

## Chief's service spans life of the AF



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To Be a  
**First Shirt**

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# Have You Seen Me?

**Name, Rank, and Unit:** Daisy L. Aleman, SrA, 30 LRS/LGRRP

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Wichita Falls, TX

**Dominant hand:** Right

**Job:** Logistics Planner

**Fondest memory:** Going to meet my Dad's family in Mexico

**Living in:** Military Housing

**Wildest dream:** To open a business with my sisters

**Heroes:** Spiderman

**Want to visit:** Italy

**Favorite sport:** Soccer

**Cannot live without:** Flour Tortillas

**Proudest moment:** Joining the Air Force

**For fun, I:** Scrapbook

**Biggest challenge:** Leaving my family

**Favorite food:** Pizza

**Favorite drink:** Coke

**Spouse:** Armando Hernandez

**If I had a store credit card with an unlimited balance, it would be:** Victoria's Secret

**When bored, I:** Read

**Favorite TV show:** Grey's Anatomy

**Currently reading:** The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town

**Perfect day:** Sunny

**Favorite sound:** Accordion

**Would like to date:** T.I.

**First car:** 1997 Grand Am

**Glass:** Half Empty

**Active:** Night Owl

**In my CD player:** Los Huracanes

**Last purchase:** Guess high heels

**Favorite movie:** The Notebook

**Inspiration:** My parents



# Diamond Points

**Becoming a First Sergeant... Are you up to the challenge?**

*MSgt Mark A. Guerin  
First Sergeant, 30 LRS*

The previous 30 Space Wing Command Chief, CMSgt (Ret) Timothy Gordon looked up from his desk and saw MSgt Tony Edwards and I standing in his doorway; with an out stretched hand, he invited us in.

As we moved to the couch to sit, he asked, "MSgt Guerin, Tony tells me you want to be a First Sergeant."

"Sir, I'm thinking about," I responded.

He immediately stood, began to show me to the door and said, "Well, you come back when you're ready."

Needless to say I made my intentions very clear. Almost two years have passed since that day. I must say, "Thanks Chief and thanks MSgt Edwards!" The past 17 months of my 20-year Air Force career have been without a doubt the absolute BEST!

I have spoken at many forums--FTAC, ALS, NCOES and SRNCO induction class. I'm always asked the same question: "What's the worst part about being a shirt?" I think the class is always amazed that I really have trouble coming up with something bad. I just really love being a First Sergeant.

Well, generally that's not enough information for someone to make an informed decision on whether or not to become a First Sergeant. And since Vandenberg AFB needs to fill some shirt positions, I'll try to sum it up.

It's the most challenging and rewarding job in the Air Force. You are a leader, mentor, friend and counselor. You assist the commander in administering discipline, you teach your peers and subordinates how to correctly use discipline to strengthen the force. You must be a poster child for the AF core values. You cannot fear confrontation. You must lead by example, both professionally and in your personal life. And realize that your actions and your words have the ability to crush and to motivate. You are never not a first sergeant.

Loyalty to your Commander and fellow First Sergeants is not one of the Lord's commandments, but it had better be one of yours. Try to live in a vacuum and you will fail. I will not lie to you. There will be stress, you will lose some sleep and

maybe even your hair. And a reheated dinner isn't that bad. It takes commitment from the whole family.

In a single day I have responded to domestic violence, attended a PT session, started an article 15, completed an article 15, took a stripe off someone's arm, taught a class on leadership, responded to a suicide threat, in-briefed new Airman into the unit and completed a dorm inspection with the commander which included a briefing on the days events. I completed the day by attending and ALS graduation that night, which I left early because I was called to the law enforcement desk.

Fictional? Maybe, maybe not...days like that happen often. And I have never regretted a single one.

As a shirt you must learn how to be effective in many different situations and be comfortable out of your comfort zone.

Ultimately, your unit must see you as the example of SNCO professionalism, setting the benchmark for appearance, leadership through action, and becoming a skilled mentor. Being a shirt is a high speed life, where your satisfaction comes from helping others in their time of need, or coaching someone in reaching professional goals they thought unreachable.

Are you ready for the challenge? If so, then join me--join us. Become part of a select few and change your life and the lives of many others forever.



CMSgt Kerry Porter  
30 SCS



## Chief's service to country, space and missiles parallel to AF heritage

As we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force, the Vandenberg AFB Chiefs' Group would like to celebrate Chief (Ret) Joe Mathis. He has served in one capacity or another for the past 60 years and adds a rich heritage to the Air Force, the enlisted corps, Vandenberg Air Force Base and its community.

