

Operation Julemand: Mission Accomplished!

Team Thule raises 15K for
Children in Greenland

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Residents of Thule Air Base raised nearly \$15,000 since June for Operation Julemand, an annual base fundraiser that benefits approximately 260 children in Qaanaaq, a municipality of about 900 people located 75 miles northwest of the base.

In Danish, "Julemand" is the word for Santa Claus.

The operation culminated in a gift exchange at the Qaanaaq Youth Center Dec. 20 where several Thule representatives here on-hand to witness a traditional Christmas celebration.

"We're proud to be partners with the Qaanaaq community and are honored to be a part of this special holiday event," said Col. John S. Haven, 821st Air Base Group Commander.

The celebration began with the arrival of Santa Claus on dog sled, followed by traditional dancing around a Christmas tree, the singing of holiday songs and the presentation of gifts.

"Seeing the children dancing around the tree and hearing them sing in their native tongue was such an exciting experience," said Chaplain (Capt.) Dave DePinho, Installation Chaplain and President of the Operation Julemand Committee.

The Operation Julemand Committee, which oversees the program, uses money raised to both purchase gifts for the children and also to provide a cash donation to various international charities on behalf of the base.

Donations were received through coin drops at various base locations, individual cash donations, and the annual Julemand Festival.

"We had a really good response with fundraising this year," said Danish Liaison Office Chief Petty Officer, Lars Iverson.



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Chaplain, Captain Dave DePinho (left), and Col. John S. Haven, 821st Air Base Group Commander, take a moment to pose with children during the Julemand celebration at the Qaanaaq Youth Center Dec. 20.

Although the committee has raised about \$15,000 this year, additional donations will be collected through June to continue to benefit the children. The year-long fundraiser used to run from December to December each year. Recently, the committee decided to change the donation calendar to mirror the rotation cycle of the 821st Air Base Group Commander.

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Thule CC visits Greenland ISCOM; meets leadership in Nuuk

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Colonel John S. Haven, 821st Air Base Group Commander, and Commander Tommy Toft, Thule Danish Liaison Officer, visited several areas throughout southwestern Greenland Dec. 8-14.

The purpose of the visit was to meet with members of the Danish and Greenland Home Rule governments, as well as visit the Greenland Island Commander.

The journey began with a stop in Nuuk, the capitol of Greenland. While there, the commander and DLO met with several key officials to discuss Thule's mission and operations and ways in which the base supports communities in northwest Greenland.

Nuuk is home to approximately 15,000 and is also the seat of Greenland Home Rule government. Nuuk is a modern city and also serves as the cultural center of Greenland, complete with a cultural arts center and museum.

"I was amazed to see the bold col-

ors of the city buildings against the white snow," remarked Col. Haven of the scenery. "Although not what we Americans would consider a large metropolis, Nuuk definitely has a 'city feel' to it."

While in Nuuk, Col. Haven met with High Commissioner Peter Lauritzen, the top Danish official in

Greenland. The high commissioner's office serves as an important liaison between the Home Rule and Danish governments.

The visit to Nuuk also presented the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Mikaela Engell, Director of the Greenland Home Rule Foreign Affairs Office.



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Col. John Haven, 821st ABG/CC, and Commander Toft, DLO, meet with the Mayor of Nuuk, Ms. Agnethe Davidsen, Dec. 10.

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Col. Haven also had the privilege of meeting with the Mayor of Nuuk, Ms. Agnethe Davidsen.

"It's important to get out and meet various leadership throughout Greenland," said Col. Haven. "A visit like this helps build relationships and further emphasize the desire to enhance the cooperation of the United States, Denmark and Greenland."

After leaving Nuuk, Col. Haven and Commander Toft traveled to the southwestern edge of Greenland, aboard the HDMS Agdlek.

Arriving in Grønnedal, Danish Naval Rear Admiral Uffe Haagen-Olsen, Greenland's Island Commander, met Col. Haven and treated him to a tour of the region, as well as a briefing about the Island Commander's operations and support services to the Island of Greenland.

"The Island Commander has a truly unique mission and has many responsibilities, which includes providing military defense of Greenland," said Col. Haven.

In addition to serving as the primary focus of military defense of Greenland, the Island Commander's post is also responsible for inspecting fishing vessels throughout the Greenlandic coastal region, as well as responding to search and rescue requests. All of these operations are performed in the harsh Arctic environment that encompasses most of Greenland's 840,000 square mile area.

