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## MC-130H provides fuel to MV-22s

A U.S. Air Force MC-130H Combat Talon II aircraft loadmaster assigned to Special Operations Command Central observes a U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey assigned to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, as they receive fuel during a tiltrotor air-to-air refueling, or TAAR, over an undisclosed location, March 10, 2021.

*U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Trevor T. McBride*

*Courtesy of the 102nd Intelligence Website*



*Courtesy of the 102nd Intelligence Facebook*

Service Members took part in a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts, March 17, 2021. The American Red Cross technicians took special precautions to make sure that donating blood was a safe experience for those at the blood drive by sanitizing, mask wearing and social distancing. In addition, the Red Cross also tests donations for infectious diseases to make sure it is safe to be used for future transfusions.



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## Commander's Column

Lt Col Timothy "Skip" Sheehan  
Commander, 6th Space Warning Squadron

### Wait... Space Force is real?

On November 3rd, I resigned my commission and officially ended my 16-year career in the United States Air Force. It was not a difficult decision, but felt a little weird signing the paperwork. That same day, I once again rose my right hand and swore to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America but this time it was as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Space Force.

When I'm in uniform off base, I get stopped all the time. "Wait... what does that say?" as they make a double-take at the blue words on my uniform and I often get something like, "Woah! You're the first Space Force person I've seen!" or "I didn't realize that was actually a thing." Yes, it is actually a thing and it's a pretty cool thing if I say so myself.

Many have wondered if we really needed to stand up the DoD's first new service since the United States Air Force was formed in 1947. Clearly I am biased, but let's look at the history of the Air Force. Through the growth of the Army Air Corps, many Airmen advocated for a separate branch dedicated to the air domain. Aviation was becoming more critical to our national defense and few were more vocal in support of a separate service than Billy Mitchell.

Mitchell made more enemies than friends as he fought for airpower eventually resulting in his court-martial as a Brigadier General. After resigning his commission and retiring in 1926, he continued to advocate for airpower to

receive the support and attention it deserved. It took World War II for us to realize how necessary it was for the USAF to be a separate service, but, unfortunately, Mitchell passed away in 1936 before he could see his dream realized.

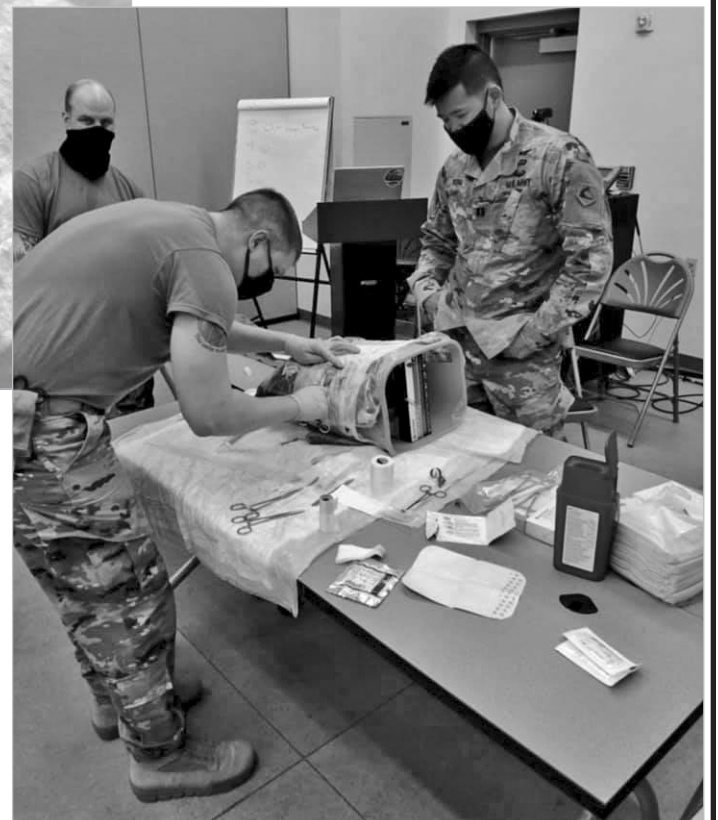
Today, many may not see the need for a separate service dedicated to the space domain, but did we need a court martial and/or a war to realize we were too late to focus our resources on ensuring we are able to protect our space assets? I'm glad we didn't have to get to a moment where everyone wished we had a Space Force when we needed one.

