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## International training



*Photo by Lisa Macias*

**A Canadian crew chief from the 425th Tactical Fighter Squadron shows firefighters from Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. how to approach the F-18 and conduct rescue procedures in the event of an emergency.**

# The path to success



*Air Force Reserve photo*

**By Col. Randy Falcon**  
**482nd Fighter Wing Commander**

As Air Force reservists, we face the constant challenge of performing our daily jobs, while maintaining our ability to deploy in support of Department of Defense missions at anytime. And on top of that, each of us has the individual responsibility of preparing ourselves and our subordinates for greater responsibilities in the future.

It's quite a task, but no one ever said that being successful was easy!

We have ways of managing these multi-taskings, and keeping ourselves on the right track for future success.

This month, the 482nd Fighter

Wing will be take part in an Operational Readiness Exercise, which tests our wartime capabilities. While most of you have deployed in support of wartime missions in the past, it is crucial for us to maintain a level of constant readiness that allows us to step up to the plate whenever we are tasked.

Our unit maintains the most awesome fighter jets in the world, but we also maintain an organization of battle ready Airmen. We don't just train for inspections and exercises; we train for real life.

But inspections do play a key role in our duties as Airmen who are committed to the American public. In the near future, we'll host a Staff Assistance Visit from 10th Air Force and a Unit Compliance Inspection from Air Force Reserve Command, both geared at testing our ability to perform our daily tasks according to established regulations.

This is your opportunity to prove to everyone outside our base that you can do your job and you can do it right. I KNOW you can do it, and YOU KNOW you can do it.

Now I challenge you all to showcase your talents and prove to everyone that you are true professionals.

As you take on these challenges, you must continue to focus on self improvement, of yourself and your subordinates. Our key measurement of self improvement in the Air Force Reserve is Professional Military Education.

If you're not focused on your own PME, then you're letting opportunities and experiences pass you by.

Besides rapid promotions and putting more money in your pocket, PME allows you to go more places and do more things. And for those of you in leadership positions, you know what's expected of you; set a positive example for others to follow. I expect all members of the 482nd Fighter Wing to complete required PME on time or ahead of schedule.

Your individual performance plays a key role in your future and the future of this organization. Your continued hard work and focus on attaining future success will pay dividends, both literally and figuratively.

## MPF ID Section Closure

**The Military Personnel Flight will be closed for ID Card issuance during the week of 13-17 March. Please contact the 50th Area Support Group, Headquarters of the Florida Army National Guard at (305) 256-6214 or 6262 or visit them at Bldg 756, Schweinsfurt Road. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. No appointment is needed.**

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# Air Force Assistance Fund campaign underway

*Air Force Personnel Center  
News Service*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - This year's Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign, from Feb. 13 to May 5, will provide Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of the four official Air Force charitable organizations.

Now in its 33rd year, 100-percent of designated AFAF contributions will benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Last year, Airmen exceeded the campaign goal as they contributed more than \$7.3 million.

Airmen need look no further than the aftermath of the hurricanes that devastated portions of the southern United States to understand the benefit the fund provides the Air Force community. Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley addressed this recently in a joint memorandum for the Air Force Assistance Fund:

"Last year, hurricanes Katrina and Rita vividly demonstrated the need for rapid and reliable emergency

assistance. Our four AFAF charities — the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund, Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation — provided immediate financial and housing assistance to our active duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and retired Air Force members. This was in addition to their normal ongoing assistance with the hardships of deployments, accidents, illness, aging and death."

General Moseley recently announced a \$5.4 million goal for this year's fund drive.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order, or payroll deduction to:

The Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund in Fort Walton

Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base which provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org).

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is [www.airforcevillages.com](http://www.airforcevillages.com).

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is [www.lemayfoundation.org](http://www.lemayfoundation.org).

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's Voting and Fundraising Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund).

Contact Senior Master Sgt. Wanda Symons at (305) 224-7434 or Staff Sgt. Yamineth Baker at (305) 224-7138 for more information.

## AFPC expands online customer service hours

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — In a continued effort to serve Airmen's personnel needs, the Air Force Personnel Center has developed around-the-clock service for many routine matters through the center's Web site.

Airmen are now able to take care of some personnel needs via the Internet by going to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). Air Combat Command officials explained that the development of the service was due to concerns over Airmen not having the time to go to military

personnel flights to take care of their personal matters because of high operational workloads.