After meeting with the Island Commander, Col. Haven and Commander Toft returned to Nuuk aboard the HDMS Triton and returned to Thule Air Base the following day.

"This trip was a wonderful experience," Col. Haven

said. "We got to step outside the Thule Defense Area and see so much more of Greenland by land, air and sea. The views were spectacular and the people were amazing."

Col. Haven also added that his experiences in southwestern Greenland would last a lifetime, but coming "home" to Thule was probably the best part of the trip.



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Many historical Greenlandic artifacts are on display at the museum in Nuuk, such as this woman's ship which was found along the coast of northeastern Greenland.



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Above left: A view of the HDMS Triton from the HDMS Agdlek. The Agdlek brought Col. Haven and Commander Toft to Grønnedal, the headquarters of the Island Commander. Above Right: Col. Haven shakes hands with the Island Commander, Rear Admiral Uffe Haagen-Olsen, after presenting a Commander's Coin in appreciation for his visit to Grønnedal.

VIEWPOINT:

There is no such thing as a bad assignment

By Capt. Joe Gallagher
821st Security Force Squadron

When I received orders to Thule AB everyone I spoke to about the assignment laughed and sarcastically said, "have fun" or something to that effect. Eventually I came across someone who was actually stationed at Thule, and they told me it was the best assignment they ever had.

As I talked to more people that had been stationed at Thule, I found they all enjoyed their assignments. This got me thinking about my past assignments. I have had some that have caused people to say, "sorry dude" or "that sucks", but looking back at those assignments, I have nothing but positive memories.

I went to the missile field as a lieutenant and again I was told, "you don't want to do missiles," and again, they were wrong. The location was incredible and so was the job. There is no other place in the world where enlisted and junior officers have such a high level of responsibility.

I spent a year at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, and I had a great time. It was hot and we were confined to the base for half of my tour,

but we made a difference and we had fun. It was amazing how my short game improved over that year; I got a lot of practice with my sand wedge.

So the question is this: Why have I had such a good time at these so-called bad assignments?

Maybe I'm going senile at an early age or maybe I'm just not that bright. I hope neither of these options is true, but what else can it be?

Well, let's look at my so-called dream assignment: I was stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany from November 1999 to September 2001. This time when I told people about my assignment they said, "that's awesome" or gave me some other positive feedback. Again, I had a great time, but some of my troops hated it. In fact, they could not wait to go back to the United States.

I have also talked to people who have been stationed at Hickam, Ramstein, Aviano, and other "dream assignments", that they could not wait to leave. Are these people insane or is there another answer?

Martha Washington once said "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experi-

ence that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

I think this is the answer; it's all about your attitude. If you chose to be happy then guess what, you will be. If you chose to be miserable, then you will be. I'm not saying it is that simple, but for the most part, you determine your reaction to a situation.

Find people who share interests and continue to enjoy them. However, you should also seek out opportunities to try different things and experience the local culture and traditions.

The reality of the situation was captured best by Abraham Lincoln, "Folks are about as happy as they make their minds up to be."

I have been in the military since 1986 and I have never had a bad assignment. I may not have been sent where I wanted to go, but when I got there, I had a great time.

It's all about attitude so chose to be happy. If that doesn't work for you remember, a positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

Upcoming Birthdays

Capt. William Smith	Jan. 2	Maj. Randy Anderson	Feb. 3
Tech Sgt. Joel Taimanglo	Jan. 6	Tech Sgt. Rob Lockard	Feb. 10
Capt. Jim Sutphen	Jan. 12	Tech Sgt. Jose Lopezruiz	Feb. 15
Staff Sgt. Matthew Mangold	Jan. 14	Senior Airman Carolena Prior	Feb. 20
Master Sgt. Vinson Simmons	Jan. 14		
Master Sgt. Keith Wright	Jan. 17		
Staff Sgt. Chris Terrio	Jan. 18		
Maj. Stephen Gibson	Jan. 23		
Staff Sgt. Clyde McLaren	Jan. 31		

Holiday Happenings

So you're spending the holidays at Thule this year? Don't just sit in your dorm room watching reruns and eating all that junk food the folks back home sent you. Get out and check out some of the activities available to you during this holidays season.