Supporting the Space Force mission at Cape Cod Air Force Station, we were fortunate to have help from Senior Airman Matthew Chuong from the 101st Intelligence Squadron. SrA Chuong did not know much about space beyond what was taught in tech school, but as he worked with my operators to get the information they needed to do the job, his eyes were opened. Before he went back to 102 Intelligence Wing, he told me, "Now I know why we needed the Space Force." A lot of what he learned is classified, so I clearly can't mention it here. But if you knew, you'd understand too. For now, I hope everyone sleeps well at night knowing the Guardians and Airmen operating and protecting Cape Cod's own PAVE PAWS radar will always be "ever aware."

## TRAINING AT JOINT BASE CAPE COD



Students of the TC3 Sustainment Course, a 24 hour course for combat medics, learn about airway management and wound care using chicken thighs and pork ribs at the Regional Training Institute, Joint Base Cape Cod, Mass, March 16, 2021 through March 18, 2021. The combat medic students were instructed on chest tube insertion to correct hemothorax or pneumothorax with a creative and realistic training aid.



Staff Sgt. David Bravo-Martinez guides Combat Medic students through the proper steps for using the Eldoncard Blood Typing Kits at the 101st Regiment (RTI), March 3, 2021. This fast easy-to-use blood typing kit contains everything required to determine blood group and Rh-Factor using a whole blood sample obtained from a finger prick.  
*Massachusetts National Guard photos by Sgt. 1st Class Dawn*

# VETERANS SPOTLIGHT

## 2nd Class Petty Officer Scoba Rhodes, US Navy

by Wayne Soares  
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It is an extreme pleasure to present this week's Veteran's Spotlight feature. He is not only one of my oldest friends, but one of the kindest and classiest individuals you will ever meet. Scoba Rhodes Jr. served his country in the United States Navy from 1988 – 1994 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer. A graduate of Falmouth High School in 1983, he graduated from Bowdoin and entered the Navy after college. Petty Officer Rhodes did his basic training at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, FL. He then entered the Naval Nuclear Power Program for two years of intense school. "I distinctly remember my instructor telling us that the Navy was going to teach us in two years what regular colleges taught in four" he continued, "I spent 3-4 hours in the library every night getting my homework done.....my C.O (Commanding Officer) told us that even if we flunked out of the NPP, that they still own us and we're going in the Navy.....remember, walking through the nuclear sub, knowing how it works....my final written and oral exam was extremely difficult....remember graduation and saying 'WOW, I did this'.....I can still tell people how a nuclear reactor works" he said with pride.

In 1990, Petty Officer Rhodes received orders to go to San Diego and was assigned to the nuclear cruiser USS Long Beach. "You have to know how a nuclear reactor runs on a ship or sub.....if the reactor goes down, can you still run the ship.....if you don't, you're in trouble" he said. In November of 1990, he deployed to the Middle East for Desert Storm (he would remain there until June 1991). His feelings? "I was a bit nervous.....but I had a lot of support.....lots of my uncles were in WWII in the Navy and my parents were in the Air Force during Vietnam.....I was apprehensive, but I trained for it" he remembered. While stationed at Clark Air Force base in the Philippines there was a massive eruption of Mount Pinatubo. "Our Captain told us to figure it out.....people need to be evacuated..... get it done" he recalled. One might think that an evacuation of this nature would be easy, but certainly not on a nuclear cruiser. "You have to rise to the needs of the movement.... most ships have to cool themselves with ocean water..... now that water is full of volcanic ash.....makes it quite difficult.....half our ship ran at half speed....I was up for (36) hours straight" Petty Officer Rhodes remembered. For the record, his ship evacuated 1,200 civilians and



Petty Officer Rhodes was awarded the Bronze Star. He also offered this very powerful comment; "It's almost impossible now to meet a veteran that doesn't have wartime experience.....if the people that declared war were the same ones to fight it, we wouldn't have wars."

