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Sparky promotes fire safety

Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog greets children at the Shandiin Child Care Center during National Fire Prevention Week. Sparky and Kirtland AFB firefighters visited the child development centers, Sandia Labs' Shandiin Child Care Center, the Youth Center and Sandia Base and Wherry elementary schools to promote awareness of fire safety. The observance reminds everyone to test or replace batteries in home smoke detectors, practice fire drills and keep matches and lighters away from children.

Moving day arrives for some TEAM KIRTLAND military families

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"Take a deep breath."

That's the first item on a checklist for families notified to start the moving process to get into their new privatized base housing.

"The first seven units (in Village I privatized housing) were inspected and accepted last Friday," explained Joseph Lujan, Housing Privatization Project manager. The first families have received orders that they can take possession of their new homes this week. Utilities are on, except cable or telephone service which families themselves will transfer.

Families are urged to take their DD Forms 150 to the Housing office in Consolidated Support Building at least 30 days prior to the date they are able to move into their new homes.

The next immediate step is to make an appointment with Traffic Management Office to arrange for transfer of household goods to the new homes, emphasized 1st Lt. Patrick Hamilton.

Projected new housing move-in dates through

2005 are: Village I, through Oct. 27; Village II, Nov. 19-Jan. 28; Village III, Jan. 27-July 14; Village VI, Dec. 2-Jan. 12; Village VII, March 28-Oct. 27; Village V, Nov. 21-April 17; Village IV, July 29-Jan. 13, 2006.

Families receiving moving orders will need to visit the housing office where they will receive their personalized version of "Welcome Home!," a new housing information notebook prepared by Kirtland Family Housing. The notebook includes the checklist, a floor plan of their new units and description of the homes' amenities, a Kirtland TMO packet with detailed information about transferring their personal items, change of address information and brochures from Albuquerque Public Schools.

To help prepare families for their impending moves, TMO provides briefings at their office in Consolidated Support Building. The Air Force Move Web site at <http://afmove.hq.af.mil> also offers a

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AFMC commander withdraws nomination

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Air Force Materiel Command's top officer withdrew his nomination to be commander of U.S. Pacific Command Oct. 6 and will remain in place as AFMC commander.

Gen. Gregory S. Martin withdrew his nomination after questions arose during his confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington. The questions surrounded the Boeing Corp. deal to lease KC-767 aircraft to be used as aerial refueling tankers, and Darlene Druyun, former principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisitions and management who pled guilty to conspiracy for negotiating employment with Boeing while employed as an Air Force acquisition official.

General Martin is not accused of any wrongdoing.

"I believe it in the best interests of the Pacific Command and the Air Force Materiel Command for me to withdraw my nomination even though I have not been involved with the KC-767 tanker program," General Martin said. "I'm delighted to be shoulder-to-shoulder with you, the people of AFMC, and leaders are starting to realize the Air Force does ride on your backs."

In the confirmation hearing, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., accused the Air Force of stonewalling his requests for tanker-related records and expressed concern with the Air Force's lack of responsiveness in providing requested e-mails.

Regarding General Martin's PACOM nomination, the Senator said, "I will strongly object to your nomination leaving this committee until we get all the e-mails and all the answers, of which I have very many."

General Martin feels this e-mail review could take months to complete, thus his decision to withdraw his nomination.

"I want each of you to know that I am proud of what you are accomplishing every day for our entire Air Force and I am glad that I will be able to continue to work with you in the days ahead as we continue to deliver war-winning capabilities on time and on cost," he said.

General Martin said DOD and Air Force level officials are working the details regarding Gen. Bruce Carlson who had previously received Senate confirmation to become the new AFMC commander, pending General Martin's PACOM confirmation. More information will be released as it becomes available.

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