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FIDAE 2002



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12th Air Force personnel enhance FIDAE experience

By TSgt. Rian Clawson
12th Air Force Public Affairs

The *Fereia Internacional del Aire y Espacia 2002*, held April 1-7 in Santiago, Chile, is “the largest and most important airshow held in the southern hemisphere” and, according to FIDAE officials, U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Southern Air Forces personnel and equipment are vital elements of its success.

“We are very proud and happy to have such total participation – from all over the world,” said Col. Juan Squella, chief executive officer of FIDAE ’02. “The terrible events of Sept. 11 affected the whole world, but none so much as the United States,” Squella said. “The fact that they are still strongly partici-

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Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rian Clawson
Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins (Right), 12th Air Force commander, and U.S. Ambassador to Chile William Brownfield talk with Viper West demo pilot Capt. Scott Shepard about the F-16 Falcon fighter aircraft's aerial capabilities during the first day of the airshow.

pating in our show indicates the strength of our close relationship and the importance of the FIDAE.

“The quality the American military brings and the skills they demonstrate are always exceptional,” the colonel added, “and this year they are better than ever.”

The FIDAE brings together military forces and international companies from all over the world; this year major players include forces and companies from Argentina, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Chile, Great Britain, Israel, Peru, South Africa, the United

States and more.

Twelfth Air Force also participated in the FIDAE

on a large scale, with Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins, the 12th Air Force commander,

attending on behalf of and representing the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper.

“We brought in nearly 150 airmen, NCOs, cadets and officers for the event,” said Tech. Sgt. Glenda Verley, the FIDAE superintendent of information management. “Our duties include everything from flying and maintaining the aircraft and answering questions about the static displays, to providing security, administrative, logistics and computer support. We also do a lot of coordinating to help resolve passport or country clearance or other problems that occa-

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sionally arise when so many people travel to a foreign country and do a major job thousands of miles away from their home bases.”

One element of this “major job” was the members of the 25th Operational Weather Squadron setting up a display in the Department of Defense technical booth, said Lt. Col. Ken Edwards, the 12th Air Force on-scene commander for FIDAE. “They demonstrated their tactical meteorological ob-

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Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rian Clawson

The Viper West F-16 Demonstration team's maintenance technicians stand in front of their demo aircraft, taking care to not obscure its new "Let's Roll" artwork. From left are Tech. Sgt. Stacy Jones, Staff Sgt. Richard Finger, Staff Sgt. Jonathon Ungard, Senior Airman Allen Mendiola and Staff Sgt. Matthew Newson.

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...serving system capability to literally thousands of people.”

Aircraft at the airshow included F-16s from the Viper West demo team from the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill AFB, Utah; an Air National Guard C-130 from the 119 ARW in Kansas; and a KC-135 from the 146 AES at Channel Islands, Calif. Guardsmen from Warner-Robbins, Ga., did a B-1 fly-by and the Air Force Academy’s Wings of

Blue parachute jump team did a style and accuracy demonstration.

“I’ve heard nothing but positive comments about our people from everyone I’ve talked to – from other American military leaders as well as commanders in chief of foreign nation air forces,” Hobbins said.

“I’m extremely proud of them and the outstanding work they’re doing,” the commander added. “As the CEO said, their efforts are an integral part of the success of FIDAE 2002.”



Tech. Sgt. Glenda Verley, 12th Air Force, downloads a list of incoming pilots for an airshow customer.

A U.S. Southern Command statement noted that direct DOD participation in FIDAE supports our national security interests and affirms America’s foreign policy and commitment to friends and allies in the region, while supporting USSOUTHCOM cooperative engagement strategy and security assistance

objectives.

In addition to viewing aerospace and defense displays by various contractors at the FIDAE, Hobbins met with the U.S. ambassador to Chile and the minister of defense for Chile as well as air force leaders from Brazil, Chile, Israel, Peru and Venezuela.