When asked about the holidays and being deployed, Petty Officer Rhodes offered this; "when you go into a war, you can't lose sight of the things you're fighting for – like Christmas.....you celebrate the 'spirit' of Christmas..... no Macy's....no parades....you have a meal with your fellow sailors, shake hands and wish each other a Merry Christmas.....it means more, when you're in that type of atmosphere" he recalled. When asked about a mentor, Petty Officer Rhodes said without hesitation, "Senior Chief Frank Hudson. He was a black man that reached one of the highest of ranks as an enlisted man....he showed me it was possible, because he did it.....he taught me the quality of work you do, is not a reflection of how smart you are, it's a reflection of what you expect of yourself."

1992-1993 the USS Long Beach performed counter drug task work in the Persian Gulf and made its final voyage in 1994, after which, it was decommissioned. Thoughts on his service? "You really don't see the benefits until after... I think I did a pretty damn good job....you're either going to be the person that steps up or says, 'come rescue me'. He is married to his wife of 11 years, Sonia and is a Financial Advisor. 2nd Class Petty Officer Rhodes, thank you for your service to our great country.

### HEALTHY LIVING

#### Natural Superfoods to Boost Immunity During Rough Times

(StatePoint) A strong immune system can help you stay healthy, which is especially important during cold and flu season and the ongoing pandemic.

To strengthen your immunity this winter and beyond, consider relying on the unique benefits of propolis, a natural bee product collected from the buds, leaves and stems of plants. With its antiviral, antibacterial and antifungal properties, it's been used as a natural remedy for centuries. Here's a bit more about what propolis is and how to maximize its benefits.

• Consume propolis: It's important to know that propolis needs to be extracted through a complex method to consume. Consider incorporating a product such as BEE&YOU Water Soluble Propolis 15% Extract, which uses a patented and awarded extraction technology. This particular extract has three times more antioxidant and antibacterial activity than the highest-grade Manuka honey and has 80 times more antioxidant than pomegranate juice. Compared to similar products, BEE&YOU Water Soluble Propolis 15% Extract has a minimum three times more phenolics and flavonoids. It has a natural taste and is free of drugs, pesticides, GMOs, gluten, alcohol, artificial flavorings and colors, and sweeteners, making it convenient for any diet. Simply add 20 drops to your favorite drink daily. Or, for a chewable option, try the brand's Royal Jelly Bee Pollen Propolis Tablets, which in addition to boosting immunity and energy, support cognitive, cardiovascular and digestive health.

"Though it's the strongest natural antioxidant, many people are unfamiliar with propolis. However, adding this superfood into your daily routine can help you stay healthy year-around," says Dr. Asli Samanci, a food scientist and the founder of BEE&YOU, who developed an award-winning extraction technology for propolis to cure her 5-year-old son's autoimmune illness.

• Take propolis wherever you go: Propolis is such a strong antiviral and antibacterial bee product that Dr. Asli



Samanci suggests taking it with you wherever you go. For an antioxidant-rich, detoxifying and multi-effect snack, consider this quick delicious recipe: mix 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar, raw honey, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1 teaspoon turmeric and 10 drops of propolis into yogurt. These ingredients, when taken together, have a synergistic effect. Plus, ginger, apple cider vinegar and turmeric are good sources of vitamin C. Or, carry BEE&YOU On-The-Go Immune Support & On-The-Go Detox packs in your bag, which combine the above ingredients.

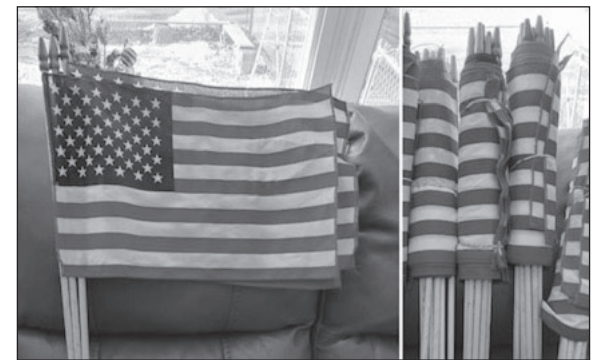
• Use it as a natural remedy: Even with strong immunity, it can be easy to pick up a bug that gives you a sore throat, particularly during cold and flu season. Propolis is like a natural barrier for your throat against viruses and bacteria. For fast recovery and relief, keep BEE&YOU Propolis Raw Honey Throat Spray on-hand, which provides antiviral and antibacterial activity to protect and soothe sore throat while boosting immunity, and can also be used to relieve allergy symptoms.

