



Commanders Action Line

Call ext 3400 if you have questions or comments about Thule.

Goodbye Sun



Thule will celebrate the final sunset for this year on 1347 hrs on 31 Oct.

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How Far Away Are You?

The Thule Times would like to know!

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When Archies Attack: An Eyewitness Account



They look like sweet innocent creatures just lounging in their bunker, but arctic foxes can be very dangerous, especially if they are infected with rabies.

did not stop. Instead, he drove back to main base and reported the peculiar behavior to the Danish Police Inspector. The

By Cmdr Holmer Soegaard
Danish Liaison Officer

On Tuesday, September 17, the Danish Liaison Officer was on a trip to Dundas Village with the visiting Danish Inspection Team.

On their way back from Dundas, they first spotted a polar hare and stopped to take pictures. Further up the road they observed a small arctic fox on their left side running straight for the road. It looked like the fox might get hit by the car, so the DLO stopped. The fox acted like it would attack the car. One of the passengers got out with a camera to take some pictures. The arctic fox then proceeded up the road, and the DLO went on driving, but kept an eye on the fox. When the fox saw the car coming up the road it jumped in the ditch to the right and behaved like it was an ambush. When the car passed the fox jumped right for the front wheel, but this time the DLO

behavior could suggest a possible illness such as rabies, but it might just be a large puppy training to catch game.

However, on the morning of September 19, a dead arctic fox was found at building 754, close to the police dog. It was not possible to decide if it had tried to attack the dog or just in foolishness had tried to steal some food from the dog. So the DPI contacted the Chief Veterinarian in Ilullissat and was ordered to separate the fox head and send it to the veterinarian for examination and testing.

Until the result is known everybody has to be extremely careful if a fox is approaching, because if it has rabies even a scratch can be dangerous. You should contact the Base Hospital immediately if you get attacked. Do not try to feed the foxes because that might increase the risk of sick animals in the population.

Commander's Corner



By Col Louis Christensen
821ABG/CC

HELP! "I've fallen, and I can't get up." Most of us "older folk" remember that TV commercial and probably chuckled about it. However, the Dark season is coming upon us and winter is close behind, it's not funny lying on the cold ground with broken wrists, or any

other injuries. Let's take a moment to discuss *Slips, Trips, and Falls*, and YOUR role in the prevention of these mishaps.

Here at Thule, it's not a matter of if you slip, trip, or fall; it's a matter of when. Despite our best efforts to keep entrances to facilities free of ice and snow, it remains a reality that one day, we are going to fall down. What can you do to help prevent these frequent and often painful episodes from occurring? We're going to try even harder to keep entry ways clear of snow and ice.

We are going to take a team approach to keeping entry ways clear. Everyone...military, contractor, Danish, American and Greenlandic need to assist the dorm and building managers. I've tasked each building and dorm manager to take personal responsibility to ensure the entry ways to all our buildings are free of ice and snow. That isn't to imply they are personally responsible to physically get out there and shovel snow and sand down ice. I've tasked the dorm and building managers to have a plan and ensure they get support from every dorm and building resident.

There are no rank exclusions. I am on the schedule for building 105 for snow and ice removal. We need to take personal responsibility in cleaning up the entry ways. If you are on the schedule to clean an entry way and you are running late, please...be late. Finish your assigned task. Working together we can all make Thule a safer place.

Hey, let's look out for one another out there!

Thule Notes

Team Thule Represents at AF Soccer Tryouts—SSgt Thom Pettigrew, 12 SWS, has been invited to AF Men's Soccer Team tryouts at Dover AFB, DE starting on 15 Oct....**AF Debuts New Nametag** — The Air Force announced a new metal finish name tag for the service dress. No word on when it will be required....**Tree and Star Lighting Ceremony Scheduled** — The base will gather in front of building 461 on 1 Nov to watch the annual lighting of this two Thule icons. They will stay lit until the end of the dark season....**New Menu to Begin at TOW Club** — Starting soon, the club plans to offer some new dishes including gazpacho, wienerschnitzel and tuna steak....**First Thule Air Base Quarterly Awards Luncheon** — The first awards luncheon is scheduled for 10 Oct at the TOW Club. Come out and support Thule's finest....**21st Space Wing Chaplain to Visit** — Ch, Lt Col Richard F. Munsell, arrives on 31 Oct and will be holding Catholic Services....**New FEML Guide** — Be sure to check out the new template on Prancer/Command-Section/IM and Personnel/FEML prior to filing your FEML paperwork for FY03....**New Rule at Finance** — All PCS orders must be processed within two days of arrival...

