



Building Bridges

Iraq-America Freedom Alliance visits Buckley speaking about the benefits of the American-led campaign against terrorism.

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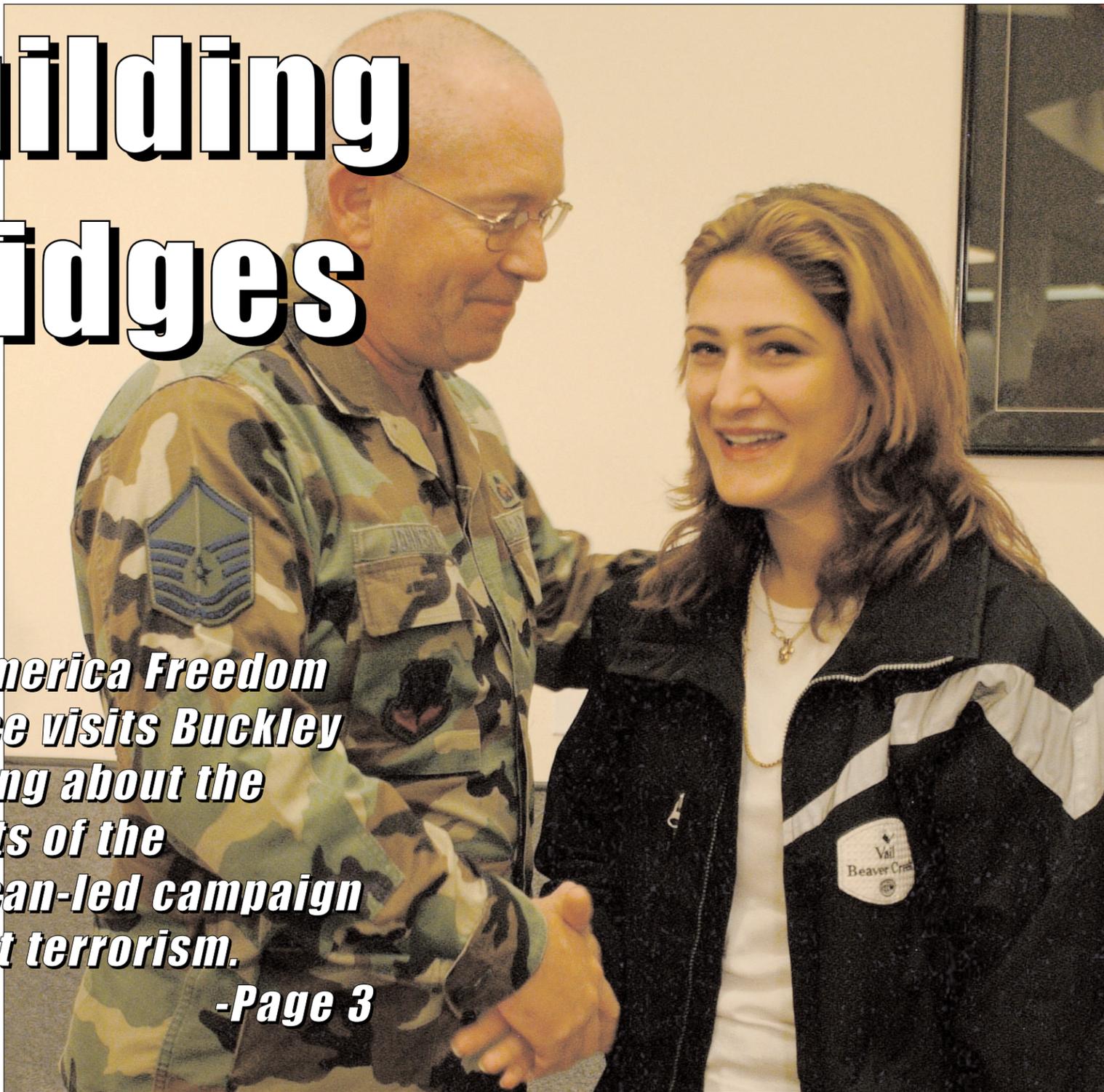


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Buckley Viewpoint: LRS role within Space Command

Viewpoint

Logistics readiness soars within Space Command

By Maj. Marshall Perry
460th Logistics Readiness Squadron

It is human nature to be wary of change. I first experienced this insecurity when the Air Force decided to merge the supply, transportation and logistics plans functions into one unit to make the Logistics Readiness Squadron.