While multiple services are available through the Web site, officials said there are four primary ways to receive assistance:

Frequently asked questions - the center has a vast database of common questions and answers that Airmen can search by category, keywords or phrases.

Ask the personnel experts - Airmen can provide a brief summary of an issue or problem and submit a question

to the center; personnel representatives will look into the query and provide a response. Airmen should allow at least two business days for a response.

Chat live with a center agent - the center has developed a live chat option for Airmen to discuss their problem with a center representative. Additionally, Airmen can request a phone call from an agent. The center has people available 24 hours every day to assist Airmen, except for New



Photo by Dan Galindo

7th Coast Guard District Commander Rear Admiral Brian Peterman, right, discusses family support issues with Governor Jeb Bush, left, and 482nd Fighter Wing Commander Colonel Randy Falcon, center-right, on Feb. 10. Military leaders also briefed the Florida governor on lessons learned from the 2005 hurricane season, the impact of BRAC and the needs of their individual bases during the bi-annual Base Commanders' Meeting.

# Florida governor visits base

## Discusses key issues with state's military commanders

By Dan Galindo  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush met with military installation commanders from around the state here at Homestead Air Reserve Base Feb. 10 to discuss issues and needs of service members and bases.

The bi-annual Florida Base Commanders' Meeting provides a venue for military leaders to let the governor know about issues affecting their bases, missions and personnel.

Commanders representing each branch of service from 35 military units and agencies attended the meeting. Representatives from the Florida Departments of Transportation, Health, Education, and Veterans Affairs and other civilian agencies that advocate on behalf of service members were also on hand to take recommendations from military leaders.

"It provides a list of action items to work on, so we'll report back in August at the base commanders meeting on the issues that were brought up. It's just related to getting permits for [base projects], encroachment issues, and how to provide support for families of enlisted [service members]," said Gov. Bush.

Each commander gave the governor updates on how his or her installation was affected by the latest base realignment and closure process and the progress underway.

Overall, the state was a winner from the 2005 BRAC, seeing significant gains in personnel and jobs, while avoiding any base closures. For example, Homestead Air Reserve Base is scheduled to gain nine F-16 fighter aircraft and approximately 200 more personnel.

"This [process] clearly had a positive impact. We expanded our

missions in the state. We're one of the states that saw a significant increase in the number of missions and people," he said.

"The good news about BRAC is that once it's decided the defense department kind of builds on that as they go about their transformational work. We've seen an increase in the military in our state over the last six or seven years," he said.

Florida has 21 military installations and 3 unified commands, all of which have a total annual impact of more than \$44 billion in defense-related spending. The base contributed an estimated \$180 million to South Florida last year due to its reservists living on the economy. That number is expected to rise with the addition of new personnel as a result of the latest BRAC decision.

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## Congratulations to the Fourth Quarter Award winners!

(Left to right) 1st Lt. Daniel Moreno Jr., 93rd FS, Junior Officer of the Quarter; Senior Master Sgt. Huey M. Hill, 482nd MXS, Senior NCO of the Quarter; Ms. Sheree Chandler, 482nd MSG, Civilian of the Quarter; Staff Sgt. Luis Pacheco III, 482nd OG, NCO of the Quarter; and (not pictured) Senior Airman Juan Collado-Mendoza, 482nd LRS, Airman of the Quarter.



Photo by Lisa Macias

### AFPC, from Pg. 3

Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Personal folders - Airmen have access to a folder which deals with their specific needs. With this folder, Airmen can log in to check the status of pending questions, modify or update the question, receive update notifications to questions of interest, and update their personal profiles.

Command officials said additional improvements are upcoming to the

Web site, all geared toward added customer satisfaction and to meet Air Force goals of centralizing base-level personnel functions to the AFPC Contact Center.

AFPC is projecting to launch the first of six spirals toward the centralization efforts by March 31, Air Force officials said. Each spiral is designed as a gradual process to reduce the needs for Airmen to MPFs for routine business.

Air Force officials stressed while the

center is centralizing basic routine matters, a face-to-face presence will remain in the field. Throughout the next few years, officials hope this presence will become less transactional and more advisory in nature.

For more information, click on the Contact Center link at the AFPC Web site, call the center at (800) 616-3775 or DSN 665-5000, or contact your local MPF customer service office.