Commander's Trophy Points Results

MA:	865
Operations:	740
Security Forces:	460
DET 3:	60

Congratulations to the winners!
Next year starts on 1 Oct.

Chaplain's Corner

By Ch, Capt Donald Bretz
821 ABG/HC

"From ghosties and goulies

and long-legged beasties;

and things that go bump in the night.

May the good Lord deliver us!"

I grew up in a family that had its roots in rural Appalachia. Like many rural families – my extended family – cousins and uncles – played with my fears: fear of snakes, fear of heights, fear of being abandoned, fear of the dark and so forth. But no one could make me more frightened than my Uncle Roy.

Roy was an ex-deputy sheriff and a storyteller – his specialty was ghost stories. I can remem-

ber visiting him – listening to his stories – and then staying awake with the light on for hours until I dropped asleep. The most vivid horror movies never evoked as much fear in me as did my imagination fed by my Uncle Roy's ghost stories. Perhaps you had someone like my Uncle Roy in your family.

Although we grow older – we still have fears. It's just that the things that haunt us change. For some – it is the fear of failure. For others – it might be the fear of success. For some it is fear of intimacy. Some may be afraid some past fault will be exposed. I have yet to meet anyone who has no fear – even if it is the fear of not being in control.

Fear is a powerful force. Think back to a time when you were really afraid. Fear gets a hold on

us and can immobilize us. We need to be delivered from the real and imagined things that threaten us. We need to hold our imagination accountable to the light of reason and faith. And it helps to have people who will stand with you when you are afraid – for yourself or for someone you care about.

Although it is getting darker out – we are blessed to have people who really care about us here at Thule. We are blessed to have people who will stand by us when the going gets tough – friends, comrades, co-workers – to talk with, to lean on and who give us encouragement. We are also blessed to be able to call upon the good Lord – whenever things get bumpy.

Rabies Alert!

On September 17th, there was an incident with an arctic fox showing a behavior which could cause suspicion of **RABIES**.

Remember:

- Be on alert when in the vicinity of arctic foxes
- **DO NOT** under any circumstance try to feed or in other ways get into contact with the arctic foxes.
- If abnormal behavior is observed among arctic foxes it must be reported to the DPI.

In case you are bitten or scratched by an arctic fox, immediately contact the Base Hospital.

The Great Pie Caper

By Capt Elizabeth Ferrill 821 SPTS/SC

The pumpkin pie wasn't the best. The menu board was held. Promises were made about a "new and improved" pumpkin pie recipe. Even an email went out stating that pie would be available at that very day's lunch.

But where did it go? Lunch goers searched high and low. The dining hall staff was mystified. No one told them about "new" pie. The mystery continued for a whole day.

The following day two pieces were located. The pie was taste tested by many who all agreed that the pie was much, much better than before. The only question that remained was why couldn't they find more than 2 pieces?



Dejected, TSgt Charles Lawber, 821 ABG/XP, longs for a piece of pumpkin pie. Shortly after this photo was taken, he chose a small chocolate pudding filled pastry instead.



The Holy Grail. One of two pieces of pumpkin pie. Notice the flaky crust, creamy pumpkiny filling and just a hint of whip cream on the top....almost as good as swirled soft-serve ice cream. I guess Thule will just have to dream for the day when there is enough pie for all.

(Above) Round and round she goes...where all the pie went nobody knows. Luckily, now that the pie recipe thing is solved, the dining hall can move on to the lack of foot long buns for the red wieners...

Thule Exercises to Stay in Shape

By TSgt Gino Mattorano
21 SW/PA

Many 21st Space Wing members began their week a bit earlier than usual as the wing kicked off its quarterly contingency exercise on 14 September.

An early morning recall set the wing's war readiness machine into motion, as the battle staff and unit control centers stood up and prepared to fight natural disasters, terrorism, or anything else the exercise controllers might throw their way.

The global presence of the wing's geographically separated units creates unique challenges for exercise controllers to test the wing's ability to maintain mission operations in contingencies.

"In order to test the wing and how it operates with our GSUs, we have to deal with factors like time differences and communications outages," said Lou Collachi, 21st Space Wing exercise director. "However, given

"Don't I look smashing in this pink collar?" thinks SSgt Jeremy VanStaalduinen, 12 SWS/CCA, as he helps the firefighters practice their EMT skills. In this exercise, SSgt VanStaalduinen had a fracture pelvis and some minor cuts and scrapes.



the challenges the wing faced, I think they did a great job of maintaining command and control throughout the exercise. Overall, I would say the exercise went extremely well."

