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I AM SCHRIEVER: Learning, leading to general

By Halle Thornton

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Small in stature and voice, at first glance she may not appear to be an influential individual, but that would be a fleeting thought for anyone who has engaged Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander.

Hailing from New Hampshire and her middle-upper class roots, Grant sought a way to achieve her goals while helping fund her college.

"The Air Force Academy at the time was my best offer," she said. "That's a four year college education, five year guaranteed job thereafter and should be kind of fun. Then I'll figure out what I want to do when I grow up."

Earning her commission in 1995, she spent the next five years working on opposite coasts in two program management assignments before heading to Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama for Squadron Officer School. Grant attended SOS, and subsequently applied for the Air Force Intern Program, with high expectations but ended up learning a lesson in resilience in addition to the assigned curriculum.

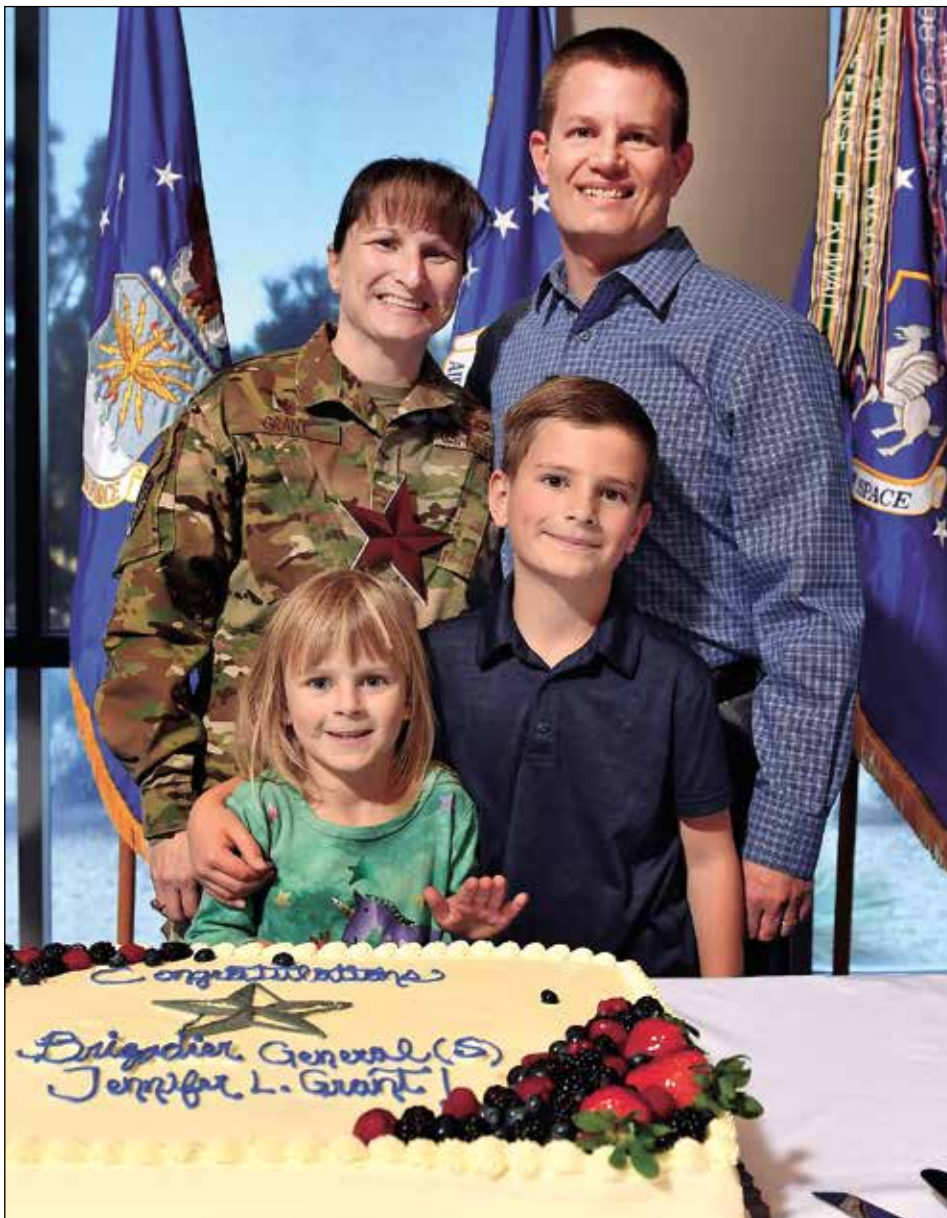
"Everybody told me I was going to be a distinguished graduate and I was a shoe-in for the Intern Program," she said. "I worked my tail off and studied as hard as I could, but for the life of me I didn't make the cut on either."

Although Grant was disappointed in herself, her leadership supported her perseverance.

"I thought, 'Man, I just disappointed my leadership and failed somewhere along the line,'" she said. "I went back to my boss and he said, 'We're proud of you. You did great and you're a great officer.'"

Everyone has disappointments and things they want to achieve, but maybe the lines don't fall quite in pleasant places to allow that," Grant continued. "You just keep working hard

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Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, stands with her husband, daughter and son during her brigadier general confirmation celebration at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 7, 2019. Grant is a graduate of the Naval Post Graduate School and the National War College.

50th SW CV shares passion for space

By Senior Airman William Tracy

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Col. Jack D. Fischer, the 50th Space Wing's new vice commander, is excited for the future.

As vice commander, Fischer's role entails supporting the wing commander's vision for the base as well as providing leadership to all Schriever personnel.

"This is a great place to be — it's the fighter wing of space command," Fischer said. "I jumped at the opportunity for this position. Schriever is at the tip of the space-warfighting spear."

A former fighter pilot and NASA astronaut, Fischer said he hopes to bring some of the same camaraderie he witnessed in both careers to Schriever Airmen.

"One thing I'm going bring is my passion," Fischer said. "I am passionate about space. I want everyone to know what they're doing here at Schriever is awesome — we are shaping the future

every day by providing space effects and keeping the domain safe."

Although he conducted missions in space, Fischer said he returned to the Air Force so he could serve alongside those who protect it.

"Space is contested now, and for humanity to capitalize on the current revolution of rockets, commercial space innovation and all those things that make space so exciting, it has to be safe," he said. "We're the people that stand at the door of the cosmos and protect everyone else, all while enabling our military and the global economy. I wanted to be part of this team, and do everything I can to enable our incredible Airmen to make a difference each day."