### GOVERNOR, from Pg. 4

Hurricane preparedness was also high on the agenda. After the busy 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, commanders are evaluating how to best aide civil authorities in preparation and recovery from major storms through logistical means and compatible communications devices.

The governor told the base leaders that he wants to develop a series of best practices and embark on a course of readiness, so everyone in the state knows what steps to take before and after hurricanes.

Gov. Bush praised the base as a vital hub of for South Florida storm relief. After Hurricane Wilma, the base was a primary distribution point for more than a million pounds of relief supplies. He also noted the base's other geographic benefits as a strategic site for homeland defense, shoreline protection, drug interdiction flights, and a primary departure point for humanitarian relief efforts in Central and South America.

Commanders also asked for continued efforts to support the families of service members in the state. Their concerns included spouse employment assistance, affordable housing, and the

need to regulate extreme, high-interest "payday" loans, which can devastate the finances of unsuspecting service members with interest rates that can be more than 1,000 percent.

As a result of the last meeting in August, the governor has addressed issues concerning school immunization records for children of service members, emergency fuel supplies for the state, and several infrastructure needs of installations.

The next meeting will be Aug. 14 at the Florida National Guard Headquarters in St. Augustine.

# Homestead ARB dedicates conference center

By Dan Galindo  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Force and community leaders gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the new Heritage Hall Training and Conference Center here on Jan. 27.

Former 482nd Fighter Wing Commander Maj. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. and former U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek attended the ceremony before a short tour of the \$2.6 million facility.

"This [Homestead] Air Force base was the center of the community and provided jobs," said Rep. Meek, who helped obtain funding for the project in 1998 while she was a member of the House Appropriations Committee. "It was a privilege for me," she said.

HARB is the only stand alone Air Force Reserve base to have its own conference center.

"As the word gets out across the command, the phone will begin to ring," said Jess Holcomb, 482nd Chief of Services. "With all of the conferences, it will bring high ranking personnel from all areas, making Homestead a very highly visible base. This will help to ensure a continued mission at Homestead and fight against future [base realignment and closures]."

General Stenner, now the director of plans and programs for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB, Ga., conceived the idea for the center while commanding the 482nd FW from December 1998 to May 2001.

"You've got to use the leverage you have," he said. "And the leverage we've got is the location. The weather and area are attractive to units everywhere, so we can use that to bring business to this base."

"Heritage Hall is attractive to other units because it's a short distance from a major airport at MIA, it's new, it has all the latest, state of the art



Photo by Dan Galindo

**482nd Fighter Wing Commander Col. Randy Falcon is joined by former Congresswoman Carrie Meek and former 482nd Fighter Wing Commander Maj. Gen. Charles Stenner during a ribbon cutting ceremony at Homestead Air Reserve Base Jan. 27. The ceremony officially opened the \$2.6 million Heritage Hall Training and Conference Facility at the base. Heritage Hall is a state-of-the-art training facility built to host high-level meetings and training conferences from military units worldwide.**

audio visual equipment, and it has a Services staff dedicated to supporting catering needs," said Mr. Holcomb.

The appeal of the conference center is already apparent, being completely booked for the month of February, which saw the Florida Installation Commander's Conference on Feb. 10 with Gov. Jeb Bush. More groups are tentatively scheduled to use the facility in April and May, too.

The focal point of the building is the main conference room, which can seat nearly 200 with a large conference table and stadium style seating. The room can support video

teleconferencing and classified top secret briefings.

Located immediately adjacent to the Falcon's Nest Club and a short walk from base billeting, the center is in a highly convenient location on the base as well.

Contractors completed construction on Heritage Hall in April of last year. Since then, Services Squadron has added a patio between the Falcon's Nest Club and center, audio visual equipment, replaced conference seating and installed a kitchen.

# A short stroll down memory lane

By Dan Galindo  
482nd Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs

Visitors to the new Heritage Hall Training and Conference Center here at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. can take in a bit of Air Force and base history in the main hallway each time they enter the facility.

Model aircraft, photos, books, patches, pins and other historical artifacts greet passers-by in the center.

“We knew we would display Air Force and Homestead items that were part of history,” said Jess Holcomb, 482nd Chief of Services. “We also wanted to pay tribute to the history of



the base and those that served at Homestead before us.”

