88th Air Base Wing Office kicks off Summer Safety '09

Voluntary Protection Program

Having fun is what summer is all about. People will be heading off to beaches, lakes, and campgrounds. This season, the 88th Air Base Wing Safety office is helping Airmen take care of each other by encouraging families, friends, and neighbors to make the summer season fun, make it safe, and make it home.

The period between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day poses the potential for greater risks to our Airmen when they schedule vacations or enjoy outdoor activities. It's a period when many service members visit family and loved ones and often travel longer periods than they should not ride or a break and it's also a time for boating parties, cookouts, and summer parties, which often combine alcohol consumption, hot weather, and high-risk activities.

Air Force Safety Center statistics from the past decade indicate that in some years, one-third of the total Air Force traffic fatalities occurred during the summer months. Therefore, the following primary factors continue to cause most motor vehicle fatalities: driving under the influence, excessive speed, not wearing a seat belt, lack of personal protective equipment, and fatigue.

During the summer of 2006, 10 Airmen died in off-duty mishaps.

As Freedom's Call Tattoo grows, so, too, does its technology exhibit

by Sharon Gifford
Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

For some people, their favorite part of Air Force Materiel Command's Freedom's Call is the impressive tattoo. For others, it's great music. Still others enjoy the free activities.

And then there are people who, like the tattoo, have a favorite part or all. All protect your equipment, get your tattoos and enjoy the free activities.

The national exhibit, which would be the fifth year for Freedom's Call, was the first time the event was held in the Air Force Materiel Command's Freedom's Call tattoo exhibit.

This year's Freedom's Call will feature a new technology exhibit.

One of the newest additions this year is an F-35 pilot training aid. The exhibit features top computer-complete with throttle and stick functions and goggles, allowing pilots to fly while looking at an accurate display of what is actually seen in cockpit.

Additionally, there will be a world-class event from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, an F-16 cockpit simulator and a 14-foot trailer filled with interactive displays, courtesy of the Air Force Research Laboratory's human factors organizations. The exhibit includes the Aeronautical System Center, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, 445th Air Base Wing and the Air Force Base Tattoo.

The event is free and open to the public.

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Museum host 5th Annual Spring Motorcycle Event May 29

You are invited to the 5th Annual Spring Motorcycle Event May 29. This year's event will be chaired by Mimi Owen, AFMC/AO74, and will be held at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The event is mandatory for military active duty that ride, plan on riding again or are awaiting motorcycle training.

All other base motorcycle enthusiasts (civilian, contractors, retirees, etc.) are "highly" encouraged to attend as it has been approved as an alternate training event.

Tickets for the door prize will only be handed out at the briefing. The door prize will be given away at the picnic portion of the event. Other prizes will be raffled off throughout the afternoon.

The second portion, starting at 11 a.m., is a mass motorcycle ride touring the area surrounding Wright-Patterson AFB. All riders with valid ID and on licensed vehicles are encouraged to participate in the ride. The ride will conclude in the parking lot adjacent to the museum. They will have the museum for a ride and tour and the base then return to the parking lot adjacent to the museum.

NOTE: Active duty must have attended a certified motorcycle safety course in order to participate in the ride.

You can attend the picnic without participating in the ride.

All protective equipment required by AFM 190-207 page 5, must be worn during the ride. This includes a highly visible upper garment (light color as opposed to dark colored) in WPAFB 03-204, page 19.

The third portion, starting immediately following the main briefing and continuing for the remainder of the day, is the Services sponsored picnic. This will be held at the National Museum grounds. The picnic is free to all motorcycle enthusiasts and those who decide to attend the event.

There will be multiple attractions at this event such as XXX Sprints Team California Superbike School putting riders through drills, a trials bike show, motorcycle dyno, and wheelie machine. We will also have several sponsors at the picnic to showcase equipment and bikes from shops in the local area. The sponsors include FAA's Davison Competition and Honda, Suzuki, and Yamaha in addition. We will have several NPS instructors available to answer questions and do complimentary motorcycle safety checks.

The purpose of the Spring Motorcycle Event is to bring all base riders together in a motorcycle friendly environment. Come out to see the shows, take part in the drills, mingle, talk, and have fun. The briefing and the picnic will go on rain or shine. In case of rain the picnic will move to Bld 106. In Area U. If you have any questions about the event or requirements please email do.safety.afm@mil.ffd/w2Основной мотошоу на Музее!

That's right! This year's Spring Motorcycle Event is going to be huge.

- Sprints Shows
- California Superbike School instructor doing drills with attendees
- Trials Bike Shows
- Motorcycle Dyno
- Wheelie Machine
- Free food
Air Force Chief of Staff visits NASIC

by James Lasnser
NASIC Public Affairs

"NASIC Attention!" echoed through the National Air and Space Intelligence Center's main entrance to announce the arrival of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

Hosted by Col. Scott George, NASIC commander, the Apr. 23 visit gave Schwartz an opportunity to see the Air Force agency firsthand.