Fischer explained his leadership style.

"I'm a team player, I value communication," he said. "I hope to inspire the very best of every team member and combine it all to achieve more than

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Col. Jack D. Fischer, the 50th Space Wing's new vice commander, anticipates a bright future for Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado. As vice commander, Fischer's role entails supporting the wing commander's vision for the base as well as providing leadership to all Schriever personnel.

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(Above) Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander and Lt. Gen. Stayce Harris, Air Force Inspector General, gather with the 50th SW IG staff at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 9, 2019. This was Harris's third base visit during her 4-day Front Range orientation.



(Above) Col. Jennifer Grant, left, 50th Space Wing commander, speaks with Lt. Gen. Stayce Harris, Air Force Inspector General, at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 9, 2019. During her visit, Harris discussed the evolution of the Air Force inspection system and unit readiness requirements.

(Left) Col. Jennifer Grant, right, 50th Space Wing commander, welcomes Lt. Gen. Stayce Harris, Inspector General of the Air Force, to Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 9, 2019. This is Harris's first visit to the base and the Front Range during which she and Grant discussed future strategies to further improve the IG program.

Space

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we could alone. I believe we are all part of one team — trying to accomplish the mission, together.”

He recognizes every Airmen has inherent value as they lead the charge into the evolving space and cyberspace warfighting domains.

“One of the best parts about the Air Force is that we are surrounded by people who are motivated by what’s right and want to make a difference,” Fischer said. “People are our greatest strength.”

Fischer said he didn’t reach his position alone. Among his many mentors is Gilbert Moore, his former instructor at the United States Air Force Academy.

“Upon meeting Jack, I was immediately impressed,” Moore said. “He was very bright and you could tell he had an extreme interest in space.”

Citing the past, Moore said he believes Fischer will be a great leader for the base.

“Jack’s a natural born leader with excellent communication skills,” he said. “You’ll be seeing a lot of him, he won’t stay behind a desk. He will be out there engaging with people and striving to continue to improve the mission.”

Fischer shared his excitement for the future of the base.

“As the vice commander, my job is to do everything I can to support Col. Jennifer Grant’s vision, and truly make

this the epicenter of space,” he said. “This is the most exciting time for space for a generation. There is more going on right now than there has ever been — a burgeoning launch industry, rapidly increasing commercial interest and unfortunately — very active foreign military space programs which demand our attention. We’re going to have to watch our country’s ‘six’ to ensure that as humanity continues to grow and explore the space domain, they are safe to make a permanent foothold for our future.”



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Two 50th CONS Airmen headed to law school

By Tech. Sgt. Wes Wright
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE, Colo. — Two Airmen from the 50th Contracting Squadron are ready to prove they *can* handle the truth.

Second Lt. Michael Kilbourn, 50th CONS plans and programs flight commander, and 2nd Lt. James Slattery, 50th CONS contracts manger, recently learned they were accepted into law school.

Kilbourn learned his dream was becoming a reality Dec. 6, 2018, followed three weeks later by Slattery.

“The application process was both difficult and anxiety ridden,” Kilbourn said. “It took me about nine months to get the entire application together. I started out by taking a face-to-face Law School Admission Test preparation course in Denver twice a week, with about five-eight hours of outside study weekly for eight weeks. Then, I sat for the more than four-hour-long exam.”

Slattery said the process was nerve-racking, but being able to talk with people who had gone through the same process helped.

“The craziest part of the application process was Kilbourn and I actually took the LSAT on the same date, June 18, 2018, before I had entered active duty and before we had met.”

Each man has a unique motivation for becoming a lawyer.

“I have known I wanted to pursue a law degree since 2016, when I had a personal tragedy occur and unfortunately a mistrial was declared in the prosecution of the perpetrator, ultimately allowing the individual to avoid punishment,” Slattery said. “Since then, I have wanted to ensure that no other people endure the awful feeling of injustice proceeding the loss of a loved one.”

Kilbourn had considered the idea for years, before reading Bryan Stevenson’s book, “Just Mercy.”

“It really put into perspective the uphill



U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Rogers

Second Lt. Michael Kilbourn, left, 50th Contracting Squadron plans and programs flight commander, and 2nd Lt. James Slattery, 50th CONS contracts manager, gather in a courtroom at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 10, 2018. The men recently learned they were accepted into law school.

battle the American legal labyrinth presents for the marginalized,” he said. “I was inspired to better understand the law so that I may be able to one day advocate for those in need.”

While both men were ecstatic to learn of their acceptance, they were equally joyed for each other.

“I think the folks in finance directly below my office may have thought the ceiling was coming down after I leapt into the air when he delivered the news that not only was he attending, but was given a hefty scholarship,” Slattery said.

Kilbourn shares similar sentiment.

“Somehow I feel like I’m more excited for James than I am for myself,” he said. “I was his sponsor when he first arrived, and we have a lot of common interests. Fast forward several months, finding out that he’s been accepted at Ivy League law schools, I am elated for him! The overall experience

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Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, enjoys a piece of cake during her brigadier general confirmation celebration at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 7, 2019. Grant has served as the wing commander since June 2017, having previously served at Schriever AFB as the 2nd Space Operations commander from August 2010-2012.

General

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and be ready for the next opportunity when it comes your way.”

“I joined the Air Force because it was initially an offset to pay for education,” Grant said. “I stayed because I genuinely enjoyed what I was doing and I liked serving and being part of something bigger than myself. I took it one assignment at a time.”

It was around this time Grant considered a detour from her Air Force path, to pursue teaching after she completed a Master’s degree in education from the University of Southern California graduating with honors and a local teaching certification, but a chance to work with the National Reconnaissance Office cemented her decision to stay the course.

“I just went to visit the NRO, interview and decided, ‘Wow, this looks pretty exciting,’” she said. “Clearly I found my way. I enjoyed the operational side of things.”

Upon graduation, she transitioned to the Pentagon in Washington D.C., to serve on the Secretary of the Air Force staff and was then nominated by the NRO and selected for the Air Force Intern Program.

Grant served with the NRO in Chantilly, Virginia for one year before returning to the Washington D.C. area, this time to serve as an Air Force Intern and also work as an aide in the White House. She subsequently returned to Chantilly...and while there met and married her husband, Bryan Dahle-Melsaether, who was also active duty in the Air Force but stationed at Peterson AFB, Colorado.