“Our meetings advanced the plan-

ning for next year’s southern cone exercises,” the general said. “In them we discussed our latest expeditionary enhancements, as well as issues brought up in the first Summit of the Americas and the Defense Ministerials of the Americas. We’re promoting defense cooperation in support of meeting regional security and supporting appropriate military roles and missions.

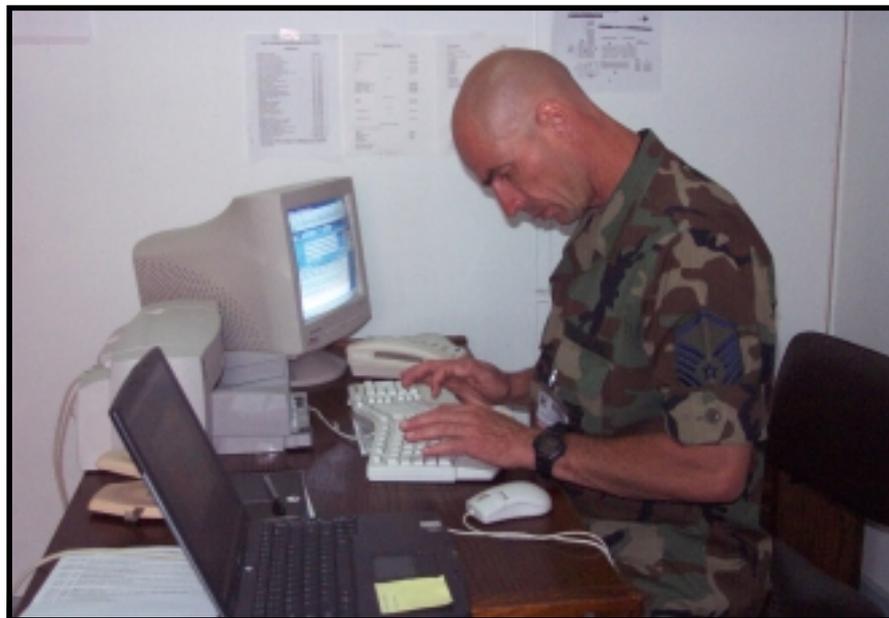
“All in all,” he concluded, “I would say our participation in FIDAE 2002 has been a phenomenal success.”

*Airshow participants,
attendees recognize 12th
Air Force member as*
**Hardest working
NCO in Chile**

By TSgt. Rian Clawson
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All of the men and women who have deployed to Santiago, Chile, in support of the *Feria Internacional del Aire y Espacia 2002* are “hard chargers” who put in long hours under sometimes less than desirable conditions to get the job done.

So says Lt. Col. Ken Edwards, the man 12th Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins appointed as



Photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rian Clawson

Master Sgt. Eric Harris inputs logistics data, just one of the innumerable tasks he accomplished or facilitated as the 12th Air Force "go-to guy" while in Santiago, Chile, during the Ferieia Internacional del Aire y Espacia 2002.

“on-scene commander” accountable for all Air Force assets and personnel participating in FIDAE 2002.

However, one NCO stands out from all the others – and not just because of his sharply pressed

battle dress uniforms, the ever-present “Sir” or Ma’am” he uses to address every person he meets, or the bald pate atop his lean, 6’4” frame.

“Master Sgt. Eric Harris is the operations management superintendent and he’s the glue that bonds and resolves all issues,” said Tech. Sgt. Glenda Verley, superintendent of the deployed FIDAE orderly room. “If we don’t know the answer to a question, we go to him.

“Sgt. Harris coordinated all the billeting and transportation arrangements for all the FIDAE participants and, no mat-

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Harris speaks with a pair of Chilean Air Force members.

ter what you need, he is always there, willing to help,” she explained. “From picking up the participants at the airport to solving our day-to-day logistical problems, to ensuring the accuracy of the Spanish translations of all the demonstration flight narrations, Sgt. Harris has been our go-to guy.”

