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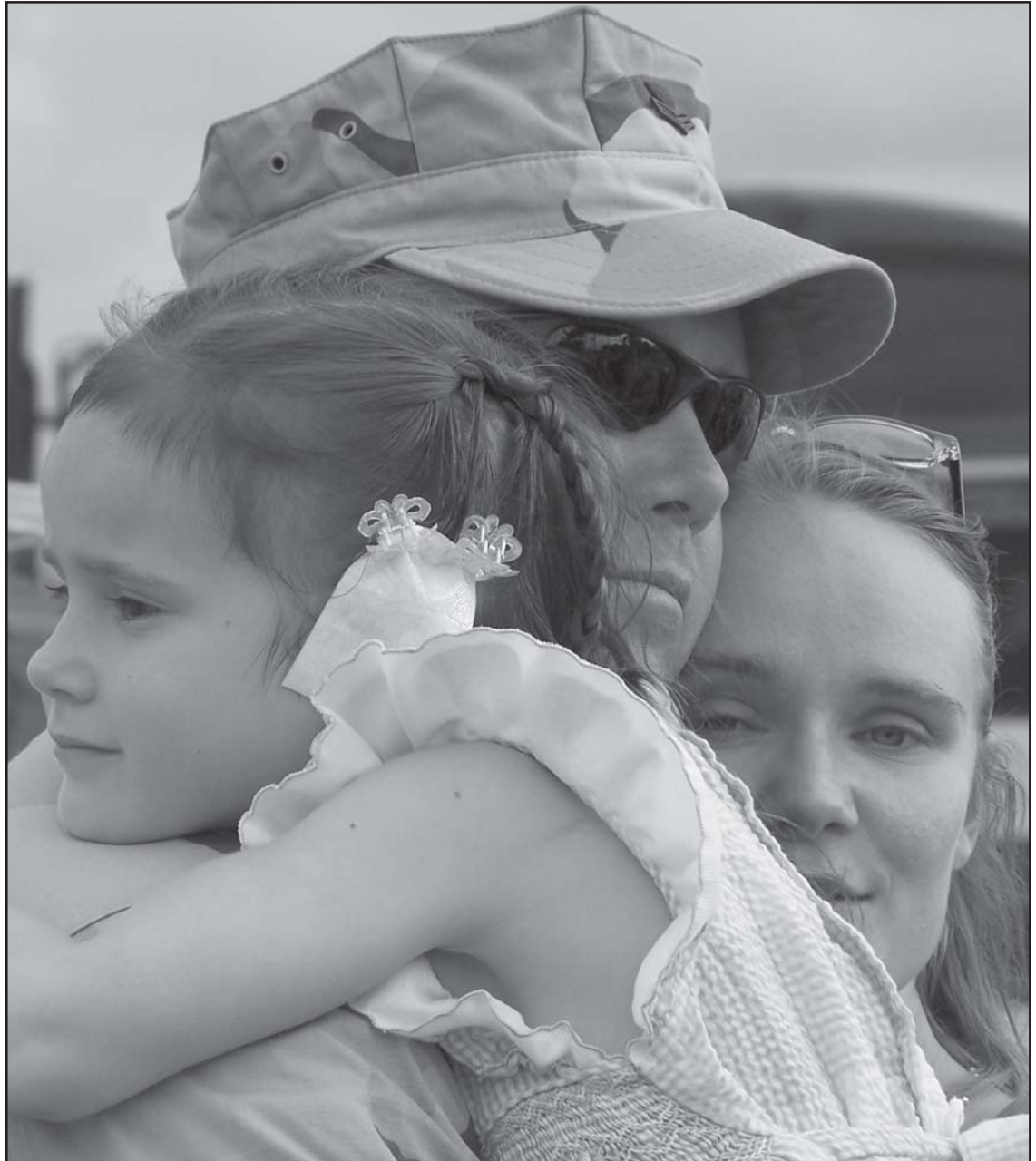


Photo by Lisa Macias

Boatsman's Mate First Class Scott Kenneally gets a hug from his fiancée Heidi and her daughter Aryana upon his return from Cuba. Approximately 50 members of Maritime Safety and Security Team 91114 deployed on March 1, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. They provided command and control in the form of waterborne security for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

You are the Total Force at Homestead ARB

Everyone contributes to our warfighting capability



Air Force Reserve photo

**By Col. Randall G. Falcon,
482d Fighter Wing Commander**

Homestead Air Reserve Base is a mighty busy place and promises to get even busier. We are in the midst of final planning for the 93rd Fighter

Squadron's deployment to Hill Air Force Base. That particular deployment and training will be our final combat training prior to our Air Expeditionary Force deployment this fall. Planning continues in earnest for our fall AEF deployment as well.