After getting married, she then headed to Naval Post Graduate School where she again earned distinguished graduate honors upon completing an 18-month degree program.

The NRO then lured Grant to her first Schriever AFB assignment where she served as an operations squadron crew commander and fleeted up to be the Director of Engineering.

“It was a tough assignment at the time because I was working 12-hour mid-shifts, and Bryan was on day staff. But

a daily basis than a single sit down can provide.”

She learned more about mentoring on her second Schriever AFB assignment when she commanded the 2nd Space Operations Squadron, this time from her superintendents and senior noncommissioned officers.

“I hope to be able to leave missions, people and places in better conditions than I found them, and I hope to continue to make a difference every day.”

we got through that season without issue. It was better than the 18-month plus geographic separation at the beginning of our marriage.

“Each assignment should be for its own intrinsic value,” she said. “If every assignment is a means to an end but you don’t get to where you hope to in the end, then you’re going to regret taking those assignments.”

This taking each day, and assignment at a time, enabled Grant to put everything she had into each assignment without concern for how it would fuel her next step.

“I wanted to be the best officer I could be and wanted to make as big of a difference as I could,” she said reflecting on her approach along the way.

Her enthusiasm and work ethic set her up to be considered and earn the position as the aide-de-camp for the Air Force Space Command commander. This assignment provided unique opportunities as well as a difference perspective on mentoring.

“I traveled with him everywhere, 270 out of 365 days a year,” she said. “One day I asked him, ‘should I get on your calendar for feedback or a mentoring session?’ and he said, ‘Jen, you get more mentoring on

“Mentoring takes a lot of different forms,” she continued. “I learned and appreciated what it meant to leverage senior NCO experience and guidance, and the importance of being connected at the hip with my superintendent and first shirt.”

In her third and current Schriever AFB assignment, Grant was confirmed for promotion to brigadier general, joining the ranks of less than 150 active duty brigadier generals, and placing her within the top 0.002 percent of active duty Air Force officers.

Grant said her mentors, like those previously discussed, helped her get to where she is today, the most notable being her father.

“My dad always used to tell us, ‘You need to give respect to get respect. People can respect you because of the position you’re in or for the type of person you are. The better option is to have people respect you because of the person you are not what you are doing professionally.’”

Grant added her father also reminded her to make sure she’s always doing the best job she can.

“He told me to give it everything you can,” she said. “I live everyday like there is no tomorrow. You give everything you

have so when it is your last day, you can say ‘OK, I have run the races as faithfully as I can and what I’ve got is yours to have. There’s no regret.’”

When Grant received the confirmation news, she immediately thought of her dad who passed away in 2018 after a long battle with cancer.

“I think he’d be just thrilled,” she said. “It would be an exciting time for him, and for my mom as well. In my hometown it’s become kind of a big deal.”

Grant gets to have some of that small-town, home town support and feel she grew up with every day at Schriever AFB.

“When we talk about Air Force family, we talk about what it means to be part of a team,” she said. “This community is so tight, close-knit and collaborative, it really has strengthened my perspective that the Air Force is one big family.

“The confirmation makes me realize we’re never doing anything entirely alone, and it’s a reflection of all the great work that’s gone on here, everybody digging in when they need to and doing a great job to continue to support each other,” she said.

Grant said her success is a reflection of everyone in her family, to include her two young children, and her husband, who have supported her every step of the way.

“It’s the service and sacrifice of everyone, including my children,” she said. “We’re an Air Force family. It’s what we do.”

Grant’s confirmation gave her pause to review the past and prepare for the future.

“I hope the return on investment for the Air Force and what the Air Force has invested in me in terms of mentors, education and resources is an equitable return,” she said. “I hope to be able to leave missions, people and places in better conditions than I found them, and I hope to continue to make a difference every day.”

A man in a military uniform is standing and speaking to a group of people seated in a meeting room. He is gesturing with his hands. The room has a wall with a large crest that includes the text "AIR FORCE". Other people in military uniforms are visible in the foreground and background.

(Top) Maj. Gen. Cameron Holt, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Contracting, talks to 50th Contracting Squadron personnel in an all-call meeting at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. Holt shared his vision for the future of Air Force contracting and coined the phrase “Mission Focused Business Leadership” to highlight the contracting professionals’ primary responsibility to understand the mission they are supporting, so they can partner with their customers and provide business advice coinciding with the 50th Space Wing’s mission, vision and priorities.

(Right) Maj. Gen. Cameron Holt, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Contracting, addresses 50th Contracting Squadron personnel in an all-call meeting at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. This is Holt's first visit to Schriever AFB and the Front Range contracting squadrons. He used the time to meet and greet Airmen and answer questions about future plans for the contracting career field.



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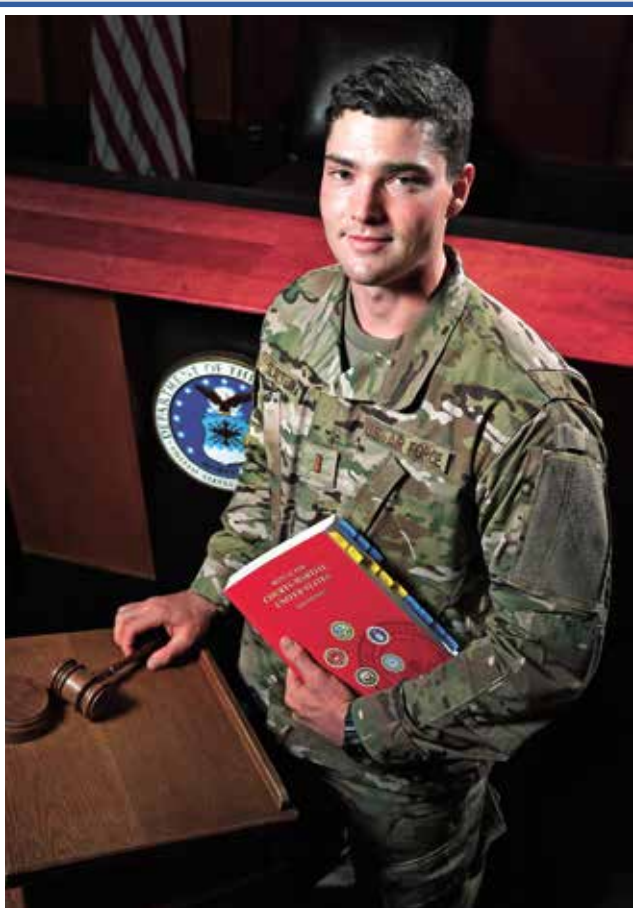
Second Lt. Michael Kilbourn, 50th Contracting Squadron plans and programs flight commander, stands with a copy of the Manual for Courts-Martial in a courtroom at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 10, 2018. Kilbourn was recently accepted into law school and will start classes in the Fall. He hopes to one day work behind the scenes as an advocate of opportunity for the average citizen.