And once you’ve met him, you don’t forget him, Verley added.

“I’ve heard contractors – who last

saw him two years ago – greet him as a long-lost friend,” she said. “It’s really something.”

“Eric has been a life-saver for me during our stay here,” Edwards said. “He is

not only a squared-up, gung-ho, by-the-book NCO, but he’s also had several tours of duty here in Chile, as well as other, similar countries in the U.S. Southern Air Forces area of responsibility.”

This range of experience – and his extraordinary language skills – have enabled Harris to interpret, evaluate and defuse many situations that might otherwise have gotten out of hand, the commander explained.

“He knows the roads, he knows the people, he knows the

language and the culture,” Edwards said, “I know that nobody is irreplaceable, but I’d really hate to have gone through the overall FIDAE experience without MSgt. Eric Harris.”

Harris, who is normally NCO in charge of the tactical air control party branch of the 12th Air Force Standardization and Evaluation division, demurs, saying that he’s just doing his job and that he really enjoys helping other people.

“I’m privileged to wear this uniform and to be a member of this institution,”

Harris said. “I enjoy any opportunity to contribute to its various missions.”

“I know several people who call Harris their ‘hero’ because he’s ‘saved their bacon,’” Edwards said, “and that’s happened on several occasions.

“His experience and abilities have enabled him to cut through some of the challenges that have come up, challenges that, without him, may have been insurmountable,” he added.

“I’m just really glad I had him along on this adventure.”



All-Stars recognized

Senior Enlisted Person of the year, Army Staff Sgt. Wendy Rabias (Left), and Junior Enlisted Person of the year, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Nichole Solberg (Right), pose with Army Maj. Gen. Gary Speer, U.S. Southern Command acting commander in chief, following the command's award ceremony April 12 at the headquarters in Miami. Rabias, Solberg and a host of other officers, NCOs and civilians were recognized and decorated by the general. (Photo by Army Sgt. Lucy J. Pabon)

Myers: new UCP addresses security issues, not politics

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 19, 2002 — The U.S. military's senior officer said April 18 that other countries will be geographically aligned with U.S. unified commands in order to better address mutual security issues, not for political reasons.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discussed the new U.S. Unified Command Plan with reporters of the Foreign Press Center here. Reviewed not less than every two years, the plan establishes the responsibilities



Photo by R.D. Ward

Gen. Richard Myers says the UCP establishes responsibilities and priorities of U.S. combatant commands.

and priorities of the U.S. military's combatant commands.

Myers said changes made in the 2002 UCP "will better serve the United

States as we carry out our military efforts worldwide."

The plan "will continue to advance our transformation efforts," Myers said. "It prepares us for the future by assigning every area of the globe to a combatant commander's area of responsibility, thereby streamlining our military relationships with respect to all nations.

The UCP has to do with U.S. armed forces, not those of foreign countries, he continued, and it addresses nothing about political-military relation-

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ships directly.

American unified commanders' responsibilities are "clearly in the military chain; they're not the political chain," Myers said. Political matters, he noted, are "the responsibility of the Department of State."

One UCP change effective Oct. 1 includes the establishment of U.S. Northern Command, which takes the "various homeland security missions being performed by various

combatant commanders and puts them under a single command," he said.

NORTHCOM's geographical area of responsibility, he noted, includes the continental United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, portions of the Caribbean, and the contiguous waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans out to 500 nautical miles from the East and West coasts of North America.

The general said the commander of Northern Command would also be the commander of North

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American Aerospace Defense Command. NORAD's mission to deter, detect and defend against air and space threats to the North American continent will not change, Myers said.

He noted the United States and

Canada already have a close military relationship, that NORAD is a U.S.-Canadian venture.

As part of U.S. NORTHCOM's homeland defense mission, the command will also be assigned to support "the military's responsibility to civil authorities here in the United States," Myers said. Planning for the responsibility of Northern Command, he added, began in February.