The exercise focused on challenging the wing's ability to continue operations despite a build up in local, national and international threats. At Thule AB, the focus was more on battling

As the dark season closes in, so does the threat of storms (blizzards for all you mainland folks). Storms often bring high winds and white out conditions.

nature's threats.

At Thule, the exercise including firefighters reaching to a helicopter crash and ramping up the base to Storm Condition 3 to provide hands on practice for the Storm Operations Center personnel.

"We try to involve as many of the wing's functional areas as possible," said Collachi. "In a real-world contingency, any and aspect of the base could be affected, so we test everything down to self-aid and buddy care procedures that everyone should be able to perform."



One Year Later



Thule AB commemorated the events of Sept 11 through a base-wide retreat and a memorial service. The retreat was well attended by American, Danish, Canadian and Greenlandic alike. Each nation brought its flag to half staff in honor of the victims worldwide.

In addition, almost 300 people came to pay their respects at the memorial service sponsored by the Base Chapel. A Canadian bagpiper flew in from CFS Alert and played Amazing Grace.

As Thule reflected on this tragic day, it also seemed appropriate to look outside Thule and see what was being said in the rest of world...

“With muscle, determination, marble, cement and Indiana limestone, you did more than repair our windows and walls, **you repaired our souls.**”

- Gen. Richard Myers, 11 Sep 2002, Pentagon, VA

“There is a line in our time, and in every time, between those who believe that all men are created equal and those who believe that some men and women and children are expendable in the pursuit of power. There is a line in our time and in every time **between the defenders of human liberty** and those who seek to master the minds and souls of others.”

- President George W. Bush, 11 Sep 2002, Ellis Island, NY



“September 11 was a defining moment calling for **determined action in defense of humanity and fundamental freedoms**. Acting can entail dangers but the dangers of inaction are far, far greater. In the face of today's new threat, the only way to pursue peace is to pursue those who threaten it.”

-- Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark, 10 Sep 2002



“You seek to throw our children and our children's children into your form of terrorism and slavery. You have now attacked our own safety. You shall go no further....The American people have faced other grave crises in their history -- **with American courage, with American resolution**. They will do no less today.”

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Fireside Chat, 11 Sep 1941 reacting to Nazi submarine attacks on Ameri-



“Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature, and we **responded with the best of America**, with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any way they could.”

- President George W. Bush, 11 Sep 2001

Thule AB Realigned from USJFCOM to USEUCOM

By Capt Dani Johnson USAFE
with Capt Elizabeth Ferrill 821
SPTS/SC

U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) is gaining two new units upon the implementation of the Unified Command Plan on 1 Oct 2002.

The 65th Air Base Wing at Lajes Air Base, Azores, and the 85th Group at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, will transition from Air Combat Command to USAFE as part of the Department of Defense realignment of unified command responsibilities.

The U.S. European Command, of which USAFE is the air component, is the most heavily impacted command under the revised plan. USAFE will gain responsibility for Iceland, **Greenland**, the Azores, more than half of the Atlantic Ocean from the U.S. Joint Forces Command, and the previously unassigned areas of the Russia Federation and the Caspian Sea.

"This will be the first time a United States unified warfighting command has ever included Russia in its (area of responsibility)," said Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, commander in chief of USEUCOM and supreme allied commander, Europe. "This new plan is a natural outgrowth from post cold war relationships and fosters enhanced relationships with former adversaries that are now among

our strongest partners. This is strong testament to the encouraging evolution of the relationships we've developed over the years with Russia."

USEUCOM previously had 91 countries in its area of responsibility, ranging from the tip of Norway to the southern tip of South Africa. Now with the new Unified

Much remains to be accomplished after the transition, especially with bringing two additional Air Force units into USAFE.

"There are still things that will have to be worked out after the transition," said Ryan.

"We hope the changes are transparent, but naturally there will be some changes as far as how (the units) operate," she said.

The new plan will increase USAFE's areas of interest, duties, responsibilities and support, said Lt. Col. Bill Mosley, chief of doctrine and strategy for the USAFE headquarters directorate of plans. "Both units,

the 65th Air Base Wing at Lajes and Keflavik's 85th Group, will fall under 3rd Air Force, which is headquartered at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England."