“I am most looking forward to leveraging the law, the framework of our democracy, to help folks gain access to opportunity.”

— 2nd. Lt. Michael Kilbourn
50th Contracting Squadron
plans and programs flight commander

“While the advantages of obtaining a juris doctorate are numerous, I see the potential to help others through advocacy/representation as one of the greatest benefits.”

— 2nd Lt. James Slattery,
50th Contracting Squadron contracts manager



U.S. Air Force photos by Dennis Rogers

Standing in the place where he hopes to one day practice law, 2nd Lt. James Slattery, 50th Contracting Squadron contracts manager, holds a copy of the Manual for Courts-Martial in a courtroom at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 10, 2018. Slattery wants to pursue the prosecutorial side of criminal law as well as help others through advocacy and representation.

Law school

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has forged a bond between us that I feel fortunate to have.”

No one was more proud of the two men than Maj. Neal Wall, 50th CONS commander.

“I was very surprised, in a good way, to learn that two 50th CONS second lieutenants had been accepted into law school,” he said. “Finding out they were both accepted around the same time while assigned to the same contracting unit is awesome and unique.”

The path the two men trod together will soon fork in different directions. Kilbourn will start law school in the Fall, attending classes in Denver on the weekends. Slattery’s acceptance has been deferred a few years, which will allow him the opportunity to apply for the Air Force’s Funded Legal Education Program.

The aspiring attorneys are hopeful their background as contracting officers will aid them through the educational process.

“There is major overlap between what’s demanded of law students/attorneys and of contracting professionals,” Kilbourn said. “One of the first courses we will take as law students is ‘Contracts.’ Being a contracting officer can’t hurt. Ultimately, I know it’s still going to be an incredibly challenging venture.”

Slattery hopes to pursue the prosecutorial side of criminal law. Kilbourn said he wants to work behind the scenes as an advocate for the average citizen. Although these desires will likely take the two men in opposite directions, both acknowledged the slim, but possible, chance of crossing legal wits in the future.

“I call James, ‘Lieutenant America,’” Kilbourn said. “Needless to say, I would not want to be his adversary. I’m fortunate to be on his team as a member of 50th CONS. It should come as no surprise if I am working for him somewhere at some point in the future.”

Slattery likewise gave deference to his friend.

“For the sake of any future cases I have, I definitely hope to never be on opposite sides of the courtroom as Mike,” he said. “All kidding aside, after my Air Force career comes to an end I would love the opportunity to work with him again.”

Since the path for both men remains long, Wall looks forward to them continuing to excel and motivate 50th CONS.

“We are fortunate to have these two officers; both are top notch lieutenants,” he said. “Since his arrival, Kilbourn has successfully executed many contracts in support of Schriever’s missions while also leading the 50th CONS plans and program flight. Slattery has hit the ground running by making multiple positive mission impacts as part of the base infrastructure flight and successfully planning and executing several Air Force contracting senior leader visits. Both of these officers are proactive and excel in everything they do and live up to the AF’s core values 24/7.”

While both men know the journey to discovering “who ordered the code red” within their respective areas of law will be a challenge, they’re ready for it.

“I am most looking forward to leveraging the law, the framework of our democracy, to help folks gain access to opportunity,” Kilbourn said.

Slattery’s outlook is similar.

“I am looking forward to helping those in need,” he said. “While the advantages of obtaining a juris doctorate are numerous, I see the potential to help others through advocacy/representation as one of the greatest benefits.”

Wall indicated both men are indeed ready to handle the truth.

“They lead and excel when those opportunities arise,” he said. “They each have a clear vision of where they want their careers to go in the future and they have each set goals to achieve that vision. The combination of vision, goals, hard work and consistently excelling in everything you do will always be a recipe for success in life.”

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50th SW/CC celebrates with wing's basketball champs



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Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, shows off her honorary T-shirt and trophy alongside the 50th SW basketball champions, the 50th SW Wing Staff Agency, and one of their rivals from the tournament, Chief Master Sgt. Treveon Everson, 4th Space Operations Squadron superintendent, at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 9, 2019. The 50th SW WSA team defeated rival 4th SOPS multiple times throughout their undefeated season, despite Everson's prediction 4th SOPS would lead at season's end.

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Recently, a veteran well into post-Army life, provided high-marks to the Mt. Carmel team for providing impactful direct-assistance and wrap-around services for more than two years.

“At first I was apprehensive about any organization trying to help veterans,” said the former paratrooper. “At Mt. Carmel, the proof is in the pudding; even when I was outside the local area, your team provided assistance with resources. Mt. Carmel has been there for me whenever I needed help.”

The combat veteran noted Mt. Carmel’s urgency as its greatest asset, “The veterans and their family members on your staff

really understand that when a veteran says, ‘help is urgent’, that it is -- you get it. A few weeks back, I was stressed and struggling; your team met with me immediately and assured me, ‘everything was going to be ok’. Because of your team, it was. You loaded boxes of food into my car within 20 minutes of learning of my need; that was such a relief. On the same visit, my Mt. Carmel Peer Navigator provided assistance that resulted in a job within days.”

“For me, stability is knowing that I have a reliable, trusted resource – friends actually – for when things get tough. Jobs come and go; but, Mt. Carmel has been great. I can’t speak highly enough about how important you have been to my transition.”

Mt. Carmel is a responsive team of veterans, military family members and community partners who have, ‘been there and done that’. The organization operates from a purpose-built facility (and a satellite location on Ft. Carson) to ensure veterans, transitioning military and families feel at home as they receive direct assistance.