More emphasis was placed on being a generalist as opposed to a specialist in the career fields and I was not certain this was the best approach. All my misgivings about the concept were quickly resolved, as the LRS became the focal point for all wing logistics operations and was a resounding success throughout the Air Force.

I felt the same wariness as I prepared to take command of the 460th Logistics Readiness Squadron. It was my first opportu-

nity to command. Was I ready, was I prepared for the task, can I meet Space Command expectations? My primary background had been forged in Air Mobility and Air Combat Commands where I knew exactly what was expected and how to make it happen. If the planes are flying, you are doing your job.

As I settled in here, I found the LRS did not have the same report card I had become accustomed to in past assignments. There is a flightline here, but the 460 LRS does not directly support its operation.

I quickly found out how important the space mission was to sustaining our deployed troops. While the flightline will always be vital to sustain air superiority, through the use of space, combatant commanders were able to see and exploit more of the battlefield than ever before. Thus, the primary LRS focus at Buckley is preparing and

transporting our Airmen into the theater of operations to sustain the Global War on Terrorism.

The Air Force space mission requires the majority of military personnel to be "deployed in place" at home stations, but the 460th Space Wing is tasked to deploy numerous aerospace warriors throughout the world. The mission support group and 460 LRS have resurrected the deployment machine since the active-duty base stood up in 2000 and continues to hone its operations. It is our duty to equip, inform, transport and generally prepare our troops for their deployments. It is a mission we do not take lightly.

The 460 LRS will continue to maintain our other functions: vehicle maintenance and operations, traffic management office, cargo movement and fuels, but our key function will still be preparing and

taking our warfighters to the fight.

While we may still be wary of change, it is generally a good thing. The more you learn about change and accept it, the sooner you will realize the constants in each situation. You can come into a new mission, in a new job, in a new location, but within the Air Force, the fundamentals will always be there -- motivated and highly trained professionals, willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish the mission. As I reflect on the seamless team of civilian and military personnel in place at Buckley and within my squadron, I am humbled by what they can accomplish and am honored to work with them.

While change will be a fixture in the Air Force as it continues to evolve, logistics readiness will be a major part of its foundation. No matter what the command or mission, our job will never change.

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Thanks for Retiree Appreciation Weekend

Q: I'm an Army retiree, and I want to thank the base very much for the recent Retiree Appreciation Weekend. This was a great event, mainly because of the 460th Space Wing medical personnel who were there testing people's blood pres-

sure, glucose and body fat and the people from the legal office who were there to assist retirees. Also, it was nice that the BX set up concessions and a tent so people could go over there and have something to eat. Everything was carried off perfectly.

A: Thank you for your comments, and thanks to all the people and organizations who worked to make this year's Retiree Appreciation

Vote in 10 minutes

Thanks to the Internet, absentee voting is easier than many might think. Here are the steps for those out of state voters.

1. Download and print a registration form at www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpca.pdf
2. View the instructions from your home state at www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag/vagchapter3.html
3. Mail the form
4. Your state will mail you an absentee ballot. Just mark the ballot and return it. Postage is free.



Col. Allen Kirkman Jr.

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Oct. 1, 1987 -
Air Force Space

Command assumed the space launch mission from Air Force Systems Command and gains Patrick AFB and Cape Canaveral AFS.



News

One step at a time

By Staff Sgt. Christine Castillo
460th Public Affairs

Praise and adulation was the key message from two members of the Iraq-America Freedom Alliance to U.S. coalition forces here Thursday.

Mr. Emad Al-Naseri and Ms. Humala Aqrawee, both members of the IAFA traveled to the United States to tell their story to Americans.

Mr. Al-Naseri, a civil engineer in Baghdad who is active in building a new democratic city government, began by thanking the families who are sending their spouses and loved ones to Iraq, helping liberate the country.

"Iraq was oppressed under Saddam's (Hussein) regime. Iraqi's were deprived of the basic rights and women couldn't say one word on their behalf.

"Now kids can play with their cell phones, surf the Internet, (and) enjoy the freedom of traveling," said Mr. Al-Naseri.

Ms. Aqrawee, a translator who worked with the 101st Airborne Division was introduced to the crowd and stated how honored and fortunate she is to work with U.S. troops in Iraq. She

reiterated several times that the troops were not an occupation but the country's liberation.

Because of the pain Ms. Aqrawee suffered in her life, she feels it necessary to speak about the wonderful things that are happening after the liberation of Iraq by coalition forces.

