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## Ice takes hold in Maui

By Maj. Brian Moore | 20 SPCS DET 3

MAUI, Hawaii — The 20th Space Control Squadron Detachment 3 is located on the Hawaiian island of Maui. When most people think of Hawaii, they picture warm, sandy beaches and tropical landscapes. While that is true for most of Hawaii, there are areas that can be very different. Take the location of the 20th SPCS Det 3 on top of the 10,000 foot dormant volcano of Haleakala. On Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019, we experienced a severe ice storm. Yes, you read that right, an ice storm on Maui.

Haleakala is no stranger to cold weather and generally receives a light dusting of snow a few times a year. Maui, however, has not seen an ice storm this extreme in decades. Freezing rain, snow, and 50 mph winds covered the entire site in 3-6 inches of ice and brought operations to a grinding halt.

Once the storm relented on Monday, the Det 3 team worked to evaluate the damage and restore operations to the Ground-Based Electro-Optical Deep Space

Surveillance system. Luckily, damage was limited to a few broken lightning rods, but the three telescope towers were coated in several inches of ice. The domes were covered with so much ice that the access doors were frozen shut. After gaining access to one of the telescope towers, it became clear the ice was not going to let us resume operations that evening. We would have to wait for Mother Nature to reverse her actions and let the ice melt.

See Maui page 11



(Courtesy photo)  
MAUI, Hawaii — A Ground-Based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance system tower is covered in ice after a severe ice storm hit the island of Maui, Feb. 10. The freezing rain, snow, and 50 mph winds covered the entire site in 3-6 inches of ice and brought 20th Space Control Squadron Detachment 3 operations to a grinding halt.

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My Greatest Decision



Master Sgt. Melissa Ochab | 821ST SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

A decision I made at 18 years old in a quick moment of rebellion has turned out to be the best decision of my life. As I neared the end of my junior year of high school, without any plans for college, my mom would begin what I would describe as “nagging” me with questions of my plans after graduation. I jokingly mentioned the military to see her reaction. Since her father and brother both fought in past wars, it upset her to think that one day that could be her daughter too. Of course from that point on, every time someone would inquire about my future, my response would be, “I’m joining the military.”

On Nov. 18, 2003, I stepped off the bus at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas as many have before, not truly knowing what was in store for me.

Fast forward 15 years, and I’m stationed at Thule Air Base, Greenland where I have plenty of time on my hands to reflect on all the experiences the Air Force has afforded me. Some of my experiences include meeting my husband, having children, and creating lifelong friendships. However, one of my most memorable experiences comes from a deployment in 2011 to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

It was my first time working for a female Chief Master Sgt. She had a vision to start an Air Force Female Engagement

Team initiative and entrusted me to lead it. We, a group of females, would exit the security of the installation to patrol through the villages in hopes to build and establish rapport with the females around Bagram.

The way I see it, women around the world share a common bond and that’s family, specifically our children. Think about it, if the men are being paid for allowing roadside bombs to be buried in their village, more than likely they are not going to alert us. On the other hand, if the mother has to keep her children from attending school she is more likely to disclose that information because she wants them to have an education.

The objective was to be able to gather possible intelligence that our male counterparts were not able to get.

Along with great experiences came sacrifice, such as post-

poning wedding dates year after year and vacations and holidays. Nothing was as hard for me as being pulled away from my daughter when she was only six months old.

I missed hearing my children speak their first words, take their first steps and celebrate their first birthdays. Those were the toughest times for me. I will never get that time back. I am thankful and beyond grateful the policies have since changed so that mothers may have more opportunities to watch their children reach developmental milestones.

All things considered, the experiences and sacrifices over the past 15 years, if I had to go back to when I was 18 and decide what I was going to do after graduating high school, it would still be to join not just the military, but the U.S. Air Force.

