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A day to remember

Memorial Day offers time for reflection of wars past and present

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319th Air Refueling Wing ♦ Warriors of the North

Inside:

Weekend weather

Today	70/50	Mostly cloudy
Saturday	70/48	Thunderstorms
Sunday	70/49	Thunderstorms
Monday	67/42	Thunderstorms



*Weather information courtesy
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight*

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Memorial Day hits home every time

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

I can remember back in 1982 in seventh grade when we had a special Memorial Day assembly in Wakefield High School in my hometown in Wakefield, Mich.

The program took place before the actual observance of Memorial Day, but as I explain, it had all the right people there to make a difference in my life.

Along the row of veterans lined up behind the podium were four World War II vets, three Korean War vets, about five Vietnam War vets, and off to the side a bit was the town's lone remaining World War I vet who sat in a wheel chair with a red and white blanket over his lap.

I remember the line-up vividly, mostly because it gave an awesome veteran presence of people from my small town of less than 1,500 people who had served in wars past. The World War I vet proved to me that at this program there were, at the time, people who had served in all the services – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard – in a period of time that covered more than 65 years.

Ceremonies began with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner and a prayer from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post chaplain. One of the vets then began

reading the names of town members who died in service to their country through each of the wars that each of the vets were there representing.

As this was going on, sitting next to me was my best friend Jeff Laessig and not far away was another friend, Danny Negro. As the names were being read, a couple of names kind of made me pay attention ... “Korean War ... Kenneth Laessig” ... “Vietnam War ... Daniel Negro.”

When I first heard the name Kenneth Laessig, I turned to my friend Jeff and asked him, “Jeff, do you know who that is?” He simply replied, “That was the uncle I never knew, but whom I know all about.”

He later told me it was his father's brother, an Army private, who died in combat in the Korean War defending an outpost set up during the Inchon invasion which turned the tide in that war.

The other name that echoed similarities was Daniel Negro, the same name as my friend Danny. As it turned out, when I got back to class later that afternoon, I asked Danny about it and he told me it was his uncle who died in combat. His dad named him after his uncle in honor of his fallen brother. Private 1st Class Daniel Negro died in Vietnam as a member of an Army patrol that was strafed with enemy

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Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

Col. Mark Ramsay, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander, stands with McGruff “the Crime Dog” following the signing of the base Police Week proclamation. The 319th Security Forces Squadron ended their Police Week observance May 21.

machine gun fire.

From that day on, I had a new respect for our town's, and our nation's war heroes. It didn't matter that I didn't know the men who died or served personally. It was the fact that they went overseas and did their country's calling.

Every year since then, I think about that, and it was a defining reason why I am in the military today. If, in some small way, I could even come close to what they did for our country, then I am fulfilling my duty.

Today, many others I know from my hometown are serving in every branch of the military, on Navy ships in the Persian Gulf, on Air Force bases in Korea, in mil-

itary encampments in Afghanistan and Iraq, and throughout the United States and the world.

Many of us can look back and probably find similar memories of people who have served, who are serving, and who are making a difference. To me, this is what Memorial Day is all about and will be for the rest of my life.

I encourage you to go out and be a part of Memorial Day activities somewhere and remember those people from past and present who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the defense of our precious freedom. Without the service of our veterans, both past and present, we would not enjoy the life we have today.

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Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Cover
Every year during Memorial Day, base members participate in local communities commemorations. This issue of *The Leader* highlights those efforts and discusses the reason behind Memorial Day.

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Base members support Memorial Day events

Compiled from staff reports

Base members will span out this Memorial Day weekend to support a variety of programs and efforts in both North Dakota and Minnesota.

The base Speaker's Bureau is sending 18 speakers where people will serve as the featured guest speaker in eight communities in Minnesota and 10 communities in North Dakota. Base members will also help put flags on veteran's graves in Grand Forks' observance.

Following is a list of what base members will be doing to support Memorial Day events.

North Dakota

□ **Grand Forks** – Active duty base members and families will be assisting in putting up American flags at cemeteries in the Grand Forks area starting at 3 p.m. today, said Mr. John Hanson, family support center and North Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars senior vice commander. "The flags will be put on the graves of veterans who have gone on before us."

At Sunnywood Memorial Gardens, there will be more than 300 flags placed on the graves.

"Last year at Sunnywood I saw base members and their families with children in buggies and strollers who were walking with the flags in the children's hands," Mr. Hanson said. "They were honoring people they have never met and families they didn't know. It was overwhelming to see the children and families pay honor to the veterans at the cemetery."

"You have to be there to see the total effect the base has on by helping the VFW put out the flags," Mr. Hanson said. "Without the help of the military, it took more than three hours to cover the cemetery in the past. Now they have it completed in less than an hour. This is one way of showing that the base cares about the community."

On Monday, Grand Forks' VFW Post 1874, along with the local Disabled American Veterans Chapter, will conduct a memorial service at the Sunnywood Memorial Gardens on South Washington Street in Grand Forks, said Mr. Hanson. The service starts at 11 a.m. with a presentation of the colors, speaker, chaplain reading, a 21-gun salute, and the playing of "Taps" by a bugler from a local school.

Also on Monday at 9:30 a.m., the Grand Forks American Legion post will hold a Memorial Day observance in Memorial Park Cemetery. Army Reserve Lt. Col. David Jones will be the featured guest speaker for this event.

□ **Larimore** – **Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Moore**, 319th Air Refueling Wing chapel, will be the featured speaker for this community's observance at 10 a.m. Monday in Larimore High School.

□ **Lakota** – **Master Sgt. Darrell Williams**, 319th Maintenance Squadron, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at 11 a.m. in the Lakota Community Center.

□ **Devil's Lake** – **Mr. John Hanson**, family sup-

port center, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at 9:45 a.m. in the Devil's Lake VFW's Memorial Union.

□ **Adams** – **Capt. Patricia Lang**, 319th ARW public affairs, is the guest speaker for this observance Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Adams Civic Center.

□ **Park River** – **Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol**, 319th ARW public affairs, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Park River City Hall.

□ **Pembina** – Base speaker is TBD. Observance takes place Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Pembina.

□ **St. Thomas** – **Airman 1st Class Delmar Thomas**, 319th MXS, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at four area cemeteries near St. Thomas.

□ **Thompson** – **Airman Allison Mills**, 319th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at 11 a.m. in Thompson High School.

□ **Walhalla** – **Staff Sgt. Michael Taddy**, 319th ARW command chief master sergeant office, is the guest speaker for this event Monday at 11 a.m. in the Walhalla Legion Hall.

□ **Forest River** – **Staff Sgt. Richele Aumiller**, 319th Mission Support Squadron, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday from 9 a.m. to noon in cemeteries in Johnstown, Forest River, Inkster, and Ardoch.

Minnesota

□ **East Grand Forks** – **Col. Michael Saville**, 319th Maintenance Group commander, will be the featured guest speaker for the East Grand Forks Memorial Day observance in Resurrection Cemetery Monday at 11 a.m.

□ **Crookston** – **Airman 1st Class Renae Wyatt**, 319th Communications Squadron, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Crookston Oakdale Cemetery.

□ **Fisher** – **Master Sgt. Gary Cleland**, 319th ARW military equal opportunity office, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in three cemeteries near Fisher.

□ **Oslo** – **Capt. Kale Mosley**, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, is the guest speaker for this obser-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Base members will support Sunday and Monday Memorial Day activities in places like Roseau, Minn., where the above observance took place in 2003.

vance Monday at 10 a.m. in the Oslo American Legion.

□ **Argyle** – **Tech. Sgt. Dennis Clay**, 319th CS, is the guest speaker at this event Monday at 10 a.m. in Argyle School.

□ **Plummer** – **Airman 1st Class Nicole Robokoff**, 319th CS, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Plummer City Park.

□ **Stephen** – **Staff Sgt. Shelley Klukas**, 319th MSS, is the guest speaker for this observance Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Stephen School.

□ **Thief River Falls** – **Lt. Col. Gerald Perkins**, 319th Comptroller Squadron, is the speaker for this event Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Greenwood Cemetery in Thief River Falls. The base Honor Guard will also have a team supporting this observance.

Briefs

Open house fundraising

Private organizations, special interest groups, booster clubs and morale teams wishing to raise funds at Friends and Neighbors Day July 10 must submit requests by today. Make requests on-line at <http://www.gf-services.com/FR.html>. Since this event will be counted as a fundraiser, groups should remember only two are allowed per quarter.