A highlight of the exhibit is a large wall-reproduction of the control tower and hangars from 1943.

“This is probably the most significant piece that we have,” he said. “There is also a book with pictures of base personnel which was published in 1964. In that book there is a picture of Airman Gary Scherer who is now a key civilian manager assigned to the 482nd Communications Squadron.”

“The display is not complete. We expect to build on it as time goes by,” said Mr. Holcomb.

(Above) A view of the control tower and aircraft hangars from 1942. A large reproduction is on loan to Heritage Hall from the Homestead / Florida City Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

(Right) Models representing aircraft assigned to Homestead Army Air Field in significant numbers line the main hallway. The A20 Havoc was the first military aircraft to transit the air field after it opened.



Photo by Dan Galindo

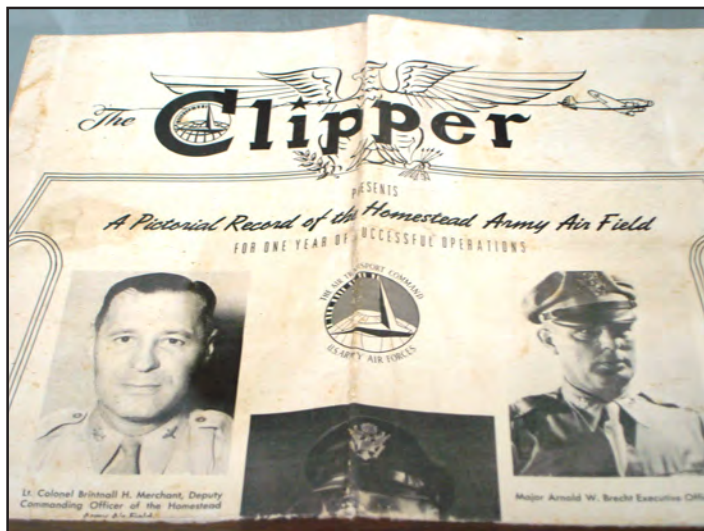


Photo by Dan Galindo

(Left) A 1943 copy of the base paper, The Clipper, was created for and by service members stationed at Homestead Army Air Field. After several format changes, the public relations office took over production in the spring of 1944. The first issue of The Clipper was published in Nov. 1942.

# Operational Readiness Exercise – the big picture

By Jake Shaw  
482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing will begin an Operational Readiness Exercise here at Homestead Air Reserve Base March 11.

“The ORE is a self-evaluation of our wartime readiness,” said Sean Quinn, Chief of Emergency Management.

This exercise, like all exercises, is focused on maintaining the skills we have, and improving areas that we need help in.

“We need to be ready to go anywhere, anytime,” said Lt. Col. Virgil Hamaty, 482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing Performance Manager.

“It’s like a team sport, where you practice everything until you’re good at it as a team. Right now we’re setting the game strategy for our team

and during the ORE we’ll practice our plays,” he said.

The ORE will take place over a seven day span, split into two separate phases. Phase I will last three days, and will test the wing’s ability to prepare for deployment to an area in Southeast Asia, said Col. Hamaty.

After three days of preparation, the wing will go through a transition day, in which our military personnel will be “on a plane” headed for the combat zone in Southeast Asia.

Phase II of the exercise will begin March 16, when our troops will be in a simulated combat zone.

During Phase II the wing will be “attacked” with chemical weapons and will be required to wear Individual Protective Equipment, including gas masks, said Mr. Quinn.

Safety is a priority throughout the ORE, but it becomes extremely important during Phase II.

It will be challenging for everyone to perform normal tasks while wearing the IPE and gas mask, so everyone will have to rely on a wingman to help them with things that would otherwise be easy, said Mr. Quinn.

To make things easier during Phase II, everyone should have his or her Airman’s Manual

with them at all times, and tab the pages that will need to be referenced frequently (see smartbox on this page).

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Lt. Col. Virgil Hamaty  
482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing  
Performance Manager

The Airman’s Manual (Air Force Manual 10-100) includes information all Airmen should know, regarding wartime and peacetime operations.

Besides the Airman’s Manual, everyone needs to have their gas mask and other IPE in serviceable condition, with a current inspection prior to the beginning of Phase II, according to Mr. Quinn.