Thursday, Dec. 23

6 a.m./1 p.m.	Spinning Class	Fitness Center
6 a.m.	Morning Spinning	Fitness Center
6:15 p.m.	Step n' Sculpt Class	Fitness Center
7 p.m.	Movie "The Bourne Supremacy"	Community Center
9 p.m.	Karaoke	TOW Club

Friday, Dec. 24

5 a.m.-1 p.m.	Brunch	Dundas Dining Hall
6 p.m.	Protestant Christmas Even Service	Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Game Night	Chapel
10 p.m.	Catholic Confessions	Chapel
11 p.m.	Catholic "Midnight" Mass	Chapel

Saturday, Dec. 25

1 p.m.-10 p.m.	Cosmic Red Pin/3 Free Games!	Bowling Center
1 p.m.	Ice Skating at Lake Sparum	Skills Center
5 p.m.-8 p.m.	Christmas meal with Santa	Dundas Dining Hall

Sunday, Dec. 26

9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	LDS Service	Chapel
10 a.m.	Protestant Sunday School	Chapel
11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Chapel
1 p.m.	Fitball Class	Fitness Center
1 p.m.	"All Against All"	Bowling Center
2 p.m.—?	Christmas spin as long as you last	Fitness Center
7 p.m.	Movie "Hero"	Community Center

Friday, Dec. 31

5 a.m.-1 p.m.	Brunch	Dundas Dining Hall
11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Red Pin Bowling	Bowling Center
1:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Fireworks Display	Tugboat Beach
7 p.m.-10 p.m.	New Year's Eve Buffet	TOW Club
7:30 p.m.	Game Night	Chapel
10 p.m.-11 p.m.	New Year's Eve Free Hors d'oeuvres	TOW Club
11 p.m.	AFE Band "Waking Norman"	TOW Club

Saturday, Jan. 1

1 p.m.-10 p.m.	Cosmic Bowling (3 Free games)	Bowling Center
5 p.m.	Catholic Service	Chapel
5 p.m.-8 p.m.	New Year's Day Holiday Meal	Dundas Dining Hall

'Tis the Thule holiday season!



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Team Thule celebrated Thanksgiving at the Dundas Dining Hall with Traditional Turkey and all the fixin's. Much of Thule's military leadership volunteered their time to help serve the troops. Master Sgt. Curtis Huffman (far left), Chaplain, Capt., Dave DePinho, Lt. Col. Joe Mertan and Maj. "Hoot" Gibson were just a few of the volunteers.



Photo by 1st Lt Jennifer Tribble

Airman 1st Class Robert Walters and Senior Airman Holly Geautreaux and played emcee for the Annual Holiday Party, sponsored by the Thule Booster Club.



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Tech Sgt. Dan Rea, 821 ABG/FM, poses with Santa Claus and a sled dog during the Julemand Festival Nov. 20. "Pictures with Santa" were just a few of the activities available to help raise money for Operation Julemand.



Photo by Capt. James Allman

The Thule Air Base Christmas Tree stands tall in front of the 821st Air Base Group Headquarters Building. The tree, along with a star on South Mountain, were lit during the tree lighting ceremony Nov. 5.



'Tis the Thule holiday season!



Above left: Contestants in the "Hard to Wrap" game try their luck at wrapping a bowling ball, coat rack, balloons, packing popcorn and a sunlamp. Above right: Maj. Mike Hower, Det 3 Commander, rests on Santa's knee as he opens his Christmas present. Above: A friendly game of Family Feud turns nasty between the 821 ABG and 12 SWS. Right. Staff Sergeant Patrick Gaudet, 821 SFS, shows off his final product: A somewhat wrapped sunlamp. Although a good effort by Staff Sergeant Gaudet, Capt. Tyler Nielsen won first prize with his almost-wrapped coat rack.



They were there all along

**Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey
90th Space Wing Public Affairs**

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. -- Without a cause, a co-worker asked to speak with me in his office. After the door clicked shut he said, "Word on the street is you're not doing so well."

I was floored. How could I have let it show? I'd been doing such a good job of hiding it. The past three months of carefully shrouding my thoughts and true feelings were being called out on the carpet, I didn't know what to say. Then a feeling of relief washed over me.

Three and a half months earlier I said goodbye to my husband, a Marine deploying to Camp Fallujah, Iraq, for seven months.