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# Airman of the Year talks being a woman in the Air Force



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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Senior Airman Mary Czarnecki, 21st Medical Group aerospace physiology technician, demonstrates how the flight simulator works March 5, on Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Czarnecki was named 21st Space Wing Airman of the Year in February 2019.

By Erinn Callahan | 21ST SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Independence and hard work have come in handy for Senior Airman Mary Czarnecki during her time in the Air Force, resulting in her earning the 21st Space Wing Airman of the Year award in February 2019.

The 21st Medical Group aerospace physiology technician thanks her mother – who pursued a bachelor’s degree in nursing when Czarnecki was 13 – for those traits.

“She showed me the value of, ‘Never stop learning and never stop improving yourself,’ Czarnecki said. “With basic things like, ‘Oh, you have a school project coming up? You need to start it sooner than the night before,’ or, ‘You’re 16 now, let’s learn how to fill out job applications.’ She guided me while making me do it.”

Czarnecki, 28, decided to enlist in 2016 after researching career options for her kinesiology degree from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan.

“The Air Force popped up and the more I researched it, the more I realized this is what I wanted to do,” she said. “I’ve gotten a lot of, ‘No,’ in my civilian life, or, ‘You can’t do this,’ or, ‘That’s too expensive,’ or, ‘You don’t qualify.’

“But here in the Air Force, I feel like there’s been a lot of doors that have opened up for me and a lot of different paths I can take.”

As an aerospace physiology technician, Czarnecki trains flyers, parachutists, cadets, almost anybody who touches an aircraft about the dangers of altitude and how to counteract those dangers, she said. While her age and background have provided some advantages in her line of work, she feels she has learned just as much from the younger Airmen as they have from her.

“That life experience set me up for success, but I still needed to learn how to follow and how to be part of a flight,” Czarnecki said. “I definitely have mentors here who have guided me through the hard times.”

Aside from the Airman of the Year honor, Czarnecki’s greatest accomplishment is being able to submit an application for aerospace physiology officer, which she completed in September 2018.

“Just being prepared and able to submit that package is a huge feat, especially for someone who has only been in for two years,” Czarnecki said.

Czarnecki’s advice for younger women looking to join the Air Force is simple, “Just go for it.”

“You’re going to face a lot of obstacles – whether that be the fact that you’re lower ranking or the fact that you are a woman – but the more perseverance you have, the further you’re going to get,” she said. “Don’t let those hard times stop you from doing what you want to do.”

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By Robb Lingley | 21ST SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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"We have had a few instances where Airmen were caught misusing their GTCC," said Airman 1st Class Zachary Farmer, 21st Comptroller Squadron financial operations technician.

Examples of misuse can include, but are not limited to:

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- Intentional failure to pay undisputed charges in a timely manner.




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- Cash withdrawals or advances taken more than three working days prior to official government travel, with the exception of expenses incident to official travel described by the Defense Travel Management Office in paragraph 041006, use of the travel card for personal expenses incurred during leave in conjunction with official travel.
- "Misuse of the GTCC can have a negative impact on an Airman by causing administrative or disciplinary action,"

said Farmer. "If an Airman forgets to pay off their GTCC balance it can cause late fees to occur and credit scores to go down."

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His 2016 memoir, *Red Platoon: A True Story of American Valor*, is not only admired for providing a clear-eyed account of one of the most crucial battles in recent military history, but also as a powerful account of how one person, committed to doing the right thing, can make a bigger difference than they ever imagined. Romesha revisited the story of the battle that made him a hero in the Netflix original series, *Medal of Honor*.