Booster clubs and squadron teams desiring to sell non-food merchandise of any type must coordinate with the 319th Services Squadron, which will manage all concession rights. Registration for merchandise sales will not be accepted after the close of business today. This deadline is required in order to develop the concession layout plan and to acquire sufficient booth resources.

For details call Tom Rector at 747-6992, Dee Linneman at 747-3235, or George Wolf at 747-3051.

Open house volunteers

Come be a part of something grand – the first base open house since 1998 set for July 10. Volunteers are needed for all kinds of missions related to the event. To volunteer or for more details, e-mail Maj. Ryan Marshall at ryan.marshall@grandforks.af.mil or call 747-4541.

MEO entrance

The main entrance to the 319th Air Refueling Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office is closed until further notice due to parking lot and building construction.

To visit them in Building 207, they ask customers to park on the commissary-side parking lot of the family support center and look for the sidewalk sign pointing the way to MEO's back door. For details call 747-3200.

Cartoonist visit

Steve Edwards, local author of "A Cartoonist's view of Life in the Red River Valley," will make an appearance and presentation at the base library on June 8 at 1:30 p.m. This presentation is free and appropriate for all ages. People who attend the presentation will also receive one Around the World in 90 Days game piece. For details call the library at 747-3046.

Air Force One Source and money

Whatever your income or family situation, you probably have some issues with money. Below you'll find 10 quick tips for getting control of your money:

Log-on to Air Force One Source at <http://www.airforceonesource.com> with the user identification "airforce" and the password "ready." People can call Air Force One Source at 1-800-707-5784.

Air Force One Source, an on-line family assistance tool, has a variety of resources that can help Air Force members and their families better understand their finances and offer tips for better financial management.

For details about Air Force One Source, call the family support center at 747-3241.

CES1 service call

Have you ever wondered who to call in the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron with a question about work orders, construction, environmental programs, or housing?

Just dial 747-CES1 (2371) and a friendly customer service representative will answer and route the call to the correct 319th CES office.

Flower vouchers

From Monday through June 25, the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron will be issuing flower vouchers to military family housing residents through the self-help store to improve family housing landscaping.

The vouchers allow housing residents to purchase \$20 worth of bedding plants and flowers at three local garden shops. The voucher can't be used for vegetables, trees or shrubs.

The self-help store is located at Building 418, at the corner of Tuskegee and Eielson, and is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:45 to 11:15 a.m., and from 12:30 to 4 p.m. For details call the store at 747-3400.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Military brings Iraqi children gifts from America

By Master Sgt. Jon Hanson
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFP) – More than 300 Iraqi children from a small village near here thanked the Airmen and Soldiers who delivered a large number school supplies and toys from American children.

About 30 Airmen and Soldiers traveled May 17 to the village to hand out school supplies and toys to the children. The items were

collected and sent by school children from the communities of Niceville and Valparaiso in Florida.

Primarily five school children from three different schools organized and collected the supplies, said Diana Reese who supervised the Florida project.

They also raised almost \$2,500 for shipping and for buying extra supplies to make tote bags.

“The total estimate on all the supplies they sent was (more than) \$10,000,” Mrs. Reese said. “They are still collecting and

planning to send more.”

A lot of time went into this project, she said.

“Between the fund-raisers and organizing and packing these bags, I am sure every one of these kids has several hundred hours invested,” Mrs. Reese said. “The five main kids gave up entire weekends to go stand in front of (stores) to raise money to cover shipping and supplies they needed to put the packages together.”

Lt. Col. Craig King, 332nd AEW chief of

safety, who is from Niceville, was especially grateful for their work since his children were able to participate.

“It’s pretty cool to be able to show my kids pictures of their donations being placed directly into the hands of their Iraqi counterparts,” Colonel King said.

“Seeing that sort of thing makes the Iraqi situation, and our contribution to it, seem a little more real back home.

“Hopefully, it’s something neither the Iraqi kids, nor my own will ever forget.”

Tornado activity

Exercise prepares for real response on same day

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

It was a dark, overcast day May 19, the perfect day for a tornado exercise – or an actual tornado.

Base officials held a tornado response exercise in the mid-morning hours May 19 and by the evening, the base tornado sirens were sounding for the real thing as tornados touched down in areas within miles of the base.

“We knew there was a chance of severe weather in the area on the same day as the exercise,” said Senior Airman Robert Frost, 319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight.

The “chance” soon turned into reality when a tornado touched down 16 miles southwest of base around 5:30 p.m., weather officials said. At that time tornado sirens started sounding.

How close is 16 miles? The distance from the wing headquarters to the city of Grand Forks is 15 miles. Fortunately, Airman Frost said, the actual storms carrying the tornadoes stayed away from the base.

“The weather that actually came across the base had thunderstorms and small hail,” Airman Frost said.

In the exercise for tornado response at around 10 a.m., base members heard sirens and played along to see how well wing response capabilities worked.

“The scenario was pretty straight for-



Photo courtesy of 319th Air Refueling Wing inspector general office

Smoke hovers near a fire truck as firefighters respond during a tornado response exercise on base May 19.

ward,” said Maj. Charles Huhtala of the 319th Air Refueling Wing Inspector Generals Office. “We planned that a tornado touched down and destroyed the base operations building, set the fire department on fire, and destroyed another building that housed the connections for the runway lighting.”

The scenario also called for several casualties, Major Huhtala said, and it tested the base’s ability to respond to the situation.

“The exercise started with the air traffic control tower spotting a tornado and then the base went through the motions for sheltering-in-place and sounding the alarm,” Major Huhtala said.

After the simulated tornado “hit” the base, everyone responded.

“The first responders – the firefighters and the medical group people – did an

excellent job when they arrived on scene,” Major Huhtala said.

The exercise ended earlier than planned – not because of weather, but other real-world issues, Major Huhtala said.

However, he said, enough was done to see how well the base can respond to a tornado touchdown on the installation.

“Despite the fact the exercise ended early, we accomplished what we wanted to as evaluators,” Major Huhtala said. “Overall, the base did a great job.”

One of the exercise-ending events was at the sports and fitness center where dust in the ventilation system tripped the sensors on the fire alarms, causing a real world response to the alarm.

“After they came and shut off the alarm, it caused more dust to filter into the

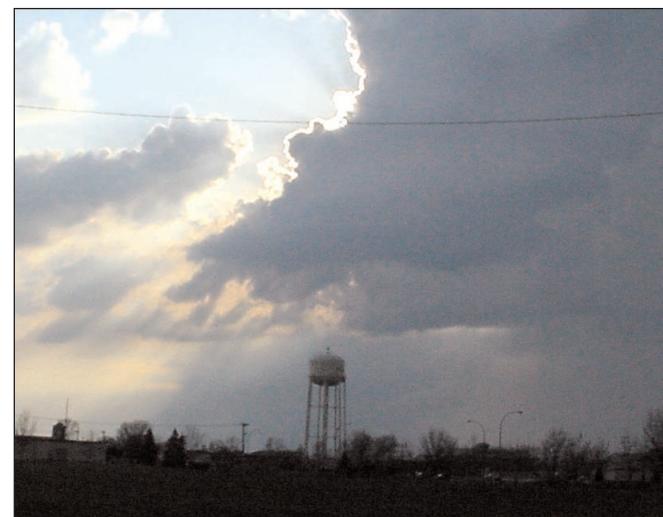


Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

This photo, taken after tornado warnings were cancelled May 19 on base, shows the weather system that passed through the area.

ventilation system,” said Tech Sgt. Peter Bruni, non-commissioned officer in charge of the sports and fitness center. “When the dust got into the system, it all came out into the men’s locker room and had the appearance of smoke.”

After the event at the sports and fitness center, the exercise continued as usual until it was reported that a small amount of asbestos was released in a small utility closet in the operations and maintenance group building. That building was evacuated. The occurrence at Building 607 ultimately ended the exercise, but no one was seriously affected by the exposure.