"I come to you according to what I suffered. I am 23 years old, my father was tortured three times, my brother was executed for refusal to join the Baath party and my sister was killed because of my current job," said Ms. Aqrawee.

After opening comments from both IAFA members, the floor was opened up for questions. One, coming from a Smoky Hill High School student, asked, "What is the biggest threat in Iraq?"

"Neighboring countries. They are having the same problems we had in the past and they are scared that people will stand up and ask for the same amount of democracy we've been given," said Mr. Al-Naseri.

During a particularly touching moment, one Colorado Air National Guard member presented Mr. Al-Naseri with a flag that had been flown over country on June 28, the day Iraq's new government



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

Several members of local media visited the base for the opportunity to speak to Iraqis who support the American-led war on terror.

took their place in office and asked him to sign the flag, to which Mr. Al-Naseri humbly obliged.

The event closed with more comments of how grateful Iraqis are for liberating their country and giving a chance at freedom.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

VP Visit

Vice President and Mrs. Dick Cheney flew in to Buckley Thursday. The vice president left Thursday evening after watching the presidential debate.

Authorities seek information about vandals

By Master Sgt. Jim Randall
460th Public Affairs

Base authorities are searching for the person or group responsible for vandalism in Dormitory I. Anyone with information is asked to call the 460th Security Forces Squadron at 720-847-9930.

In recent months, several holes have been punched in hallway walls in the building. Buckley civil engineers estimate the cost of the damage at more than \$1,500, including lost hours.

Although it only takes a moment for vandals to cause damage, it begins a process that can cause considerable work for dorm managers, security forces and civil engineers, according to Airman 1st Class Todd Robinson, interim dorm



Photo courtesy of 460th Space Communications Squadron

A hole in the stairwell in Dormitory I is just one of several holes caused by vandals during recent months.

manager.

“First, there’s an investigation by security forces,” he said. “We

(dorm managers) have to write statements and go through CE. Then CE crews have to plaster over

the holes. If a hole is large enough, they sometimes have to replace an entire drywall section. That’s happened here twice in the past two months.”

“Repairing vandalism damage takes CE away from other jobs and wastes material and manpower,” said Senior Master Sgt. Don Gerrish, 460th Space Communications Squadron first sergeant. “When they’re caught, vandals could face disciplinary action and will be made to pay for repairs.”

“The most effective thing to prevent vandalism is to educate and discourage it,” said Sergeant Gerrish. “When people get mad, they should go to the gym and take it out on a punching bag instead of the building.”

Plague-infected prairie dogs found at Buckley

Courtesy of
460th Public Health

Prairie dogs at Buckley have been dying at a high rate in the last few days. The TriCounty Health Department has identified plague in prairie dog colonies on the Plains Conservatory adjacent to Buckley.

Officials believe the prairie dog deaths at Buckley have most likely been caused by plague infection as

well as prairie dogs off base.

Until further notice, the area from the Sixth Avenue Gate, east to the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center including the base running trail is closed to pedestrian traffic. No pets will be permitted in the infected area including the RV and resale lots. Pets on all other areas of the base must be on leash, and their owners must carry the pet’s certificate of veterinary

inspection and proof of rabies vaccination. Stay away from dead prairie dogs.

Plague is caused by a bacteria *Yersinia pestis* that is carried by fleas. Fleabites to any warm-blooded animal (including humans) can cause infection. Plague symptoms include swollen glands, fever, chills, headache and extreme exhaustion. Signs generally begin 2-6 days after infection. Infected

people and animals can be treated with antibiotics. Bubonic plague left untreated can be fatal, so those infected or who even suspect they may be infected must receive medical attention as early as possible.

Any dead prairie dogs, rabbits or other rodents should be reported to Public Health. Their duty hour phone number is 720-847-6454, and the after duty-hour number is 303-378-7788.

Police Blotter

Off-Base Vehicle Accident

Location: Highway C-470

The command post notified the law enforcement desk of an off-base vehicle accident involving a military member on his way to work on the C-470 highway. The member was transported to a nearby medical facility for treatment of a broken clavicle and wrist.

Damage to Government Property

Location: Bldg. 28, Dormitory I

The dorm manager notified the law enforcement desk to report holes had been made in the drywall in two separate locations in Dormitory I. The dorm manager made a statement that he was notified by charge of quarters personnel that there was a hole punched or kicked in stairwell S-1. The dorm manager went to inspect the damage to the wall and discovered a second hole in the wall near the second floor landing. The alert photographer responded and took pictures of the damage.