NASIC analysts provided briefings on the size and distribution of strategic threats to U.S. air and space forces, including threats to the air, space and cyber realms.

The center deals not only in current threats, but also with the acquisition community to prepare today's designers for tomorrow's fights.

This visit gave NASIC an opportunity to update Schwartz on the next generation of threats to U.S. air dominance that fighters such as the F-22 are likely to fly against.

In addition to an overview briefing about the center's present capabilities and future plans, the visit also focused on NASIC's role in supporting the three key stakeholders of national policy: the military services, the Department of Homeland Security and the intelligence community.

Schwartz's visit was the most recent in a number of senior level visits to NASIC from within the U.S. Congress. Former U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, U.S. Congresswoman Nita Lowey and U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier have all visited NASIC.

Running point on those visits is Will Rangel, who leads the NASIC Distinguished Visitor Program.

"We keep pretty busy," Rangel said. "But it's very rewarding to help communicate the hard work of the NASIC analysts to the rest of the DOD community.

The center has also hosted more than 160 high-level visits in the past several months.

George later remarked how excited he was to have the center's work recognized. "It's important to have the Air Force at the center of our strategies," he said.

Those senior level visits are amazing opportunities for us," said George. "They serve as an important indicator that NASIC plays a vital role in our Nation and Air Force's future.

The 88th ABW Safety office presents: 'Comedy is the Cure'

Bernie McGrenaghan

The 88th Wing Safety office is proud to present comedian Bernie McGrenaghan's "Happy Hour" Wednesday evening. McGrenaghan's message is blaring to military bases around the world delivering a comedy show with an inspirational and powerful message. Bernie's program is the military's newest method of Safety Training: Comedy and Inspiration, together.

Do not miss this popular comedian and the touching and motivating message to inspire us all to achieve Mission Success.

The program will be presented "Live" on Apr. 23 at 1100 and 1400 at the Base Theatre in K lifestyles, Area C.

American Federation of Government Employees conducting membership drive

by Keisha E. Barlow
88th Mission Support Group Civilian Personnel Flight

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1138 will be conducting their second membership drive of 2009 at Wright-Patterson AFB. The membership drive will be held Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13.

Union representatives will be conducting free "Lunch and Learn" programs and information sessions at the designated locations.

The locations are listed below:

- Space Management, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Education and Training, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Finance, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Public Works, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Human Resources, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Information Technology, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Mail Services, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Logistics, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Materiel Management, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Medical, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Military Housing, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Security Forces, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Security Forces, Area E, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Transportation, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.
- Utilities, Area D, Building 154 at 1100 and 1400.

All remaining unit employees are welcome. For more information, please contact Keisha E. Barlow, Human Resources Specialist (Labor Relations), at ext. 4316. AFGE Local 1138 may be contacted at ext. 4316/4316.

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn - Area C, Building 210, "Today's Challenge" Conference Room B1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch and Learn - Area A, Building 830, Staff Dining Room (Near Vandenberg AFB), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Fair - Area B, Building 830, AAFES Lobby, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attention! Are you separating from active duty?

LAW AF16-3200 you are required to attend a Mandatory Separations Briefing. The Reserve In Service Recruiting Office conducts the Mandatory Separations Briefing every second Tuesday of each month in Building 2, room 246, starting at 12:00 p.m. Attending the briefing is Mandatory for every Office and Enlisted member separating Active Duty. Please contact Master Sgt. Brian Burton at ext. 5763 or 5764 or brian.burton@rheb.af.mil to ensure seating prior to attending the briefing and for all of your questions regarding Reserve opportunities upon separating Active Duty.

See what's new to Tattoo in 2009

- NASA ER-2 - The Earth Resources-2 Satellite, or ER-2, is a high-altitude airborne science aircraft. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or NASA, acquired its first ER-2 in 1980; the second was obtained in 1989. These aircraft replaced the previously used U-2 Dragonfly because it is now flying laboratories. The ER-2 is based at the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
- Liberty Jump Team - The Liberty Jump Team is a World War II military exhibition parachute team dedicated to the memory and honor of the men and women of the U.S. Air Force and other military personnel.
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- 86th Airborne Jump Team - The 86th Airborne Jump Team is the official representative of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, based at Fort Bragg, NC. The 82nd Airborne Division is the famed parachute force in the free world. The team will jump from a C-130 Hercules aircraft.
- U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team - The Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team is the traveling component of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, which is the official ceremonial unit of the U.S. Air Force. The team, which is based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, is the official Honor Guard of the U.S. Air Force. The team augments Air Force presence at all ceremonial events and military ceremonies, and also participates in air shows, civic functions, and community events.
- U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service's X-1 Supercar - The X-1 Supercar is a Ford Mustang car converted to resemble the inside of an F-16 Fighting Falcon. Put together by Air Force Recruiting Service, the X-1 officially displays Air Force Recruiting Service's interactive trailer display, as well.

