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**Mountain View
Community Council News**

Issues of Interest to Mountain View Residents

Wilhour/ PO'B. Phase II

Community Courts

4th of July Picnic

Thanks to Glenn Howson for the Photos!

THERE IS **NO MEETING IN JULY**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE PICNIC ON THE 4TH AT THE
PARK!**

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Please call Niki at 274-1179 to help

We Need Volunteers

Following Up/ Latest Developments/ Announcements

Heather Rausch is preparing a Muni MV newsletter. Please call her if you have an item you'd like to include

Fall election of new officers

Clark Middle School (1960-2007) Farewell and Demolition



Superintendent Carol Comeau and Mayor Mark Begich

Clark Middle School has been a familiar structure in Mountain View since 1960. That's the year John Kennedy was elected president.

On June 20th a farewell ceremony was held, though some demolition had started and the gym was gone.

The demolition is clearing ground for a new \$65-million school. The new Clark should open in the fall of 2009.



Clark Principal Cessilye Williams and Mayor Begich



Katherine Pustay and Senator Bill Wielechowski at left, Principal Williams at right

The crowd



ered at the site, but no live munitions were found. In addition, bomb racks were found with safety clips closed, indicating that the plane was not likely loaded with bombs when it crashed. The wreckage appears to have burned following the crash, destroying the small arms ammunition found at the site.

Former Small Arms Range: This site is approximately 10 acres in size and was historically used as a small arms range. An active practice grenade training range is directly adjacent to the small arms range. The site is in a remote location in the northern portion of the Base close to the Fort Richardson boundary and has limited access. Multiple spent and unexploded practice grenade rounds were found on the small arms range, indicating that the adjacent area is actively used during grenade training exercises.

Mortar Range: This site is approximately 1,200 acres in size and includes the entire northernmost portion of Elmendorf Air Force Base. Little historical information is available on this site, but one map dated 1955 indicated that the area was part of a larger mortar range fan with the firing point located on Fort Richardson. Later maps depicting the mortar range indicated that the range fan did not include any portion of Elmendorf Air Force Base. In addition, some portions of the suspected mortar range on the Base were developed for ammunition storage as early as 1973 and the area would not have been actively used as a mortar range at that time.

The only munitions-related item located during the inspection was a 60mm mortar fin that was found on the Knik Arm beach. The item was only present one day, indicating that it was deposited by the tide.

Anti-Aircraft Firing Point: This site is approximately 1 acre in size and is located near Cairn Point Remnants of gun emplacements, ammunition storage bays, and concrete personnel bunkers were found but no explosive-related items were found during the investigation.



The B-26 Crash Site

Course of Action

The results of the visual survey are presented in a final report published in June, 2007. The report is available at the Alaska Resources Library and Information Services at 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage Alaska, 99508 A priority list will then be developed to determine what actions may be required and the timing of these actions for the next phase of the MMRP.

Acknowledgements

Air Force representatives attended Community Council meetings in May 2006 for the Government Hill, Mountain View, and Northeast districts. The Air Force would like to thank everyone who provided information or assistance regarding the MMRP work on Elmendorf.

Additional Information

.... Call or e-mail the Air Force 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron Community Relations Coordinator William Day at: (907) 552-8970 william.day@elmendorf.af.mil

Military Munitions Response Program Post-Field Inspection Fact Sheet

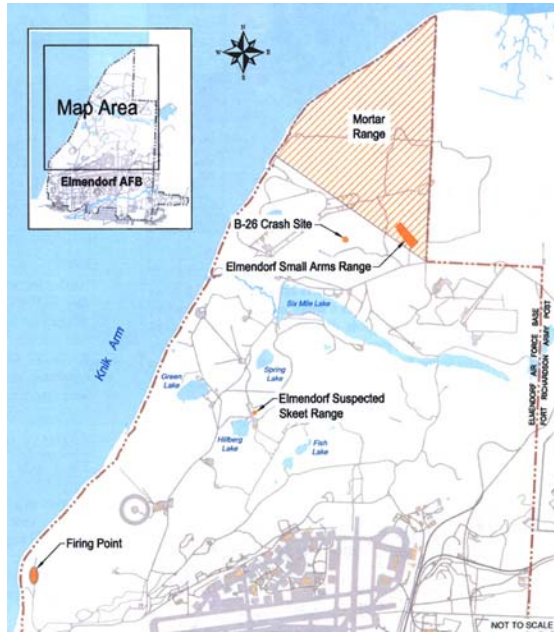
Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
June 2007