Sending a fighter squadron to combat training or war time deployment is an exceptionally difficult task. Personnel need to be assigned, pallets of maintenance equipment inventoried, packed and accounted for, and vaccinations and family care plans completed. We're all aware of the enormity of the task.

Even though less than 25 percent of our assigned personnel will deploy as part of the AEF at any given time, it takes a 100 percent effort to

prepare and sustain those personnel. Supporting our deployers is tough and often anonymous work, but it's critical to our success and cannot be understated.

Some of us get to deploy, while most of us must stay behind. But the bottom line is, as a wing, we couldn't get off the ground without all of us working together.

And that's the purpose of this short message, to express my thanks and admiration to all of you. Whether you're an Air Reserve Technician, traditional reservist or civilian employee, I want to thank you all for working tirelessly every day supporting our war time commitments.

Promotion Enhancement Program

By Master Sgt. Tina Davis

The Promotion Enhancement Program (PEP) is a commander's program designed to promote outstanding and well-deserving Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) personnel. Eligible personnel include those one grade over the Unit Manning Document (UMD) position to which they are assigned and those Airmen blocked for promotion under unit-vacancy in the ranks of Staff Sgt. through Senior Master Sgt. Only

individuals that clearly demonstrate outstanding potential will be nominated and considered for promotion under the PEP.

To be eligible for the PEP, Airmen must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in AFI 36-2502, Table 4.2. Members must also be recommended by their unit commander or designated representative, cannot be more than one grade over the authorized grade for which they are being nominated, must attain at least a

minimum score on the fitness test, and must be in a primary position. Individuals with unexcused absences are not eligible for PEP consideration.

In addition to the requirements noted above, the Wing Commander has directed that all enlisted members being nominated for PEP have a Statement of Assurance signed by their squadron commander. To find out more about the PEP program contact the Career Enhancement Section at (305) 224-7135.

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101 Critical Days of Summer

Use common sense, don't become a statistic

*By Leroy Smith,
482d Ground Safety Manager*

Memorial Day through Labor Day is branded as the "101 Critical Days" of summer. This safety period is classified as the most critical time of the year, primarily because most of us will be hitting the road for vacations and taking advantage of the summer weather by participating in sports and recreational activities.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign draws attention to increased safety awareness and risk management during this critical time.

Over the last five years, the Air Force has lost an average of 21 members each summer. Most of

these fatalities were off-duty mishaps and involved personnel in the 18-25 year age group who were operating vehicles while impaired, speeding and and/or fatigued. All of the fatalities were tragic but most were preventable.

Motorcycle mishaps accounted for about one-third of the Air Force's fatal motor vehicle accidents. Lack of proficiency, speeding and impaired driving were primary contributors to the fatal two-wheeled incidents.

Personal safety is the responsibility of each Air Force member, and risk management is a vital part of all activities, regardless of duty status. We must be constantly vigilant by analyzing risks, making smart decisions and reassessing risks during the activity.

Remember the following safety tips when traveling this summer:

- (1) Wear a seatbelt every time you step into any vehicle.
- (2) Remain alert while at the wheel and plan rest breaks at frequent intervals.
- (3) Don't speed in an effort to arrive early — it is better to arrive late than not arrive at all.
- (4) Don't drink alcohol and drive.
- (5) Anticipate the unexpected and be ready to react.

Above all, use common sense during the summer and pay particular attention to your surroundings. Do not assume anything while driving; doing so could be disastrous. Remember, think safe, be safe and always stay focused on personal risk management. Have a safe and enjoyable 101 Critical Days of summer.

Firework safety

Don't let mishaps ruin your July 4th holiday

*By Leroy Smith,
482d Ground Safety Manager*

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), there were an estimated 8,800 people treated for fireworks related injuries in 2003. Most, if not all of these injuries could have been prevented if only the fireworks were handled with total respect.

The following safety tips are provided in an effort to help prevent a senseless mishap and to ensure a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July:

- Always read and follow label directions
- Have an adult supervise all fire work activities
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Ignite outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- NEVER experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Stay away from illegal explosives.