For more information on Tattoo, log onto http://www.wpaaf.bell.army.mil/tattoo/. Follow Tattoo updates on Twitter at MySpace or MySpace at BAPMC Now.
Air Force Core Values: the price of admission

by Chief Master Sgt. Stan Skipper
Superintendent, 88th Medical Squadron.

We have made it through another tax season and by now the majority of us have sent in our tax returns. For most Americans, taxes are the price we pay to enjoy the freedoms this great country has to offer. Even though we do not always agree with how they are used, we feel an obligation to pay them. To be an Airman in today's Air Force, we must also pay a price. It is the price we pay for admission and that price is integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do – the Air Force Core Values.

Integrity first

Integrity is the single most important aspect of a person's moral character, it defines who we are. Integrity first is the foundation for the other core values and for how we are in the Air Force. For Air Force leadership, it is the building block for everything we do. Service before self is a realization that we are here to serve and to be of service to our country and our community.

Service before self

Military service calls for an enduring commitment and dedication. It demands a sense of service before self – a realization that mission requirements take precedence over individual desires. A 547th commitment military service requires us to make many personal sacrifices when our goals do not coincide with the needs of the Air Force.

Excellence in all we do

Excellence in all we do means just that. Doing what we are supposed to do the way we are supposed to do it, and doing it the best we can. Excellence is perfection as a standard. No matter the task, big or small, we must do the very best.

Integrity and excellence go hand in hand and remind us that we take the mission that we are doing and inspire us to always do what is right.

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The program will be presented "live" on 14 May at 1030 and 1400 at the Base Theatre in Kitty Hawk, Area C.

Green tip of the day

Bring a reusable water bottle, preferably aluminum rather than plastic, with you when traveling or at work. You can save money by refilling the bottle instead of buying a new one.
Team Wright-Patt honors first quarter award winners

Comedian drives home 'sober' message

Remember the real story behind Memorial Day

AFMC Colonels nominated for promotion to Brig. Gen.
FROM THE BLOG

Warfighters,

Welcome to my blog. I hope you all use this site because I'm curious to see what you're thinking and really looking forward to hearing what's on your minds! Take a minute to read the ROLL and instructions so we can get this conversation going, then bring it on!

— Col. Eustace Spacy
Commander, 884 Air Base Wing
"WARFIGHTER 1"

From the blog:

Join the discussion! Post your comments at https://my injected.military.mil/strafighters

WP Hot Topics:
- Gore 262 Closer
- Smoking
- Weapons on Bases
- Quiet Hours

Featured comments:

Speed Limit on D Street
I called and requested that this street in area B have its speed limit reduced to 10 MPH. I was told that since it is a parking lot or housing that they wouldn't reduce it. Now that all the curbing is in place in front of the 538 complex and there are actual roads, will that speed limit be increased from 15 to 25 MPH? What do you say we keep everyone safe and reduce D Street to 15 MPH?

Besides there is a lot more congestion on this street daily than there ever is in front of 538.

Self-Defense Class
May 2010 is a great chance to train to keep the group of people who gave the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) self-defense classes. I attended the April 24 class. It was very informative and the handson training really made a difference. I have watched videos of self-defense methods, but the hands-on training really brought it home. They did a great job!

I-75 Gate
I-75 Gate Gear – It was an 11 minute delay at the I-75 gate. I arrived at the end of the line of traffic today (5/6) and passed through the gate at 8:17. Good job to all those extra folks checking IDs. I can live with an extra 15-15 min commute for a couple of weeks.

Smoking Required Distance
I'd appreciate it if smokers would stand the required distance from the building so we non-smokers are not exposed to their smoke. There is an area set up, but I do not think it's required from the building. I work in Building 21 and am the main entrance.

Janitorial Contracts
If there is a contract in place for trash removal and it's not being done, the question is whether or not the people should take out their own trash, but why should the taxpayer money be spent on the contract? I don't mind taking out my own trash as long as there's a contract in place and being paid for the same purpose. Doing someone else's job for them is not doing your patriotic duty but just the opposite. If someone is getting paid to do a job but they're not, then it's their patriotic duty to bring it to someone's attention like this blog. On the other hand, if an organization decides to save money and remove trash because an office function then they should do it without complaint.

Another Bright Energy Savings Tip from: Capt. Kilowatt and Wrighty

Be energy smart... Conserve

Making improvements to your lighting is one of the fastest ways to cut your energy bills. An average household dedicates 12% of its energy budget to lighting. Using new lighting technologies can reduce lighting energy use in your home by 50% to 90%. Advances in lighting controls offer further energy savings by reducing the amount of time lights are on but not being used.