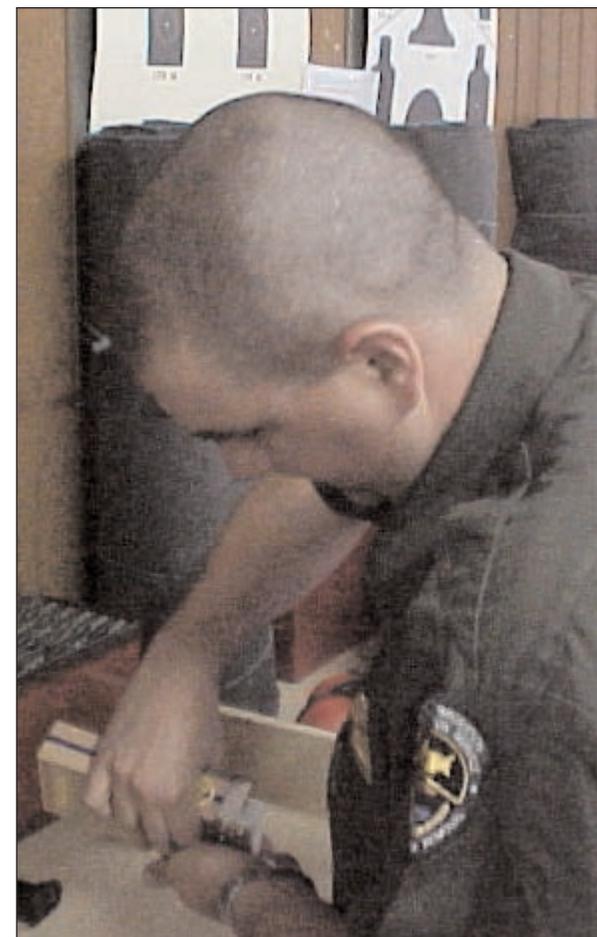
**Be safe this Memorial Day weekend –
Don’t Drink and Drive!**

Police Week activities finish with Warrior Challenge events

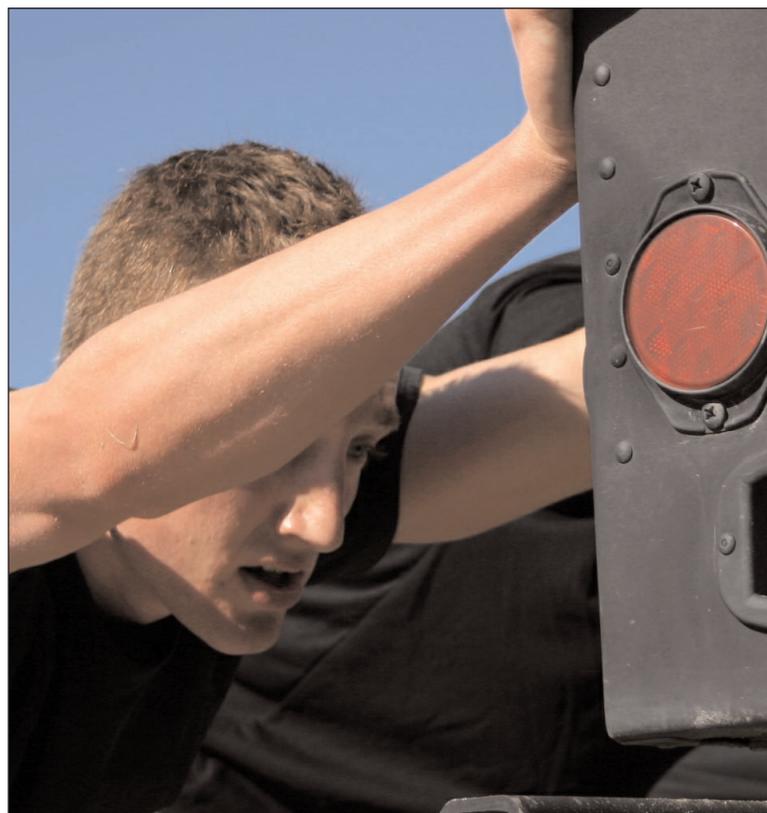


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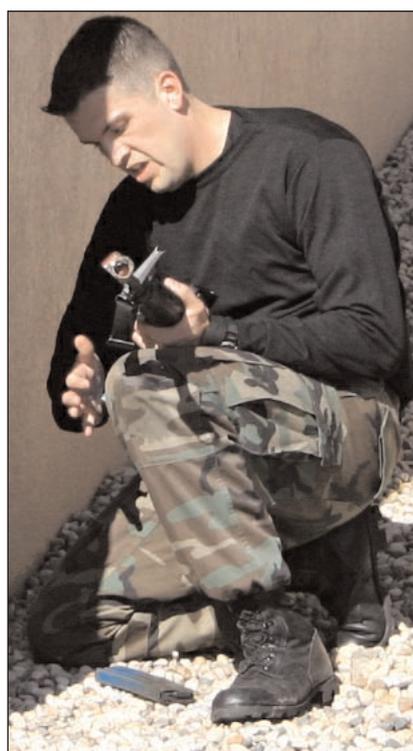
Tech. Sgt. David Krebs, 319th Security Forces Squadron, prepares to shoot during the law enforcement shooting competition May 19 at the base firing range. The competition featured shooters from 319th SFS and local law enforcement agencies.



A local law enforcement officer prepares to load his 9 mm pistol during the law enforcement shooting competition May 19.



A member of a Warrior Competition team participates in the "humvee push" event May 20.



A Warrior Competition player loads an M-16 equipped with Miles gear during a timed loading event.



A 319th Security Forces Squadron member watches the competition unfold May 20 near the obstacle course.

Maintenance members refurbish wing jet



Photo by Capt. Patricia Lang

Senior Airman Che Shelling, 319th Maintenance Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Gregory Nichols, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, remove tape from the newly-painted floor of a 319th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker. The plane recently underwent a complete refurbishment and will be unveiled in a ceremony June 4.

Common sense key to safety

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials want Airmen to use common sense and not fall victim to accidents during the “101 Critical Days of Summer.”

These 101 days fall between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

This is the time period when the Air Force sees a rise in off-duty injuries caused by increased activity and risk taking, said officials from the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

“Historically, this is a period of high risk, because people are doing more,” said Herm Dean, the center’s chief of ground safety operations.

“People are outside traveling, swimming, camping – doing the things they’ve wanted to do all winter.”

Unfortunately, Airmen are not always prepared to charge into summer activities. The safety campaign aims at drawing attention to safety awareness and risk management, especially on the road.

An average of 25 Airmen died during the summer months over the past five years, safety officials said. Most of these losses occurred in personal motor vehicle accidents, including motorcycles. These accidents are largely preventable.

“Know your limits and use personal-risk management,” Mr. Dean said.

“Don’t try to drive 10 to 12 hours a day. Plan your trips. Don’t take unnecessary risks.”

Mr. Dean also offered other advice while traveling this summer:

- Wear seatbelts.
- Plan breaks at frequent intervals.
- Do not speed to arrive early. It is better to arrive late than not arrive at all.
- Do not drink alcohol and drive.
- Anticipate the unexpected and be ready to react.

Using a simple three-step process – A-C-T – assess the risk, consider your options, and take appropriate action.

“It’s easy, like crossing the street. You would never cross without looking left and right first,” Mr. Dean said.

CMSAF sends Memorial Day message

By Chief Master Sgt.
of the Air Force
Gerald Murray
Air Force Headquarters

In our nation's capital, we memorialize American patriots who have fought and died for our country throughout history – the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the newest addition, the National World War II Memorial, which will be dedicated on our National Mall on May 29.

In small towns and big cities around our nation this Memorial Day, Americans will gather around flagpoles and in cemeteries to remember the bravery of their neighbors, friends, and family members who have laid down their lives so that we may continue to fly the flag of freedom.

Our generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Airmen shares a bond with warriors of generations past.



**Chief Master Sgt. of
the Air Force
Gerald Murray**

We, like them, understand in a personal way the unfortunate truth that there are times when blood must be spilled in order for peace to be secured.

We, like them, know that the ultimate sacrifice may be required in order to defeat the darkness that threatens our way of life.

This Memorial Day, as America remembers the courage and commitment of heroes who died in service to our nation, we owe it to each of them to continue the fight for which they gave their lives, thus ensuring that America remains the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

Secretary, Chief of Staff ask people to 'remember, reflect'

By **Dr. James G. Roche**
Secretary of the Air Force, and
Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

This Memorial Day beckons us once again to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of members of America's armed forces.