"Those deliberations are not complete," Myers said, who anticipated completion some-

time in the next two months.

A Mexican reporter queried Myers about the relationship between NORTHCOM and Mexico. The reporter implied that some Mexicans might think their country's military would somehow become subordinate to American authority.

Up to now, Mexico has never been in the area of responsibility of a U.S. combatant command, Myers said. Thinking of Mexico

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being under a U.S. command is the wrong way to look at what's happened with the UCP, Myers said. U.S. unified commanders are assigned specific geographic areas to delineate who's responsible for facilitating military-to-military and security relationships, he explained.

"And that's exactly what we hope to do in the case of Mexico," he said.

Myers said Canada's coming under NORTHCOM, for U.S. purposes, is a bit different. "With Canada, we already have a relationship for the air defense and the space warning piece of security,

and that's well established under NORAD," he said.

Both Mexican and Canadian participation in other aspects of security, though, are matters for the respective governments to decide, not the United States, he said.

Myers noted some other 2002 UCP changes:

■ U.S. Joint Forces Command, in Norfolk, Va., will transfer its geographic area of responsibility to the Northern and European commands.

■ JFCOM will then change from being a unified command with geographical and functional areas of responsibility to a functional combatant command. It will be responsible for carrying out the critical mis-

sions of transformation, joint training and experimentation.

■ Russia is being aligned with U.S. European Command's geographic area of responsibility. EUCOM also will pick up the remainder of the Atlantic from 500 miles off the U.S. East coast all the way to the shores of Europe.

"Previously, Russia was not assigned (to a unified command). Most efforts with Russia were all conducted here with the Pentagon," Myers said. "I should also note that Pacific Command will assist European Command and work issues with Russia that deal with their Far East Military District."

Myers said Central

Command will not change its geographic area. *Southern Command will remain intact except for the portion of the Caribbean that will shift to NORTHCOM.*

Earlier in the conference, Myers expressed his condolences for the April 17 deaths of Canadian troops in Afghanistan due to a bombing accident involving a U.S. fighter jet. The accident is under investigation.

"The loss of any coalition service member is felt by all," the general said. "And even as we work to discover the facts necessary to completely understand the circumstances of this particular tragedy, we mourn the loss of our Canadian comrades."

Face it... *spring picnic a time for fun, relaxation*

P E M B R O K E PINES, Fla., -- Several hundred of the command's personnel and their families joined together here April 6 at C. B. Smith Park for fun and relaxation.

Army Maj. Gen. Gary Speer, U.S. Southern Command acting commander in chief, his wife Cathy, and other command leaders gathered at the park's main pavilion to spend the day picnicking with personnel and their families. A caterer

prepared an old-fashioned cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs, rice, beans, corn, chile, and several Mexican dishes.

Meanwhile, as bellies were filled, a disc jockey provided tunes, and the festivities began.

Children got involved with face painting, relays, football skill competitions, relays and more. Parents joined in with a water bal-

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Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Lee Roberts

Andrew Evers, son of Capt. Larry Evers, J-3 Operations Directorate, and wife Maria, checks out his face paint at the spring picnic.



Photos by Air Force Master Sgt. Lee Roberts
Miami Dolphins Guard Mark Dixon, No. 63, signs an autograph for Bibiana Michelle Quinones, a two-week old fan, at the U.S. Southern Command Spring Picnic at C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines, Fla., April 6, 2002. Bibiana, born March 21, is held by her grandfather, Army Sgt. 1st Class David Rivera. Her mother, not photographed, is Angelica Rivera.

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loon toss before going on to other activities.

According to officials, everyone seemed to enjoy the atmosphere at the picnic, which was next to a kid's playground and in a shaded pavilion.

It was a great event for people to spend time with families and coworkers away from the busy headquarters, said event organiz-

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John Burgess, 9, son of Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess Jr., J-2 director, and his wife Marta, participates in a water relay.