In terms of day to day operations, Thule AB will remain under of the 14th Air Force, headquartered at Vandenberg AFB, CA, and Air Force Space Command located at Peterson AFB, CO. However, some units at Thule, most notably the 821 SFS will be affected by the change, since USAFE will be dictating security instructions and Force Protection conditions from USAFE.



Command Plan, USEUCOM will have responsibility for 93 countries; Azores is considered part of Portugal and Greenland is a protectorate under Denmark.

"The change will increase our military-to-military relations with Russia and the scope of our cooperation," said Lt. Col. Colleen Ryan, bases branch chief for the USAFE headquarters directorate of plans.

This is an awesome opportunity for USAFE, she said. "To think of Russia and all that goes on there and the new things this enables USAFE to do, especially concerning our role in cooperation."

Think Safety!

By TSgt Christopher Davis
821 ABG/SE

If you were asked to come up with a one-word definition of safety, or one-word key to achieving it, what would your reply be? Would you suggest alertness, meaning always being ready for the unexpected? Would your vote be for skill—being especially adept? Would you define safety as experience, suggesting that the veteran never gets hurt?

Perhaps you would settle on cooperation as the key to safety, meaning that it requires us to exercise patience and get along with our fellow worker. Or, after due deliberation, might you finally define safety by using the single word—think?

Certainly alertness, skill, experience, and cooperation are all associated with safety, and contribute to it, but since they in turn require thought, they must be regarded as secondary characteristics.

I read an article a few years ago about a prominent business executive who constantly urged his staff to “THINK!” He had THINK! signs posted everywhere, and virtually made it the company slogan. Within a few years, he had turned an atrocious safety program completely around into one of the best in the corporate sector.

This word can lead to success in reducing accidents and injuries for us all. Experts say that roughly 90% of all accidents can be attributed to unsafe acts on the part of the worker. Failure to

think before acting is cited as the cause of practically all accidents in this category. For example:

- A carpenter removes the guard from a table saw for the purpose of expediency; an injury results. The carpenter has not given thought to the original purpose of the guard and suffered the unfortunate consequences.
- A machinist, again for the sake of saving time, fails to don safety glasses for a project that will “only take a minute.” Again, injury results because of the operator’s failure to think of the possible negative results.

These are just two of the thousands of work related injuries that happen every year that could have been prevented. I am not saying that everyone who gets hurt at work didn’t think about what they were doing or blatantly disregarded the safety procedures. Most workers want to follow all safety rules because it affects their safety and health. But we have all been rushed for time to complete a project, or thought it will “only take a minute” and not taken that extra step to protect ourselves or those around us. I certainly have and I am the safety guy. Most times accidents can be avoided if we discipline ourselves to think carefully about the consequences before acting. Let’s take the extra time to “THINK” before we act.

Remember when we THINK safety, we act safely.

Cop’s Corner

Implied Consent

By A1C Aimee Bojack 821 SFS/SF

This month I will talk a little about the implied consent that was mentioned in the last issue. This can be found in:

“AFI 31-204 TAB SUPPLEMENT 1 K4. Implied Consent to Test. Any person who operates a motor vehicle on Thule Defense Area gives consent to a test or tests of their blood, breath, urine or other bodily substance for the purpose of determining alcohol concentration or drug content if the person was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. A refusal to submit to the test will result in an automatic suspension of driving privileges for 1 year.”

There are a few key words here that I would like to emphasize. It can be “any person” on the “Thule Defense Area” is under the Implied Content rule. The definition of “actual Physical control of a vehicle” is keys within reach and behind the wheel of a motorized vehicle. Yes, as you can see you can refuse, but there are always the consequences. So have a good time and drive sober or call a taxi to drive for you!

If you have any questions about this or any other subject e-mail me at: aimee.bojack@thule.af.mil.

Sounds Familiar?

A Look at Thule 35 Years Ago



By Larry Rodriguez,
Former Thule Resident

An overhead shot of Thule Air Base in the late sixties. The base was much bigger then and the current Base Exchange in the lower left hand corner was formally used as a dining hall.

Before I received my orders for Thule I had only heard rumors and horror stories about "Thule". Probably most were close to the truth: terrible weather, boredom, long days of hard work, everyone angry about being there. I considered all kinds of options including going AWOL to Canada.

However, those stories came from the days when SAC (Strategic Air Command) was running Thule for their fighter and bomber aircraft. Everything and everyone then was ready to go to war in 15 minutes. Fortunately, when I went to Thule SAC was long gone and the base was a very quiet place with no panic occurring other than when the mail plane was delayed due to fog.