Everyone should remember that this is a positive training opportunity for us, not an inspection, and you should call your unit’s Full Spectrum Threat Response representative if you have questions about your IPE or if you don’t have an Airman’s Manual, said Mr. Quinn.

A mandatory commander’s call will be held at 7:30 a.m. on March 11 to kickoff the ORE and provide more details.

## M-9 placement on the Ground Crew Ensemble

Label both biceps

Label both wrists

During exercise mark tape as “SIM M-9”

Label both ankles



### Pages to tab in Airman’s Manual

Page(s)	Topic
20	NBC Attack Warning Signals
21-35	Individual Protective Equipment
93-95	Big Voice Attack Warnings
126-137	Base Recovery Actions
145-148	Chemical Agent Protective Actions
153-175	Use of Gas Mask



Canadian F-18 pilot, Maj. Sylvain Menard, and his crew chief prep for aerial “combat” against Mako F-16s over the skies of South Florida. The pilots fly an average of two sorties per day and practice a wide array of tactics.



## Canadians train with Air Force Reservists

*Story and Photos by Lisa Macias  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Members of the Canadian Air Force flew into Homestead Air Reserve Base on Feb. 11 to participate in a joint international exercise known as ChumEx.

As a yearly event, Homestead ARB’s 93rd Fighter Squadron invites Air Force fighter units with dissimilar aircraft from allied nations to play “war games” and practice dog fighting skills.

This year, the 425th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Bagotville, Canada was the first unit to arrive, bringing five F-18s and 15 ground crew members to begin the exercise.

We “throw out the bait and stir up the fight, which is why it is referred to as ChumEx,” said Lt. Col. Mike “Bama” Lesman, a pilot with the 93rd Fighter Squadron.

One of the major aspects of ChumEx is the dog fighting, where the pilots go up in a six vs. eight or six vs. ten flying formation. The pilots from both units take turns playing the role of an adversary, or Red Air, simulating a MiG-29 or Su-27.

Not only is this a positive training experience for the pilots, but it also resembles a real-world scenario where Americans would serve alongside fellow coalition pilots in a NATO or multi-national mission.

“It is important for us to continue these types of exercises with our American brothers,” said Maj. Sylvain Menard, a Canadian Air Force F-18 pilot with the 425th.

“Not only is there an exchange of knowledge, but we enjoy the social aspect as well.”

Capt. Aaron Macluskie, another Canadian Air Force F-18 pilot with the 425th expressed how the training provides

a “ton of experience.”

The good weather seemed important as well.

“It is 30-below back in Canada,” he said.

The next unit to arrive for ChumEx in the month-long training will be the 441st Tactical Fighter Squadron from Cold Lake, Canada. In total, 87 Canadian Airmen will be involved in the exercise.

Another incentive in ChumEx is the familiarization rides the pilots will receive. The American F-16 pilots will have the opportunity to fly in the Canadian F-18s and vice versa.

After a busy hurricane season, followed by a four month deployment to Iraq, the Airmen at Homestead ARB seem happy to get some realistic training done while the weather is good.

“It’s great to have our buddies from Canada down here,” said Lt.Col. Lesman.

ChumEx will continue at Homestead ARB until mid-March.

**Three Canadian F-18s take off in diamond formation during ChumEx. The Air Force Thunderbirds perform a similar launch at airshows.**



(Right) 482nd Mission Support Group Commander Col. Dennis “D2” Daley passes the guidon to Capt. Paul Hubenthal as he assumes command of the 482nd Mission Support Squadron on Feb. 4. Capt. Hubenthal is also the chief of military personnel for the 482nd FW. He hails from Pittsburg, Pa. and was previously a personnel officer with the 419th Fighter Wing at Hill AFB, Utah. Capt. Hubenthal has been a member of the 482nd FW for two and a half years.



(Left) Chief Master Sgt. Leo Abate, left, retired after 38 years in uniform on Feb 4. Command Chief Master Sgt. Charles Clunie, center-left, Senior Master Sgt. Fred Harris, center-right, and Senior Master Sgt. Clarence Hill, right, thank his wife, Joanne, front, for all her support throughout his military career.