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ers.

Another highlight of the picnic was

a visit by several Miami Dolphins players. Guard Mark Dixon, No. 63, and Tackle Brent Smith, No. 74, signed auto-

graphs and interacted with their fans at the picnic.

In addition, many participated in the recreational activities elsewhere at C.B. Smith Park. Some people hit golf balls at the driving range or played putt-putt. Others enjoyed boating on the lake, swimming or getting a thrill on a water plume.



Photos by Air Force Master Sgt. Lee Roberts

(Above) The water plume at C.B. Smith Park was a family favorite during the spring picnic. (Right) Army Sgt. Maj. Guillermo Alcover, J-2, and wife Evelyn, J-5, enjoy a cool drink and conversation near the main pavilion.



(Above) Picnic participants begin working their way through the food line at the main pavilion of C.B. Smith Park.

(Right) Air Force Lt. Col. Johnnie Seward Jr., Command Section, attempts a bogey shot on the putt-putt course.





Newest colonel

Army Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess (Right), J-2 Intelligence Directorate director, promotes Air Force Lt. Col. Jim Maxwell (Center), J-2, to the rank of colonel during a promotion ceremony at the Thurman Building April 1. The new colonel's father, retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Robert M. Maxwell from Tacoma, Wash., assisted the general with the promotion. Maxwell's wife Janice also attended the event. (Photo by Juan Chiari)

News briefs

Separating?

If you are within 180 days of separation or within one year of retirement, there is a mandatory pre-separation briefing 2:30 to 4 p.m. May 8 at the Education Center at the Codina Building located at 8300 NW 33rd Street in Miami.

This briefing is a prerequisite for the four-day Transition Assistance Program workshops that are held quarterly (The next one is Monday-

Thursday). For more information, call Michela Barrow at **(305) 437-2665** or **2632**.

BX shuttle

The U.S. Southern Command runs a shuttle from the Thurman Building north entrance to the Homestead Air Reserve Station BX Mart every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and returns when all patrons are done shopping or conducting business, which is no later than 2:30 p.m. The shuttle is for all

military and civil service personnel. Family members can also utilize the shuttle to Homestead.

TAP workshop

The next transition assistance program workshop is July 22 through 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the La Quinta Hotel, 8730 NW 27th Street. For more information or to sign up call **(305) 437-2671** or **2726**.

Newcomers

The Family Support Center is spon-

soring a newcomers briefing 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. May 3 at the Base Operations Education Center located at the Codina Building, Suite 110, 8300 NW 33rd Street.

The briefing includes presentations from the TRICARE representative; SOUTHCOM Health Clinic; Housing Office; Traffic Management Office; Education Office; Legal Office; Quality of Life Office; Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; DoD Police; and

chaplain. For more information or to reserve your seat at the briefing, call **(305) 437-2667**.

Miami tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring its monthly Miami area tour 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10.

The tour is free to military personnel and their families. The tour begins and ends at the Codina Building, Suite 110,

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at 8300 NW 33 Street. For more information or to sign up for the tour, call (305) 437-2665.

Finance class

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a first-terminer's financial planning seminar 2:30 to 4 p.m. May 30 at the Base Operations Education Center located at the Codina Building, Suite 110, 8300 NW 33rd Street.

For more information or to sign up for the class, call (305) 437-2665.

Gun safety class

A firearms safety and proficiency class is sched-

uled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11 at the Medley Police Training Facility. The class will be taught by certified firearms instructors and covers such subjects as firearms safety, Florida law, weapon nomenclature, assembly and disassembly, maintenance and cleaning, storage, fundamentals of marksmanship, malfunctions, reloading, concealed carry, use of cover and concealment, movement, single and multiple targets, shot engagements and weapons qualification.