Shoplifting

Location: Bldg. 1, Base Exchange

An AAFES store detective notified the law enforcement desk that he had detained two individuals for shoplifting. Two patrols were dispatched. Security forces made contact with the detective who stated that he observed the first subject pick up two music CDs then set

them down. The second subject then picked up both CDs and placed them in his shirt. The second subject then exited the store without paying for the items. The detective made contact with the two subjects and had them step into the AAFES security office. The detective observed the offense on the store surveillance system. Security forces transported the second subject to the law enforcement desk where he provided false information about his actual name. A check with the National Crime Information Center verified the name was fake. When security forces asked the subject again for his actual name and not a false name, he complied and provided accurate information. Another check showed no outstanding warrants. Security forces advised the subject of his rights, which the subject acknowledged. He declined to make a statement and did not want a lawyer. The subject was issued two federal magistrate tickets for shoplifting and providing false information to a law enforcement officer. The subject was released on his own recognizance.

False Identification

Location: Mississippi Gate

A security forces member notified the law enforcement desk of a possible fake Colorado identification card being used to gain access

to the installation at the Mississippi Gate. When security forces checked the name the individual gave them, the check came back with no record found. The security forces investigator was briefed and dispatched. The investigator questioned the subject and obtained his correct identification card. While the investigator was questioning him, the subject identified another individual in the construction company work site who received an identification card the same day and same place as he did. The construction site foreman was notified to bring individual to the gate. Once the second subject arrived at the gate his identification card was

identified as false also. An agent from the Office of Special Investigations arrived on scene and obtained further information about where the identification cards were made. The ID cards were turned over to OSI. The foreman escorted the individuals off the installation.

Fire Alarm

Location: Bldg. 28, Dormitory I

The fire department notified the law enforcement desk that they responded to Bldg. 28 for a fire alarm. One patrol was briefed and dispatched for assistance. The fire chief determined the cause of the alarm to be a hot curling iron and terminated the response.



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Days since last DUI: 64

Overall Buckley DUIs in 2004: 13

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(Total AADD saves: 109)

Around Buckley

With the winter season just around the corner...

Know where to go when it starts to snow

By Master Sgt. Jim Randall
460th Public Affairs

Winter is on its way to Colorado's Front Range. Do you know what to do when the snow starts to pile up outside?

If you work on Buckley Air Force Base or at the Buckley Annex (Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the Air Reserve Personnel Center), before you forge out into the storm, it's a good idea to call the 460th Space Wing snow-call line at 720-847-SNOW (7669). This line is updated anytime delayed-reporting or early-release procedures are being implemented.

Another option is to turn on your TV or radio. Local television stations carrying delayed-reporting and early-release information for Buckley include WB2 News (KWGN-TV), News 4 (KCNC TV), News 7 (KMGH TV) and 9 News (KUSA). Radio stations include 630 AM (KHOW), 850 AM (KOA), 950 AM (KKFN), 97.3 FM (KBCO), 98.5 FM (KYGO), 99.3 FM (KTCL), 103.5 FM (KRFX), 104.3 FM (KCKK), 106.7 FM (KBPI) and 107.5 FM (KQKS).

When delayed reporting is implemented, people should consider the weather and allow extra time to get to work. But non-essential personnel should not arrive at work before the delayed reporting time, since snowplows need time to clear base

parking areas.

Mission-essential people must get to work at regular duty times even during delayed reporting. Those people should leave home early to allow extra driving time and to arrive at work on time. Unit commanders, flight chiefs and supervisors are responsible for deciding which people are essential and non-essential.

Early-release procedures give people extra time to get home safely. But when you hear there's an early release, you shouldn't just head for the door. Early release is "phased," meaning those who live farthest from base are allowed to leave first. At the 460th Space Wing, people who live more than 10 miles from base are allowed to leave at the announced early-release time. Those closer than 10 miles may leave 45 minutes after the announced early-release time. However, it is still up to unit commanders when people can be released due to mission requirements.

Another snow-call consideration is childcare. The Buckley Child Development Center uses Aurora schools as a guide. When Aurora schools are on a delay or closed, so is the CDC. When an early release is announced, the CDC will call and ask parents to pick up their children within two hours.

Snow-call may also affect the operating hours of the dining hall. If the dining hall announces a clo-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

Snow dumps down on base during the March 2003 storm that left nearly four feet of snow. Thanks to snow call procedures, people were informed of proper procedures during the storm.

sure due to inclement weather, people eligible to use the facility may order ground support meals by calling 303-677-9642. After placing orders, people must pick up meals

before the facility closes.