While stories abound on the origins of the Memorial Day observance, one aspect remains abundantly clear – since it was first proclaimed officially in May 1868, Americans continue to enthusiastically honor the enormous sacrifices of all the service men and women who have paid the ultimate price for freedom, as well as thanking those who serve today.

As the war on terror continues, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our Airmen and their families.

This year, we are more thankful



**Secretary of the Air
Force James G.
Roche**

our nation. We encourage you to join us Monday at 3 p.m. local time to observe the National Moment of Remembrance as America honors those who have served so honorably and bravely as uniformed members of the armed forces.

A White House resolution in 2000 designated the National Moment of Remembrance as an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the

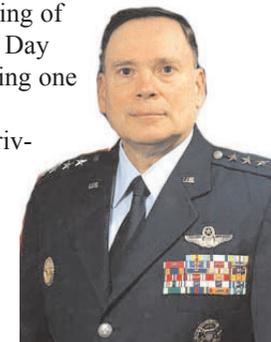
than ever for your noble service, around the world and at home stations.

America is forever indebted to you and your families for your commitment to the high calling of defending

true meaning of Memorial Day by observing one minute of silence, driving with their headlights on or participating in another appropriate activity honoring our fallen veterans.

We thank you for what you do every day for America and America's Air Force. You and your families are among our nation's greatest treasures and we are honored to serve with you.

May God bless you and your service, and may God continue to bless America.



**Air Force
Chief of Staff
Gen. John P. Jumper**

National Moment of Remembrance

Along with other Americans, everyone is asked to observe the National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day, Monday, at 3 p.m. local time. The duration is one minute. The time, 3 p.m., was chosen because it is the time when many Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday. The Moment does not replace traditional Memorial Day observances. It is intended to be a unifying act of remembrance for Americans of all ages. As you participate in the Moment you are helping reclaim Memorial Day for the noble and sacred reason for which it was intended – to honor those who died in service to our nation.

Source: <http://www.remember.gov/moment>

'Greatest Generation' has stories to tell us all

By Senior Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – It turns out that the new digital recorder I bought my dad for his 80th birthday to record his memories of World War II for his grandchildren and their grandchildren just won't do. The buttons are a bit too small for his fading eyesight, and he is somewhat technology-challenged as well.

So I push the buttons for him, and I am amazed at the stories he tells.

Those blues eyes were clear and crisp back then, back when he made the switch from 17-year-old farm boy to Sailor at the request of a nation at war. He could run like the wind and was strong as a bull, attributes he would need to help fight the Nazi war machine that threatened the free world. He left on a troop train for New York City, and by the time he returned, he had crawled across

the beaches of both southern France and northern Africa.

He laughs at thoughts of himself and his fellow Sailors sprawled across the deck of their ship, bitterly seasick only days after leaving New York. And his voice grows quiet as he speaks of the view his Normandy fox-hole gave him of a burning Allied ship that sank less than two miles off the coast.

He broke formation on a 30-mile hike through the French countryside, and later got chewed out by the officer in charge for doing so. But he did it anyway, collecting francs from his buddies as he left the group. When he caught up with them, carrying as much bread as he could carry from a local bakery, everyone got a piece, including the officer, who stopped yelling long enough to eat half of Dad's last loaf.

When he returned to north Florida, it was only for a couple of weeks. It seems that help was needed on a different front, so he packed his bags and headed for the

Orient. This trip included a stop in Hawaii, and another in Okinawa, where fragments from a Japanese grenade ripped through his left forearm. He could have used that arm while rescuing a comrade who was injured in the same attack, but the arm was rendered useless. He got that buddy back to camp anyway, dragging him for more than an hour.

When he got home again it was for good, his U.S. Navy days behind him. Still, he was wearing his dress uniform when he walked 10 miles to greet the lady who would become his wife and my mother. My aunt still remembers seeing him walking up the road in that white uniform.

I ask him about his Purple Heart for the grenade wound, and he says he never got one, that to the best of his knowledge his superiors never put him in for one.

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Safety officials urge increased caution, attention while driving

By Tech. Sgt. Bryan Bailey
Safety office

Our busy schedules sometimes get the better of us and it seems like we're always behind the curve.

We get in a hurry and try to squeeze in 12 hours of activity into an eight-hour day.

Here's a quick scenario. You jump in the car to run some last minute paperwork

to the military personnel flight, put on the seat belt, put the car in reverse and back into the government vehicle that was parked on the other side of the lot.

It only takes a fraction of a second for a long day to get even longer. Minor accidents like this are occurring at an alarmingly rising rate.

Most, if not all, of these types of incidents could have been avoided by the driver paying a little closer attention to his or her surroundings.

This is commonly referred to as situational awareness.

Situational awareness is simply knowing what your surroundings are and potential hazards that exist in that environment. This is paramount when it

“Do your part in reducing the number of vehicle mishaps with both government-owned and privately-owned vehicles.”

comes to operating any vehicle.

It is an integral part of defensive driving techniques we all have been taught when we were issued driver's

licenses for the first time.

There are a huge number of factors that can adversely affect a driver's situational awareness.

Distractions like talking on cell phones or adjusting the controls of the radio draw the driver's attention off the road.

Unfamiliar traffic patterns and congestion due to construction can be a hazard. Naturally occurring hazards can include reduced visibility due to rain, fog, snow, and sun glare, just to list a few.

Minor accidents like fender benders and slow-collisions don't appear to be so minor when you get the repair bill. A conservative estimate to repair a small dent in a door can cost anywhere from \$400 to \$800, not to mention insurance premiums and loss of vehicle use.

Now imagine that cost times 10 to 20 for the vehicle fleet the wing operates per year. That's quite a bill considering the tight budgetary constraints we are under, and the pot isn't likely to get any bigger.

Safety isn't just a smart thing to do; it's also usually cost effective.

Do your part in reducing the number of vehicle mishaps with both government-owned and privately-owned vehicles.

Take the time to be cautious and alert. Use a spotter when backing if there's even a slight doubt about clearance.

Slow down and pay a little extra attention when visibility is low and watch out for the other drivers on the road.

Be aware, be safe and have a great summer!



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Retiring teacher recognized

(Above) Mrs. Bonnie Housman, first grade teacher at Eielson Elementary School, receives a folded flag from Lt. Col. Laurie Lisec, 319th Communications Squadron commander, during a flag folding ceremony in her honor Monday. Mrs. Housman has spent her entire 21-year teaching career at Grand Forks Air Force Base.

(Below) Mrs. Housman wipes away some tears after receiving her folded flag.



Base members set to take high-level state VFW posts

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

Current and past Warriors of the North are big players in North Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars affairs.

John Hanson, family support center community readiness consultant, currently serves as the North Dakota senior vice commander and is a member of Grand Forks VFW Post 1874.

On June 6, Mr. Hanson will be sworn in at the state VFW convention as the North Dakota state commander for 2004-2005.

“That position will provide leadership to more than 11,290 North Dakota VFW members,” Mr. Hanson said. “That comprises nine districts and 67 posts in all of North Dakota.”

In Grand Forks VFW Post 1874, Master Sgt. Scott Ross, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron, serves as post commander. He is also the North Dakota District 8 commander where he provides leadership for a district with six posts.

“We also have recently retired Senior Master Sgt. Gary ‘Gunny’ Conaway serving as Post 1874’s senior vice commander as well as the post’s family support center chairperson,” Mr. Hanson said. “To date, there are only seven VFW posts in the United States that has an FSC concept.”

The VFW works with the base FSC to support family



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

John Hanson, North Dakota Veteran's of Foreign Wars senior vice commander and soon to be state commander, swears in Master Sgt. Scott Ross, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron as Grand Forks VFW Post 1874 commander, retired Senior Master Sgt. Gary ‘Gunny’ Conaway as post senior vice commander, Korean War veteran John Davis as junior vice commander, and Navy veteran Darin Buri as adjutant quartermaster during a recent post meeting in Grand Forks.

programs and activities.

Sergeant Ross will also be sworn in as the state VFW commander’s chief of staff. “He will act in my behalf when needed at state level,” Mr Hanson said.

Sergeant Ross said having active duty members involved with VFW activities provides a strong bond

between current and past military veterans.