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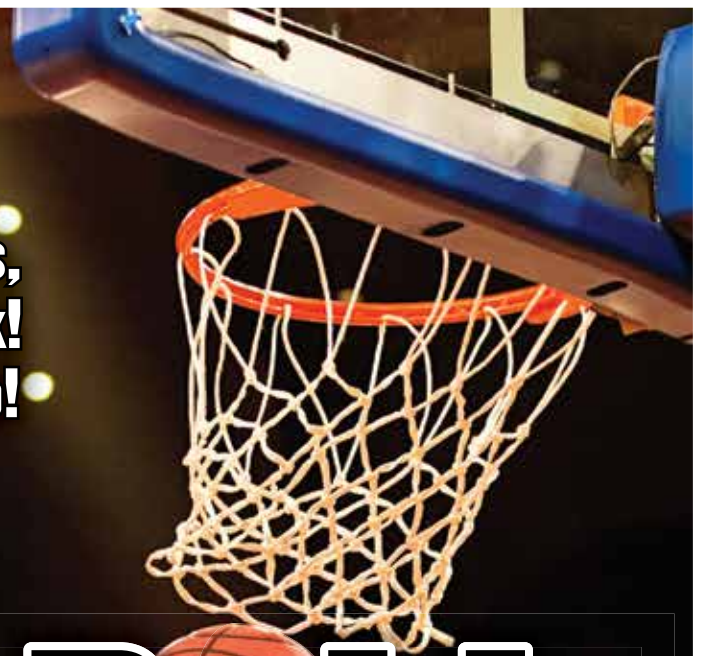
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This mission demonstrates the U.S. Air Force’s continued commitment to deliver secure and reliable satellite communications around the globe to U.S. and Allied forces.

“Today’s launch is a momentous achievement for the joint warfighter as we launch the tenth WGS satellite,” said Tom Becht, acting director of Space and Missile Systems Center’s Military Satellite Communications Systems Directorate. “This accomplishment is the result of the remarkable relationship with our partners at SMC’s Launch Enterprise Systems Directorate, the 45th Space Wing, 50th Space Wing, and industry and epitomizes the traits of our transformative SMC 2.0 initiative.”

“The tenacity and dedication to mission assurance ensures we continue to maintain a robust satellite constellation with modernized, more resilient MILSATCOM capabilities,” Becht continued. “Thanks to the astounding teamwork, commitment, and mission focus, we successfully launched the next satellite in the WGS satellite constellation.”

Over the next few months, Boeing will begin on-orbit testing of WGS-10 to verify performance and prepare the satellite for operational use. Ultimately, WGS-10 will be controlled by the U.S. Air Force’s 4th Space Operations Squadron at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. The WGS-10 satellite is scheduled to enter operations in October 2019.



(Photo courtesy of United Launch Alliance)

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — An ULA Delta IV rocket carrying the WGS-10 mission for the U.S. Air Force lifts off from Space Launch Complex-37 at 8:26 p.m. ET, March 15.

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F-16C Fighting Falcons with the 13th Fighter Squadron, assigned to Misawa Air Base, Japan, sit on the south ramp at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Feb. 28. Misawa AB's F-16s were among the nearly 100 aircraft participating in this year's COPE North exercise in Guam.



# A in



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Daniel Ter Haar)

A formation of A-10 Thunderbolt IIs attached to the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., departs a KC-135 Stratotanker after receiving fuel over Kansas March 6. The KC-135 is attached to the Air National Guard's 185th Air Refueling Wing at Sioux City, Iowa, and is regularly scheduled to refuel A-10s for training purposes.



Members of the 335th Training Squadron freestyle drill team perform during a ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 8. Airmen from the 81st TRG competed in a quarterly open ranks competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 8. While in training, Airmen are given the opportunity to volunteer to learn