Most of the work was done by Danes (Greenland was owned and run by Denmark). We USAF people mostly monitored the contract details and stayed out of the Danes' way so they could do the work of base housekeeping,-- like dinning halls, barracks, power generation, utilities, etc. The secure communications center and a few other "secret" facilities were run by the USAF. There were also numerous U.S. civilian contractors running communications links and the big over-

The raw geological and environmental vastness is unimaginable. Pictures are so inadequate to show how beautiful and vast that part of the world is.

the-horizon radar (which is actually a few miles off base).

Anyway, my fears from the rumors about Thule were totally unfounded. For me, Thule was a vacation assignment that I treasure in my memories as one of my best assignments in my 20 years in the military. I did see some other people there that cursed every minute of their assignment and they made themselves miserable every minute. A few stayed drunk for their full year and don't even remember being assigned there, I suspect.

I was more fortunate than most because I had my own vehicle that allowed me to go off base, but I was always taking others with me so it isn't so bad not having a vehicle for most people. Although the 4-wheel drive pickup made it a little easier for me to get around off base, the truth is that on

A view of the Thule Base Theater circa 1967. The base theater has had multiple locations over the years including the building that is today labeled the "Arctic Sports Arena." Currently, the base movie theater is located in the Community Activities Center.



Thule Questions & Answers

How was your over all experience at Thule AB, Greenland?

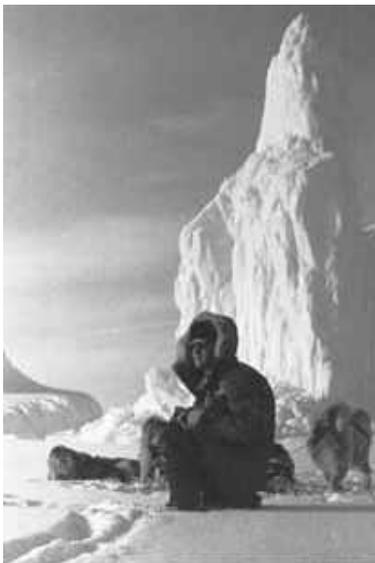
I look back on that year as one of my best ever. I regret that I did find fault and griped about some petty things. But now I look back with great appreciation for having been there.

Would you do it again?

I would leave tomorrow for Thule if I could go for a month. I'm nearly 70 years old and I am not going to do everything I did before, so a month would be enough.

Is there much to do off base? (once the snow thaws out of course).

The raw geological and environmental vastness is unimaginable. Pictures are so inadequate to show how beautiful and vast that part of the world is. Exploring that very different part of the planet may not be appreciated by everyone, but I loved it.



The author rests next to a large outcropping of ice. Even more than 30 years ago, Thule Trippin' was definitely a popular hobby. Of course many of today's popular destinations were still in use!

Storm shelters looked pretty much the same in 1968. As you all can see from this article, very little has actually changed at the Thule.



base the free pickup and delivery of everyone to anywhere on base is a model for anywhere in the world. Just pick up a phone, call for a ride to the movies, hobby shop, or dining hall two blocks away and when you got to the door a heated vehicle was usually waiting. When it is really cold they don't want anyone walking more than across the street.

I never ate better or had more hobby shops, movies, reading materials and other recreational material anywhere I have been. But some people somehow did not enjoy the abundant free time and all these facilities and so they sat around and griped. I suspect anyone can be either miserable or very happy at Thule. It all depends on your attitude and what you choose to do for a year. I think conditions there now are even better than when I was there.



About the Author

This story was written by Larry Rodriquez, a former telecommunications officer stationed at Thule from July 1967 to July 1968.

He is currently retired, both from a 20 year military career, and 18 years of teaching electronics at a community college. He remains very active exploring the electronic virtual world on the web from the comfort of his home in Sacramento, California.

He's also put his experiences on the Internet at <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/4466/>.

Customs Form? What's a Customs Form?

By SSgt C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

Nearly all of the military mail arriving from overseas is now being checked by U.S. Customs agents because of recent increases in contraband.

The Air Force's chief of postal policy said all packages coming from overseas locations are subject to inspections by customs agents, but recent discoveries have necessitated a closer look.

"U.S. Customs in Chicago started identifying non-mailable items coming through the mail from overseas post offices," Bob Eichholz said. "The more they found, the more they started keying in on Army and Air Force post offices in the contingency areas."

According to Eichholz, customs agents have found items that violate customs laws, postal regulations and military regulations.