I will never forget our last moments together. It wasn't like I thought it would be. In the movies there are dozens, if not hundreds of people saying their good byes as well. There's somber yet heroic music being played in the background and there are tears a plenty.

When we arrived at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in the middle of the night on Aug. 7 there were no more than 15 other Marines and only one other wife. A burly staff sergeant was there barking orders. We spent nearly an hour just getting his things in order. He was busy getting his weapon and ammo issued, while I tagged

his sea bags and picked up his three MREs.

When there was nothing else to do but wait we sat in near silence on the cold pavement and held each other knowing it would be more than half a year before we'd be able to see each other again. Neither of us cried then, probably because we didn't want to draw the attention of the other Marines. All of the sudden the same staff sergeant who was issuing orders yelled, "Devil Dogs, get on the bus!" According to my husband's itinerary he wasn't supposed to leave for another hour. I easily forgave the staff sergeant though. It was an excruciating time and I was almost relieved that the horrible good bye was over.

I went to work the following Monday morning like nothing had happened. I put on a brave and cheerful face so that no one would guess my anguish. Unfortunately it worked. Everyday I went to work my co-workers asked me how I was doing. I smiled and always gave a similar positive response. I've always been good at hiding emotions.

After an especially difficult few months, dealing with my husband's deployment and a particularly hard personal issue, I was at the end of my rope. There are no support groups for someone like me who's in an inter-service marriage

without a joint spouse assignment. I sunk into a depression unlike any I'd ever experienced.

On Nov. 12, during Air Force Space Command's Wingman Focus Day I acted like everything was fine as usual. My office went to the club for lunch and to play pool. The following Monday was when my coworker talked to me. I don't know what came over me, but at that moment everything that had been held up inside for the past three and a half months came spilling out. He sat there patiently listening to me. Before I left the room he set up an appointment for me to talk to one of our chaplains the same day.

I always knew that chaplains were there for us, but I didn't think my problems were severe enough to merit getting help. The calmness I felt as I left the chapel that day was incredible.

Neither my coworker nor the chaplain judged me. My greatest fear was unfounded. If only I hadn't been so afraid a few months ago, I probably would have spared myself a lot of pain.

I don't know if it was our focus day that prompted my coworker's concern or if it was something he'd been thinking about for a while, but I'm glad he took the time out to help me. I know that the next few months will be much easier than the last few because I've got a support system all around me. They've been there the entire time, I just never noticed.

Everybody at Thule gets Lei-ed!

**By Master Sgt. Vinson Simmons
Thule Air Base First Sergeant**

A Hawaiian theme and 80's music set the mood for the annual Thule First Night Festival, Nov. 6. The crowd came out in droves to enjoy food, drink, and song as they partied into the early hours of "morning?" The décor was a mix of Hawaiian and "parrot head" beach parties. One kept waiting for Jimmy Buffet to appear, but we were left with just the parrots, leis, and, from those who come prepared for any and everything-- "Hawaiian flowery shirts!"

The band took us back to a decade that never should have been. "Young Ones" jammed to music that should be forgotten, yet invokes fond memories of big hair, glam bands, and clothes that came from fashion designers' nightmares. They rocked tunes from the likes of Prince (before he became a symbol), Toto (who must've gone back to Kansas), and the unfortunately unforgettable Boy George (has he grown into a man?).

Capt. Tyler "Footloose" Nielsen, 821 SPTS, broke loose on the dance floor with a cool mix of country two-step and disco. He would have shown us his

break-dance moves if there had been a good-size piece of cardboard on hand. No one was able to keep up as he not only cut the rug, but shredded it. A one-time street performer in Salt Lake City, he is a self-taught professional. He learned to dance playing the "Spice Girls" dancing video game, watching "Urban Cowboy", and "Saturday Night Fever", which he boasts having seen more than 1,000 times. He still likes the "old" John Travolta, better. Capt. Nielsen still dreams of one day dancing in an off Broadway production.

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According to Chaplain DePinho, changing the donation calendar allows each new commander to tailor the program and develop a sense of ownership for the program, further ensuring its success.

The fundraising efforts pay for the gifts for each child and additional funds are presented to various charities. For the past three years, funds have been donated to "Save the Children", an initiative created by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark.

Before the gifts reach the children of Qaanaaq, the Thule Danish Liaison Office must have them brought to the base by ship during the short summer port season. Around November, the gifts are individually wrapped and labeled. Just weeks before Christmas, the presents are flown to the Qaanaaq municipality courtesy of Air Greenland which frequently services the area.