Education Spotlight

Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Graduation

The Education and Training Flight will be hosting the 2009 CCAF graduation May 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Keesler Theater in the Keesler Theater in the Keesler area. The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. Those attending the ceremony will be rewarded with a special announcement that will be made during the ceremony. The ceremony will be recorded and a DVD will be distributed to all attendees. For more information, please contact the Education and Training Flight at 627-5000.

Street Beat

VPP wants to know, ‘How do you stay safe in the workplace?’

Rosalin Miller 403 SCMS
“We have to. We have an industrial area here, and we’re inspected by multiple organizations. If somebody has an accident, it could mean the loss of life.”

Matt Beasly 402 SCMS
“We’re safety conscious here because we have to be.”

Dan Bingman 403 SCMS
“We stay alert to our surroundings, and keep up to date with safety briefings as a reminder of items you might forget.”

Keeley Done 402 SCMS
“Our safety person sends out emails each week, and we try to be wary of hazards in the workplace.”

Liane Condron 991 SCMG
“We keep up to date with training, and with the supervisor’s safety messages.”

Air Force Online News www.af.mil/news
Supervisors getting an extra serving of VPP

Commentary by Simone L. Koram
VPPAFS Volunteer Protection Program Manager

Greetings Wingmen, I would like to take this excellent opportunity to encourage your awareness by sharing with you one of the many creative ways the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (VPPAFS) Volunteer Protection Program (VPP) Team promotes safety in the workplace and at home. As a bonus, at the end of this article, I am going to share with you some meaningful ways to get involved and join the increasing momentum of VPP. So let’s get VPP IN ACTION started.

This week the VPP Team partnered with the Ground Safety Office by including a general VPP briefing to the already existing mandatory Supervisor Supervisory Safety Training (SST) Course. Course: Christopher Terry, Ground Safety Specialist, who is also the primary instructor started the class by welcoming the audience and introducing the VPP Team (your truly and of course, Tech. Sgt. Robert Brock, VPP program manager).

Brock began his briefing by asking the class “how many of you heard of VPP?”. Most of the supervisors nodded their heads, some looked baffled, and a few answered, “I don’t know what VPP is.” The instructor responded, “VPP is not another Safety Program. VPP is the Safety and Health Program.” He then elaborated on the importance of the audience being informed about VPP and它的 contribution to the overall VPP Program.

Brock’s presentation was well received, and the supervisors were eager to learn more. The presentation concluded with a Q&A session, where the supervisors asked questions about VPP and its role in the workplace. The audience was impressed with the information provided and the depth of the topic.

The next VPP briefing will be held soon, and the Ground Safety Office will continue to provide valuable information to the supervisors. The supervisors were encouraged to keep the information they received in mind and apply it to their daily work.

BBB offers advice on preventing unwanted solicitations

by John North
President & CEO
Better Business Bureau

Your BBB offers tips on reducing unwanted solicitations. Do you constantly receive junk mail or phone calls? Do you have a hard time saying no? These are common challenges that individuals face daily. Here are some effective tips to help you deal with unwanted solicitations.

Remove your name from mailing lists
Contact the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) Mail Preference Service to remove your name from many commercial mailing lists by visiting www.dmachoice.org. You can choose which types of mail you receive or opt-out completely, but you’ll continue to receive mail from companies not affiliated with the DMA, such as charities, local organizations, and political candidates. Also, tell companies you do business with not to rent or sell your information to other companies.

Register with National Do-Not-Call Registry
Register your home and cell phone numbers with the National Do-Not-Call Registry by visiting www.donotcall.gov. If you receive unsolicited calls, you can file a complaint online. Also, when telemarketers call, tell them you want your name and number removed from their lists.

Don’t give out personal information
Avoid providing too much personal information when filling out product warranties, ordering store drawings, and responding to Internet surveys. Companies profile you based on your buying habits and income and then sell this information to other marketers.

For more information about reducing unwanted solicitations, contact your BBB by calling 222-5823 or (800) 774-5301 or visiting www.bbb.org.
VPP Manager partners with Wingman Coordinator

Commentary by Carmen Schott

The Wingman Program’s goal is to ensure that we work together to promote safety and support to our fellow wingman. Our motto is get involved, intervene and take action at the appropriate time. Our program shares a common mission with the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) and we are working together to promote awareness.

Both programs have a similar mission and a similar goal, which is keeping our wingman safe. The VPP Program is a partnership between employees, management, the union, and OSHA which promotes worker’s safety through active and meaningful employee involvement. There are four core elements of the VPP and they are Management Leadership and Employee Involvement, Worksite Analysis, Hazard Prevention and Control and Safety and Health Program Evaluation.

The VPP Manager, Simone Koram knows the importance of building good partnerships.

“One of the many initiatives of the VPP is to foster partnerships in the community for example working with base support agencies and helping organizations. In our programs we can create a healthy and improved culture of safety and health among wingmen and families. In my 20 years of personal and work experience, helping people, and working on a variety of quality of life programs, collaboration has been a key ingredient to successful product and service delivery.,” Koram explained.