• Add superfoods in your diet: "We are what we eat. 50% of our health is related to our diet," says Dr. Asli Samanci.

It's very important to have a balanced diet with enough vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, amino acids, proteins, fiber, enzymes, lipids, and carbohydrates daily. Include natural superfoods like artichokes, onions, broccoli, quinoa, kale, black garlic, berries, propolis, royal jelly, pollen and raw honey. These superfoods are rich in essential amino acids, vitamins (A, D, E, K, C and B groups), and minerals like zinc, magnesium, selenium, iron and calcium, plus they have antioxidant effects.

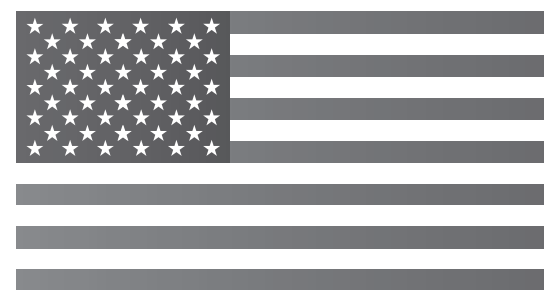
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Immunity-boosting natural products have become more important than ever. Be sure to include superfoods in your diet to maintain optimal wellness and health during these rough times



I was wondering if anyone had any interest in or a need for American Flags. They're 12" x 18" and have been flown at the Bourne National Cemetery in the Flags for Vets program. We have purchased new replacement flags and need to get rid of approximately 22-23 thousand. You can have a hundred or thousands if you like. The flags are stored in Pocasset, Ma. You can contact Chris for flags at: [ChrisChiocca@yahoo.com](mailto:ChrisChiocca@yahoo.com)

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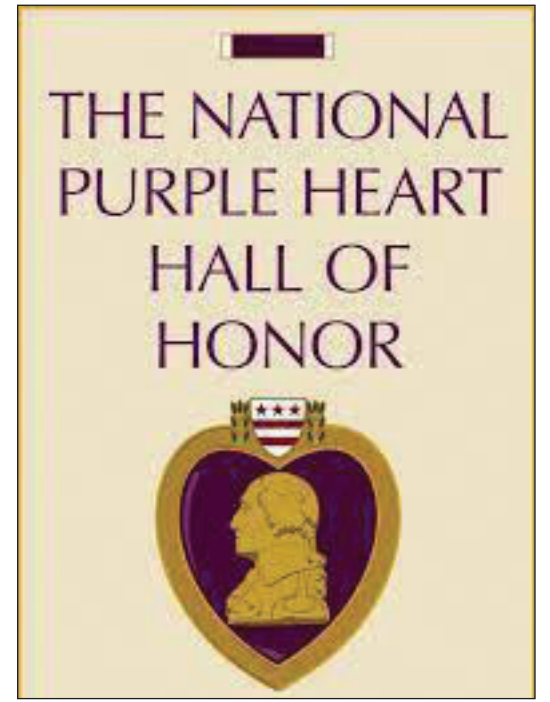


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## National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Seeks Award Recipients for Its Roll of Honor – They Need Your Help!

Story & photos by: Janet Sheehan

Set on a hill on the grounds of the New Windsor Cantonment, the Continental Army's last encampment at the end of the American Revolution just north of West Point in New York's scenic mid-Hudson Valley, is a wonderful museum dedicated entirely to the Purple Heart. It's location here pays homage to the Temple Hill Day ceremony which took place May 28, 1932. On that date, 136 veterans of World War I were awarded their Purple Hearts on these grounds.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is a New York State facility which serves as a sort of "headquarters" for recipients of the prestigious award as well as a place that offers visitors an incredible journey through military history and the cost of freedom. It is dedicated to commemorating the sacrifices of the estimated 1.8 million recipients of the Purple Heart Award.