"They have been finding things like rifles, bayonets and shell casings with the primer still in, which is still an explosive, even though it is small," Eichholz said. "Some of the other stuff they found could be in violation of standing orders at the originating locations, such as war trophies and souvenirs."

The military uses a system of both military and commercial airlines to carry military mail back into the United States, he said, adding that commercial carriers are not willing to carry dangerous items.

"Commercial airlines have a requirement to provide safe flights to their passengers," he said. "So we have to police ourselves, to make sure our customers don't mail things that they aren't supposed to (mail). We don't want the Federal Aviation Administration or commercial carriers to start putting restrictions on our mail."

Checking out his weekly mail, TSgt Paul Brassfield, 821 SPTS/OS, isn't expecting any coffee or firearms. We all know that he's informed his family and friends about what should be sent to his APO mail box.



Amn Samantha Barrett, 821 SPTS/MSA, weighs a priority mail package for a customer. Postal clerks at the Thule APO were always careful to point out that a customs form is required on all packages.

Eichholz said part of the problem may be that military members are not aware of the rules.

"What we are trying to do is let people know at the major command level to let their people know before they go on deployment to check the postal bulletins and find out the 'dos and don'ts of the mail system."

Additionally, Eichholz said, knowing what paperwork to use can be key to ensuring items make it to their destination.

"Some of this stuff is mailable, but you have to have the right forms through the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Customs finds a lot of stuff that could be mailable, but it isn't accompanied by the right documents."



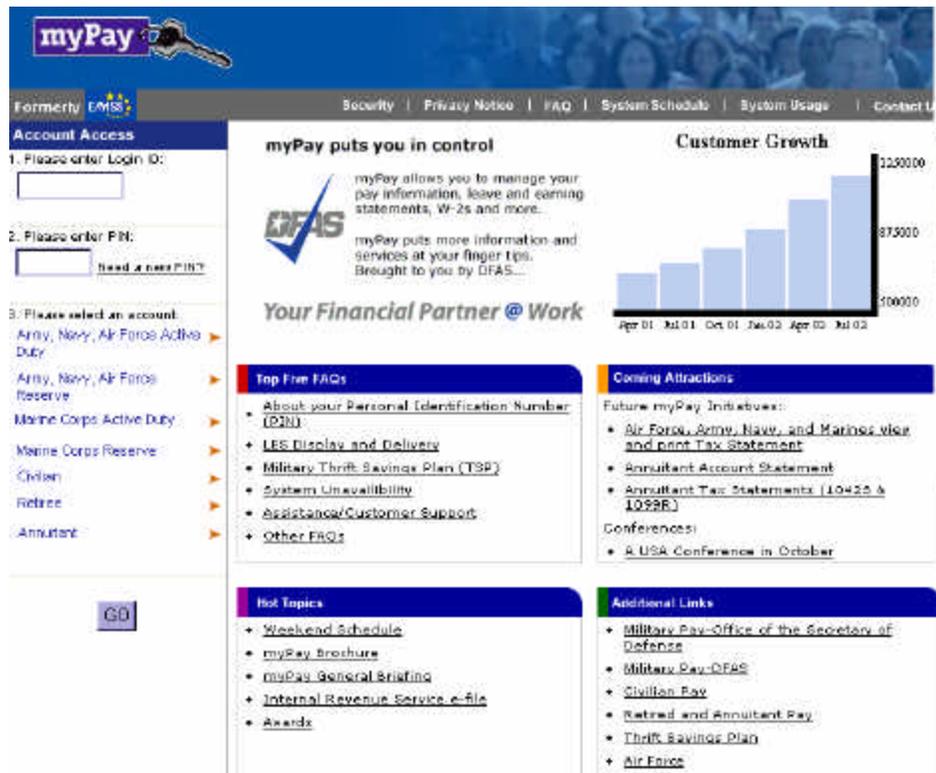
Cold Ca\$h Advice

Introducing "My Pay" Website

By TSgt Julie Gionet
821 ABG/FM

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is bringing a new face and website to the Employee/Member Self-Service (E/MSS), which will be renamed "My Pay" in the near future. The current site, <http://emss.dfas.mil>, is still accessible for receiving your pay information. Finance will inform you when the new site is available.

To the right is a preview of what the home page will look like. It will be user friendly, have information about future endeavors, and links to other DOD agencies. Finance highly recommends using this site since you can view your Net Pay Advice (NPA) and Leave and Earnings Statement



(LES), update Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), LES address, and tax information at your convenience.