Government plastic, public money

Tracking taxpayer's money

By Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple, 910 AW/PA
Special to the Flight Lines

When Government Purchase Card holders from the 482d Fighter Wing use their cards for official business, they'd better do it legally. If not, they'll face the wrath of Bob "The Bulldog" Andry, the wing's Government Purchase Card program manager.

Mr. Andry didn't get his nickname because of his looks. He got it from his tenacious oversight of the purchase card program here.

"I'm known for being very thorough while managing our program. Lt. Col. Matt Crist from our Civil Engineer Squadron nicknamed me 'The Bulldog' because he said when I investigated something, I wouldn't let go—just like a bulldog," said Mr. Andry.

"When cardholders are given cards, they're spending public funds.

"I ask them to think of it as their own money and ask themselves how they would spend it," he said.

One customer at the supply store agreed, saying it is convenient having the store on base.

"The place really helps meet immediate needs," said Chief Master Sgt. John Folger, fabrication flight chief with the 482d Maintenance Squadron. "Sometimes we get into situations where we can't wait for supplies to be shipped to us," he said.

Periodic spot checks, eight hours of training for new cardholders, and yearly refresher training for all current

cardholders is necessary to ensure purchases are made legally.

Managing the program is no small task with 97 cardholders and 86 billing officials. From May 1 to June 1, 2004, the wing's cardholders made 643 purchases totaling more than \$1.2 million, according to a report from the Customer Automation and Reporting Environment (CARE) Web site.

The site is operated by U.S. Bank,

**"He's not known
for being
wishy-washy."
John Marshburn
482d FW Chief
of Contracting**

which has the Air Force contract to manage the program. All cardholders are required to log their purchases online and reconcile their accounts each month. Billing officials then are able to review each purchase and either approve the monthly statement or dispute purchases made.

All purchases of \$2,500 or more of items not on a Government Services Administration (GSA) contract must be made on an Air Force Form 9, Request for Purchase. Items costing less than \$2,500 may be made using the Government Purchase Card after proper coordination.

"The majority of the cardholders act professionally," said Mr. Andry. "It helps make my job easier when I don't have to track down suspicious purchases."

Mr. Andry's dedication to his position of program manager also is recognized by the chief of contracting John Marshburn.

"I truly believe he's the best program manager in the command because of his in-depth research ability. Many other program managers call him for help, and he's not known for being wishy-washy when answering questions or looking into suspicious purchases," he said. Cardholders at the 482d know to play by the rules. If they don't, they may be bitten by "The Bull Dog."



Photo by Lisa Macias

"Bulldog" on the prowl: Bob the "Bulldog" Andry is the Government Purchase Card program manager for the 482d Fighter Wing.



Priceless advice on complying with the regs and the law

(Editor's note: the following is an excerpt from an article that was published in TIG Brief)

By Maj. Jonathan Wright, AFSPC/IGIW

Follow these key bits of advice when using your Government Purchase Card (GPC):

Don't Buy If It's Not Authorized.

Governing authorized and unauthorized purchases are Air Force Instruction 65-601, Volume 1, Budget Guidance and Procedures, and AFI 64-117, Chapter 2, Air Force Government-wide Purchase Card (GPC) Program. As a rule, don't use the GPC to purchase gifts (even low-valued merchandise such as conference memorabilia) for military members, private employees or citizens unless an exception applies. AFI 65-601, paragraph 4.29, clearly explains the exceptions, such as mission accomplishment awards.

Coordinate for approval before the purchase.

In the past, the contracting squadron would not accept your purchase request if you didn't obtain the required approvals. It is now possible to make a purchase without approval, only to find that you've violated the GPC program when your agency/organization program coordinator (A/OPC) conducts a surveillance of your files.

AFI 64-117, para 2.2, lists many purchases which must first be approved by a support agency. Verbal approval suffices for some requirements, but document it accordingly.

Get the best value.

Think globally, not locally. Do your research before you purchase. Many items, such as information technology products, require purchase through a centralized, Air Force wide contract.

Go for a higher rebate.

A not-well-known feature of the GPC program is that US Bank awards quarterly rebates for payment performance. The rebate amount is based in part on the "file turn," which is the average number of days the bank funds transactions until they are paid.