Surprisingly, no list of Purple Heart recipients has ever been maintained by the Federal Government. Although the information is found on the record of the individual, or in copies of General Orders, this information has never been extracted to generate a list of all recipients. In an effort to remedy that, the folks at the National Purple Heart Hall



Private Raymond P. Rogers

of Honor have made it their mission to "Collect, preserve and share the stories of Purple Heart recipients from all branches of service and across all conflicts for which the award has been available."

If you are a recipient or know someone who is a recipient, please consider completing an enrollment form for inclusion in the Roll of Honor. Enrollment forms can be found at [www.thepurpleheart.com](http://www.thepurpleheart.com) or you may call the Hall of Honor at 845-561-1765 to request that an enrollment form be mailed to you.

The Roll of Honor is a database of Purple Heart recipients representing all wars for which the award has been available. The list grows daily, and the enrollments represent all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the District of Columbia, and the Philippines. All enrollments are done voluntarily and are made by the recipients, their families, or friends.

The Roll of Honor and recipients' profiles (with photos and narratives) is also on the website along with information on the history the Hall of Honor, history of the Purple Heart, exhibit photos and more.

### Sample Recipient Profile

Private Raymond P. Rogers, 51st Company, 5th Marines, 4th Marine Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division

Raymond P. Rogers of Newburgh N.Y. of the 136 was one of the World War I veterans who received his Purple Heart on "Temple Hill Day" May 28, 1932.

He was unique among those recipients as he was the sole Marine there. At that time, the Purple Heart was seen as an Army award. Although a Marine, Private Rogers' unit served under the command of the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division, permitting his eligibility for the Purple Heart. His 2nd Infantry Division patch is seen on his shoulder in his photograph.

He was severely injured July 18, 1918 during the Battle of Soissons in France.

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## The Base Cape Cod Spring Bowling League Swings into action

Story & photos by: Mike Camire

After wrapping up an epic (year-long “season” due to the virus) just a few weeks ago, the Base Cape Cod Bowling League jumped back on the lanes and action on March 24th. For the Spring League there will be 5 teams battling it out to capture the top trophy and to claim league supremacy. The reigning champs, the Masked Crusaders will again be led by top bowlers Jimbo “Gotta be the Shoes” Mayou and Tom “Turkey” Barnes, who both are in the hunt for top average in the league. Rounding out the Crusaders are Cliff “Jägermeister” Jaeger and Mike “Coach” Camire. The Fireballers finished the last regular season in first place, but were just edged out in the playoff finals by a mere 17 pins by the Crusaders. The Fireballers will be on a mission to retake their spot as the top team. They will be led by the stellar bowling of Walt “The Chief” Stecchi and his son Nick “The Hammer”. Both are coming off strong seasons and “The Chief” is always one of the top three bowlers in the league. They will be joined by Donny Thompson who will no doubt knock ‘em down too. The Wolf Pack are also back. The Pack are led by Chuck “Alpha Dog” Williams and Don “Dynamite” Dwyer. Both have put up some impressive games and they also have Terry “Downtown” Brown to support the cause. But wait, there’s more. They have an emerging star in Ethan “The Bulldog” Crabtree who came up big in the playoffs and had one of the highest averages in the post season. The Wolf Pack captured 3rd place and are looking to move up in the rankings in 2021. The Pinheads are also back and this zany group of fun loving bowlers are a joy to bowl against. But they are no pushovers, led by Joe “Strikes” Maher: Joe brings it each and every night, as does Zack “Fireball” Foley, Mike “Trips” O’Brien and team Captain Doug “Machine Gun” Foley. The Pinheads are looking to get back into championship form led by Joe “Strikes.” Joe has several 200 games under his belt already. There’s a new team also looking to have some fun and knock down some pins. They are led by Bethany Cardinal and her hubby John “Monstah” Cardinal. This is the ultimate sleeper team, they are playing it coy. It’s all fun and games till they start mowing down the pins. Beth and John will be aided by bowlers Jacqui DeGrace, Andrea Piccarelli, Jason Halpert and C.J. Allen. Their team name: “I can’t believe it’s not gutter” is just a ploy by task master Bethany to lull teams into a false sense of security. She said they’re going to “Sweep the leg” when teams aren’t looking, so watch out for these upstarts!