To sign up for My Pay (E/MSS) go to the link above and click on the 'Need a New Pin'

button. Follow the instructions and a temporary pin will be mailed to your LES address. You may also sign up at Finance, Bldg 355.

For further questions feel free to call us at ext 2680/2691.

October Birthdays

SSgt Jeremy VanStaalduinen	12 SWS/CCA	1 Oct
Amn Eric Forrester	821 SPTS/MSP	1 Oct
TSgt Elaine Abraham	Det 3/IM	2 Oct
SSgt Susan Elvington	821 ABG/CCA	3 Oct
SSgt Daniel Hall	821 SPTS/CCA	4 Oct
Amn Casey Guches	821 SFS/SFOA	5 Oct
A1C Enrique Mendoza	821 SFS/SFOA	6 Oct
SrA Lauren Burn	821 SFS/SFOAS	6 Oct
2nd Lt Nathan Boardman	12 SWS/DOOB	9 Oct
TSgt Donna Wansor	821 SPTS/LG	22 Oct
SrA Jennifer Miranda	12 SWS/SFOA	26 Oct
Amn Anthony Balser	821 SFS/SFOA	28 Oct
TSgt Mark Russell	821 SPTS/SC	31 Oct

What Does the "L" Stand For?



The boys of CE — Capt Todd “Laverne” Rupright, MSgt Michael “my L is backwards to me” Shonka, TSgt Jim “I’m glad I’m leaving these crazies” Wenger and MSgt Vince “I’m gonna cry” Anderson — try to be good sports at the air terminal on Friday morning.

rye Kirvin. Despite the tireless determination by MSgt Vince “Ever Ready” Anderson and TSgt Jim “Fireboy” Wenger, the boys from CE lost the best of four match three to one. Lt. Vaira bolstered by his troops easily dismissed Capt Rupright in the last and decisive game to proudly lead his troops to victory.

By TSgt Angela Yoho
821 SPTS/OS

Rivalries recently heated up at Thule when air traffic controllers took on several members from civil engineering in a fierce bowling challenge. Led by their fearless, fun-loving leader, 1st Lt. Brady Vaira, controllers demonstrated to Capt Todd “Readiness” Rupright and his troops the importance of losing not only gracefully but also beautifully.

High fives and light-

Everyone is smiling because they know that they won't be sporting lipstick on anything but their lips (for the ladies) on Friday morning. Of course, now OS is a target for everyone to take shots at....



hearted banter were prevalent throughout the match and you know when air traffic is involved serious trash talking will be taking place. One of Thule's newest members, Master Sergeant's Mike “Pretty Boy” Shonka was introduced to the art of trash talking by the “Queen” herself, MSgt Tor-

The victory was sweetened by a friendly bet before the games began. The losers were to wear an “L” in lipstick on their foreheads symbolic of their battle wounds. So, the next morning at the passenger terminal with a large audience in hand, air traffic controllers graciously decorated the foreheads of their friendly competitors with various shades of red. MSgt Shonka was even provided with hypoallergenic lipstick to ensure his beautiful complexion stayed exactly as it was.

Capt Rupright and his troops are already practicing for the re-match living up the fitness center's motto “Win or Lose, I Always Improve.”

Bu-Bye!

It was just a normal Saturday night, when a rather large gathering started to form in the ballroom of the TOW club. Eventually, attendees, clutching half a playing card, started to figure out that they might all be there for the same purpose.

The reason for the dinner was to bind a fond farewell to four of Thule's finest: MSgt Torrye Kirvin,



TSgt Jim Wenger, SSgt Stephen Diegido and SrA Glenn Wooten. Some were heading back to Las Vegas while others continued the Thule-Aviano migration that we've all come to know so well.

One was lucky enough to be given some beautiful parting gifts including a lovely plastic fireman's vest and a little tiny fireman's ax. Others were blessed by preview versions of their newest reference books courtesy of the Barnes & Barnes, Ltd, publishing house (the largest publisher north of Cape Atholl).

The karaoke was lively and the fun went on well into the evening. The honorees even gracious enough to look a little sad about going, even though we all knew better.



Just a few guys hanging out — nothing to see here — move along. Trying to look cool while wearing a plastic fireman's vest is not for the fashion faint of heart.

MSgt David Craig, 821 SPTS/SG, looks surprised that SSgt Diegido is heading off. We all know that he extended, but that doesn't mean that he'll be here forever!