Wright Patterson Air Force Base is the first active duty Air Force installation that has received the VPP Star Site award. When I asked Koram how the VPP can help wingmen, she said, “We all need to understand that VPP is not just another safety program. VPP is a program that builds on the existing safety and health program. Simply, it’s another way to make the program better, as in, going above and beyond what is expected.”

“I would like our wingmen to understand when we follow the four key elements of VPP consistently,” Koram added.

There are many ways to get involved in VPP, for example reporting safety issues and recommending solutions. Perhaps you may want to participate in a safety inspection or help write a job safety analysis. Changing the culture means working together and everyone needs to be involved. It takes leadership, employee involvement and commitment to ensure that we are keeping each other safe and informed,” Koram said.

Koram is currently recruiting volunteers which she calls, “VPP Agents” which will be volunteers who help support her program. She is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as VPP Agents and training will be involved. You will begin to see the Wingman Program and Voluntary Protection Program working together in the community for further marketing and exposure.

Both programs share a similar mission and both are determined to create a safer and healthier environment across Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

If you are interested in keeping your fellow wingman safe across the installation please contact Simone Koram at 904-0586 for more information about the Voluntary Protection Program.

I want you to encourage you to continue to send Wingman Stories to us so we can show the importance of partnerships across our community.

Please email your stories to BBAW@CIVYBFWPASF.BAP.MIL or contact the Wingman Office at 517-7212 to schedule a meeting.

Retirement Seminar
Know Your Options

The best way to transition into Retirement is to know your options, this should start with a sound understanding of your benefits.

There will be a presentation on Retirement Benefits at the Hope Hotel. This event is open for all considering retirement in the next 12 months.

Reserved Seating is limited. You must reserve a seat.

RSVP 1-877-965-8886

Who Should Attend?

Must be in CSRS or FERS.

- Those wishing “What now” with TSP
- What is my best TSP option on retirement?
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- Those who have a SBP Conundrum.

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$295 HI-DEF BIG SCREENS
Serve like you mean it

by Col. Dawn Wilson
Commander, Aerospace Medical Squadron

"Service before self" is one of our core values; but have you ever considered how we serve? It's the details of how we accomplish our individual missions that set us apart. It's the small things that make the biggest impression.

Would you rather have someone greet you immediately when you walk up to their work counter or do you feel better served if they continue their phone conversation and have you stand there without acknowledging your presence?

How tough is it to explain why someone's running into you, having customers take a seat without any recognition of their wait?

If someone needs a report completed and turned in within a specified timeframe, have you actually performed a service to that person if you turn it in after the deadline?

The extra mile doesn't really take much energy, but the benefits are immense.

Many think of customers as people working outside their workbase, but customer service principles relate to all of us. We're all customers of each other. Today's Wingman Culture is directly in line with these principles. If we're really watching out for each other, we'll be interpreting a "well before self" attitude in everything we do.

It's easy to decide how to treat people by simply considering how you would wish to be treated. Better yet, think about how you would treat a situation if it were one of your loved ones presenting the request. If you consider how to perform your service with the golden rule in mind, you'll never go wrong.

There's an innate pleasure gained from the successful completion of a necessary task, and this is amplified when it directly involves fulfilling someone else's needs.

Although you may not consider your job to be a customer service position, all jobs are. Remember, it's the little things you do that help present a positive impression of yourself and your organization to those you serve.

We all have a job worth doing, and as they say, "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right!"

Base to host Volunteer Information Fair

by Josh Ayooshi
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A Volunteer Information Fair hosted by the Airman and Family Readiness Center, will be held at the Family and Community Center, 6 p.m. April 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Fair will host over 30 local volunteer agencies that highlight volunteer opportunities across the Dayton area.

"Volunteering comes from one's heart," said Dawn Iby, community readiness technician at the AFRC and leading base efforts for the volunteer program. "Some volunteer to give something back to the community and others find volunteering is a great way to build a resume and establish key contacts on the base and in the local community.

The fair is a part of National Volunteer Week April 19-25. The theme of the year's communication is "Celebrating People in Action." The fair will be held in the main area of the Family and Community Center, located in the Family Readiness Center.

More information can be obtained by calling 656-0191.

Direct Line

I want your suggestions and comments concerning WFPAB.

I want to start with the chain of command and base agencies an opportunity to resolve your concerns before calling the Direct Line. To contact the Direct Line:

E-mail: directline@wfpab.af.mil
Voice: 897-7570
Fax: 856-1279

Your question or concern may have already been addressed in a previous Skywritter issue. To make sure you have received the latest issue, please log on to the Web at https://directline.wfpab.af.mil.