The Wolf Pack took on the Pinheads in Week One. The Pack had a big night just as they did in their final playoff match to capture 3rd place. They beat the Pinheads back again on their way to a four point sweep, shutting them out 4-0. They got solid games from Terry “Downtown” Brown who had game high 133 (4 spares, 2 strikes). Don “Dynamite” Dwyer had a 129 (4 spares, 1 strike) while Chuck “Alpha Dog” Williams had a 123 with 3 spares and 2 strikes. Don had 4 spares in a row and Terry and Chuck finished out the 10th and final frames with a spare and a strike for a total pin fall off 561. The Pinheads Joe “Strikes” Fraher had a team high 122 as his team started out slow, managing only a 472 pin fall. Game Two was closer, but the Wolf Pack took charge led by Don “Dynamite” who had a team high 149. Don had 6 spares and 2 strikes, Terry “Downtown” added a solid 139 as the team had a pin fall count of 569. The Pinheads were much improved in the 2nd game, knocking down 523 led by a game high 164 by Mike “Trips” O’Brien. Mike had 6 spares and 2 strikes,



like Mike: the Pinheads Mike “Trips” O’Brien had a game high 164 as he made 6 spares and 2 strikes in Game Two against the Wolfpack during Week One.



Explosive: the Wolfpack’s Don “Dynamite” Dwyer rolled a team high 149 in game two and averaged 133 on the night as his team completed a four point sweep of the Pinheads during Week One.

Joe “Strikes” added a 110 and Doug “Machine Gun” Foley added a 99, but it wasn’t enough as the Wolf Pack went ahead 2-0. The Pinheads needed to pick up the pace in Game 3, but they were again thwarted by the Pack, who had a pin fall of 546 to 523 for the Pinheads. The Wolf Pack cooled off a little but knocked down enough pins to capture the 3rd game for a 3-0 lead, winning by 23 pins. The total pin fall for the 3 games was Wolf Pack 1,676 to 1,518 for the Pinheads. Chuck led the way with a 129, Don had a 122 and Terry had a 119 as they started off the season on a high note, getting 4 points. The Pinheads lost despite getting a terrific game from Joe “Strikes” who had a game high 165. Joe had 5 spares and 3 strikes, Mike “Trips” had a 124 but they just couldn’t get enough pins down to capture a point on the first night of the season.

After battling it out in the finals just a few weeks ago the Masked Crusaders and Fireballers found themselves matched up again to start the season. No breaks here as the top two teams from the regular season and the playoffs got

after it again on opening night. The Crusaders got off to a good start led by Mr. Reliable, Jimbo “Gotta be the Shoes” Mayou who had a game high 169. Jimbo was a model of consistency as he had 7 spares and 1 strike. Tom “Turkey” Barnes added a 132 with 1 spare and 3 strikes for a team pin fall of 552. The Fireballers got a team high 146 from Walt “The Chief” Stecchi who had 5 spares and 2 strikes. Donny

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The hunted becomes the hunter: the Masked Crusaders Tom “Turkey” Barnes rolled a season high game of 217 (with 7 strikes and 2 spares) as he helped his team defeat the Fireballers 3-1 during Week One action.



Springing into action - John “Monstah” Cardinal will be bowling for a new team in the league: “I can’t believe it’s not gutter” in the Base Cape Cod Spring League.