ARCTIC SPOTLIGHT



SSgt Chris Carothers

Last Base:

Whiteman AFB, MO

Next Base:

Clear AS, AL

Originally From:

Palm Beach, Florida

My Job Title:

Shift Sergeant

What I like most about my job:

I like to assist others.

Hobbies/Interest:

Hunting & Fishing

Thule goal:

Physical Fitness

Interesting fact about me:

Actually volunteered to come to Thule.

Using Every Ounce of Energy



50 år



By Mr. P.E. Sørensen
President, Greenland

Danish Arctic Contractors/Greenland Contractors turned an important page in the company history and this was celebrated to the utmost extent in Hangar 7.

Thule Air Base has not seen this much traffic on a Saturday in a long time. Almost 400 guests made their way to hangar 7 from every corner of the base to participate in the celebration of DAC/GC's Golden jubilee.

When the guests arrived at the hangar they were met with golden brass notes from the jazz band *Six Foot Stompers*. One of the members of the band was a familiar face from GC, who played the trombone and doubled as lead singer. GC employees who had volunteered for the task, were dressed in outfits, especially designed for the occasion

and they did an excellent job in making everybody feel welcome and well serviced, by serving food and drinks.

If one were to disregard the echo, one would never have had the feeling that this party took place in a hangar. The hangar had been decorated with plants, banners and garden tents for this

special occasion. From 3 separate garden tents a seemingly endless line of delicacies were served: Salmon, Greenland halibut, Greenland shrimps, scallops, Greenland leg of lamb as well as prime rib. The dinner was completed by 2 kinds of cake with coffee and cognac/liqueur.

During dinner there were a number of speeches, followed by different acts of musical entertainment – all strung together by the toastmaster of the evening Svend Damgaard. It is hard to say which was the highlight of the evening, if it was the Greenland choir, the jazz band or if it was the Greenland folksinger Ulf Fleischer who raised the roof the most.

The excellent atmosphere never withered, from the first



Mr. Sørensen gives a tour of Dundas village to Mr. Jonathan Motzfeldt, Prime Minister of Greenland. Mr. Motzfeldt was a speaker at the dinner.



Guests at the dinner were privileged enough to be privy to the musical styling of Mr. Ulf Fleischer, a popular folk singer in Greenland. Mr. Fleischer performed at both the big dinner and the small bar-b-que that was held on Friday night.



Enjoying this bun, Mr. Edvard Danielsen joined about 400 of his GC colleagues at anniversary dinner. Guests were treated to wine and food as well as new baseball caps like the one that Mr. Danielsen, a painter in the Construction Shop, is wearing.



The *Six Foot Stompers* were really jammin' Hanger number 7 well into the night. The lead singer and trombone player was Mr. Søren Munk, Deputy Human Relations Chief at GC. After to dinner, the dance floor really started to heat up.

The Last Word

New Fangled Fad Sweeps Thule

Who got loose with the airbrush and the brown paint? And why can't we get some colors in those racing strips?

Overnight beginning in early September, residents of Thule Air Base seemed to be overcome by this new fad. At first only a few trucks had just a slight stripe along the base. However, over the next two weeks, in some sort of lame attempt at "one-ups-men-ship" the strips got higher and higher with some trucks becoming completely covered in the brown paint all over.

Could this be an attempt to woe the ladies? (Wait, we don't have any of those up here.) Maybe it was some sort of complex group camouflage scheme. Or it was just an excessive amount of brown paint and someone with too much time on their hands? Perhaps we will never know, because as with all fads, this one seemed to just wash away overnight.



This truck is a prime example of the new Thule racing strip fad. Notice the keen angle of the stripe which rises as one moves from the front to the rear of the truck. Also, it is important to take note that the owner has carefully color coordinated the rims of the truck as well.

How Many Kills Do You Have?



Recently we've gotten the impression that folks just don't like us very much. We keep inviting them to come up here for a year and they keep finding reasons not to come. Some people are starting to take it personally, while others wear it as a badge of pride.

Has your replacement cancelled? Feeling down? Take back the power and **CLAIM THE KILL**. That's right, cut out this little graphic and display it proudly on the edge of your desk. Another one cancels? Good job — claim that second kill!

Some of your co-workers have as many as four to their credit. MSgt Dave Poppinga, 821 SPTS/CE, said, "I'm really honored. Only one more kill and I'll be an ace. AFPC just has to identify another victim... I mean...replacement for me."

Best of all? Even after you leave, if your replacement cancels you still get credit posthumously (of course). So fly that PBDU-3D* with pride!

*Particle Board Desk Unit-3 Drawer

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