Participants receive a certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the course, which meets the requirements of the state of Florida for obtaining a concealed carry per-

Religious Affairs

Weekly U.S. Southern Command service schedule

Tuesdays: Weekly Protestant Bible study is noon to 12:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room, Room 1414.

Wednesdays: Weekly Inter-denominational Bible study and fellowship is from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 1401 or 1403.

Monthly meeting: The Officer's Christian Fellowship monthly meeting is today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 1401 or 1403.

mit. Cost is \$50 per person. Students must bring a handgun (revolver or semi-automatic, at least two magazines (for semi autos) or speed loaders (for revolvers), holster, magazine holder, wrap-around eye protection, hearing pro-

tection, a baseball-style cap, and 400 rounds of ammunition.

Class is limited to 26 participants. For more information or to sign up for

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the class, call special agent James Moss at **(954) 445-4694** or via E-mail at james.moss2@us.army.mil.

Due to liability reasons and range restrictions, this class is limited to military (active duty, reserves and National Guard) personnel, U.S. Coast Guard personnel and DoD civilian personnel.

Online scholarship

Scholarship applications for the 2002/2003 academic year from the Federal Children's Scholarship Fund are available at www.fedscholarships.org. The deadline for completed applications is June 1. All scholarship awards will be announced on or before Aug. 31. Eligibility criteria is available at this site.

Trips & Tours

Morale, Welfare and Recreation, U.S. Army Garrison Miami, is sponsoring the following trips and tours:

May 11

A trip is planned to Sea World in Orlando, Fla., departing at 6 a.m. from the headquarters, from 7 a.m. at the Winn-Dixie Plaza, Pines Blvd., and returning at 11 p.m. Cost is \$43 for adults and \$35 for children age 3 to 9. Call **(305) 437-2639** or E-mail einsfell@hq.southcom.mil to sign up.

May 18

A trip is planned to the Norton Museum of Art, departing at 9 a.m.

from the headquarters. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$2 for students, and free for children. Call **(305) 437-2639** to sign up.

Disney Discounts

The Disney Corporation has extended their Armed Forces Salute to active duty personnel and their families. Active duty members can receive a seven-day consecutive pass to enter any of Disney's theme parks free of charge. Family members receive the same ticket at 50 percent off the current rate when entering a park. For more information, call Lothar Einsfield at **(305) 437-2639**.

Upcoming career fair

U.S. Southern Command's Job/Career Fair is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 21 at the Metro Dade Fighters Memorial located at 8000 NW 21st Street in Miami.

Numerous governmental and commercial employers will be on hand to discuss employment opportunities with military members, veterans, civilians and their family members. To register for the event or to obtain more information, call Peggy Corpman at (305) 437-2632 or Marva Creary at (305) 437-2671.

(Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Gabe Puello)



Operations Directorate captures 2002 Commander's Cup

MIAMI -- The J-3 Operations Directorate captured the U.S. Southern Command Field Day Commander's Cup here April 19. The J-3 accumulated the most points from the 3-on-3 basketball competition; volleyball; closest-to-the-pin golf shot; tug of war; punt, pass and kick competition; and water balloon toss.



Brig. Gen. Richard Huck, chief of staff, presented the J-3 team the Commander's Cup following the day's activities and he also recognized the individual activity winners.

The entire command participated at the annual field day, and everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs during a cookout. A D.J. provided music during the event.



Photos by Air Force Maj. Eduardo Villavicencio

(Above) The J-3 Operations Directorate Commander's Cup Team show off their trophies after being named the 2002 champs April 19. (Left) Brig. Gen. Richard Huck, chief of staff, presents the awards.



Command scores big in Marlins opener



(Left) Lt. Cmdr. Amelia Sweeney sings the National Anthem April 8 at the Florida Marlins home opener. The command's Color Guard performs in the background. (Right) Brig. Gen. Galen Jackman, J-3 Operations Directorate director, gets congratulated by Florida Marlins catcher Mike Redmond, No. 52, and "Billie the Marlin" after the general threw out the game's first pitch. The performances of U.S. Southern Command members were appreciated, even though the Marlins ultimately fell 10-2 to the Montreal Expos at Pro Player Stadium.