“Youthful members keep the VFW strong,” Sergeant Ross said. “Our post membership, for example, is comprised of individuals with a wealth of VFW knowledge as well as knowledge about active duty members. With a mentorship program in place, this knowledge can be passed on to new members guaranteeing customs and traditions stay strong and not forgotten.”

Mr. Hanson said the VFW also has many Air Force retired members and active duty members who are on committees and provide direct support to VFW posts throughout the state.

“Without their support, work would not be completed,” Mr. Hanson said.

“This shows that they put themselves before other people,” he said. “They show support to families, service and self.”

“The base supports the VFW by providing all-volunteer service – from Honor Guards for funerals, marching in parades, to providing transportation to the Veteran’s Administration or just sitting down and talking with the older veterans who may not have family in the area,” Mr. Hanson said.

“If we listed all that is accomplished, you would need to publish a book.”

Mr. Hanson said the 2004 VFW motto is, “A Celebration of Service.”

“We have this motto because of the service veterans give to the active duty and in turn, the service active duty members give to veterans,” Mr. Hanson said.

For details about the VFW, call Mr. Hanson at 747-6434 or Sergeant Ross at 747-4312.

Understanding the history of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with more than two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day.

There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, “Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping,” by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication, “To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead.”

While Waterloo, N.Y., was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it’s difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings – each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860s tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in

General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868.

It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established.

Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation. It is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873.

By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states.

The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May (passed by

Congress with the National Holiday Act, P.L. 90 - 363, in 1971 to ensure a three-day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: Jan. 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis’ birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem, “In Flanders Fields,” Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

“We cherish too, the Poppy red
“That grows on fields where valor led,
“It seems to signal to the skies
“That blood of heroes never dies.”

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war.

She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.

Later, a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and

when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women.

This tradition spread to other countries.

In 1921, the Franco-American Children’s League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans’ organization to nationally sell poppies.

Two years later their “Buddy” Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Since the late 1950s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery.

They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

Source: <http://www.usmemorialday.org>

Driving gloves, Iraq, and Memorial Day

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

In October 2003, I went to both Basra and Baghdad, Iraq, as part of an ambassadorial visit to see progress in Iraq.

The whole visit is a long story, but one smaller part of the big story was my encounter with Army Lt. Col. Charles H. Buehring, who was assigned to the Army Central Headquarters (Forward) at the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad.

On Oct. 19, 2003, as our group of four Arab reporters, a U.S. ambassador, an Arab media expert, myself and one other Air Force member stepped off a C-130 at Baghdad International Airport, Colonel Buehring and many other members of the CPA's Strategic Communications Office were waiting for our group to head to the "Green Zone" for our first set of meetings on Iraq reconstruction progress.

Later that night, our entire group was to make the drive from the Green Zone to the Palestine Hotel to stay the night.

One of our drivers on was Colonel Buehring. Just before we were to leave I saw him slip on a pair of black driving gloves.

I saw Colonel Buehring wearing these same gloves earlier in the day when we left Baghdad International and so I decided to ask him, rather casually, "Sir, why are you wearing driving gloves?"

His reply is one I will never forget. He said, "I'm wearing them because you are about to go on the ride of your life!"

Immediately I could see Colonel Buehring had sense of humor and a great sense of reality. At the time, he'd already been in Iraq for nearly eight months and was ever understanding of the "need for speed," as he put it, when you were driving outside the Green Zone.

The ride to the hotel was exactly how he explained it – the ride of my life.

When we got to the hotel, I told him thank you for getting us all there safely and without incident or accident. We received several more rides from him in our

stay in the city over the remainder of the week we were there. He delivered every time.

Colonel Buehring didn't have to drive us, but he took it upon himself to take care of us, and I know we were all much obliged that he did.

On the evening of Oct. 24, our group had an "icebreaker" with members of the Iraqi Governing Council in the Al Rasheed Hotel.

There I had another chance to have a chat with Colonel Buehring.

He wasn't wearing his gloves at the time so I jokingly said to him, "Where are your gloves sir?"

He just whipped them out of his back pocket and said, "I'm always prepared, but I won't be driving your butt back to the Palestine tonight – someone else is driving y'all."

Colonel Buehring had a slight, barely noticeable Southern accent and he spoke with such clarity that you could never misunderstand what he would say to you.

I just laughed at what he said and simply replied back, "Sounds good sir!"

He told me he was going to get to bed a little earlier because the next day he would be busy taking us to Baghdad University and back to Baghdad International for our departure.

That was the last real conversation I had with him during that trip.

We left Oct. 25 and I made it back to my forward deployed location by Oct. 26.

Later that night when I returned back to the Combined Air Operations Center when I heard a rocket attack hit the Al Rasheed Hotel and that one person died in the attack.

The rockets used in the attack were concealed in a utility trailer just outside the Green Zone and were angled up in the direction of the Al Rasheed Hotel – the highest building in the Green Zone, and well with-



Army Lt. Col.
Charles H. Buehring

in distance of where the improvised trailer was placed.

In the hotel had been Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, visiting Iraq to check on progress.

He was not injured in the attack and vowed the attack did not deter the coalition mission in the country.

It wasn't until days later that I finally heard who died in the attack – it was Colonel Buehring.

The 40-year-old lieutenant colonel, from Fort McPherson, Ga., was killed Oct. 26 while he was in his hotel room, the only one that had received a direct hit and the most damage.

I have to say when I heard the news it hit me like a rock. I was just in that hotel the day before that attack and had just had that conversation with Colonel

Buehring two nights before he died. It just didn't seem right that he lost his life in a terrorist attack that was, in my mind, cowardly.

Colonel Buehring was a tough guy and a warrior. He'd been through many tight spots his whole time in Iraq. He was someone who was a key player in making progress happen in Iraq.

In some ways, I wish it could have been me in his place, but it wasn't.

It's not that I have a death wish or wish to experience that kind of incident, it's just that it kills me inside when someone I know dies in the service of his country. I will never forget him.

This Memorial Day, I will say a silent prayer for Colonel Buehring and for his family.

Those driving gloves he always wore were most likely near him when he died in the attack, and the thought of them is a reminder to me of what he did to keep me safe when I was in Iraq.

Colonel Buehring is a hero to me. This Memorial Day, we all need to remember our heroes like Colonel Buehring who have given their lives protecting our freedom because freedom isn't free.

– Greatest, from Page 11

Like many of his time who served, I suppose that service to his country was enough for him. He is intensely proud of that service, and he is equally proud of mine, never missing a chance to let me know it. I still remember the smile on his face when I took him to the Pentagon in 2002.

He dates himself when he calls me "flyboy" instead of "Airman," and speaks of P-51s flying overhead, and of seeing Gen. George Patton on the beaches of southern France. Such images remind me constantly of his age, and that

1,100 or so of his buddies are dying each and every day.

So I push the buttons on the recorder again, and tell him to keep talking.

My dad wants to visit the Pentagon again – one last time, he says – and I intend to see to it that he can.

He doesn't know it yet, but he is also going to the official dedication of the new World War II Memorial while he is in our nation's capital.

I want him to see the monument they have erected to recognize our "Greatest Generation," a label that I feel fits them to a T.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Daniel Oliver

Freedom ride

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. – Motorcyclists from the Sentinels of Freedom, Hurlburt Field's motorcycle club, ride out the gate here on their way to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington to honor all those who paid the ultimate price for freedom. They are participating in "Rolling Thunder," an annual procession that draws people from across the country to the memorial.

Base members participate in Turtle River fitness fun



Photo by Christine Davis

Runners take off during the Turtle River five-kilometer run May 15 at Turtle River State Park, located about five miles west of the base. Thirty-three adults participated in the run. The winner in the male category was Lt. Col. Jeffrey Johnson with a time of 21 minutes, 30 seconds. Margaret Franklin won the female competition in 23 minutes, 14 seconds. The event was part of the 319th Services Squadron's Fitness Month observance.



Photo by Christine Davis

Youths line up at the starting line for the 319th Services Squadron youth program's "America's Kid's Run" at Turtle River State Park. Twenty-three youths started and finished the race. All received an America's Kids Run T-shirt for participating.

Sport shorts

WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed for the World Junior Hockey Tournament Dec. 25 through Jan. 4. The tournament features the best under players under 20 years old from 10 countries and will be held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. To volunteer, e-mail world_jr.hockey.housing@amc.af.mil by June 21.