Cardholders can influence the rebate by timing transactions closer to the end of month and by reconciling and approving the electronic statement of account within the three workdays of the end of the billing cycle. Approving officials can influence the rebate by approving the electronic statement no later than 15 days after the end of the billing cycle.

Take action against violators

For GPC purchase violations, take necessary remedial action such as suspending the cardholder and retraining (AFI 64-117, para 4.3.3.4). Some units even conduct a post-suspension audit to validate the retraining effectiveness and cardholder's credit worthiness. If the

purchase violation involved misusing a convenience check, cancel the individual's privilege entirely, as directed by Contract Policy Memo 03-C-05.

By focusing on these potential problem areas, the GPC program will remain an efficient, effective improvement over the old local purchase approach.

Identity theft and your GPC

Imagine the GPC in the hands of an identity thief. The Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act (18 USC 1028) makes this a federal crime. Take these preventive measures:

- Secure your GPC documentation.
- Never allow anyone else to use your GPC (AFI 64-117, para 4.3.5.9).
- For online transactions, always use secure sites.
- Lock up government convenience checks (which, unlike GPC transactions, can't be disputed through US Bank).

Hurricane preparedness guide 2005

A hurricane is a severe tropical storm that forms in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico or in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricanes need warm tropical oceans, moisture and light winds above them. If the right conditions last long enough, a hurricane can produce violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains and floods.

They remain one of the deadliest forces of nature.

Story and illustration by Staff Sgt. Justin Pearce and Tech. Sgt. James Pritchett, 403 WG/PA

Hurricane season officially began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30, and if the tropical activity is in line with the predictions, we are all in for another active year.

Hurricane experts are again predicting above average hurricane activity this year. According to the National Weather Service, the outlook calls for 12 to 15 named tropical storms, seven to nine of those becoming hurricanes. Three to five are expected to be major hurricanes. That means they are a category three or larger.

Since storms can occur anytime, early preparation is key to avoiding confusion and last-minute dashes to hardware and grocery stores that occur when hurricanes threaten. Knowing evacuation routes is also essential.

Hurricane Watch vs. Hurricane Warning

Coastal residents should keep a hurricane evacuation kit stocked at all times with necessary items (see checklist on the next page). Don't wait until a storm is threatening to get ready for it.

The National Weather Service issues a Hurricane Watch when hurricane conditions are possible within the next 36 hours in the area of the Watch. A Hurricane Warning is issued when conditions are expected within 24 hours or less.

When a Hurricane Watch is issued, residents should monitor the news for

the storm's progress and development, fuel automobiles, check batteries, stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water and prescription medicines and have an extra supply of cash on hand.

To help protect homes, prepare to cover all windows and door openings with shutters or other shielding materials and bring lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects inside. Normally harmless objects can become deadly missiles in a hurricane.

Hurricane evacuation

Once a warning has been issued, follow through on preparation activities and follow instructions issued by local officials. If told to evacuate, leave early. Expect delays and traffic jams on hurricane evacuation routes.

Remember, raised drawbridges allowing boats to seek safe harbors often interrupt bridge traffic.

Seeking shelter

If you decide to stay in your home, turn your refrigerator to maximum cold and open only when necessary. Turn off utilities if directed by local authorities, turn off propane tanks, unplug small appliances and fill bathtubs and large containers with water for sanitary purposes.

If the winds become extremely strong, stay away from windows and doors and find refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway. Close all interior doors and secure and brace external doors.

Go to an interior first-floor room if you live in a multi-floor home and lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

Storm surge

Under no circumstances should you try to ride out the storm in a mobile home, a high-rise building or a home in a low-lying flood area. Hurricane-force winds are even stronger at higher elevations.

People living close to the water are especially vulnerable because of the deadly storm surge. Storm surge is a massive dome of water that is often 50 miles wide that sweeps across the coastline near the area where the eye of the hurricane makes landfall.

The hammering effect of the waves acts like a giant bulldozer sweeping away everything in its path. Nine out of 10 hurricane deaths are caused by the storm surge.

Deceptive calm

Be especially cautious of the eye of the hurricane. If the storm center passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting up to 30 minutes. Resist the temptation to go outside during this deceptive calm. As the eye passes, winds will suddenly return to hurricane force - from the opposite direction.

After-storm checklist

After the storm, keep listening to weather reports because tropical systems often spawn tornadoes and other severe weather. Wait until an area has been declared safe before leaving your shelter or returning to your home.