Week 1 Standings	
	POINTS
Wolf Pack	4
Masked Crusaders	3
Fireballers	11
Pin Heads	7
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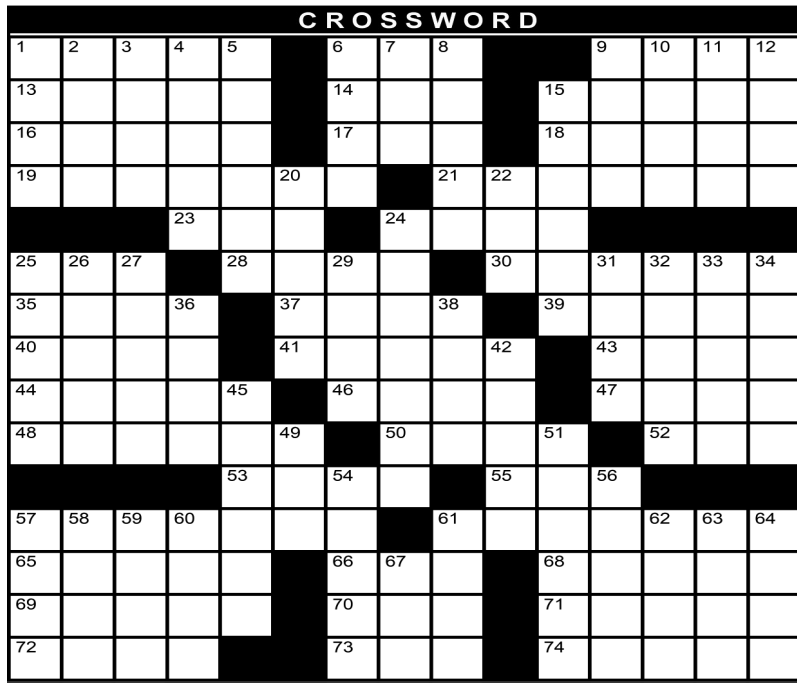
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15. Clemency
16. One in advertising
17. "\_\_\_\_\_ the land of the free ..."
18. Characteristic of birds
19. \*Ongoing job in the garden
21. \*Without synthetic fertilizers
23. 2nd tallest bird
24. Theatrical production
25. Curiosity killed it?
28. Additionally
30. Capital of Poland
35. Passage into a mine
37. Prefix in levorotary
39. Mid-century modern, e.g.
40. Toothy wheel
41. \*Some are heirlooms
43. Make like a cat
44. Erasable programmable read only memory
46. Stanislavski's rifle, e.g.
47. Unwanted correspondence
48. Motionless

50. Catch-22
52. "Are you sure?" in a text
53. Freight horse cart
55. Opposite of don'ts
57. \*6 or more hours of sunshine
61. \*Radicchio or frisÈe
65. On foot
66. Negative vote
68. 2020 NFL MVP
69. Morrison's "The \_\_\_\_\_"
70. Hockey great Bobby
71. Respectable and quiet
72. Sports award
73. Affirmative response
74. Infernos

DOWN

1. Old bathtub foot
2. Opposite of seek
3. Ne plus ultra
4. \*Opposite of #57 Across
5. Minimum, pl.
6. Influencer's journal
7. \*Stinging pollinator
8. Holiday song
9. Bulgarian money
10. Julia Roberts' Academy Award-winning role
11. Popular smoothie berry
12. Update an iPod
15. Inhabitant of Hungary

20. Nothing, pl.
22. Like sashimi
24. Lack of money
25. \*Tomato supports
26. Highly skilled
27. Miss America's headdress
29. Slowly leak
31. Moves at the gym
32. Monument to Buddha
33. Orderly arrangement
34. \*Wiggly plowers
36. Faster than a walk
38. \*Some plants and flowers emit a good one
42. \*Type of digger
45. Centers, old-fashioned
49. French vineyard
51. \*Last of 3 numbers on a bag of fertilize
54. Be a pest
56. Washington, e.g.
57. Grow dim
58. Extraterrestrials' rides
59. Pilot's stunt
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Thompson added a 116 but their score of 507 left them 45 pins short. The Fireballers rebounded with a Game 2 pin fall of 558 that carried them to victory as Nick "The Hammer" Stecchi had a game high 162. Nick pounded down the pins as he had 1 spare and 5 strikes, including a Turkey (3 strikes in a row) in the 6th, 7th and 8th frames. Walt "The Chief" wasn't too bad either as he had the reverse of his son, he had 5 spares and 1 strike, how's that for symmetry? Walt had a fine score of 142. It gave them a split on the night as each team had earned a point.. The Crusaders lost by 32 pins with a score of 526. They were led by Mike "Coach" Camire who had a team high 138 with 3 spares and 2 strikes.

