbecue during last year's AFAD event. In honor of this year's AFAD, there are free barbecue and refreshments Saturday at Carl Miller Park downtown from noon until the food runs out.



Chief Master Sgt. Michael Sullivan, 366th Fighter Wing command chief, and his wife Donna throw candy to onlookers during last year's parade.

# 366th CES, SVS return from deployment

By 1st Lt. Lucas Ritter  
Gunfighter public affairs

Gunfighters from the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron returned home to the Boise airport Saturday after a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

More Gunfighters from the 366th Services Squadron returned earlier this month after their 90-day deployment to Southwest Asia supporting both Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The Gunfighter engineers were part of a larger engineer team from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. The team was responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Baghdad International Airport.

"Our team really gelled well with the team from Eielson," said 1st Lt. Brienne Hadley, chief of engineering during the deployment to Baghdad. "We were responsible for maintaining the airport so that troops and supplies could be brought in and out of Baghdad."

The 95-day deployment, part of Air Expeditionary Force 9, took 57 Gunfighters out of the fold, which was felt throughout the squadron.

"These 57 individuals are very missed in the high level of skill they add to our shops day-to-day support of the

wing," said Capt. Teresa Rose, 366th CES. "As engineers, we lead the way in combat tactics and infrastructure construction, maintenance and repair. Although it added burden to the rest of squadron, we are very proud of our deployed Gunfighters."

"It was hard work and not in the best of conditions, but it was a very rewarding experience," said Lt. Hadley.

Gunfighters from the 366th SVS spent their 95-day deployment in Qatar at Al Udeid Air Base, providing services support of the coalition forces there.

They supported a full range of services that included fitness programs, social recreation programs, lodging support and ration support.

The services squadron could be considered a "behind-the-scenes" organization, and therefore, could be overlooked at home station, said Lt. Col. Winkler, 366th SVS



Photo by Mrs. Ellen Wham

The 366th Civil Engineer Squadron receives a special welcome home from the Boise International Airport firefighters Saturday at Boise International Airport.

commander.

"Our folks who work in the dining facility, lodging and fitness center sometimes think their job is of little importance," said Col. Winkler. "But, in a deployed location, it becomes very obvious how critical services is to the morale and physical well being of our deployed troops."

Gunfighters still remain a visible presence around the world, and carry on the tradition the world's premier expeditionary fighter wing.

## Gunfighters to celebrate Hispanic heritage

By Senior Airman Chawntain Sloan  
Gunfighter public affairs

Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off for Gunfighters at 11:30 a.m. Thursday with a free luncheon at the base community center.

The tastefest event, a buffet of traditional Hispanic food and beverages, is one of many activities scheduled between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 during the heritage celebration.

Celebrating Hispanic heritage is not just about being a certain race or belonging to

an ethnic group, it is about being part of a culture, said Master Sgt. Ramon Román, president of the Hispanic Heritage committee.

Anyone, no matter their race or ethnicity, could be a part of the Hispanic culture, he said.

There will be a display of historic information about Hispanics and Hispanic countries starting at 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at the base exchange.

Books written by and about Hispanics, artifacts and handmade crafts will also be displayed starting at 1 p.m. Sept. 17 at the

base library.

"We tend to forget everything that has come before us – everything that has made us who we are nowadays," said Master Sgt. Miguel Montanez, secretary of the Hispanic Heritage committee.

If people take a moment to look back in history, they will realize the significant role that Hispanics played in helping the United States become an independent country, said Sergeant Montanez.

Gunfighters may attend Latin night starting at 10 p.m. Sept. 25 at Afterburner's Sports Lounge.

There is a free barbecue from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 2 at the sports and fitness center pavilion.

"The barbecue is the committee's way of saying thanks to the base for their support," said Sergeant Roman.

Children will have the opportunity to participate in the Hispanic Heritage celebration from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Oct. 8 at the base youth center. Children can partake in various activities including learning the Spanish language, learning Hispanic dances like the meringue and salsa, and makings crafts like maracas and paper flowers.

## Base pool eases stress, keeps people in shape



Photo by Ms. Kristy Swartz

Vincent Canlas blocks a shot during a game of water basketball at the base pool.

By Ms. Patricia Playle  
366th Services Squadron

Warm, inviting and peaceful, but at the same time invigorating. The base swimming pool has all these qualities and more, and it's often the place people go to get rid of stress, relax and shape up the body without damaging bones and muscles.

Many may complain about exercising. For some, it is also a continuous effort each day to find time to workout.

For those types of people, the base pool has the answer – hydromobics.

"Hydromobics class is a form of aerobics and is very popular," said Nan Daly, base pool manager. "It's an excellent form of exercise because you use all your muscles all the time. For example, if you are working your legs, you have to use your upper body muscles to keep you afloat."

Hydromobics is a water exercise program that uses the unique properties of water to create a low-impact or no-impact environment for the body.

All levels of fitness can participate because each person determines their own level of exercise.

Hydromobics utilizes the resistance of water to increase

cardio respiratory strength and endurance. It works the cardiovascular system and tones the body at the same time.

Working out in the water increases muscular endurance and strength, decreases body fat, increases range of motion, and manages chronic conditions such as arthritis, hypertension, back problems and osteoporosis.

Water exercises are also used in rehabilitating a whole range of sprains, strains, dislocations and fractures. The water is a safe and supportive environment but one that also has resistance.

The base pool holds hydromobics classes for ages 10 and older Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.

The first class is free, but then the cost is \$2 per class or \$20 per month.

Besides hydromobics, the base pool offers advanced life saving classes, stroke technique classes, water safety instructor classes and swim lessons.

The winter hours for the base pool are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4 to 6:45 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 5:45 p.m. The pool is closed Sunday and Monday.

For more information about hydromobics or any of the other classes offered by the base pool, call 828-6620.

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# Mountain Home AFB

## Air Force Ball



*"Defending the Skies of Freedom"*

**Gunfighters Club**

**Oct. 2**

**6:30 p.m. until midnight**

**Music by: Air Force Band of the Golden West**

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