Get fired up for spring cleaning

by Steve Ready
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Spring is the way bringing its many rituals, including spring cleaning, which also should be a fire safety activity. Most of the debris that accumulates over the winter months—boxes, stacks of paper, old clothes and other useless clutter—offer an excellent place for a fire to start.

Start by cleaning up all those newspapers. If there are too many to stack on the curb for recycling, bring them to the Base Recycling Center, located in Building 203, Area A.

Are there any old oil tanks you can get rid of? This is a good time to start a new fire hose and get a new furniture polishing cloth. What about those clothes that were used to wipe down the怎么样了? Get rid of them, too! It doesn't have to be very warm in your garage or storage area for oily rags to heat up and start a fire.

Remember, never fuel the lawnmower when the engine is hot. And never fuel it up inside the garage or the storage building. Take it outside in the open air. All flammable liquids should be stored in an approved container.

Green tip of the day

Placing trees can decrease the energy you need to cool your space as well as provide a place to hang a tire swing.

Shade trees can reduce the need for air conditioning by 10 to 40 percent. Shaded walls are 20 degrees F cooler at peak temperatures. Trees also raise property values and provide a nice refuge from the heat. Get the best results by planting trees to the west and southwest of buildings.

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Proposed range will provide training for EOD personnel

by Derek Kaufman
89th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Base officials are accepting public comment on the proposed construction and operation of a range to train Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel here.

"It will be used for the proficiency training of EOD personnel and also for any emergency detonation of munitions coming from communities around Wright-Patt," said Raymond Baker, chief of the safety branch with the 88th Air Base Wing's Environmental Management Division.

A draft Environmental Assessment evaluated four candidate locations on base for the training area. The proposed Shoot Avenue site is located on the northern boundary of Huffman Prairie in Area C of the base, just south of the existing airfield Hazardous Cargo Area. Three alternative locations are also identified.

The planned construction is relatively simple and would include a 6-foot tall concrete wall barrier around the detonation area — where blocks of 104 explosive rounds ranging from 1 inch to 5 pounds would be detonated. The safety zone would extend out 500 feet, secured by fencing, Baker said.

Officials noted although Wright-Patterson's EOD Flight has always conducted its own training, the amount has not increased enough to warrant expansion. However, the base is adapting and using local and military Explosive Ordnance Disposal units to meet the needs of the Air Force.

Patton has had either an Air Force or Army EOD capability for more than 40 years, and the current Air Force Flight has been stationed at the base since September 2001 and does not have a dedicated range to conduct Air Force required proficiency training. At a temporary training area on base EOD specialists are currently limited to using the explosive equivalent of 50 caliber or 12-gauge shot gun cartridges, said Tech Sgt. Myrah John, an EOD team leader with the 88th Air Base Wing Civil Engineer Directorate.

The new range will provide vital proficiency training for new and experienced EOD personnel who frequently deploy in support of joint warfighters, said John. Wright-Patterson's EOD unit is currently authorized 17 Airmen, who typically deploy for six month periods to places like Iraq and Afghanistan, where Improvised Explosive Devices or IEDs are the number one killer of U.S. and coalition forces.

"This is a very perishable skill," said John of the explosive training and techniques used by EOD personnel. "We are constantly being refined in response to the adaptability and creativity of our enemies."

This training ensures we stay safe and proficient with the explosives we use to disarm IEDs. It helps save lives, John said.

According to the Environmental Assessment, training at the range could occur three days per week, up to eight hours per day. Most of the time involved is setting up and training with the explosive materials involved.

The public is invited to review the draft Environmental Assessment and draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative at the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, 2840 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, Ohio.

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All hands on deck! It's time to look at boat safety

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Bring out the boat for the first time in months. It can be exhilarating for boating enthusiast. The thrill of removing that tarp from your boat for the first time in months prepares one for a lazy summer day on the lake.

However, a responsible skipper pays just as much attention to racing as to polishing the stern time and time again. Taking new consideration all safety precautions can help keep a good day on the lake what it is intended to be — stress free.

Boaters should begin by checking the laws and regulations of the local state, county and lake where you will be boating. Ohio revised code has detailed regulations that should be reviewed prior to an outing. For example on Eastwood Lake in Dayton, swimming and wading are not permitted, yet waterskiing and tubing are.

Knowing the laws is a great start but there are still some life-saving safety habits which that

should not be ignored.

Wearing a personal flotation device should be one of the most important habits for all boaters. It is not just a fashion statement but it can save your life. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, more than two-thirds of all boating fatalities in 2007 were due to drowning, of which 95 percent were not wearing a life-jacket.

Another potentially life-saving behavior that boaters can do to ensure they never leave the dock prepared is to make a pre-boarding checklist. What should your list include? Here are just a few suggestions:

1. Make sure that you have the appropriate amount of life-jackets on board. Remember, the life-jacket to passenger ratio on your vessel must be no less than 1:1 per Ohio state regulations. Also, all life-jackets must be Coast Guard approved and information of those regulations can be found on the Coast Guard’s web page.