Private Joseph M. Mathis joined the U.S. Army Air Corps on 5 October 1946 at the young age of 17 years. He started his career as an electronics technician specializing in high altitude bombardment radar and navigational radar. His first deployment took him to RAF Swaffam, UK with the 28th Bomb Wing where his radar systems and hot bombs were aboard the B-29s flying missions to support the Berlin Airlift--arguably air power's single most decisive contribution to the cold war.

He wore the "Hap Arnold" brown uniform, heritage AF wings and brown shoes. He evolved with the creation of the Air Force as a separate service in 1947 and said it took several years to go from brown to the green work uniform and blue service dress uniform.

Mathis continued to serve for the next 22 years in various assignments, and witnessed many base name changes, e.g. Rapid City Army Air Field became what we know as Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD today and the Major Commands were SAC, TAC, etc., acronyms now part of our past.

He lived through the Cold War years, 1953-1960, where he was cross trained into the

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munitions field and was one of the first enlisted to become a member of a special weapons project, a team involved with the nuclear arms race. Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars" as it was commonly referred to, built up the nuclear arsenal as a deterrent to World War III.

Mathis retired in November 1968, serving his last tour of four years as a Chief here at Vandenberg with 1st Strategic Aerospace Division (SAC) from 1966-1968. But his association with the AF and Space mission didn't end with his retirement.

He continued working for the next 23 years as an Ordnance Engineer with Martin Marietta, which was a contractor here on Vandenberg. He brought his AF training as a nuclear weapons maintenance technician to his new duties as a launch conductor. Here at Vandenberg, he was a team member who worked on the ICBMs' new warhead design, which allowed for a new generation of delivery systems (multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles, MIRVs), and another project that dismantled and decommissioned Titan ICBM's. On September 5 1988 he witnessed his work first hand, when the first of 14 refurbished Titan 23G launched as the new space launch vehicles we know and see today on Vandenberg.

Now and during the past 15 years, Joe Mathis spends his "official" retirement years volunteering half a day every week in Vandenberg's Pharmacy. He is active on the Vandenberg Chiefs' Group--involved in the meetings, Guest Speaker and base tour programs, and sponsoring events that raise funds for the betterment and mentorship of over 2,000 base enlisted personnel. He is also one of two official mentors to the Airman Leadership School where he touches the lives of over 500 Airmen annually, telling the stories of the AF, Space and Missile heritage, Vandenberg's and his own. He keeps history alive and interesting when he meets with the ALS students who can only read about it.

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"I'll continue to be involved as it's an opportunity for him to continue to serve and honor his nation and family, and keep up with his friends from the base," he said. Joe, the Vandenberg Chiefs' Group thanks and salutes your past 60 years of servitude, proving a career in the Air Force is a life long vocation; it doesn't stop with retirement and we look forward to many more years working with you.



AMN Christopher Foster, 532 TRS  
AMN Rodney Sollars, Det 1 345 TRS  
AMN Michael Tracy, Det 1 345 TRS  
AMN Thomas Hudson, Det 1 345 TRS  
AMN Thomas Shutika, Det 1 345 TRS  
AMN Vincent Esposito, Det1, 345 TRS

AMN Richard Haley, 532 TRS  
A1C Eric Goldstrom, 30 SCS  
A1C Frederick Hough, 30 SFS  
A1C Manoj Williams, 30 CES  
A1C Carl Stiles, 30 CES  
SRA David Baars, 76 HS  
SRA Michael Lifka, 614 SIS  
SRA Elizabeth Pulido, 30 SFS  
SRA Audrey Rische, 30 MDOS  
SRA Mark Kempthorne, 30 SFS  
SRA Jacob Bailey, 30 CES  
SSG Mark Wilmore, 4 SLS  
SSG Anthony Jones, 614 SOPS  
SSG Jerelle Faust, 30 SFS  
SSG Antonio Cruz, 30 SCS

SSG Blanca Nuno, 18 IS  
SSG Robert Rudd, 30 SFS  
SSG Jose Duenas, 30 MSS  
SSG Jason Braun, 614 SOPS  
SSG Dennis Berry, 30 LRS  
SSG Albert Gsell, 614 OSS  
SSG Princess Lloyd, 576 FLTS  
SSG Alexander Colon, 30 SFS  
TSG Paul Robinson, 30 LRS  
MSG Keith Maddox, 30 MSS  
MSG Quintin Thomas, 30 SFS  
MSG Vincent Jackson, 533 TRS  
MSG Russell Wells, 30 CES  
MSG Randy Dunn, Det 1 345 TRS