Avoid weakened bridges and washed-out roads and do not drive into flooded areas. Some roads may be closed; do not drive around barricades.

Check gas, water and electrical lines and appliances for damage. Be aware

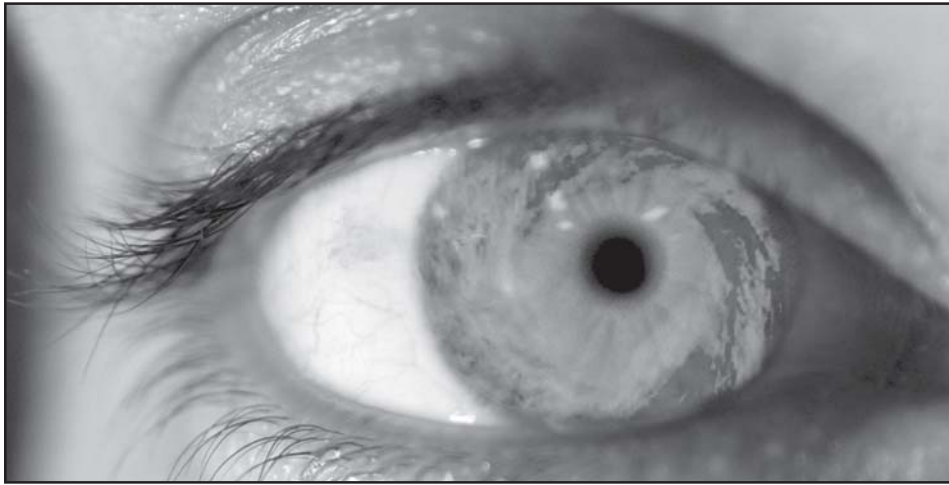
that utility service can be severely interrupted by hurricanes. Depending on the severity of the damage, several days could pass before service is restored.

Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until you are certain it has not

been contaminated.

Avoid using candles and other open flames indoors. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Use the telephone only to report life-threatening emergencies.

Be especially cautious around trees that have been weakened by the storm. Hurricane season continues through Nov. 30.



Disaster plan: families can cope when tragedy strikes

Where will your family be when disaster strikes? They could be anywhere - at work, at school, or in the car. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children are safe? What would you do if basic services - water, gas, electricity or telephones - were cut off?

Families should be prepared for all hazards that could affect their community. Each family should use the following steps to develop a family disaster plan.

Gather information about hazards that can affect your community. Contact your local National Weather Service office, emergency management or civil defense office. Also contact your local American Red Cross chapter.

Find out what type of disasters could occur and how you should respond. Learn your community's warning signals and evacuation plans. Also find out how your workplace or your children's school deals with disaster. Meet with your family to create your plan. Discuss the information you have gathered. Pick two places to meet: a place right outside your home for a sudden emergency, such as fire, and a place outside of your

neighborhood in case you can't return home. Also choose an out-of-state friend as your "family check-in contact" for everyone to call if separated. Discuss what you would do if advised to evacuate.

Implement your plan.

1) Post emergency numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) by telephones.
2) Install safety features in your house, such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

3) Inspect your home for potential hazards (such as items that can move, fall, break, or catch fire) and correct them.

4) Have your family learn basic safety measures, such as CPR and first aid; how to use a fire extinguisher; and how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home.

5) Teach children how and when to call 911 or the local Emergency Services number.

6) Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. Assemble a disaster supplies kit. Practice and maintain your plan. Periodically ask your family members about emergency meeting places, phone numbers, and safety rules to make sure they remember them by conducting drills.

Hurricane Survival Kit

If a hurricane hits, do you have enough of these items on hand to get you through the emergency?

- Matches
- Nonelectric can opener
- Extra prescription medicine
- Baby food, diapers and formula
- First-Aid kit
- Portable cooler
- Enough bottled water for 2 quarts per day for each person
- Containers of water for sanitary use
- Eating utensils
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlights, extra batteries
- Emergency cooking facilities
- 3/4-inch plywood to board windows
- Lantern, fuel
- Fire extinguisher
- Bleach
- Mosquito repellent/netting
- Plastic-sheeting
- Tools
- 100 feet of rope
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Trash bags
- Duct tape
- Battery charger for cellular phone

Avoiding computer crashes

Helping customers along the information superhighway

*By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor, 302 AW/PA
Special to the Flight Lines*

You've logged on to your computer, and you're checking your e-mail. You attempt to open up an .EXE file when, WHAM, your computer dies. What just happened? What do you do? Who you gonna call?