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Jan 19: PTS/Trauma relief-focus Tai-Chi, 10-11 a.m.	Jan. 23: Warriors First, support group for justice-involved veterans, 4-5 pm
Jan 21: Quilts of Valor Ceremony, Public welcome, Mt. Carmel Chapel, 9 am-noon	Jan. 23: Art Therapy promoting stress relief and self-healing, 5-7 pm
Jan 21: Spiritual Coverage, meet with a chaplain, 10 am-2 pm	Jan. 23: Pointman Ministries non-denominational fellowship, 6-8 pm
Jan. 22: Spiritual Connection Group - non-denominational discussion of spirituality, noon-4 pm	Jan. 24: PTSD Support Group, 10-11 am
Jan. 22: Veteran-X PTS-focused group, 4:30-6:30 pm	Jan 24: Peer Navigator Career Networking Event, Red Leg Brewery, 4630 Forge Rd, 4-7 pm
Jan. 22: Yoga, PTS/trauma relief-focus, 5-6 pm	Jan 25: Boz Catering for lunch, Open to the public welcome, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

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Why I wear the uniform

By Airman 1st Class Sean Traster
50th Security Forces Squadron

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The Airman Battle Uniform, otherwise known as ABU’s, is the uniform I and many other Airmen put on every day when we report to duty. To the outside world, it is nothing more than another camouflage uniform worn by a branch of the United States military. However, to anyone who has ever or still puts it on today knows it’s more than just a uniform. It’s a symbol, a symbol I am honored to wear every day.

While in basic training and technical training, I had three reasons every morning as I put this uniform on that made all the struggle, all the blood, sweat and tears I shed with my fellow wingmen worth it.

The first reason is my wife, Lauren. When I met her two years ago in the middle of my college career I wanted to be a Sailor. I wanted to defend this great country by sea. After much discussion, she being what many in the Air Force call an “Air Force brat,” convinced me to join the greatest Air Force in the world.

Next to my mother, my wife is the strongest woman I know, and she deserves the absolute best. So when I was getting screamed at in basic, or crawling through the mud in the pouring rain out at Camp Bullis, Texas, I kept telling myself I will not give up because I cannot let Lauren down.

The second reason is for my older brother, Ethan. I have always wanted to be just like him. Everything Ethan did, I had to do. From the time I was little I saw him as a role model, someone to look up to, a hero. Once he graduated the South Dakota Police Academy I knew I wanted to be a police officer, just like my brother. No matter the occasion, my brother runs toward the sound of chaos. I hope while I wear the uniform that I run just as fast toward that sound, and upon arrival I am just as good of as he is.

I carry a very heavy heart with the third and final reason why I wear the uniform. My best friend and roommate in college was the most devoted person I know. His dream was to become a doctor, and he devoted every second of his life to becoming one. In his free time he did clinical shadowing, submitted many journals for publishing and



Airman 1st Class Sean Traster
50th Security Forces Squadron

many other things not required of him in order to build his resume to get into medical school. However, the stress became too great for him and he thought there was only one way out. On July 2, 2017, my best friend, roommate, and a man I considered family, took his own life. I stand here today to live my dream because he can’t live his. I carry his memory with me every day to remind me no matter how hard my day was or how stressful it may get, I will never give up on my dream. I couldn’t think of a better way to honor him than to put this uniform on and live out my dream of being a police officer.

It is an honor to be able to have my father’s and grandfather’s name on this uniform. Every morning when I leave the threshold of my home, my shoulders are back, chest out, and head held high knowing I serve in the world’s greatest Air Force and defend the best country.

I promised to run toward the sound of chaos and protect all. I will keep that promise and wear this uniform with pride.

Ownership

From page 3

son who would eventually replace me. Additionally, I would grow my replacement. The latter was drilled in to me during my combat readiness training when I was assigned to a tactical communications unit in Italy. Everyone was trained so we could do multiple jobs within our sections, eliminating gaps when we were in the field should we experience losses (personnel and equipment). The mission will always continue. This emphasized the need to be process driven and process oriented. If we do things from memory,

we cannot adequately train our replacement and, god forbid, if something happens to us, can lead to recreating things if we take our knowledge to the grave.

Our Air Force has continually gotten smaller since I’ve joined in 1992 (over 600,000 Airmen in 1992) due to technological advancements and budget constraints, but our missions have increased over this same 27-year period. I challenge you to own what you do every day and take pride in everything you do. Find the time to learn the “whys” behind the “whats” and the “hows” of what you do, and then find ways to make what you do better for those coming after you. Don’t just maintain the status quo and leave things to be looked at or fixed tomorrow.

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Schriever spouse wins AAFES sweepstakes



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Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, gathers with Brittney Conkey and Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials to present Conkey with \$500 in Home for the Holidays Sweepstakes gift certificates at the Exchange at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 10, 2018. Brittney is the spouse of Matthew Conkey, 4th Space Operations Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of quality assurance. The sweepstakes were part of an initiative to provide service members with resources to spend the holidays with family and friends. No federal endorsement implied for businesses depicted.

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1ST - NATALIE MCCOY - 185 LBS

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A group of approximately 14 people, mostly men in athletic wear, are posing for a photo on a wooden deadlift platform in a gym. In the foreground, a barbell with blue weight plates is positioned on the platform. The participants are standing behind the barbell, some with their hands on their hips, smiling at the camera. The background shows gym equipment and a wall with a sign that reads "WEIGHTLIFTING COLLARS ARE MANDATORY".

Participants huddle on the deadlift platform at the conclusion of the annual Bench Press and Deadlift competition at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. Fourteen Airmen competed in the tournament. Ian Sayler ranked highest among males, benching 345 pounds and deadlifting 500 pounds, while Natalie McCoy ranked highest among females, benching 135 pounds and deadlifting 185 pounds.

t flex for competition



Gabriel Valle, 310th Operations Group, deadlifts more than 300 pounds during the annual Bench Press and Deadlift competition at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. Valle was one of two reservists who competed in the tournament. His highest deadlift was 455 pounds.



Tanner Bush, 50th Operations Support Squadron, benches 315 pounds during the annual Bench Press and Deadlift competition at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. Bush would later press 405 pounds, the heaviest amount pressed during the competition.



Kyle Lucas, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, deadlifts 570 pounds during the annual Bench Press and Deadlift competition at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. This was Lucas' highest deadlift amount in three tries. He would go on to place 3rd in the competition overall.