Special care goes into each gift, as they are personalized and individually presented to each child. In fact, the Danish Liaison Office spends much of the Christmas season making a list and checking it twice.

"We get the names of the children from the community and save it in a database. Then we cross reference the current list with the previous year's list to make sure we don't miss anybody," said Chief Petty Officer Iverson. "There's a lot of work in it, but it's worth it for the children."

Bringing Christmas to the children of Greenland also brought the gift of holiday cheer and the internal rewards of generosity to the men and women of Thule.

"Now, more than ever, I know that the spirit of Christmas is easiest seen on the face of a child," said Col. Haven.



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Top left: Col. John S. Haven, 821st Air Base Group Commander, sees the spirit of Christmas in the face of a Greenlandic child as she thanks him during the Julemand celebration at the Qaanaaq Youth Center Dec. 20. **Top Right:** Santa Claus reviews the pages of a book presented to the men and women of Thule Air Base by the children of the Qaanaaq community. **Above Center:** Children of the Qaanaaq community dance around the Christmas tree just before opening gifts. **Above:** With the help of some excited children, Santa Claus arrives on dog sled. A local resident of the North Pole, Santa was excited to share the Julemand celebration with the children.

College Classes at Thule

By Capt. Dave DePinho
Installation Chaplain

Did you know that there are college classes at Thule?

Instructors are usually willing to make special arrangements with students to accommodate student's schedules.

I have had the opportunity to complete one class with four students in the second session this year already, and have already started another class with another four students— interestingly, all of them are from the Security Forces Squadron. My class counts for Humanities credit and is "The Bible as Literature".

If you are working on your degree program, or just interesting in educating yourself, Thule time is not the time to put your school work on hold! Thule time is school time!

Other classes that have been taught in the past include, Lt. Col. Hinson's math classes, Mr. Tribble's Business Management class, Maj. Hower's Algebra class and Lt. Tribble's Public Speaking class. These are all classes that most students need to complete a degree program and you shouldn't miss out.

If you need one of these or others, ask and find out if the class you need can be offered while you are here at Thule.

The most common thing that holds folks back is the question, "How will I work it out with my schedule?"

Chances are, if you ask, you can work out almost anything! A little work now will pay off in increased wages at a future job, or promotion within the Air Force, and of course increased knowledge of your world.

So why wait? Register now for the next session beginning in January. Contact Tech Sgt. Franklin, Lake Region State College Liaison. You'll be glad you did!

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Master Sgt. "Dandy" Dean Schmid, 12 SWS, returned to his roots when he was called to join the band in song. He took to the stage as comfortably as if he had stepped into an old shoe. He wailed out Boy George's "Karma-chameleon" just like he had written it himself. Surely Dandy Dean IS "a man without conviction" and a chameleon to boot. It is rumored he briefly toured with the former 80's artist and is widely believed that much of Mr. George's inspiration actually came from Dandy Dean's styling. Many argue that if it weren't for Master Sgt. Schmid, Mr. George would not have enjoyed his short-lived time in the lime-light. After he finishes his military career, he intends to go back on the road. We only hope that if he takes his singing on the road that it is a very long road.

Some of us stood and reminisced about high school or college years, while others made some of us feel our gray hair (those who still have hair) by letting us know they remember their parents listening to these songs. And then there were those young pups, like Capt. Jay Allman, that thought these were cool new songs by this yet-to-be-discovered band. Col. John Haven, 821 ABG/CC, made us all feel better when he added that he too remembered these wonderful sounds being played in his home. Of course when he got tired of listening to it, he would holler at his kids to TURN IT OFF!

Of course we all hate to say goodbye to the sun, but if you must, then you might as well say "bon voyage" with as big a party as possible. This is one of the biggest events we will enjoy here at Thule and for most of us, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Those of us who weren't here for the last First Light Festival cannot wait until February when we will whole-heartedly and enthusiastically welcome the sun as it erupts over our southern horizon and eventually vanquishes the darkness completely.

I bid you--good night! Until February...



Photo by Master Sgt. Vinson Simmons

The annual First Night Festival was a night of memories. The annual First Light Festival will be Saturday, Feb. 26.