2. Check the local forecast before you leave. The last thing you want is to get stuck in the middle of thunderstorm on your way off.

3. Check the pressure reading on the on-board fire extinguisher. A faulty extinguisher can easily be the cause of a boat fire.

4. Check your navigation lights. If you are boating when there is not abundant sunshine, you must ensure that other boaters can see you from a ways away. According to the Coast Guard, collisions with other vessels accounted for 96 casualties and more than 1300 accidents in 2007. Remaining visible with your lights in the first step in preventing these accidents.

5. Do not operate a boat under the influence. The Coast Guard reported that alcohol was the primary contributor in 21 percent of fatal boating accidents in 2007; making alcohol the leading contributor to boating fatalities. Boat smart. Boat sober.

Making the extra effort to prepare and protect yourself and others on the boat is the best way to ensure a safe and fun outing.

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Analysis reveals strong safety foundation at AFRL

by Daryl Meyer
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The results of the Gap Analysis confirmed what many already believed, that the Air Force Research Laboratory has a firm foundation to meet the ultimate Voluntary Protection Program goal of driving down preventable mishaps to zero.

The analysis, conducted in early April of AFRL directorates located at Wright-Patterson, consisted of visits to 20 separate work centers and more than 30 formal interviews. Lt. Col. Wade Weisman from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics led the team of safety professionals conducting the analysis.

Weisman said, "AFRL is extremely well organized across the board. The purpose of the analysis is to document the directorate's progress and identify any areas needing improvement. The 'gaps' between current standing and the requirements recorded electronically in an 'eVPP' tool until they are corrected and closed. Once sufficient gap closure progress has been made, they apply to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for a formal worksite inspection."

"Our thanks to the whole team for helping us better understand our baseline," said the AFRL Vice Commander, Col. David Hilde II. "The team validated that we have a good baseline, but also pointed out ways we can get better in our workplace safety and health."

Glade chaired the VPP Executive Steering Committee, a group comprised of all the deputy directors across AFRL. The group has been chaired by Maj. Gen. Curtis Bedke, AFRL commander, to personally oversee the Lab's VPP progress.

"I appreciate all the support given to the team this week," Weisman said. "The senior leader commitment in AFRL is really astounding and that is good OSHA will see that commitment right away when they come to visit later."

Weisman identified a number of areas that showed great consistency, especially in safety procedures training. He suggested some of those 'best practice' workcenters could share their processes with other units to achieve the same results across the Wright Research Site and AFRL as a whole.

Of the 243 total elements the team observed, AFRL showed that 95 percent were either completed or in progress.

Although VPP is ultimately an OSHA program to recognize "best in class" workcenters, it is widely credited throughout industry for dramatic reductions in workplace accidents and the associated costs in terms of both dollars and human tragedy.

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Air Force Research Laboratory begins VPP journey

Voluntary Protection Program

by Daryl Moyar
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The Air Force Research Laboratory began the process this week to incorporate the Voluntary Protection Program into all levels of the organization. Since its inception by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the early 1980s, VPP has recognized "best in class" workplaces for their attention to the health and safety of their workforce. It is credited throughout industry for dramatic reductions in workplace accidents and the associated costs in terms of both dollars and human tragedy.

During a briefing in the AFRL Headquarters Monday, Lt. Col. Wade Weisman from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics explained the VPP Gap Analysis process to the AFRL leadership.

He found a strong advocate in AFRL Commander Maj. Gen. Curtis Bedke, who has experience with VPP in a prior command at the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif.

"I've seen it work and I believe in it," Bedke said. "This program has a 35-year record of success in industry, so it is proven. This is nothing but good."

The Gap Analysis process, Weisman explained, identifies areas needing improvement to meet VPP standards. In many cases, the improvements may be as small as "tweaking standard operating procedures under the Air Force Safety Program to meet VPP standards. Once sufficient gap closure progress is made, units can apply for an OSHA evaluation for Star status, the highest level of recognition in VPP."

"This isn't an inspection where you correct items and 30 days later you're done," Weisman said. "This is about changing a culture and that takes time."

In December 2008, the 88th Air Base Wing here became the first active-duty Air Force unit to receive the Star award. Bedke was quick to put a human perspective on the program.

"We're not doing this to get awards or save money or to see our states go down," he said. "We're doing this so that every night all our people go home with their bodies intact. We are doing this because we care about our people and we don't want them to get hurt or killed."

As part of the analysis, members from the DOD Center of Excellence visited the four Technology Directorates, 711th Human Performance Wing, and the Headquarters element that comprise the AFRL units on Wright-Patterson. Team members will have the opportunity to observe work centers and conduct interviews with employees. In addition, Weisman will personally interview senior leaders from each unit.

The work center visits are less about finding "safety discrepancies" and more about assessing the general attitude of the work force. The team is more interested in seeing how people take the initiative to identify and correct potential mishaps or unsafe conditions, Weisman said.