Next time the snow starts getting deep, remember these snow-call procedures and you'll know what to do.

Buckley Snow Call Information

The phone number for base closure or delayed reporting information is 720-847-SNOW or (720-847-7669). This line is updated anytime delayed-reporting or early-release procedures are implemented.

Local television stations carrying delayed-reporting and early-release information for Buckley include WB2News (KWGN-TV), News 4 (KCNC TV), News 7 (KMGH TV) and 9 News (KUSA). Fox 31 will carry information only at night.

Radio stations include 630 AM (KHOW), 850 AM (KOA), 950 AM (KKFN), 97.3 FM (KBCO), 98.5 FM (KYGO), 99.3 FM (KTCL), 103.5 FM (KRFX), 104.3 FM (KCKK), 106.7 FM (KBPI) and 107.5 FM (KQKS).

Airmen need to heed Hatch Act regulations

WASHINGTON — As the election season swings into high gear, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act.

The complaints address the use of "politically partisan electronic-mail messages while on duty," OSC officials said.

The Hatch Act regulates DOD employees' and servicemembers' participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

"The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign

tool, even more so perhaps than four years ago," said Scott Bloch, OSC head. "I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafleting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace."

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Participation in politics is not completely forbidden; however, active-duty military and executive-

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Buckley Happenings

Services Division

Newtch's Night

Before heading home for the weekend, stop by the Buckley Community Activity Center every Friday for Newtch's Night from 4 to 6 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. There will be a variety of games and past-time activities. The CAC is located in Mod. 2. For more information, contact Ms. Tamiko Thomas at 720-847-9337.

Family Support Center

Transition briefing

Mandatory one-hour Air Force TAP briefings are scheduled to be held Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the family support center. Transition AFI 36-3022 requires this briefing to be done at least 90 days prior to separating from the military. Members should call 720-847-6694 to sched-

ule this briefing if they are separating within the next three to four months.

Extras

Thrift Shop

The base thrift shop is scheduled to be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for shopping only. Winter and Halloween items are now available so come for a day of shopping and help the Buckley Spouses Group's scholarship fund. For details, call 720-847-7464.

40 Days of Purpose

Come and be part of a six-week journey as the Buckley Chapel hosts a brown bag luncheon series on the popular study, "40 Days of Purpose." Reduce your stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions and give meaning to your life as you discover a Purpose-Driven Life. Books and notes will be provided, program videos will be presented and all

people have to do is show up once a week after reading a few easy pages each day. An introductory session will be on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the chapel in Mod. 1. Contact the chapel at 720-847-4631 to register or Mr. Royal Borel at 720-847-6804 for more information.

Automotive Center

The Buckley Base Exchange automotive center is now open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The automotive center is located at the back of the BX/Commissary complex with convenient parking and rear entrance for early morning drop-offs. AAFES does tire work, batteries and oil and lube jobs. Drop your car off before duty and, in most cases, it will be ready for pick up by the end of duty hours.

Race for Hope

The Race for Hope organization has invited Buckley personnel to volunteer to support an event

Nov. 14. The organization is looking for individuals to assist with race registration, T-shirt distribution, supervising the children's play area, race marshals, finish line timing and set-up and tear-down for the race and the post-race Expo. For more information or to volunteer, call 303-522-4387 or send an e-mail to lonnie@ttsraceforhope.org.

Fort Carson Veteran's Day Volksmarch

The 5/10/20 kilometer Fort Carson Veteran's Day Volksmarch starts at the Fort Carson Special Events Center (Field House) between 8 a.m. and noon Nov. 13. People can pre-register for this event at www.rmr.org. Volkssporting literally translates as "sport of the people." Volkssports are organized, non-competitive events designed to appeal to people of all ages. Since events are non-competitive, participants travel at their own pace, thus making this an excellent outdoor recre-

ational activity for the entire family. There will be a Diamond-shaped patch or pin with the Fort Carson "Mountain Post" logo overprinted with "Veteran's Day Volksmarch - 2004." For more information, call John and Sheila McClellan 719-559-7953, or e-mail at johnsheilamc@aol.com.

Housing Area Named

Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Space Wing commander, and Buckley Air Force Base have selected a name for the base's new housing community. The community's name will be "Peak View Estates."