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Naughty or Nice? 'Tis the season for recognizing top troops

By Tech. Sgt. James A. Rush
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- There's a lot of list making and double-checking going on at this time of the year. Trying to do right by our spouse, kids, other family or friends has most of us running around with visions of department store sales or holiday vacations dancing in our heads.

'Tis the season to be frantic.

"Earrings for the missus;

A hockey stick for junior;

Rollerblades for little Kate;

Satellite radio for mom and dad's RV;

A leafblower for neighbor Bob (so he won't have to borrow mine);

A box of stogies for Uncle Dan.

Now who am I forgetting? I know there's a name missing from this list."

It's understandable that we may get caught up in the gift-buying feeding frenzy; but failing to reward outstanding performance is a sure way to earn a lump of coal in your stocking.

Showing appreciation is one of the best tools for retaining our best and brightest airmen both enlisted and commissioned. It also encourages continued positive behavior while failing to do so may lead to performance that lands someone on Santa's bad side.

A friend and former direct reporting

unit NCO of the Year once confided in me that the 12 months of his achievement were both "among the best of his career and the worst." His admission reflects the incredible effort he poured into his work and the physical, mental and emotional strain this inflicted on himself and his family. His Air Force reward was well-earned.

I do put some stock in the cliché "a job well done is its own reward." But internal triumph only goes so far. On the subject of awards and their importance, another friend once retorted, "Is that going to put money in my pocket?"

The answer is certainly yes, but you have to be a little farsighted to see it. The Air Force wants to promote its best people into positions of greater authority and responsibility. A weekly unit "Look Sharp" award can lead to a quarterly nomination. This is a good bullet for the end-of-year boards which may even result in inclusion among the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. These all look good on STEP promotion packages or can be the difference between an achievement or a commendation medal. The best way to get your troops what they deserve when their tour with you is over is to recognize them consistently along the way instead of waiting until the end and trying to lump it all together.

Matching the person with the right

award is an important decision. Not everyone competes well in quarterly and annual award programs which target work performance, community involvement and self-improvement. Many professional awards look at job accomplishments only; or perhaps an Angel Pin is the right way to praise a super volunteer.

Filling out Air Force Form 1206 (Nomination for an Award) can seem a daunting task. Each base has its own guidelines to help supervisors with this process though. Keeping track of accomplishments throughout the year makes the job immensely easier. You should be doing this already for annual performance reports (don't tell me you're one of those bosses who makes your troops write their own appraisals). Don't be too proud to ask for help either. Talk to the supervisor of a former winner for writing advice or bounce your bullets off someone who is acknowledged as a great writer.

Your people deserve more than a pencil-whipped package. It

takes an investment of time and effort to put together a solid entry. Make that commitment to them. They deserve it. As their supervisors, your success is partially measured by that of your subordinates. Take care of them, and maybe Santa will take care of you as well.

Air Force prohibits use of slogans, quotes, graphics in e-mail

Capt. Christopher Anderson
Air Force Space Command Public Af-

The use of e-mail has enabled people to get work accomplished a lot faster and more efficiently by supplementing communications formats, such as memorandums, letters and taskings.

Many members have personalized their emails to reflect their personalities by using creative fonts, using seemingly brilliant quotes from past and present leaders, or sharing some of their own wisdom as tag lines in the emails they

send. However brilliant or enlightening, the use of slogans, quotes and graphics is prohibited.

This is why an AFSPC Informative C4 NOTAM was released by the command's Network Operations and Security Center Dec. 1. The NOTAM, AFSPC 2004-335-004, explains the prohibited use of slogans, quotes and graphics in electronic messages. The NOTAM is effective immediately.

The Air Force has released a revision to AFI 33-119, Air Force Messaging, paragraph 3.7 and 4.3, reiterating that

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The Lighter Side of Thule



Photos by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

“Word Up”. 1st Lt Dave Curb, 821 SPTS Program Manager, busts a little “SPTS” move on his way to staff meeting.



Master Sgt. Marty Clark is caught with his mouth full at the holiday party.



Capt. Joe Gallagher jumps onto Santa’s lap. This was just one of many “hits” Santa took at the Holiday Party.



Contestants of the “Find it Game” (from left) 2nd Lt. Geoffrey Wathen , Airman 1st Class Rebecca Cervantes, and Master Sgt. Curtis Green, wave socks in the air — socks they retrieved from members of the audience.

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Did you just arrive at Thule?
Let folks back home know about it.
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