For more details call Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Vital at 747-6080 or Mr. Bud Verdi at 747-4523.

ALL-NIGHT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: The All-Night Softball Tournament will start at 5:30 p.m. June 4. Come out and support your team. The Northern Lights Club will also be having food and drink specials. For details on the tournament call the sports and fitness center at 747-3386.

SWIMMING LESSONS: The Aquatic center offers adult and parent-child swimming lessons. Lessons begin June 8 and run through August. For details call 747-3306.

Annual fishing derby set for June 5

Outdoor Recreation's annual fishing derby is June 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Larimore Dam.

Registration is at 9 a.m. and the awards ceremony is at 2:15 p.m.

Ages 3 to 5 will fish from 10 a.m. to noon; ages 6 to 8, 9 to 13 and 14 to 15 will fish the entire time.

Cost is \$1 for military and \$2 for non-military participants. For details call Outdoor Recreation at 747-3688.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Base theater



Today, 7 p.m.
Hellboy (PG-13)

Based on Mike Mignola's comic, Hellboy is about a demon summoned to Earth by Russian monk Rasputin as part of a Nazi experiment in 1944. A scientist rescued the creature and raised him to be a force of good. When Rasputin, thought to be dead, returns to plan the destruction of mankind, it's up to Hellboy and his friends to stop him.

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Walking Tall (PG-13)

After returning home from serving his country overseas, Chris Vaughn (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) finds his hometown infested with drugs and crime. Picking up a four-by-four, Vaughn begins kicking butt and taking names in an effort to clean the place up.

June 4, 7 p.m.
Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)

Johnson Family Vacation stars Cedric the Entertainer as Nate, the patriarch of a dysfunctional family traveling across the country to attend a family reunion in Missouri.

June 5, 7 p.m.
The Punisher (R)

June 11, 7 p.m.
Envy (PG-13)

June 12, 3 p.m.
Ella Enchanted (PG)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.

Community

Today

FREESTYLE FRIDAY PART 2: Can you beat "The Kid?" He doesn't think you can. If you got the skills to beat the reigning champ, then come to Freestyle Friday at the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center starting at 9 p.m.

This is a free event and prizes will be awarded to the winner.

For details call Airman 1st Class Derrick Cooley at 747-7112.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR PICNIC: Youth programs will be having their end of school year picnic and carnival at Liberty Square May 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free event that is open to all.

Saturday

LET US DRIVE YOU: The Northern Lights Club offers a shuttle service to and from the Club 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

This free service is offered to residents of the base, Sunflake housing and Emerado.

For details call 747-3392.

CLUB KARAOKE: The Northern Lights Club offers karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

CLUB DANCING: The Northern Lights Club offers dancing from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Enjoy club mix with D.J. "C."

Sunday

GRADUATION: Today is Central High School's graduation at 1 p.m. at the Alerus Center.

CLUB CLOSED: The Northern Lights Club

will be closed today and Monday for Memorial Day.

Monday

GOLF COURSE PROGRAM: This is the last day for a chance to win in the "Get Into the Swing of Things" program. Come to the Plainsview Golf Course and play 18 holes and receive an entry form which makes you eligible for cash and prizes.

For details call 747-4279.

CLOSURES: The youth center, school-aged program and Liberty Square will be closed for Memorial Day.

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS FOR AAFES FACILITIES: The base exchange will be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Burger King will be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shoppette will be open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. All other facilities and concessions will be closed.

Tuesday

YOUTH PROGRAM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES: The youth programs annual membership fee will be implemented today. Fees are: \$24 for 12 months, \$12 for six months and \$6 for three months. There will \$1 fee per day for non-members. Other fees will be applied for classes, camps, and special activities for non-members.

For details call youth programs at 747-3150.

YOUTH CENTER SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION BEGIN TODAY: For details on the summer hours of operation for the youth center, Liberty Square, and school age program call the youth center at 747-3150 or pick up a brochure at any services Facility.

Wednesday

MADDEN 2004: There is a Madden 2004 tournament for ages 9 to 12 at 5 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 7 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is \$3.

For details call the youth center at 747-3150.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers an "all you can eat" taco bar from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$6. Nonmembers pay \$6.

STORYTIME: The base library holds story time every Wednesday at 10 a.m. each week. Participants read, sing, and do an activity in relation to the theme. For details call the library at 747-3046.

Thursday

DISCOUNT FOR SPOUSES: The Northern Lights Club offers a 20 percent discount to

Base chapel



CATHOLIC:

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m., Sunflower Chapel
Weekday Mass: 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunflower Chapel

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel, or by appointment. Call 747-5673 for details.

CCD: 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Twining Elementary and Middle School. For children age 3 through high school. For details on educational programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: Not meeting for Memorial day

Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Swain's home. Call 747-4359 for details.

Women's Bible Study: 7 p.m. Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

JEWISH:

Call Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, ORTHODOX, OTHER:

Call 747-5673 for details.

Basewide Vacation Bible School

The Catholic and Protestant Chapel communities invite all base children to Son Games from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday to June 4 at Eielson School.

Son Games is a place where children learn to apply Biblical teaching to their lives.

There will be a closing program June 4 with a musical event for the whole family.

Register now at all Catholic and Protestant Chapel Services or at Prairie Rose Chapel during regular duty hours.

Adults and teens interested in helping can call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073, Carol Shower at 747-3071, or Prairie Rose Chapel at 747-5673 or 747-4984. Please leave a voice message.

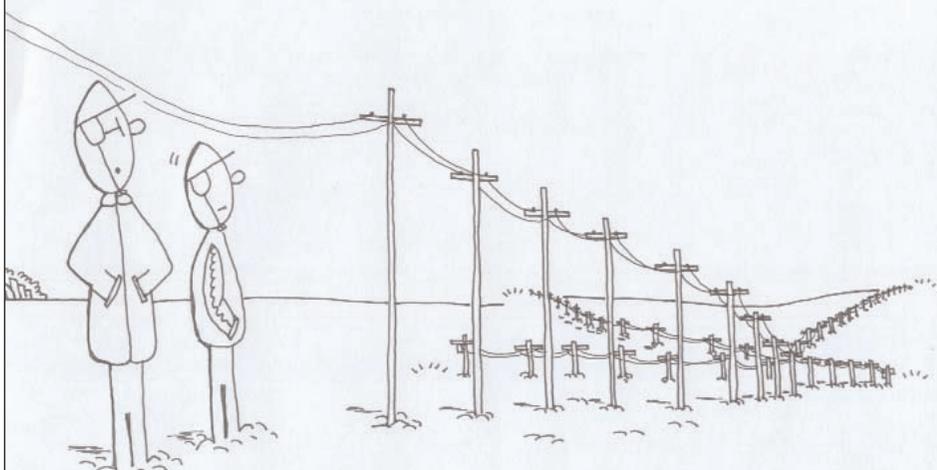
spouses of the deployed every Thursday throughout May. Dinner is from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming

TORCH CLUB MEETING: Torch clubs will meet starting Saturday June 1 at 5 p.m. in the youth center. Torch clubs are small group clubs offering opportunities to young people ages 11 to 13. The next meeting is June 5.

SUMMER READ BY MAIL: The "Summer Read by Mail" program will run June 7 through August 7. Youth, grades kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, and sixth through eighth grade can participate in this program by stopping by the youth center to register. Youth can read different books, take a test and watch their points go up over the summer.

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This summer long program begins June 1 and runs through August 31. Collect your game pieces and fly around the world for chances to win fabulous prizes!

The goal of ATWIND is to promote an increased awareness and participation in programs, services and activities throughout Grand Forks Air Force Base. The ATWIND Events List includes opportunities in recreational activities, sports and fitness, social functions, youth programs, educational opportunities, family support programs, base events and services. The player's "mission" is to travel from one landmark destination to another. Players earn travel miles every time they participate in an ATWIND event by entering the game piece earned.

Each time you participate in an activity or

event, you will receive a game piece.