Military Clothing Sales

The Buckley Military Clothing Sales Store is now offering military embroidery service. Garments dropped off at the MCSS by 6 p.m. on Mondays will be ready for pickup Tuesday of the following week. For more information, contact Mr. Jeff Wigness at 720-859-9628.

High Frontier Dining Facility Menu (Oct. 1 - 7)

Dining hours

Breakfast: 5:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.; Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Dinner: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Midnight Meal: 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LUNCH	Italian garden soup Mexican baked chicken Swiss steak with tomato sauce Stuffed green pepper Macaroni and cheese Steamed rice Vegetable gravy Corn on the cob Spanish style beans Peas and carrots	Pepper pot soup Crispy baked chicken Cajun meat loaf Rib-eye steak Baked potatoes Rice pilaf Brown gravy Calico corn Club spinach Fried okra	Cream of broccoli soup Tuna and noodles Sauerbraten Chicken breast parmesan Au Gratin potatoes Steamed rice Cream gravy Cauliflower combo Peas Fried cabbage	Chicken noodle soup Swiss steak with tomato sauce Baked chicken Sweet Italian sausage Peppers and onions Steamed rice Mashed potatoes Chicken gravy Broccoli polonaise Carrots	New England clam chowder Onion-lemon baked fish Pork schnitzel Beef and spaghetti yakisoba Baked potatoes Mushroom gravy Simmered pinto beans Spinach Stewed tomatoes	Chicken with rice soup Caribbean jerk chicken Beef porcupines Chicken enchiladas Scalloped potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Mexican corn Peas with onions Savory baked beans	Beef noodle soup Orange spiced pork chops Liver with onions Tempura fried fish Risque potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Broccoli Peas and carrots Wax beans
DINNER	Italian garden soup Lasagna Spaghetti with meat sauce Sweet Italian sausage Mashed potatoes Vegetable gravy Broccoli polonaise Cauliflower Italian style baked beans	Pepper pot soup Fish almonidine Stir fry chicken with broccoli Pork chops with mushroom gravy Risque potatoes Rice pilaf Brown gravy Calico corn Club spinach Fried okra	Cream of broccoli Ginger barbecue chicken Breaded fried shrimp Seafood cocktail sauce Spinach lasagna Orange rice Mashed potatoes Cream gravy Black-eye peas Lima beans Corn O'Brien	Chicken noodle soup Roast turkey Baked ham Raisin sauce Fish and fries Mashed potatoes Corn bread dressing Chicken gravy Succotash Tempura vegetables Herbed green beans	New England clam chowder Paprika beef Barbecue beef cubes Chicken fajitas O'Brien potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Cauliflower Corn on the cob Lima beans	Chicken with rice soup Pita pizzas Country style steak Fried chicken Oven brown potatoes Mashed potatoes Brown gravy Fried cauliflower Bean combo Cabbage	Beef noodle soup Mr. Z baked chicken Pepper steak Pasta primavera Mashed potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Mixed vegetables Fried okra

Star Performer

Name: Senior Airman Justin L. Bright

Unit: 460th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Time in Service: 3 years, 11 months

Duty Title: Air transportation specialist

Hometown: Lueders, Texas

Hobbies: Coaching little league baseball

How do your day-to-day duties contribute to mission success?

As an air transportation specialist, I am responsible for ensuring warfighting assets, such as personnel and equipment are safely deployed in support of DoD operations around the world. Though this may seem an insignificant role in the big picture, if you think about it, getting equipment and personnel to the right location at the right time is the key to mission success in any DoD operation. Here at Buckley my primary role is to

inspect cargo for airworthiness and documentation prior to loading on aircraft for deployment downrange to forward operating locations.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be?

I would revamp the Selective Reenlistment Program, targeting people at 10-15 years time in service.

What has been your most memorable experience in the Air Force?

Performing as a ceremonial guardsman on the base honor guard is the most challenging, yet the most rewarding experience I have had in my Air Force career. If you have never attended a military funeral, you should.

The pride and feeling of belonging you experience as you watch our American flag being presented to a next of kin, is something that should be felt by every military member. Seeing it on television is a far cry from the real-life experience.



Photo courtesy of 460th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Justin L. Bright is an air transportation specialist with the 460th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Duties, responsibilities and accomplishments:

As an air transportation specialist my job is to ensure the smooth movement of cargo during deployments, as well as the expeditious movement of in-transit cargo. Along with cargo processing, I con-

duct cargo build-up and hazardous cargo certification training.