The computer help desk, of course. It's the savior of the wing's computer problems. The help desk is the last line of defense for issues work group administrators and work group managers aren't able to resolve.

The first thing a help desk technician will do is ask questions. "We ask, 'Did you talk to your work group administrator?'" said Robert D. Head Jr., Limited Access Network manager. "Just asking questions can sometimes get it resolved."

According to Dan Wolentarski, a help desk technician, the most frequent problem is password resets. "Reserve people usually forget their passwords," he said.

Other common problems include non-working phone lines, user software issues and virus updates.

If the question and answer session doesn't resolve the problem, technicians will begin a process of problem-solving steps to fix it.

Another situation involves technicians using remote entry into the work station through the Security Management System. Often, technicians can correct the problem from their own desks. "The fix may require administrative rights and the

user doesn't have access to those," Mr. Head said.

Finally, if all other efforts to correct the problem are exhausted, help desk technicians will assign a network control center technician from the Network Security Operations Center. The technician will go to the user's work center.

Mr. Head notes there's a "chain of command" users should follow when seeking assistance in solving computer problems.

"We have three levels of assistance," he said. When a user experiences a problem, he or she should contact the work group

The hub for all computer operations at Homestead, the NSOC oversees the computer world for some 1,200 users. They encounter problems ranging from forgotten passwords to system failure.

Mr. Head notes a user will usually get faster results from his or her work group administrator than from the help desk.

Occasionally, the help desk is unable to solve a problem. In these cases, the issue is elevated to Air Force Reserve Command. Mr. Head said these situations are rare and may happen no more than weekly.

The problems Homesteaders encounter have been reduced since the base switched to high-tech fiber optic lines. When Hurricane Andrew hit Homestead in 1992, the

"The most frequent problem is password resets. Reservists forget their passwords a lot."

**Dan Wolentarski
Help Desk technician**

administrator, who is the first avenue of assistance for computer problems.

Each building containing computers is assigned at least one administrator. Homestead Air Reserve Base currently has 136 work group administrators, which are a combination of civilians and reservists. They're assigned by unit commanders.

Problems which cannot be addressed by work group administrators are elevated to the work group managers.

The 482d FW has three assigned by functional areas – maintenance, mission support and operations. The managers are responsible for all computers, printers and users assigned to their work group.

NSOC's above ground cable system was not exempt from Andrew's devastating wrath.

During rebuilding, the NSOC transferred all lines underground and switched from steel cable to high-tech fiber optics, which speeds up the transfer of information. Plus, repairs to damaged lines are simpler. Repairs can be made with two splices at one location to a fiber optic line. In steel cable, the lines inside were made of glass. The cable had to be spliced 50 feet down the line in either direction to ensure no damaged glass lines remained.

With the upgrade to fiber optics, the center also has been able to increase staffing from 12 to 15



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

Julio Velezon, 482d Fighter Wing Limited help desk technician, works with the Security Management System to resolve a user issue.

people. In fact, Mr. Head has hired a switchboard operator, a position previously filled by a technician who can now use his expertise dealing with other issues.

“Just having these three people is making things much better for us,” he

said. The additional staff allows the center to rotate three technicians on the help desk.

“Being a help desk person isn’t easy,” Mr. Head said. “For one, you have to be patient.” And, of course, a help desk technician must be knowledgeable about computer

systems.

When you’ve exhausted all options for a fix, the computer help desk is there for one reason – to help users get up and going again on the information superhighway.

The lighter side of the help desk

*By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor, 302 AW/PA
Special to the Flight Lines*

The 482nd Fighter Wing Network Security Operations Center’s computer help desk often deals with serious issues involving the wing’s computer systems. So when a humorous situation occurs, help desk technicians can enjoy the lighter side of an often tedious task.

A help desk technician received a

phone call one day from a user who was working on a document. Suddenly, the document vanished from the computer screen. After several failed attempts to recover the document, the user contacted the help desk.

The technician discussed the situation with the panic-stricken user and asked him to check the power cords and ensure one of them had not come unplugged.

There is one cord connecting the computer and the monitor and another, which runs between the computers and the power source on the wall.

The user attempted this, but informed the technician he could not be certain if either was connected.

When the technician asked why not, the user replied, “It’s dark in here. We just had a power outage.”