(Right) 93rd Fighter Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Jose “Hoser” Monteagudo and 93rd Fighter Squadron Director of Operations Lt. Col. Greg “Kato” Lee present a farewell memento to Chief Master Sgt. Leo “Mister Fix-it” Abate. Lt. Col. Monteagudo described Chief Abate as a “Pilot’s Crew Chief.” He joined the U.S. Air Force on Jan. 30, 1968 and was first stationed at Homestead 1971, after serving in Vietnam. Chief Abate will remain part of the Homestead team, working in the Transient Alert Facility.





(Left) Col. Dennis “D2” Daley, left, and Col. Randy Falcon, right, welcome Maj. Jeremy Peralta, as he took command of the 482nd Communications Squadron from Maj. Jennifer Hohman on Feb. 4 at the Falcon’s Nest Club. Maj. Peralta hails from San Francisco, Ca. and was previously stationed at the Defense Information Systems Agency, Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb.

(Right) Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy Thomas bid farewell to the Air Force Reserve and the 482nd Communications Squadron after nearly 36 years of service on Feb. 4 at the Falcon’s Nest Club. He served as the Information Systems Superintendent in his final position with the Comm Squadron. After four years of active-duty at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, Sgt Thomas joined the AF Reserve and the Homestead team in March, 1974.



(Below) Sgt Thomas is joined by his wife, Kim, and daughter, Zelena, during his retirement ceremony. Sgt. Thomas will continue his civilian work with the Social Security Administration and plans to open his own business in the near future.



# Environmental programs continually improving

By Jake Shaw  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 482nd Fighter Wing recently completed a five-day environmental compliance assessment here at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

This Air Force assessment is known as the Environmental Compliance Assessment Management Program, or ECAMP.

ECAMP is the Air Force's way of testing how well a base measures up to environmental regulations and standards. The ECAMP takes place annually, and leads to an external inspection and audit every third year.

And the results for Homestead Air Reserve Base look good, according to Mark Canfield, Air Force Reserve Command ECAMP Program Manager.

"Overall, the base improved by 47 percent when compared with last year's results," said Larry Ventura, 482nd Environmental Flight Chief.

When an ECAMP takes place, the base's environmental programs are scrutinized under 13 different areas, he said.

Some of the main programs assessed include the management of hazardous materials, hazardous waste, storm water, petroleum storage, solid waste and toxics.

Ventura says that the success of this particular ECAMP was due to the hard work of the Unit Environmental Coordinators at various units on base, and solid management by his five environmental program managers.

Although taking care of the environment is everyone's business, UEC's are the real eyes and ears of the base's green programs, said Ventura.

These personnel take on extra responsibility and are formally trained by both the Air Force Institute of

Technology as well as the base environmental staff, he said.

We have a total of 25 UEC's here, including at least one coordinator at each major tenant unit.

The inspectors were impressed by the quantity and involvement of our UEC's, and they gave us positive remarks for going above and beyond in managing the UEC program, he said.

The results from the ECAMP are kept internal, for use by base environmental personnel to correct any negative findings that were discovered during the inspection.

But some of the results are so positive that Ventura couldn't help but share them.

The 482nd Civil Engineering electric shop, under the management of Dave Dezalia and Tom Bishop received positive remarks for their management of universal waste, which includes light bulbs.

Also, the 482nd munitions storage area, managed by Stanley Riggs, Tito Rijo and Julio Suri earned kudos for excellent management of hazardous materials.

Inspectors were also impressed with our environmentally friendly base supply store and our new internal environmental website created by Molly Long, said Ventura.

With all the positive findings, Ventura says he is satisfied for now, but still has a great deal of work to do in order to prepare

the base as best as possible for the upcoming external inspection scheduled for Feb. 2007.

"Anytime there's a negative finding, I want to know why and I want to correct it quickly," he said.

"But that's why we have these assessments, so we can find the areas that need improvement, and get things in order," he said.

## 5 WAYS To Be Environmentally Friendly

- 1. Properly label, store and dispose of all hazardous materials and hazardous waste.**
- 2. Don't put anything in storm drains; nothing goes in storm drains except storm water.**
- 3. Store petroleum products in secondary containers (a container inside a container).**
- 4. Properly dispose of hazardous waste and recyclable items; neither belongs in the trash.**
- 5. Ensure you receive the environmental training that you require, and ask questions when you are in doubt.**

Call 482nd Environmental Flight  
at 305-224-7163  
if you have questions or concerns.