- 7 Sep - Top 3 General Membership Meeting/PCC/1530, MSgt Bedell
- 1st Friday at the PCC (Membership night)/1700
- 9 Sep - American Thunder Rally & BBQ/ Mitchell Park SLO/ 1400-1600, Lt. Keating/ 30SW/PA/606-3595
- 11 Sep - 9/11 Remembrance/Chapel 1/0900, Mr. Tillery/30SW/DS/606-1985
- Quarterly Birthday Luncheon/Breakers Dining Facility/1700, Mr. Belton/ MSG/606-3219
- 13 Sep - Global Hearts/Breakers/1730
- 14 Sep - FTAC Class 07-J Graduation/First Term Airman's Center/1000, TSgt Jones/ TAC/606-5957
- 14 Sep - AADD Meeting/GI Java/1500
- 15 Sep - Cal Poly SLO football game & military appreciation BBQ/ Football stadium/ 1600-2000, Lt. Keating/30SW/PA/606-3595
- 18 Sep - 60th Anniversary of the USAF
- Noncommissioned Officer Enhancement Seminar/18-21 Sep/Bldg 10364/ 0730-1630, MSgt McComb/606-9815
- 19 Sep - NSPS PM Course/Location and time TBD 30 MSS/DPC
- 20 Sep - Global Hearts/Breakers/1730
- 21 Sep - POW/MIA Ceremony/POW/MIA Memorial/1400, MSgt Bramlett
- 21 Sep - NCOA Meeting/PCC/1500
- 22 Sep - **AF 60th Anniversary Ball/PCC/Time TBD, MSgt Guerin/30 LRS/606-5748**
- 27 Sep - Global Hearts/Breakers/1730



**12 step program for inspection success**

*SrA Stephen Cadette, 30 SW/PA*

The Air Force pays you to cover your cleaning expenses. Next time you're on myPay, you'll notice you get a few bucks every month for BAS. Grab that cash and get the following:

- Spray basin and tub cleaner
- Liquid toilet bowl cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Scrub sponge
- Toilet brush
- Roll of paper towels
- Rubber or latex gloves

**Now start cleaning.**

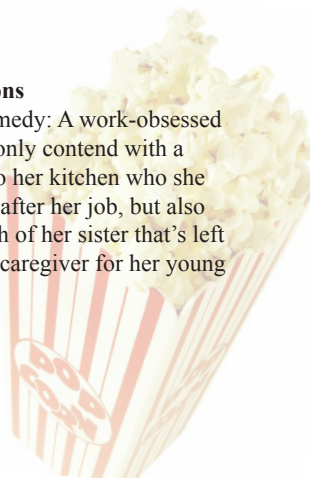
1. Put the floor mat into the washing machine.
2. Sweep the floor.
3. Take anything not nailed down, like soap, bottles, razors, etc., and put them in the hall outside the bathroom.
4. Close the door, and turn on a hot, hot shower and fill the sink up with hot water. (Steam and heat will make the cleanup quicker.)
5. Put cleaner into the toilet. (Just like the steam, a soak will make it easier.)
6. Shut off the shower once the mirror is fogged up, and spray the tub cleaner all over the tub and shower stall.
7. Wipe the steam off the mirror with paper towels. Spray the mirror with glass cleaner and wipe again.
8. Drain the sink and wipe it down along with the counter top and cabinet faces.

9. Put on gloves and wipe down the stall walls and tub with the scrub sponge, and use paper towels on the faucets. Rinse off the walls with a big cup, bucket or soup pot.
10. Wipe down the toilet lid, seat, lip and the outside of the bowl. (Get the base and the spot behind the toilet) Spray cleaner on a new wad of towels and wipe it again. Scrub the bowl with the toilet brush.
11. Unhook the shower curtain and pop it in the washing machine with the floor mat and wash them with detergent in cold water.
12. Once the wash is done, replace the shower curtain and your toiletries. Dry the floor mat and you're done.



**No Reservations**

Romantic Dramedy: A work-obsessed chef must not only contend with a new addition to her kitchen who she fears might be after her job, but also the recent death of her sister that's left her as the sole caregiver for her young niece.



**Rescue Dawn**

This film tells the real-life story of U.S. fighter pilot Dieter Dengler, a German-American shot down and captured in Laos during the Vietnam War. Dengler organized a death-defying escape for a small band of POWs, including Duane Martin.

# Caption Contest



Try writing a caption for this photo. The author whose entry sparks the most laughs (or groans) will get their caption and name in next month's Enlisted Monthly.

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Please include your name, address, DSN number, and Enlisted Monthly volume number.

## Last month's Winner



### First Place

"Oh yea, we can buff that right out."  
SrA Nicholas Urban, USAF, 30 LCG

### Second Place

"Sarge, on the incident report, do you want this as FOD or FOG?"  
MSgt Eric K. Adams, 17 TS/Det 3 OL-A

### Horrible mention

"Dude, where's my car?"  
Amn Emily Williams, 30 MSG



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