Homestead ARB Action Line

— Retirements —

Tech. Sgt.

Ronald Robinson, 482d SVS
Jeffrey Dean, 482d AMXS
Frederick Willmann, 482d MOF

Master Sgt.

Thomas Walker, 70th APS

Senior Master Sgt.

Theresia Latson, 70th APS

— Newcomers —

Airman Basic

Alexandra Martinez, 482d SVS
Candy McConnel, 70th APS

Airman

Daniel Lennon, 482d AMXS

Airman First Class

Sergio Pantoja, 482d MXS
Heather Skinner, 482d MDS
Brittany Stokes, 482d FW

Senior Airman

Marcus Berry, 482d CES
Carlos Flores, 482d LRS
Stephen Gooden, 482d MXS
Garry Lewis, 482d CES
Carlos Miranda, 482d AMXS
Tomas Ortiz-Bonilla, 70th APS
Robin Sanchez, 482d MSS
Mark Singletary, 70th APS
Gregory Stafford, 482d MDS

Staff Sgt.

April Dahne, 482d MXS
James Dahne, 482d MXS
Randolph Davis, 482d CES
Douglas Ives, 482d CES

Tech. Sgt.

David Anderson, 482d AMXS
Philip Olsen, 70th APS
Julio Rivera, 482d MXS

Capt.

Javier Rodriguez, 482d MXG

Q- I have heard that everyone on base received a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. How do I know if I received one as well?

A- By direction of the President of the United States, authorized by Executive Order 13289, all U.S. military members assigned to the Selected Reserve, Participating IRR, AGR, Active Duty of Air Force Reserve Command and Office of Air Force Reserves on or after 11 September 2001, to a date to be determined in the future, are awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. The MPF has updated the records for all assigned 482 FW members, and have filed a source document in each UPRG. Members who do not see the GWOT-S updated in their Virtual MPF should report to their commander's support staff (CSS) to validate GWOT entitlement.

Q Will we be able to get an obstacle course here on base, maybe behind the club where the track is?

A. A complete obstacle course is not planned for Homestead ARB. However, we are currently working the funding issue to build a soft track around the fitness center, and could consider a Vita Course (pull-up station, step-up etc) to be installed along the path.

Q. Why can't my military ID card holding 15 year old dependent work out at the base fitness center without me present?

A. Age limitations are established to ensure a safe environment for all fitness center customers. Medical organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) provide specific guidelines for youth fitness programs. The Air Force standard has been developed to be consistent with these guidelines. AFI 34-266 Table 1.1 states:

16 years of age and over:
Unrestricted use of all FC facilities and

equipment. Need not be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

14 and 15 years of age:

Cardiovascular Equipment and Weight Rooms: Require interactive supervision from a parent, legal guardian, or Youth Program staff member/ coach. *Other areas (basketball court, racquetball, etc.): Unrestricted use.

13 years of age and under :

Cardiovascular Equipment and Weight Rooms: Access to these areas prohibited. **Other areas (basketball court, racquetball, etc.): Require interactive supervision from parent, legal guardian, or Youth Program staff member.

Out-processing policy

Traditional Reservists and Air Reserve Technicians departing Homestead Air Reserve Base for the following purposes must out-process through Military Personnel Flight (MPF): (1) Attending any school tour for any length of time, (2) Reporting TDY to an overseas location, (3) Performing any official duty off station for 30 days or more, and (4) When departing the base permanently for retirement, separation or PCS. Upon return from TDY members must in-process through MPF. Out-processing through MPF is mandated by the 482d FW commander. Out-processing ensures you receive all benefits while TDY and in-processing makes sure your training records are updated upon completion of schools and formal courses. Exceptions to this policy are at the discretion of the Installation Deployment Officer. General exceptions include unit based deployments and off-station annual tour consisting of 10 or more members. In those cases the Unit Deployment Manager must coordinate with 482 FW/XP to schedule mass out-processing or a mobility line. Contact MPF at (305) 224-7706 for more information.

Profiles of reserve members

The Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) profiles outstanding members of the 482d Fighter Wing as motivational success stories and to set an example for the Air Force Reserve community.

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Jay Finn, 482d Logistics Readiness Squadron, was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and moved to Miami, Fla. when he was seven years old. After graduating from Miami Christian School in 1972, he attended college and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. In 1980, he began his teaching career at Florida Christian School in Miami, Fla.