# Week Photos



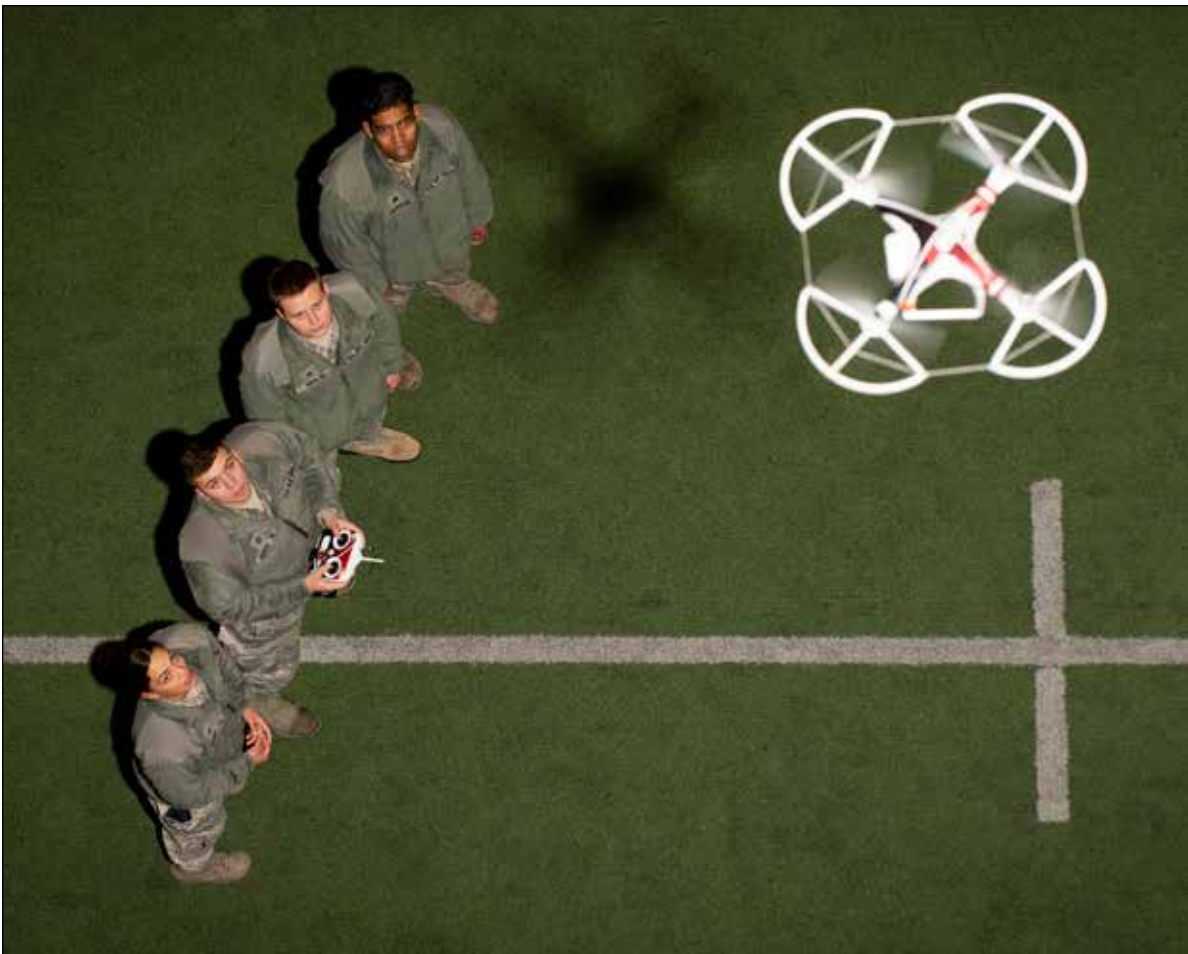
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The 81st Training Group drill down on the Levitow Training Support Facility drill pad at Keesler Air Force Base, inspection, regulation drill routine and freestyle drill routine. Keesler AFB trains more than 30,000 students each and execute drill down routines.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. J.D. Strong II)  
Army Cpl. Alexandra Perez, Iron Training Detachment air assault instructor, coaches Air Force Staff Sgt. James Tienor, 377th Security Forces Group Air Assault trainee, on proper rappelling techniques at Fort Bliss, Texas, March 8. Nine members of the 377th SFG at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., graduated from the Fort Bliss Air Assault Training School March 11.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan)  
Diego, a 51st Security Forces Squadron military working dog, jumps over a training course obstacle at Osan Air Base, South Korea, March 12. On March 13, military working dogs were celebrated for National K9 Veterans Day. Additionally, the U.S. Army established the War Dog Program, or K-9 Corps, on this day in 1942.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Joshua Armstrong)  
U.S. Air Force Academy cadets in the Unmanned Aerial System Operations Program familiarize themselves with quad-copter flight controls at the Cadet Field House, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., March 4.