First Friday serves up smiles

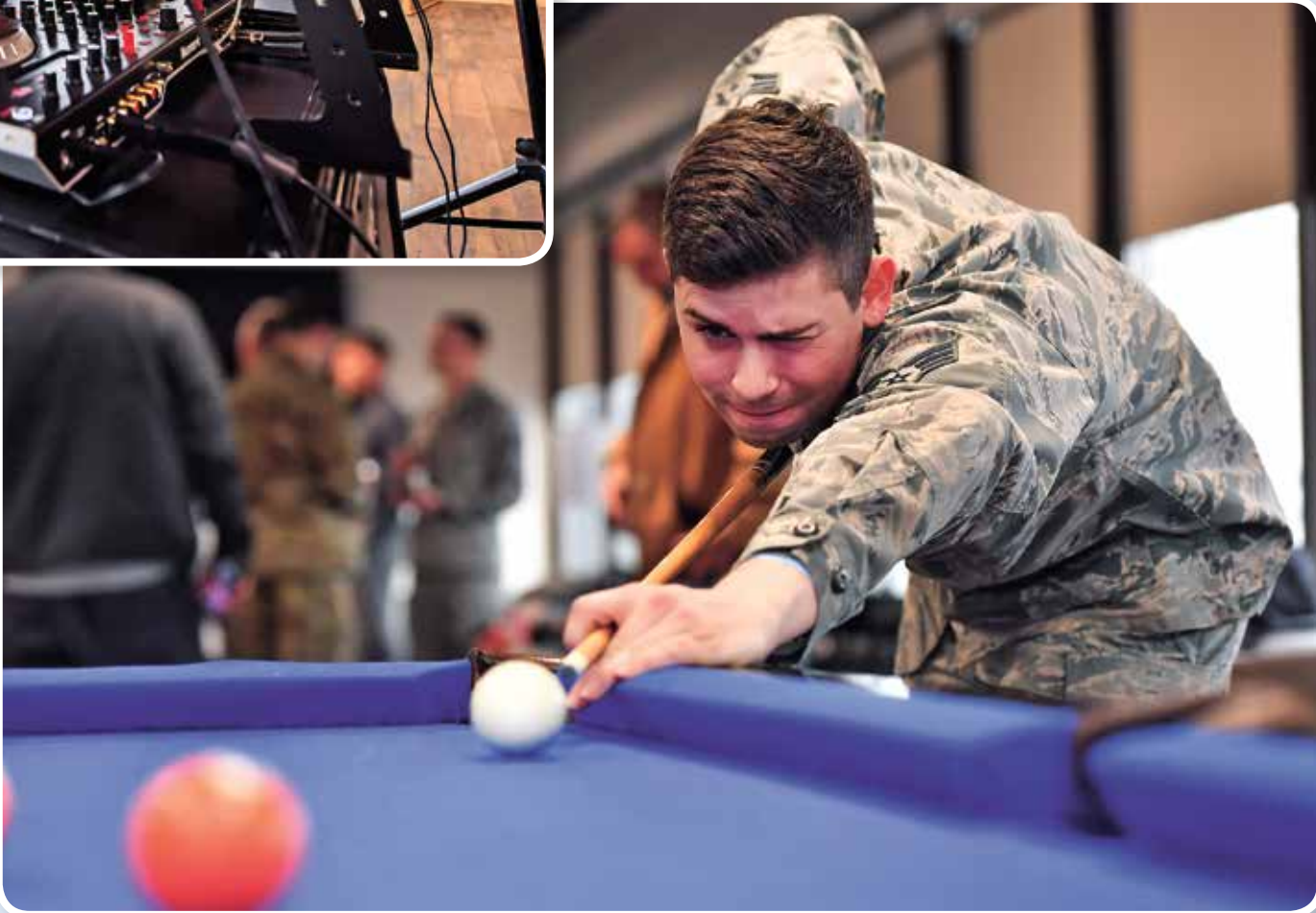


(Above) Tech. Sgt. Jareo Brumfield with the Joint Force Space Component Commander staff performs, as “DJ Phoenix” during First Friday at the event center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. Members of the JFSCC helped served food during the event, reinforcing the 50th Space Wing Vision, “One team ... mastering space and cyberspace operations ... now and into the future.”

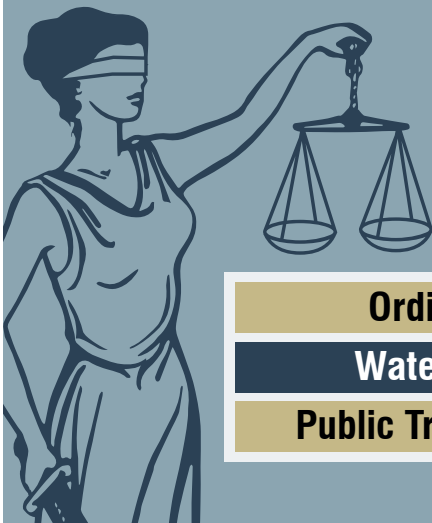
(Right) Senior Airman Alex Pfeffer, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron electrician, lines up a pool shot during the monthly First Friday at the event center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. First Fridays are designed to improve morale and strengthen bonds between squadrons.



(Above) Col. Jennifer Grant, 50th Space Wing commander, celebrates with Col. Jack Fischer, new 50th SW vice commander, during his first First Friday at the event center at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 11, 2019. The event was designated as an alternate duty location for Schriever Airmen to get to know each other and work on their resiliency.



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50th OSS trains future space operators




(Above) Chris Jackson, 4th Space Operations Squadron, senior satellite systems engineer, explains basic terminology and functionality of the Military Strategic and Tactical Relay/Advanced Extremely High Frequency satellite constellation to 50th Operations Support Squadron students at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 10, 2019. Milstar provides the president, secretary of defense and the U.S. armed forces with assured, survivable satellite communications. Additionally the program has a low probability of interception and detection and is designed to overcome enemy jamming and nuclear effects.

(Right) Airman First Class Jametri George, 50th Operations Support Squadron student, reads communication commands during space operator training at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 10, 2019. Students who underwent the training had the opportunity to either act as a pilot requesting a simulated airstrike or a joint terminal attack controller calling in the airstrike for the pilot. Once the airstrike was executed, the JTAC provided a mission briefing to the pilot.