The more you participate, the more chances you

have to win great prizes! To enter your game piece all you have to do is log onto www.atwind.com or call 1-888-597-9960 and follow the directions given. Each time you enter a game piece you will earn 1100 miles, the further you travel the better your chances are for prizes. Players work their way around the world by flying to five different destinations. Upon reaching a specific destination, they are entered into the drawing for that destination's prize. More ATWIND participation means more game pieces and more mileage towards more prizes. This year, prizes range from promotional T-shirts to Thomasville* furniture and cash. "ATWINNER" random prizes will also be awarded during the game piece registration process. Each base will have random winners drawn in June - LifeCycles* and July - a pair of round-trip US Airways* tickets. All

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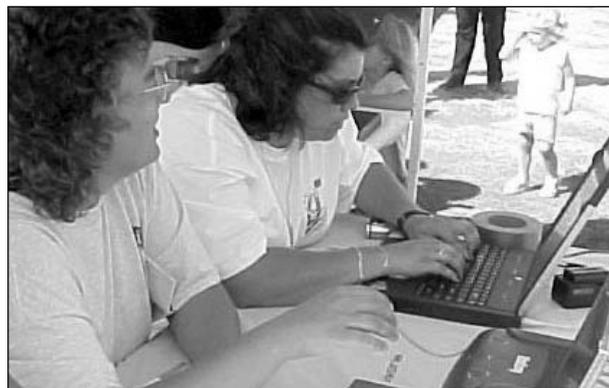
Make it to the fifth destination and you could have a chance to win a CAR from

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While you're trying to win yourself cash and prizes, you could help the base win thousands of dollars to go to Quality of Life programs! So, check-out all the opportunities to play ATWIND - Around the World in Ninety Days! There is a weekly list on page 4 and watch for special activities and events going on throughout the facilities.

IT'S SO SIMPLE! You're cleared for take-off! To get you on your way use this free introductory game piece #9999-2004-999.

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Outdoor Recreation, 747-3688

The below trips will earn you an ATWIND game piece for participation!

Red River Lake Canoeing

Date: Saturday, June 12

Depart: 10 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation

Return: Same evening

Cost: \$20 per adult and \$15 per child 12 and under; includes transportation, canoe, paddle, and lifejacket.

Come paddle the Red River! We will make our way 12-miles down the lazy run to Thief River Falls. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a relaxing day as we guide you down the river. Canoe run takes about 3 1/2 to 4 hours. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation by June 10.

Winnipeg Children's Festival

Date: Sunday, June 13

Depart: 9 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation

Return: Same evening

Transportation cost: \$17.50 per person, \$10.00 per child accompanied by an adult, family of 3 \$42.50, family of 4 \$50, family of 5 \$57.50 (Family prices include 2 adults).

The Winnipeg International Children's Festival is one of Winnipeg's premier festivals for children and families. The Festival features a weekend full of hands on activities for kids such as, face painting, sports Manitoba, origami, wire clowns & jewelry and a host of other events. Singer, dancers, storytellers and clowns from around the world bring color, laughter, and song to The Forks. Painted faces, yummy treats, wildly original artwork and tons of fun will delight your child. Tickets will be sold at the gate upon arrival, \$12 CAD per ticket. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation for the children's festival by June 10.

RedHawks Baseball

Date: Tuesday, June 15

Depart: 5 p.m. from Outdoor Recreation

Cost: \$20 adult, \$12 per child 12 and under, includes tickets to the game.

Return: After baseball game

Come watch some baseball! Outdoor Recreation will take you to Fargo to root for the RedHawks as they take on the Saint Paul Saints from the Twin Cities. Sign up by June 11.

Valleyfair

Date: Saturday, June 19

Depart: 5 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation

Return: Late same evening

Cost: \$50 per person (includes admission fee)

Outdoor Recreation is heading to Valleyfair and we want you to come along for all the thrills and spills you can handle. For a real thrill try the Steel Venum. Or take a tongue-jerking drop from the 275-foot Power Tower for an in-your-face jaw-dropping scream-for-mercy ride from the top to the bottom. Check out Whitewater Country Water Park for wet-in-wild fun. Sign up by June 18.

Mall of America Shopping

Date: Saturday, June 19

Depart: 5 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation

Return: Same evening around midnight

Cost \$25 per person; transportation only.

You can count on lots and lots of sales and discounted items at all your favorite stores. So, come prepared to shop-till-you-drop at one of North America's largest and most popular indoor malls. If time permits, we plan on also stopping at the Outlet Mall in Albertville. Let us drive while you relax and enjoy central Minnesota's beautiful countryside. Sign up by June 17.

Red River Exhibition

Date: Saturday, June 26

Depart: 7 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation

Return: Same evening

Cost: \$17.50 per adult, \$30 per couple, \$40.50 for three and \$50 for four (family prices include two adults over 18; additional adults will pay the normal fee).

This is a fun event for the whole family! The exhibition is Manitoba's largest summer event. Featured is a large midway-Conklin Show, numerous free attractions and shows, creative displays, equestrian events in the show ring, petting zoo, farm animal display and rows of concessions. There are also numerous rides for adults and kids. Sign up by June 24.

Youth Programs, 747-3150

Summer Hours begin June 1!

Look what's going on throughout the month of June!

Madden 2004 Tournament, June 2 for ages 9 - 12 at 5 p.m. and ages 13 - 18 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$3.

"Capture the Flag", June 9 for ages 9 - 12 at 5:30 p.m and ages 13 - 18 at 7 p.m. Free!

Preteen Video Night, June 12 for ages 6 - 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. Popcorn provided!

Candy Bingo, June 14 for ages 6 - 12 at 5:30 p.m., and ages 13 - 18 at 7 p.m. Free!

Chess & Checker Tournament, June 17 for ages 9 - 12 at 5 pm, ages 13 - 18 at 7 pm. Free!

"3 on 3" Basketball, June 19 for ages 9 - 12 at 6 p.m., ages 13 - 18 at 8 p.m.

Geography Bee, June 23 for ages 9 - 12 at 5:30 p.m., ages 13 - 18 at 7 p.m. Free!

Preteen "Fun in the Sun" Dance, June 26 for ages 6 - 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Snacks included!

Preteen Singles Pool Tournament, June 28 for ages 9 - 12 at 5:30 p.m. Trophy for the Winner! Free!

Extra Summer programs!

Fine Arts Program, June 16 & 30 – The goal is to help youth to uncover their artistic talents and motivate them to develop their creative skills and possibly explore related career opportunities. For ages 6 - 12 at 6:30 p.m. and ages 13 - 18 at 8 p.m. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members.

Fun Bus, Thursdays – Coming to a neighborhood near you! Games, arts and crafts, tournaments and a variety of summer time activities for school-age Youth. Times: 3 to 5 p.m. Location: June 10, Sunflake Circle Playground; June 24, Redwood & Poplar.

Activities for the week!

Tuesdays – Parent/Tot Playgroup from 10 am-noon, except when the Youth Center holds Clinics during the Summer. **TEENSupreme Meeting** from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center for members ages 14 - 18. The Clubs consist of an adult Advisor and approximately 8-15 boys and girls who elect their own officers and plan and implement their own activities.

Fridays – Youth Center is CLOSED. **ATWIND Open Skating** at Liberty Square for ages 6 - 18 from 6 to 10 pm. **Teen Center** at Liberty Square for ages 13 - 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. **Skate Park** at Liberty Square for all ages, 6 to 8 p.m. (Must be trained). \$3 admission and \$2 for skate rental, roller blades available!

Saturdays – Torch Club at 5 pm at the Youth Center. The Torch Clubs are small group Clubs offering service and leadership opportunities to young people ages 11 - 13. *Questions about any of the youth programs contact us and ask!*

Skills Development Center, 747-3482

Youth Classes

June 8 – 10 Creepy Crawlers & June 15 – 17 Farm Animals

Ages 4 – 7 from 10:30 a.m. to noon and ages 8 – 14 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$3 each, pre-registration is required.

Kid's Annual Fishing Derby

Boys & girls and moms & dads ...

Come out June 5 from 10 am to 2 pm to Larimore Dam

Registration at 9 am; Awards at 2:15 pm

Cost is \$1 military & \$2 non-military

Age group: 3 - 5 (10 am to noon); 6 - 8; 9 - 13 & 14 - 15

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For information contact Outdoor Recreation, 747-3688

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WIN \$500 CASH!

BOWL FOR THE STARS & STRIPES

GET THE CARD!



BOWL OFTEN!

PLAY ALL SUMMER LONG!

The more you bowl, the more chances to win! Monthly prize drawings:

- 1) Vulcan "Stars & Stripes" Pin
- 2) Ebonite Yankee Doodle Ball
- 3) Bowling Bag and Ball

YOU COULD
WIN BIG!