# AFSPC salutes essay contest winners

By Dave Grim | AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. — The Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association and Air Force Space Command announced the winners of the 2018 Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest here January 10.

The annual contest, begun in 2014, was created to stimulate thought, discussion and debate on issues relating to how the Air Force and Air Force Space Command provide space and cyberspace capabilities for the joint force and the nation.

“Some of our youngest Airmen have some of the very best ideas,” said AFSPC Deputy Commander Maj. Gen. John Shaw. “Sometimes that can really be an inspiration.”

Thirty-six competitors wrote about the return to great power competition and what mix of strategies, policies and systems are needed to maintain and strengthen U.S. dominance and deterrence in space.

2018 winners include:

Open Division (open to all past and present Airmen and

civilian personnel)

First Place: “Counter & Cooperate: How Space Can Be Used to Advance U.S.-China Cooperation While Curbing Beijing’s Terrestrial Excesses” Author: 1st Lt. Peter Loftus, 75th Expeditionary Fighter Wing, currently deployed

Runner-Up: “An Economic Approach to Deterrence” Author: 2nd Lt. Tucker Hutchinson, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, California

Honorable Mention: “The Space Fight: An Examination of the Space Warfighting Domain & What it Takes to Win” Author: Mr. Michael Forbis, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Detachment 4, Peterson AFB, Colorado

Honorable Mention: “Trajectory: Recent U.S. Policy and the Challenges of Deterrence” Author: Maj. Michael Trimble, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon

Airman/NCO Division (open to Airmen E-1 through E-6)

First Place: “Command of Space” Author: 2nd Lt. George

Edmund (Staff Sgt. at time of submission), 566th Intelligence Squadron, Buckley AFB, Colorado

Runner-Up: “American Space Capabilities: How Do We Stay Ahead?” Author: Tech. Sgt. Matthew Calhoun, National Reconnaissance Office, Fort Meade, Maryland

Several of the honorees shared ideas from their essays at the awards ceremony.

“I’m extremely grateful that the views of someone as low-ranking as myself, from outside of the space community, are valued,” said Loftus via a message that was read on his behalf.

The two top essays in the Open Division will be published in the Air and Space Power Journal.

“My background is definitely not in space,” said Calhoun, who says he did a lot of research. “I was thinking, what a great way to step out, especially as an NCO. If I have a chance to have a voice, why not take a chance?”

“I’m really pleased with the essays we got in 2018,” said Shaw, “but I’m even more excited about the essays we’re going to get in 2019, and the years after that, because the ideas are going to keep on coming—and we’re going to need them.”

The announcement for the 2019 contest is expected this spring.

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association sponsors the Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest. Winners and runners-up receive cash prizes and plaques.

The Airman/NCO Division essays are available on the AFSPC Website:

-“Command of Space” by 2nd Lt. George Edmund:  
<https://www.afspc.af.mil/News/Commentaries/Display/Article/1731255/2018-gen-bernard-a-schriever-memorial-essay-contest-airmannco-category-winner-c/>

-“American Space Capabilities: How Do We Stay Ahead?” by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Calhoun:  
<https://www.afspc.af.mil/News/Commentaries/Display/Article/1728869/2018-gen-bernard-a-schriever-memorial-essay-contest-airmannco-division-runner-u/>

Prior Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest winning essays are available here:  
<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/ASPJ/Schriever/>

Additional contest information is available here:  
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Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. — Winners of the Gen. Bernard Schriever Memorial Essay Contest are recognized at Headquarters, Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, Jan. 10. Honorees include (from left) Michael Forbis, Open Division Honorable Mention; 2nd Lt. Tucker Hutchinson, Open Division Runner Up; Tech. Sgt. Matthew Calhoun, Airman/NCO Division Runner Up and 2nd Lt. George Edmund, Airman/NCO Division First Place. Not pictured are 1st Lt. Peter Loftus, Open Division 1st Place and Maj. Michael Trimble, Open Division Honorable Mention.