"This is not a compliance inspection," the colonel said. "We want to see the response if we do find something. Is it immediately resolved?"

Such an evaluation gets right to the core of the management and employee involvement — one of the four "key elements" of VPP.

"Every single person has a role to play in VPP. There has to be involvement up and down the chain of command and at all levels of the organization," Bedke said. "I desire and expect full cooperation."

Weisman said the team will brief the results of the Gap Analysis to AFRL leadership Friday.

"I think it is important to recognize that we aren't starting VPP to fix something that is broken," Bedke said. "AFRL already has a great safety culture. Nonetheless recognizing that we can always get better and that VPP has such a strong record of success — why wouldn't we do it?"
Motorcycle training available for beginning riders

by the 88th Air Base Wing Safety Office

The 88th Air Base Wing Safety Office has pre-purchased motorcycle training slots for spring/summer 2009. These slots are intended to train beginner motorcycle riders at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in safe riding techniques and to meet Air Force requirements. These slots are available at the rate of $250.00 per person. Beginner riders may obtain a slot for training by contacting their respective Unit Motorcycle Safety Coordinator. The UMSC will then contact the Safety Office to request a class date. The trainer will then be required to report to the Safety Office to complete the required paperwork to secure the slot. Once trained, secure a slot, they are required to attend the training on the assigned date, as these slots have been pre-paid. A 5% reduction discount is offered to those who pre-pay.

If pre-paid slots have been filled, individuals can still log into the following link for training: http://www.football.ohio.com/ and schedule training with any of the listed training locations. Upon completion of the course, individuals should report to the 88th Air Base Wing Safety Office, Building 110, Area C, with their Motorcycle Safety Foundation Card.

New exhibit highlights ‘100 Missions Up North’ at the museum

A major new exhibit, titled “100 Missions Up North,” opens March 8 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Highlighting the story of brave aircrews who flew missions in the deadly skies above North Vietnam and neighboring countries in the Southeast Asia War.

Located in the Modern Flight Gallery, the exhibit features more than 50 historical photographs, approximately 100 artifacts, such as flight suits, boots, hats, unique patches, and first-hand accounts of the courage of many U.S. Air Force pilots and ground crew.

The exhibit’s name is derived from the number of missions flown by the 100th Bombardment Group, one of the most successful and decorated B-52 units of the Vietnam War. The anniversary of the 100th Bombardment Group’s 100 missions serves as the basis for this rich tradition with its own proud customs, such as elaborate celebrations, wearing of “Bucled” proof” patches on the ground.

When people speak about completing 100 missions, they do so with reverence and respect,” said museum director Maj Gen (Ret.) Charles D. Meyers. “The brave men and women who flew to extraordinary lengths to complete the mission and their accomplishments deserve to be recognized by the Air Force’s national museum.

Achieving 100 missions over Vietnam in an F-105 “Thunderchief” aircraft had particular significance during wartime. Between 1965 and 1968, it was more likely than not an F-105 airman would be shot down at least once during his tour, and the odds of completing a 100-mission tour were not good. Other aircraft that were involved included the F-4, RB-52, RB-47, and RF-101.

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force is the world’s largest and oldest military aviation museum, featuring more than 400 aerospace vehicles and more than 17 acres of indoor exhibit space. Thousands of personal artifacts, photographs, and documents highlight the people and events that comprise the Air Force story, from the beginnings of military flight to today’s operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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"Everyone in this command has to contribute to warfighter support. It's our job. Another priority is the sustainment of the civilian workforce. Hoffmeyer said his leaders are filling civilian employee vacancies to the maximum extent possible. He said a robust workforce will help AFMC better achieve its mission.

"We must move faster and push our vacation levels," he said. "And whether we're hiring from the outside or picking from a pool of retired or reserve service members, we must have the best qualified people, regardless of where they come from."

Hoffmeyer praised his commanders for making progress in energy and resource conservation since he took command in December 2008. "It's up to you to set the tone for your people and treat every penny as if it were your own," he said.

To emphasize the conservation priority, the following is heard from Michael Ainsworth, the assistant deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support at Headquarters Air Force. He discussed how the Air Force has made great strides in energy conservation over the past several years.

Also Tim Bridges, AFMC's director of Communications, Installations and Mission Support briefed on several energy conservation initiatives under way or planned for AFMC.

Conference attendees heard other updates on issues central to AFMC's warfighter support mission, including a status report on the Global Logistics Support Center, Centralized Asset Management and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's initiative known as high velocity maintenance. Command officials hope high velocity maintenance will reduce the time aircraft are out of service and increase depot maintenance by doing more advanced planning and finding efficiencies in the maintenance process.

Topics relating to the command's "people" priorities included the command's suicide prevention and workplace violence programs and its Volunteer Protection Program safety initiatives."