Florida Marlins president visits headquarters, pays respect to service members

Army Brig. Gen. Galen Jackman (Center), U.S. Southern Command director of operations, accepts 100 tickets for the Florida Marlins home opener from David Samson (Right), president of the Florida Marlins, as Billie the Marlin (mascot) watches. Samson visited the headquarters in Miami, Fla., April 4 and expressed his appreciation to the service men and women for "keeping America safe."



Honor Roll

Quarterly awards

Congratulations to **Air Force Tech. Sgt. Craig M. Morris, J-6** Directorate, who was recently selected as the U.S. Southern Command Senior Enlisted Person of the Quarter (first quarter), and **Marine Cpl. Jennifer K. Boltz, J-1** Directorate, who was recently selected as the Junior Enlisted Person of the Quarter.

New masters

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command Army ser-

geant first classes on their recent selection for promotion to the rank of master sergeant:

- **Richard E. Cannon, SCCC**
- **Andrew J. Rhoades, SCSG**
- **Frederick E. Love, J-2**
- **Charles E. Stafford, J-2**
- **David A. Monge-Rivera, J-6**
- **Pablo Nieves, SOCSO**
- **Joe E. Buchanan, ASA**
- **Henry M. Montoya, ASA**

Bataan marchers

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command members who participated in this year's

Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The event recognizes the sacrifice and suffering of U.S. and Filipino service members who fought gallantly in the Philippines during World War II. The course is 26.2 miles in length and crosses hilly terrain, sandy trails and arroyo washes:

Military Heavy Team (35-pound packs)

4th Place team finish

- **Staff Sgt. Jay Gutierrez**
- **Maj. Wallace Kendle**
- **Staff Sgt. Matthew Petty**
- **Sgt. Heidi Evans**
- **Sgt. Marc Greene**

Military Light Team 5th Place team finish

- **Sgt. 1st Class Richard Cannon**

- **Lt. Col. Craig Tate**
 - **Lt. Col. Marshall Nathanson**
 - **Maj. Erik Valentzas**
 - **Capt. Melissa Soley**
- Individual Male Military Light - 1st Place finish**
- **Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Rhoades**

Did you know?

SOUTHCOM's Vision is a community of democratic, stable and prosperous nations successfully countering illicit drug activities and other transnational threats; served by professional, modernized, interoperable security forces that embrace democratic principles, demonstrate respect for human rights, and are capable and supportive of multilateral responses to challenges.

Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Rhoades



Service: U.S. Army
Organization: Southern Comand Surgeon General
Duty title: Medical Plans and Operations NCO
Time in service: 15 years
Hometown: Arvada, Colo.
Hobbies: Marathons, ironman triathlons, duathlons, mountain

bike racing, riding my Harley

Favorite duty station: Team medic at U.S. Central Identification Laboratory, Hickham Air Force Base, Hawaii

Career highlights: Every enlisted medical position as a 3/75th Ranger

Todd W. Koch



Service: Civilian
Organization: J-3 Operations Directorate
Duty title: Information operation technologist
Time in service: 2 years.
Hometown: Unionville, Mich.
Hobbies: Woodworking, computers, computer graphics and gaming

Favorite duty station: U.S. Southern Command

Career highlights: Being assigned to SOUTHCOM in May 1995, working in J-2 Presentations, then ETS from the Army in 1997. Working for Mantech in Army Signal Activity for two years, then moving to Sytex in 1999 to work as Reddelas Americas web administrator for the J-3

Pass in review

Army Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess, J-2 Intelligence Directorate director, reviews the troops April 13 at Coral Gables High School. The general also spoke to the school's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. The ceremony signified the completion of the school year, which also happened to be the first year of existence of JROTC at the school.
(Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Lee Roberts)