My additional duties include: unit physical training leader, section equipment custodian monitor, building custodian, weapons vault custodian, vehicle control monitor as well as a vehicle trainer.

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branch employees need to be aware of the rights and restrictions that the Hatch Act imposes on such activity. What is allowed and dis-

allowed can be confusing.

Servicemembers are under the most restrictions. They may attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators and not in uni-

form. They are not allowed to give political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in political campaigns or conventions.

They are also not generally allowed to campaign for political office.

In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from

engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, officials said.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Sports

Flag football brings out Buckley's gridiron warriors

By Mr. Jeff Zahlen
Buckley Fitness Center

As Buckley's flag football season presses on, so does the introduction of fall and the unpredictable weather that can accompany it. Last week we experienced wind, rain, hail, thunder, lightning and beautiful sunshine. Oddly enough, this was all during the course of one game. You can count on the rain and snow in fall, and you can count on the men and women to be out there playing in it and loving every minute of it.

Game of the Week: 743rd MI BN vs. Buckley Fire Department

Monday's game matched the 743rd MIBN and the fire department ending with the 743rd putting the fire department's flames out in the last few minutes ending the game with a 14-2 win.

The fire department got on the board first with a 20-yard touchdown pass early in the game to go ahead 6-0. The rest of the first half was fairly uneventful as both teams

had trouble converting first downs.

The second half began with a drive by the 743rd that would result in a touchdown and a 6-6 tie. The Fire Department would answer with a strong offensive display. They marched the ball from their own 10-yard line to the end zone and went ahead 12-6. Once again they were unable to convert on their extra point attempt. With 1:26 left in the game, 743rd would take the ball on their own ten. Two quick out passes and they were within striking distance of the end zone. With only three seconds remaining on the clock, 743rd would only have enough time for one more play. The quarterback dropped back and fired the ball, which was caught for an amazing touchdown. 743rd would convert on their extra point attempt with a 3-yard reception. With these late heroics, 743rd defeated the Fire Department 14-12 in the game of the week.

460 SFS vs. ADF

The 460 SFS defeated ADF 18-0. The cops scored three touch-



Photo by Mr. Jeff Zahlen

Many Team Buckley members signed up for the intramural flag football season to show off their football moves.

downs and zero extra points in their second straight victory bringing their record to a perfect 2-0.

NSGA vs. Denver MEPS

In the South League, NSGA defeated Denver MEPS 22-2. Both teams began the game with a safety making it a 2-2 tie. From there, NSGA scored three straight touchdowns and wore out the outnumbered MEPS team. The MEPS team suffered a hamstring injury

forcing them to play with 7 players most of the game. The Marines from Co A MCSB outdid the guys from DFAS 30-13. It was tough defense that proved to be the difference in this game as the Marines contained DFAS and forced them to punt two consecutive possessions.

Come out and support the flag football teams on the South softball field on base. Games are played at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Mouthguards protect your teeth while playing sports

Lt. Col. Greg Gates
460th Medical Squadron

When playing sports, accidents happen. That's a fact of life.

But, everyone can prevent or lessen the injury by using the proper safety equipment when participating in sports activities at any level.

That goes for protecting teeth, as well. One set of permanent teeth is all a body is born with, so protecting them is important. A properly fitted mouth-

guard can help prevent broken teeth and injuries to the lips, tongue, face or jaw. A mouthguard will stay in place while worn, making it easy to talk and breath.

According to Master Sgt. Lee Ales, noncommissioned officer in charge of dental services at Buckley, there are three types of mouthguards to choose from:

☐ Ready made which are more bulky.

☐ Mouth formed or 'boil and bite.' They fit well and do a great job protecting ones teeth and gums.

☐ Custom-made mouthguards are the far superior choice in terms of adaptation, retention and protection. They are the most comfortable and interfere the least with breathing and speech. Custom-made mouth guards are made by a dentist on an exact model or duplicate of your teeth.

Anyone who participates in a sport that carries a significant risk of injury should wear a mouth protector. This includes a wide range of sports like football, hockey, basketball, baseball,

gymnastics, soccer, racquetball, and volleyball.

A misdirected elbow in a one-on-one basketball game or a spill off a bicycle can result in chipped or broken teeth, nerve damage to a tooth, or even tooth loss. Mouth protectors, which typically cover the upper teeth, can cushion a blow to the face, minimizing the risk of broken teeth and injuries to the soft tissues of the mouth. For braces or other fixed dental appliance wearers, some dentists may suggest a mouth protector

for these teeth, as well.