In 1984, Joseph Finn enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and joined the 31st Fighter Wing, at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla. He continued teaching full-time while serving in the Air Force Reserve.

While attending California State University in 1988, Sgt. Finn completed a Master of Arts in Humanities degree. He was activated by the Air Force Reserve during Desert Storm in 1992 and served for five months with the 31st Transportation Squadron.

In 1993, Sgt. Finn enrolled at Greenwich University in the United Kingdom. Four years later he earned a doctorate in American Religious History at the Church House Conference Centre of the Westminster Abbey in London, England.

Sgt. Finn has taught at William A Chapman Elementary in Homestead, Fla., Little River Elementary School in Miami, Fla., Gulliver Academy in Miami, Fla., and recently returned from a 6-month tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is also an adjunct professor with Barry University in Miami, Fla. and the American Military University. He also serves as a chaplain with the Air Force Civil Air Patrol, 279th Cadet Squadron at Homestead ARB, Fla.

Sgt. Finn was commended by the Dept. of Homeland Security and the base commander during his tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom for heroic initiative that possibly saved the lives of several military members and the possible destruction of a multi-million dollar aircraft. He was recognized for his actions at the Coast Guard Station in Miami Beach, Florida on June 8.

Sgt. Finn exhibits tremendous pride in his ability to serve God and his country. As a chaplain he has participated and officiated over various events on base and throughout the Homestead and Miami communities.

As a teacher, mentor and Airman, Sgt. Finn continues to spread a wealth of knowledge throughout the local base and community touching everyone he meets in some way or another. He is a positive influence and a great asset to Homestead Air Reserve Base.



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As a teacher, chaplain and Air Force reservist, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Finn proudly serves his country and his community.

Zero tolerance at Homestead ARB

By Master Sgt. Estela Clune, 482d MDS

Homestead Air Reserve Base has a zero tolerance policy for members using non-prescribed and illegal drugs. Over the last few years, positive test results have decreased dramatically at HARB. In the last four years (2002-present), Homestead ARB has had a total of six positive drug test results due to use of illegal drugs such as cocaine and marijuana. In comparison, from 1999 through 2001, a total of 10 positive test results were received.

To prevent drug abuse, HARB has put tremendous emphasis on the Demand Reduction Program (DRP) - better known as the Drug Testing Program. This highly visible program is

designed by the Air Force to deter the use of illegal drugs by its members. Currently, 25% of the base population is tested each year. Most testing is done on a random basis, but you can be tested under several categories.

Other common testing categories include command directed unit sweeps, probable cause and mishap investigation testing.

In addition to testing, the Demand Reduction Program conducts monthly awareness briefings, consultations and periodic drug prevention promotional events.

Address questions concerning the drug testing program at Homestead ARB to the Demand Reduction Program

Manager at (305) 224-6919, or stop by the 482d Medical Squadron, building 347, room 128. You may also contact the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Program at (305) 224-7310, located at the 482d Medical Squadron, building 347, room 148.

Military Quarterly Awards

Nomination packages for 2nd quarter awards are due by July 9. The selection board will convene July 10. Packages must include AF Form 1206 and Statement of Assurance. Contact Master Sgt. Tina Davis at (305) 224-7359 for more information.

Coast Guard unit returns from Cuba

Maritime Safety and Security Team 91114 completes 90 day deployment

By Lt. j.g. Henry Irrizary, MSST 91114

Members of the Maritime Safety and Security Team, stationed at Homestead Air Reserve Base returned home Wednesday, June 8, after a ninety-day deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Approximately 50 members were deployed on March 1, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. They provided command and control in the form of waterborne security for Joint

Task Force Guantanamo, where Al-Qaeda and Taliban detainees from Afghanistan and other countries are being held.

“During this long deployment, the unit pulled together to accomplish more than the mission called for,” said MSST 91114’s Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Carlos Mercado. “Our personnel set a high standard for future Coast Guard units deploying to Guantanamo Bay and I

am proud to be their commanding officer.”

While in Cuba, MSST Miami logged over 2,700 underway patrol hours to include escorts, transport missions, and command and control support missions.

As for MSST Miami’s next assignment, it is undisclosed for now. “We are going to lay low for awhile,” said Chief Petty Officer Scott Hammond.



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Dark tans and big smiles: The “coasties” returned to Homestead ARB on June 8 after a ninety day deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.