PRIZES FOR EVERY COMPLETED PUNCH CARD!

(While supplies last) Get a punch for bowling a game or buying a large Coca-Cola fountain drink. Different prizes for each level card completed.



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ENTER YOUR COMPLETED BLUE CARD FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - \$500!
Second place: Pride of Our Nation Viz-A-Ball

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All Night Softball Tournament

Friday, June 4

Whether you're
a player or
spectator...

Come to the
Northern Lights
Club for these
grand slam
specials!

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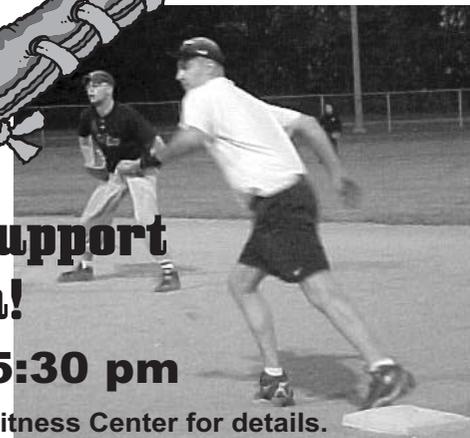
Catch the Savings!
BEER SPECIAL
domestic

\$3 pitcher
\$2 brat & beer
\$1 glass of beer

Come out and support your team!

Games begin at 5:30 pm

Contact the Sports and Fitness Center for details.



June 2004

Members First DISCOUNT!
Lunch \$2 off!
Dinner \$3 off!
Sunday Brunch \$3 off!

Northern Lights Club
GRAND FORKS AFB
747-3392



Our monthly
Comment
Card winner
is...

A1C Joshua Shepard
A1C Shepard receives \$50

Services Gift Certificates from our program sponsor *Mr. Ken Beeck* from *First Command Financial**
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April Winners from "Get Into the Swing of Things"

1Lt Jesse Benevich, \$200
SrA Brian Swanson, \$100
A1C Nick Marler, \$50

Pictured: Mr. Malcolm Rodacker, Golf Course manager; 1Lt Jesse Benevich, winner; SrA Brian Swanson, winner and Mr. Glenn Garrison, Deputy Command 319th Services Squadron.

Not pictured A1C Nick Narler.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	LUNCH EVERY MONDAY! Major Mongolian Mondays plus Chef's Choice	1 LUNCH EVERY TUESDAY! Super Sandwich & Salad Bar	2 LUNCH! South Pacific Buffet	3 LUNCH! Baked Chicken EVERY Thur. Night SPOUSES OF THE DEPLOYED take 20% OFF your dinner!	4 7 to 9 am National Donut Day! FREE coffee & donuts!	5 SATURDAY NIGHTS! Open to all Ranks! The Sports Bar 5 pm to 3 am Karaoke! 10 pm to 3 am Late Night Club Mix 10 pm to 3 am
6 SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH 10:30 am to 1:30 pm	7 LUNCH Served Monday through Friday 11 am to 1 pm <i>All lunches and dinners can be made for CARRY-OUT orders</i>	PASTA BAR everyday for lunch!	9 LUNCH! Mexican Buffet EVERY Wed. Night "All-You-Can-Eat" TACO BAR! \$6 5:30 to 8 pm	10 LUNCH! Sliced Roast Beef	11 TONIGHT! Members Mayhem All ranks super social hour with carved baron of beef & many other delicacies	TEXAS HOLD'EM Poker Tournament 3 pm
13 SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH 10:30 am to 1:30 pm			16 LUNCH! Southern Buffet	17 LUNCH! Sausage & Kraut	18 TGIF Every Friday 5 pm	
20 SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH 10:30 am to 1:30 pm Father's Day Special! PLUS "COOK YOUR OWN STEAK"			23 LUNCH! French Buffet	24 MEMBERS SPECIAL! \$1 Lunch Day Picnic	25 LUNCH EVERY FRIDAY! Seafood Buffet	
27 SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH 10:30 am to 1:30 pm		29 FREE Pool Tuesdays!	30 LUNCH! Smorgasbord	Thur & Fri Steak & Salmon Dining from 5:30 to 8 pm 12 oz. Ribeye \$12.75; 8 oz. Sirloin \$10.50; 20 oz. Sirloin \$13.75; Salmon Fillet \$9.75; 8 oz. Charbroiled Chicken \$9.50 Children's Menu available!		

June 1 through August 31

AROUND THE WORLD IN NINETY DAYS



WEEKLY ATWIND!

Monday

Fast Eddie's Day
W.A.R. Center Day
Plainsview Golf Day

Tuesday

Strike Zone Snack Bar - Lunch
Airey Dining & Refueler Inn - Dinner
Aquatic Center Family Swim Day
Aerobic Day at the Fitness Center
Northern Lights Club Barber Shop
TEENS Supreme Club meeting

Wednesday

Fast Eddie's
Northern Lights Club Double Lunch
Sports & Fitness Day
Outdoor Recreation's Check-Ups-Out Day

Library Day

Dakota Lanes Red Pin Day
NEISO Store, visit from noon - 4 pm

Thursday

Putters Snack Bar - Breakfast and/or Lunch
Northern Lights Club Family Dining
Dakota Lanes Youth Bowling Day
Auto Skills Day
Landing Strip Mall Community Center
Shoppette Day

Friday

Fast Eddie's Day
Airey Dining & Refueler Inn - Lunch
W.A.R. Center Day
Northern Lights Club TGIF in Sports Bar
Aquatic Center Water Aerobics
Liberty Square Friday Night Skating
Sports & Fitness Day

Saturday

Dakota Lanes Bowling Day
Library Day
Skills Development Center Day
Torch Club Meeting
Northern Lights Club Saturday Night Live

Sunday

Northern Lights Club Brunch
Plainsview Golf Day
Aquatic Center Family Swim Day
W.A.R. Center Day

Something everyday!

ATWIND BINGO

Participate & receive a BINGO card

Monday

Veterinary Clinic - visit
Northern Lights Club - lunch
Fast Eddie's - with purchase
Library - check out library materials,
noon to 5 pm

Tuesday

Dakota Lanes - lunch or bowling purchase
Auto Skills - visit

Outdoor Recreation - visit and fill out
a short survey

Wednesday

W.A.R. Center - make a snack bar
purchase between 6 & 8 pm
Fast Eddie's - purchase

Thursday

Landing Strip Mall Community Center -
check it out

Skills Development Center -
visit the gift gallery

Friday

Fast Eddie's - purchase
Child Development Center - parent
participation

Saturday

Airey Dining Facility & Refueler Inn -
meal purchase

Plainsview Golf Course - check out
the Pro Shop

SPECIAL

Youth Center School-Age Program -
parent/child participation Mon.-Fri.

ATWIND BONUS

Northern Lights Club

Membership sign up - 5 game pieces
Sign up a Member - both receive 5
game pieces
Youth Center

Membership sign up - 3 game pieces

Become a NYSCA Certified Coach - 3 game pieces
Participate in a camp or clinic - receive 3 game pieces
Participate in sports program - receive 1 game piece

Child Development Center

Parent participation - receives 1 game piece.

Library

Check out a book by a featured author - receive 5 game pieces

Liberty Square

Saturday/Sunday skate party - receive 5 game pieces; each guest
receives 1 game piece.

Auto Center

Rent a stall - receive 1 game pieces
With any service performed - 2 game pieces

Community Center

Massage appointment - receive 3 game pieces

Lodging

Checking in - receive 2 game pieces

Outdoor Recreation

FamCamp (Mon. - Sat.), rent a campsite - receive 2 ATWIND
pieces

Equipment rental - receive 2 game pieces

Sign up/pre-pay for trip - receive 3 game pieces

Veterinary Clinic

Check us out - 1 game piece

Pet vaccinations - receive 3 game pieces

Human Resource Office

Fill out an application - 1 game piece

TWO MONTHLY DRAWINGS!

June - LifeCycles exercise bike

July - One pair of round-trip

US Airways tickets



Join the fun! SUMMER

Thursday, July 22

for this year's annual

Summer Bash!

Lots of activities along with
a FREE ATWIND picnic!

And don't forget the annual

GFAFB Bed Race!

Watch for upcoming details! BASH 2004



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