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Airmen ski, snowboard during SnoFest



(Above) Capt. Archie Johnson, 1st Space Operations Squadron assistant director of operations, and his family line up for a photo before skiing and snowboarding during the annual SnoFest event in Keystone, Colorado, Jan. 12, 2019. SnoFest allows military members and their families to engage in winter time recreational activities at a discounted price.

(Right) Airmen and children ski down a slope during the annual SnoFest event in Keystone, Colorado, Jan. 12, 2019. Besides skiing, SnoFest featured ice skating, snowboarding and a cardboard derby for military members across the Front Range.

(Below) Airmen snowmobile at an outpost during the annual SnoFest event in Keystone, Colorado, Jan. 12, 2019. Keystone stretches seven miles along the Snake River and features 3,128 vertical feet and 3,148 acres of terrain. More than 2,000 military members attended the SnoFest activities during the weekend.



BASE BRIEFS

Don't forget to check out facebook.com/SchrieverAirForceBase for more events.

AAFES hosting fitness sweepstakes

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is offering military shoppers a chance to win the Fill Your Gym Bag Sweepstakes Friday — Feb. 18. Ten winners worldwide will each receive a \$100 Exchange gift card toward filling up their gym bag with fitness necessities, from fitness trackers to the latest sportswear to name-brand shoes and accessories, all of which can be found in Exchange stores or online at ShopMyExchange.com. The second sweepstakes will award five winners a Schwinn 830 treadmill.

Authorized Exchange shoppers 18 years and older can visit ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes to enter. Honorably discharged veterans who have determined their eligibility to shop at ShopMyExchange.com can enter as well. No purchase is necessary to win, and the sweepstakes are each limited to one entry per person. Winners will be notified around the end of February. For more information, contact Michael Casserly at 719-576-6174.

MLK day to affect AAFES installations

The following Schriever Air Force Base Army and Air Force Exchange Services will be impacted by Martin Luther King Day Jan. 21:

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For more information call the 50th Force Support Squadron's marketing office at 719-567-5362.

ON BASE

Clinic announces closures

The Schriever Air Force Base Clinic is closed the following dates/times:

Tomorrow	Noon — 4:30 p.m.	Family Day
Monday	All Day	Holiday
Jan. 24	All Day	Wing Function

In an effort to ensure patients receive the care they need, when they need it, the Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever Air Force Base medical clinics will provide limited medical services 7:30 a.m. — noon Jan. 18. For an appointment, call the Colorado Springs Access To Care line at 719-524-CARE (2273). For after-hours care, use option 3 to speak to a nurse on the Nurse Advice Line.

Note: Walk-in services end at 3:30 p.m. Normal clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Monday — Friday. For emergencies, call 911. For appointments, call 719-524-CARE.

Schriever hosts 130 Roadshow

There will be a 130 career field roadshow 8 — 9:30 a.m. and 3 — 4:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Building 300 auditorium. This is a new Multi-Domain Command and Control career field the Air Force is establishing to develop multi-domain command and control operations. The roadshow ensures Airmen have the opportunity to hear about this new career field and ask questions from the experts. For more information, contact Maj. Brian Eno at 719-567-2124.

MetroRides Vanpool provides openings

MetroRides Vanpool is a government subsidized program for all Department of Defense Civil Service employees and

active duty military. There is no out of pocket expense for DoD vanpool participants, contractors may also participate. The route starts North Powers and Old Ranch Road and departs at 6:35 a.m. arriving at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, at 7:30 a.m. The vanpool departs Schriever AFB at 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, contact Joe Colunga at 719-567-3350.

Legal Office Weekly Briefings

The 50th Space Wing Legal Office provides the following briefings on Fridays:

Article 137 Re-enlistment Briefing — 8 a.m.

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For further information, call 567-5050.

A&FRC center events

The Airman and Family Readiness center will host the following events this month:

Today 11 a.m. — noon
Joint Communications Unit recruiting brief

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The Pros and Cons of Teens on Social Media Briefing

Tuesday 2 — 3:30 p.m.
Pre-separation Briefing

Wednesday 9 — 11 a.m.
TriCare Transition Briefing

Jan. 25 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Initial Key Spouse Training

Jan. 26 1 a.m. — 1 p.m.
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Jan. 28 — Feb. 1 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.
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To enroll/register, visit <https://eis2.afspc.af.mil/sites/50sw/wsa/kmc/tn/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

50th SW Violence Prevention Program recruiting course trainers

The 50th Space Wing violence prevention program staff is currently recruiting volunteer course trainers for the 2019 sexual assault/suicide prevention bystander training program. For more information, contact Ken Robinson at 719-567-2647 or Staff Sgt. Shelby Parry at 719-567-4880.

OFF-BASE

Peterson to host MLK luncheon

All are invited to attend the 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Observation Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Jan. 23 at the club on Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. For more information, contact Michael Hulverson at 719-834-6464.

Vanpool opens for Falcon to/from Schriever

There will be a Schriever Air Force Base vanpool service Monday-Friday, departing from Falcon Walmart 6:25 a.m. and conducting several drop-offs at Schriever AFB 7 a.m. Pick-up times at Schriever AFB will be between 4:30-4:45 p.m. and arrives at Falcon Walmart around 5:10 p.m. There is no out of pocket expense for Department of Defense vanpool participants. Contractors may also participate, but are not government subsidized. For more information, contact Mike Walker at 567-7014, Kim Elster at 719-567-3025, or Jay Carroll at 719-721-0739.

Airman's Council to host social

The Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Airman's Council is hosting its 2019 Airman's Social 2 — 6 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, bowling alley. This event will include food and a DJ. There will be a special giveaway for E-1 to E-4, however all are invited to join in on the fun. Door prizes will be handed out to the first 100 people to arrive and bowlers have a chance to win one of three commemorative trophies. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Emily Rivera at 719-567-2085.

2019 AFCEA Cyberspace Symposium seeks volunteers

The 2019 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Cyberspace Symposium is seeking volunteers to assist with session running, registration and security Feb. 5 — 7 at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. For more information, contact Wanda Williams at 719-231-0082.

TAPS seeks volunteers

The Tragedy Assistance Program is seeking volunteers for the 2019 Mountain State Regional Good Grief Camp being held March 29 — 31. Register at www.taps.org/militarymentors.

Society of Military Widows holds meeting

The Society of Military Widows is open to widows of any branch of military service, regardless of the spouse's rank. The Pikes Peak Chapter 15 of the Society of Military Widows meets the last Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. at The Club at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Call 719-331-6689 or 719-260-8172 for more information.