Jimbo had a 132 (4 spares, 1 strike) and Tom "Turkey" had a 110. As expected with these two teams, the scores were close and they were now deadlocked at 1-1 heading into the final game of the night. Not only was the 3rd point up for grabs but so was the 4th point with the Crusaders leading by a mere 13 pins. Game on. Or should I say Turkey time? Both teams were expecting a close game, another dog fight. But the Crusaders Tom "Turkey" stole the spot light as he had an incredible game, a sizzling 217 (2 spares, 7 strikes) to lead his team to a big win. Tom started out with a spare and then got in the zone as he put up a Hambone, that's FOUR strikes in a row. He added a spare and a strike in the 6th and 7th frames for a score of 166. In the 8th he lost his "clean" game. A clean game means you have a spare or a strike in each and every frame. After his open frame in the 8th, Tom got right back at it as he finished with a strike in the 9th and a strike in the 10th. Putting up a 217 gets your

name and score on the bulletin board roll of honor, way to go Tom "Turkey! The Crusaders Game 3 score of 640 was the highest pin fall of any team for Week One and their total pin fall added up to 1,718. Tom got help too as Mike "Coach" had a 145 (6 spares, 1 strike) and Jimbo "Gotta be the Shoes" had a 132 (4 spares, 1 strike). The Fireballers just couldn't find it in game 3 as they had a score of 484 and a total pin fall of 1,549. The final numbers resulted in a 3-1 win for the Crusaders and kept them 1 point behind the Wolf Pack who surged to the top of the standings with a 4-0 sweep of the Pinheads. No doubt the Fireballers will be bounce back from their tough night. The good news is they sure have lots of time (weeks) to do it!

So the season has started and the teams are heating up. Hopefully the weather will do the same, so let's roll! Spring is here - time to let the stars shine.

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Tyndall AFB's Program Management Office, the 325th SFS, the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron, Air Force Research Laboratory, communications and other organizations have been working since July 2020 to ensure the Q-UGVs are assembled properly before reaching Tyndall AFB. The installation is considered an ideal base to host the new robot dogs with its ongoing rebuild.

"Tyndall (AFB) is a perfect test base as it was deemed 'The Installation of the Future,'" said Master Sgt. Krystoffer Miller, 325th SFS operations support superintendent. "Across the base, every squadron has been pushing the envelope of how we do things and expanding our optics of what is possible. One huge attraction piece of the robot dogs is that it's highly mobile and with the amount of construction we will face over the next few years, it helps us maintain and increase our security posture."

This new technology has the capability to revolutionize the way base security operates. Tyndall AFB is expected to set the benchmark for the rest of the Defense Department when it comes to Q-UGV usage.

"I can say that there is definitely a lot of interest in the capabilities of the technology," Miller said. "I'm hopeful that other units will see some of the successes at Tyndall (AFB) and will continue to explore the use of non-conventional tactics."

## Robot dogs arrive at Tyndall AFB



Sunny, a 325th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, poses next to a Quad-legged Unmanned Ground Vehicle at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., March 24, 2021. While the Q-UGV is also known as a robot dog, the computerized canine is not meant to replace MWDs, but rather to add an extra layer of security to the installation's force protection posture.

Story & photos by Airman 1st Class Anabel Del Valle  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) --

The first official semi-autonomous robot dogs were delivered to Tyndall Air Force Base March 22 for integration into the 325th Security Forces Squadron.

The purpose of the Quad-legged Unmanned Ground Vehicles, or Q-UGVs, is to add an extra level of protection to the base. The robot dogs, designed by Ghost Robotics and Immersive Wisdom, are the first of their kind to be integrated onto a military installation and one of many innovation-based initiatives to begin at Tyndall AFB, coined the "Installation of the Future."

*Courtesy of the 102nd Intelligence Website*

"As a mobile sensor platform, the Q-UGVs will significantly increase situational awareness for defenders," said Mark Shackley, Tyndall AFB Program Management Office security forces program manager. "They can patrol the remote areas of a base while defenders can continue to patrol and monitor other critical areas of an installation."

Features applied to the robot dogs allow for easy navigation on difficult terrains. The robot dogs can operate in minus 40-degree to 131-degree conditions and have 14 sensors to create 360-degree awareness. They are also equipped with a crouch mode that lowers their center-of-gravity and a high-step mode that alters leg mobility, among other features.



Master Sgt. Krystoffer Miller, 325th Security Forces Squadron operations support superintendent, operates a Quad-legged Unmanned Ground Vehicle at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., March 24, 2021. The purpose of the Q-UGV is to add an extra level of protection to base.U.S.

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