Condensed from the military's fact sheet

Introduction

The Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) is a program that addresses the potential hazards present at former munitions response sites that were used before September 30th, 2002

The United States Air Force, represented by a team from an independent consulting company, evaluated four sites at Elmendorf Air Force Base in May and June of 2006. The field team consisted of a senior munitions specialist, a geophysicist, two environmental scientists, and one geophysical technician. While on site, the team completed the first phase of the program, including a visual survey, an onground walking inspection of the site, and limited geophysical mapping meant to detect sub-surface objects such as metal debris and/or munitions-related items made from metal.



The sites that were investigated

Site History and Findings

There were five MMRP sites investigated on Elmendorf Air Force Base in 2006

Suspected Skeet Range: This site is approximately one acre in size and mostly covered with vegetation at the time of the investigation. Clay pigeon fragments were found on site during the 2006 visual survey, which confirms that the area was used for recreational shooting at sometime in the past.

B-26 Crash Site: This site is approximately one half acre in size and contains airplane wreckage from a B-26 that crashed in the 1940s. This site is remote and access is limited. Three empty .50 caliber casing were discov-



Getting ready for countdown from the kids and taking the first bite



Demolition begins



Our sign- repaired thanks to a donation from one of our generous businesses – SIGNCO!

Jan Porterfield

July 26, 1949 - June 21, 2007

Please join us and surround yourself with countless others who think that Jan is one of the most fantastic people they've ever known.

Laugh, cry, eat, and remember a woman whose light will never be extinguished!

July 1, 2007 at 3pm
Congregation Beth Shalom
7525 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK

Please bring photos to share and please write any thoughts or memories you have to include in a scrap-



book for the family to read and cherish for generations to come.

Questions or information
Contact Jackie at (907) 245-1366

MVCC June Meeting



Carma Reed



Denny Allen



Max Gruenburg



David Irwin



Dennis Falldorf and Jennifer Payne



Suzanne Little (right)



Teri Peters



Bill Wielechowski

John Norsworthy

April 10, 1943 - June 24, 2007

Published in the Anchorage Daily News on 6/27/2007



Anchorage resident John Norsworthy, 64, died June 24, 2007, at home in Anchorage. A celebration of John's life will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Riverside Community Church in Eagle River. The Rev. Ed Gardner will officiate. John was born April 10, 1943, in Kirbyville, Texas, to Isiah and Ruth (Bean) Norsworthy. He earned two bachelor's degrees from University of Alaska Anchorage and Wayland Baptist University. He married the love of his life, Karen, on Oct. 12, 2005, in Belize on the Southwater Caye at sunset.

John came to Alaska in 1969 with the Air Force at Elmendorf Air Force Base. He later worked as an air traffic controller in Anchorage (1973-1981). He joined the Anchorage Police Department in April 1985, and was selected as the sergeant in charge of the Mountain View Community Policing Unit on Sept. 25, 1995. The Alaska Legislature honored the Mountain View Community Policing Unit on Feb. 2, 1996. This unit also received a unit award from the chief of police in January 1997. John was promoted to lieutenant in patrol on July 30, 2003, and as a detective, was assigned as commander of the Special Victims Unit, Crimes Against Children and Theft Unit on Nov. 24, 2003.

John loved to travel the world with his wife, Karen. He enjoyed cooking, and making and tasting wine. He had a

passion for fitness and being active. He worked out at the gym, boxed, biked and ran and jogged regularly. He was a salmon commercial fisherman for over 30 years in Bristol Bay. He loved being on his boat and fishing every July. It didn't matter if the fishing was good or not, he simply enjoyed the water, the work and the beauty. His family

wrote: "John was a respected and significant member of the Anchorage Police Department.

"John was an honorable man. Everyone who met him instantly liked him. He was always positive, seeing the good in everything and everyone. He enjoyed a good joke and loved to play practical jokes on his friends. He loved to laugh, and he had the best smile.

"He will be sorely missed."

John and Karen travelled to Phoenix for the Weed 'n Seed meeting last year. He was involved in community development, especially in Mountain View, continuously. Many residents remember him affectionately for his easy smile and warm manner. He was a comfortable person to talk with, and a man of authority when you met him in uniform on the street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in John's name may be made to: M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210; 1-800-525-5841; www.mdanderson.org/gifts.