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VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Tech. Sgt. April Spilde, flight chief for the 30th Security Forces Squadron, inspects her Airmen as they offer her a post briefing August 2, 2018, on Vandenberg Air Force Base. Airmen report their post when leadership visits and it helps in maintaining discipline and military bearing.

# Vandenberg Airman wins Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award

By Airman 1st Class Hanah Abercrombie | 30TH SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Tech. Sgt. April Spilde, 30th Security Forces Squadron flight chief, was selected as one of 12 Airmen to win the Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2018.

Spilde was awarded the title due to the work she put in with the Air Force Honor Guard and her great leadership shown as a security forces defender.

“Spilde is one of the most caring and thoughtful people I have ever met,” said Master Sgt. Matthew Walsh, 30th Security Forces Squadron flight chief. “Her genuine character has been the driving force behind her excellence. Everything she is part of whether it is the Air Force Honor Guard or the Air Force Sergeants Association, stems from giving back to the community and to others.”

Before she was assigned to Vandenberg, Spilde was tasked with training both the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve components of the honor guard for the presidential inauguration. She spent four weeks training two 90-member flights for the event practicing drill and ceremony.

In addition, Spilde also participated in a mobile training team sent out to help base honor guard programs.

“We got to go to Puerto Rico and train their base honor guard,” said Spilde. “We trained 45 honor guard members and made sure they were proficient in performing military honors as well as helping them with a change of command ceremony. We made

sure that they were fully funded and could carry out the mission by helping raise their budget by \$10,000.”

After her work in the Honor Guard, Spilde was promoted to Tech. Sgt. through the STEP program, and moved to the role of flight chief; however, the change did not come without difficulties.

“There was a challenge after being out of Security Forces for four years,” said Spilde. “I had to redo my weapons training, there were tactics I had to relearn, and the fact that I had to come in and perform as a flight chief. There was that added responsibility.”

While becoming a flight chief, Spilde pushed herself to not just be certified, but to be exceptionally well qualified, which requires scoring a 96 percent on the law enforcement certification test. Spilde finished with a score of 97 percent.

“Tech. Sgt. Spilde is a shining example for young defenders everywhere,” said Walsh. “She has shown that you can accomplish big things with hard work, grit and determination.”

Caring for her Airmen and those around her is one of the major traits that have helped Spilde get to where she is today.

“When I think of what this award means to me, ‘A rising tide lifts all boats’ comes to mind,” said Spilde. “I believe this achievement not only benefits me, but everyone here at Vandenberg. I am so grateful for this opportunity to represent our Airmen across the Air Force.”

## Maui

FROM PAGE 1

Tuesday gave us sunny skies and melting ice. The team began chipping and removing ice from the facility, working all day to dislodge and clear hundreds of pounds of ice. Despite our best efforts, some ice remained out of reach and firmly attached to the exterior domes. Operations were still not possible.

Wednesday brought warmer weather that continued to assault the ice. The receding ice finally allowed us to access our third telescope tower to continue clearing operations. By midday, we were able to begin operational checks to ensure the system was undamaged by the

ice’s immense weight. By the evening, we were able to resume our critical space domain awareness mission.

In reflection, we must recognize the team of people that allowed Det 3 to remain safe and quickly restore GEODSS operations. The 20th SPCS Det 3’s host base, Air Force Research Lab’s Det 15, provided continuous on-site security, power and infrastructure support. The team from the Haleakala National Park worked to maintain safe access to the facility by clearing roads and limiting traffic to essential personnel. The Space and Missile Systems Center and their support contractors supported operational checkouts and rapidly dispatched a repair team.