Boil and bite mouth protectors can be bought at most sporting goods stores and usually offer a good fit. They should be softened in water, then inserted and allowed to adapt to the shape of your mouth. Follow the directions carefully or a poor-fitting mouth protector can make for a painful game.

Have fun while playing sports, but take the necessary precautions to protect the one set of teeth no one can afford to lose.

Crossword -- Hispanic-American History

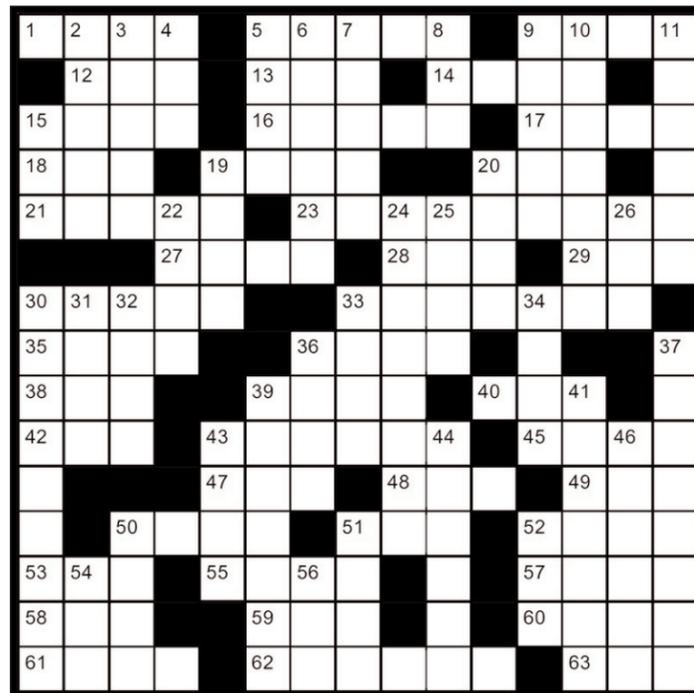
ACROSS

1. Mexican-American former US Secretary of Transportation and Energy
5. Spanish-American Nobel Prize winner in Medicine and Physiology (1959)
9. First person
12. Allow
13. Musical group ___ Na Na
14. One of the 5 Ws
15. Inlet
16. Of the ocean below 6,000 meters
17. Shakespeare play King ___
18. Mock
19. Own
20. Mil. abbreviation for information gathering and observation
21. Concise
23. Bolivian educator who fought for equality; Stand & Deliver
27. "Queen of salsa;" Cuban singer Celia ___
28. ___ Abner
29. Promotions
30. Acquit
33. Massed closely together
35. Bridge
36. Florida school, in short
38. Internet provider
39. Alaska city
40. Sphere
42. Compass dir.
43. Puerto Rican actress is 1 of only 2 to win Tony, Grammy, Emmy, Oscar
45. Luxuriant
47. Alt. to street
48. Explosive
49. Type of plane
50. Assistant
51. Snakelike fish
52. Singer Braxton
53. Org. that governs Olympic Games
55. Italian-born fashion designer Schiaparelli
57. Soon
58. Everything
59. ___ Alamos, New Mexico
60. Nothing more than
61. Supreme Greek god
62. Abided by

63. ___ Francisco, Calif.

DOWN

2. Run off, as in marriage
3. Definitive "no!"
4. Dined
5. Safety org.
6. Mexican-American leader who started United Farm Workers of America
7. Greek underworld
8. Auger
9. Popular form of Latin-American dance music
10. Forever
11. Cuban American playwright who has won 6 Obie Awards
15. Feline
19. German mister
20. Infections
22. Racket
24. First Puerto Rican baseball player to be named MVP
25. Aboriginal of Japan
26. Mil. acronym for temporary assignment
30. First Costa Rican-American to become astronaut
31. Noted Cuban-American composer and conductor Tania ___
32. Fashion magazine
33. British title for a woman
34. British title for a man
36. Golf shout
37. First Cuban-American woman elected to Congress; Ros-___
39. First Puerto Rican and woman to become US Surgeon General
41. Cuban-American ballet dancer to be first American to win Gold Medal
43. Earned
44. Connected, as in Internet
46. Spanish lady
50. Org. concerned with individual rights
51. Relieve
52. ___ o'shanter; type of hat
54. Bullring cheer
56. Cry



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Solutions to last issue's puzzle...