Military Retirees Activities Office

The Military Retiree Activities Office holds monthly council meetings the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Club at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. The meeting is followed by lunch at 12:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, call the Retiree Assistance Office at 719-556-7153.

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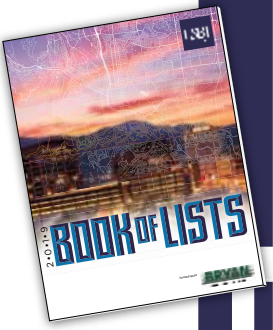
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Comedy Below, “the art of a good time.” The gallery brings you a great lineup including: Manny Crispin, Ben Verbeck, John Bueno, JT and Something Weird. Hosted by Andrew Ingram. Third Friday of every month, 8-10 p.m. \$10. The Gallery Below, 718B N. Weber St., 347/961-4789, jonb@thegallerybelow.com, facebook.com/thegallerybelow.

Comedy Open Mic, an opportunity to get some stage time, sharing jokes in front of a supportive group. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Free. Playing Field Sports Bar, 3958 N. Academy Blvd., #112, 210-1316, theplayingfieldsportsbar.com.

Saturday Night Improv Comedy, a family-friendly improv comedy night. Laugh out loud. Bring your kids. Performance is based on your suggestions. No two shows are the same. Sat., Jan. 19, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10-\$8. West End Center, 755 Hwy. 105, Palmer lake, 445-9510, fun@improvcolorado.com, improvcolorado.com.

CONCERTS

Music of Light and Darkness, presenting Dr. Zahari Methckov on the piano. Featuring works by Olivier Messiaen, Claude Debussy, Richard Wagner and Franz Liszt. Sat., Jan. 19, 7-9 p.m. \$12-\$15, free for students. The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Road, Monument, 648-3844, BarbaraTaylor8@msn.com, RMMACconcerts.org.

USAFA Chamber Recital Series, The United States Air Force Academy Band performing a “Rhythm and Blue” concert, featuring true jazz along with jazz-inspired contemporary music. Tues., Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m. Free. CC’s Packard Hall, 5 W. Cache la Poudre St., 389-6607, coloradocollege.edu.

DANCE

Broadmoor Waltz Club, teaching 12 patterned waltzes to interested dancers of all levels. Thursdays, 6 p.m. \$5/couple. Westside Community Center, 1628 W. Bijou St., 592-1418, springsgov.com.

CommuniDance, a free-form dance group. Saturdays, 9-10 a.m. and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. By donation. Movement Arts Community Studio, 525 E. Fountain Blvd., #150, movementartscs.com.

Tango Mondays, beginners welcome. Mondays, 6 p.m. \$5-\$10. Cucuru Gallery Café, 2332 W. Colorado Ave., 520-9900, cucurugallerycafe.com.

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Foster Care Orientation, learn more about becoming a foster parent and get help starting the process. Lutheran Family Services, 108 E. St. Vrain St., #20. Third Thursday of every month, 3-6 p.m. Free. 227-7571, april.allison@lfsrm.org, lfsrm.org.

Women’s March For Southern Colorado, a march and rally in solidarity to protect women’s rights, human rights, safety, health and the planet, in order to move toward a positive and just future. Pueblo County Courthouse, 215 W. 10th Street, Pueblo. Sat., Jan. 19, noon to 2 p.m. womensmarchsocolo@gmail.com, facebook.com/MarchPueblo2018.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Introduction to Massage Therapy Workshop, for those interested in pursuing a career as a massage therapist. Includes information on the school’s curriculum and some basic Swedish massage techniques. Third Wednesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Free. Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy, 1490 W. Fillmore St., 634-7347, info@cimt.edu, cimt.edu.

Introduction to Thai Yoga Massage, a hands-on course that will provide the basics, including a brief history, the principals, elements and many asanas of Thai Yoga Massage. Sat., Jan. 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$100. Yoga Studio Satya, 1581 York Road, 203-4525, yogastudiosatya@gmail.com, yogastudiosatya.com.

Yoga for Special Needs, Tuesdays, 12-1:30 p.m. Yoga Journeys Studio, 709 N. Nevada Ave., #201, 471-7424.

KIDS & FAMILY

Celtic Concert Fun, an afternoon of Celtic music, storytelling, folklore, fun and maybe even Ceilidh (Kaylee) dance. Willson and McKee will play the Highland bagpipe and harp. No registration required. Sat., Jan. 19, 2-3 p.m. Free. Pikes Peak Library District, Rockrimmon Branch, 832 Village Center Drive, 593-8000, ppld.librarymarket.com.

EarthWise Pet Supply: Grand Opening Celebration, including pet adoptions, door prizes, free samples, vendors, giveaways, deals and more. EarthWise Pet Supply, 7 Spectrum Loop, Suite 115. Sat., Jan. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 213/225-4426, facebook.com/EarthWisePetColoradoSprings.

The EMU Family Fun Vendors Market, including family health professionals, a green screen photo booth, art and personal care vendors, food, demonstrations, educational resources and more. Third Saturday of every month, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free with \$2.50 museum admission. Colorado Springs Children’s Museum, 2860 S. Circle Drive, Suite 160, 228-9035, inquire@infoemu.com, facebook.com/emufamilyfunvendorsmarketscoloradosprings.

Kid Confidence: Karate Demos, with free demonstrations by Jon Thom Seehafer. Third Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Free. Colorado Springs Children’s Museum, 2860 S. Circle Drive, Suite 160, 228-9035, ops@lifeprime.net, expanding-mindsedu.com.

Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue Cocker Spaniel Showcase, an event with fun and useful items for you to check out, including the brand new 2019 cocker calendar, with all proceeds from donations going directly to helping dogs with medical issues prior to adoption. Bentley’s Pet Stuff, 13375 Voyager Pkwy. Sat., Jan. 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. 303/617-1939, inquiries@rockymountaincockerrescue.org, rockymountaincockerrescue.org.

Tesla’s Toolbox: Toy/Electronic Deconstruction, for attendees to find out what old technology and toys can teach us through reverse engineering. Sat., Jan. 19, 10 a.m. to noon. Free with regular admission. Space Foundation, 4425 Arrowswest Drive, 576-8000, mcory@spacefoundation.org, discoverspace.org.

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