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## TRANSITION SPOTLIGHT Tiffany Carlson



Mt. Carmel celebrates transitioning Soldier Tiffany Carlson! The Army Captain serves as a plans & logistics officer supporting 1,200 soldiers with varied global deployment responsibilities. We first helped Tiffany last Spring when she visited our Transition and Employment team on the recommendation of her supervisor. “At the time, I was pursuing medical school and personal interviews were a crucial part of the admissions process,” said Tiffany. “I was lacking in my interview skills at the time, and Mt. Carmel had a great reputation in this area.” Team member Jessica Griser helped prepare Tiffany through mock interviews in panel & individual formats. “In uniform, we use rehearsals to ensure we’re ready,” said Tiffany. “Through mock interviews & feedback from Jessica, I was prepared to shine during my medical school interviews.” Ultimately, Tiffany was granted interviews with four medical schools, accepting an August 2019 enrollment with Midwestern University/ Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. As she continues her transition, we caught up with her this week in Mt. Carmel’s partnered 5-day Advanced Transition and Jobseeker Course, Prep Connect 360. “This class helps transitioning veterans bridge the gap into the workforce in such a powerful way; It helped me, and so many of my classmates, with our self-awareness as we look to what will make us happy and satisfied as we consider second careers,” said Tiffany. “I think service members need to plan their exit strategy. Mt. Carmel is that one-stop shop -- they take care of all veterans, and veterans at every stage of life,” said Tiffany. “For me, they provided a peer navigator to help me succeed. For others who are long past their initial separation from the service, they offer help and are a reminder that veterans and their families are not alone. Our veterans, our transitioning service members and our families are lucky to have Mt. Carmel as a resource.”

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| <b>Mar 25:</b> Meet with a Chaplain, 10 am-2 pm   | <b>Mar 27:</b> Warriors First, support group for justice-involved veterans, 4-5 pm |
| <b>Mar 25:</b> One Family Parenting Class, 6-9pm  | <b>Mar 27:</b> Art Therapy promoting stress relief and self-healing, 5-7 pm        |
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JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. (AFNS) — A C-17 Globemaster III is prepped to transport a Transportation Isolation System March 6, during a training exercise that allows Airmen to practice the most effective and safest form of transportation for patients and their medical professionals. Engineered and implemented after the Ebola virus outbreak in 2014, the TIS is an enclosure the Defense Department can use to safely transport patients with highly contagious diseases.

## Airmen perform in-flight Transportation Isolation System training

By Senior Airman Cody R. Miller | 628TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. (AFNS) — Joint Base Charleston hosted Air Mobility Command training for aeromedical and infectious disease personnel to better familiarize them with outbreak prevention protocols and procedures, with a focus on Ebola, March 4-6.

The training focused on the Transportation Isolation System, which is designed to provide aeromedical evacuation for patients with known or suspected exposure to a contagious or infectious disease, while protecting aircraft and aircrew.

“We’ve got Airmen from multiple career fields and areas of expertise here,” said Maj. Scott King, 628th Medical Group TIS support team leader. “This exercise includes aeromedical personnel, infectious disease doctors, critical care transport teams and TIS support team members.”

King said that JB Charleston fulfilled a unique role in support the TIS mission.

“Joint Base Charleston is hosting Airmen from all over AMC to ensure everyone is familiar with the units,” King said. “This mission capability is the only one of its kind in the Department of Defense. We’re able to safely transport one or multiple Ebola infected patients if the danger of infection is ever present during a mission. Our base is

the only one in the (Defense Department) that can deploy these TIS units, supporting the mission of readiness and executing the AMC initiative of having rapid global mobility capabilities.”

First implemented after the Ebola virus outbreak in 2014, the TIS was engineered to ensure service members get the proper treatment in the event they get infected with any disease during relief missions to affected areas.

According to the Center for Disease Control website, 11 people were treated for Ebola in the United States during the 2014-2016 epidemic, many of whom were medical workers that were exposed during their time in West Africa. Units like the TIS allows Air Force medical workers to do their job and still receive the proper care in the case of an emergency.

Transportation isolation training takes place roughly three times a year and lasts for four days. The training goes from initial donning and doffing protocols for personal protective equipment to actual patient transport and care. This can include treating simulated patients at the “infection scene” all the way to securing them within the TIS unit and even taking part in a simulated in-flight transport.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Cody R. Miller)

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. (AFNS) — Airmen transport simulated patients onto a C-17 Globemaster III during a transportation isolation system training exercise March 6, at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. Engineered and implemented after the Ebola virus outbreak in 2014, the TIS is an enclosure the Defense Department can use to safely transport patients with highly contagious diseases.

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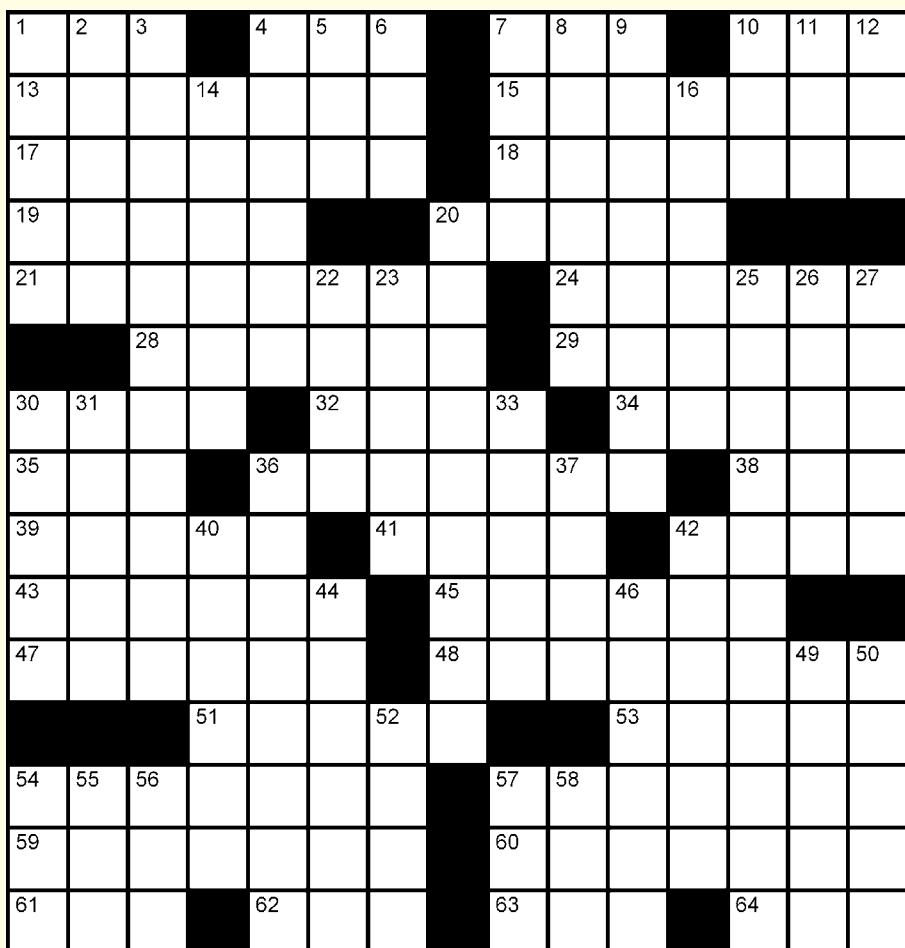
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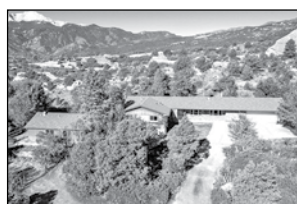
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