

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

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Issue/description: 5. MILITARY AFFAIRS. Issues of concern to military and civilian workers at local bases; military retirees; the military's impact on our area's economy and lifestyle; military dependents, etc.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Channel 3 News at 6PM	11/04/05	06:07PM/2 minutes	News	*

* For years Eglin Air Force Base has been trying to keep oil exploration in the eastern Gulf of Mexico in check - fearing the rigs could interfere with the base's test missions. This is the Gulf Range Test area where Eglin conducts many operations including shooting down drone aircraft which could be a risk to underlying equipment. A California congressman recently introduced a bill to open portions of the eastern Gulf to drilling, a move that could potentially hurt Eglin's testing ability. The base is working with other government agencies in an effort to find a way to coexist. They plan to redefine their mission protection area and will work that through the Minerals Management Service collaborating on common ground to balance mutual needs. Eglin hopes that if drilling must occur in the Gulf, it will stay west of their mission line...south of the Santa Rosa / Okaloosa County line.

2. Channel 3 News at 6PM	11/09/05	06:08PM/2 minutes	News	**
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** The Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations to close and realign dozens of military bases took affect this morning. Closures won't be seen or felt immediately. The Department of Defense has two years to begin the process, and it must be finished by 2011. Six commands at NAS Pensacola will be phased out and relocated, including the Department of Finance and Accounting Services and the Officer Training Command.

3. Channel 3 News at 6PM	11/11/05	06:00PM/3minutes	News	***
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*** Last year, Hurricane Ivan disrupted many local Veterans Day activities, but this year, record crowds turned out to salute the men and women who have served our nation. Hundreds lined Main Street for Pensacola's tribute to veterans. The parade ended at the Wall South Monument where veterans from all branches of the military gathered for a special salute to Korean War vets. Judge Joseph Tarbuck of Pensacola was the parade Grand Marshal. He was a Korean Prisoner of War for three years and vividly recalled the hardships he endured. Event organizers said this was the best turnout they can recall for Veterans Day activities in Pensacola in many years, and they attribute that to the involvement of the area's youth. The city of Milton also honored veterans with a parade this morning. Each branch of the military was represented. After the parade, a ceremony was held with a presentation of the wreaths performed by local leaders to commemorate the holiday. Also celebrating the military today was the Navy's Blue Angels, performing their annual "Homecoming" air show at Naval Air Station Pensacola.

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4. Channel 3 News at 6PM	11/17/05	06:02PM/3minutes	News	****
**** Local and state leaders are trying to bring a veterans' nursing home to our area. Andrew McIntosh reported on the potential impact of the project and our chances of landing it. A small group of veterans and politicians met at the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, hoping to bring the big project into the community. State Representative Dave Murzin is vice chair of the Florida Health Appropriations Committee, and says the process of planning for a VA nursing home in Pensacola is in its earliest stages. Already, local veterans are stepping up to show their support because this part of the state is heavily populated by veterans. Rocky McPherson, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, was here to tell an eager crowd about requirements and funding for a 120-bed veterans nursing home. There are currently six in Florida, and while Pensacola is in the running, other areas are being considered. If Pensacola works its way to the top, a Veterans nursing home could have a six-million dollar impact on the local economy. Murzin would like to see it go next to the VA Superclinic, which is currently under construction. He said it will take about a year to have a preliminary plan ready for the project.				
5. Channel 3 News at 6PM	11/18/05	06:07PM/3minutes	News	*****
***** The Air Force Armament Museum is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this weekend. The public is invited to come out and visit with the base fire department, quiz volunteers in a question and answer session and attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Education Center. Plus, one of the nations highest decorated veterans, Retired Colonel George "Bud" Day, will be on hand to sign copies of his new book "Return Home with Honor", recounting his experiences as a P-O-W in Vietnam. The museum will host the open house from 10 until 4 Saturday. In another story, and Army detachment from Corry Station took over Blue Angel Recreational Park and participated in mock terrorist warfare drills. Scenarios included responding to biological, chemical and nuclear attacks. The drills are to help prepare the troops for their anticipated call to go to Iraq.				
6. Channel 3 News at 10PM	12/07/05	10:08PM/2 minutes	News	*****
***** Today marks the 64th anniversary of Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Franklin D. Roosevelt described it as "a day which will live in infamy". Survivors of the bombing were saluted at the National Museum of Naval Aviation for risking their lives to defend our country. John Rutledge, a Pearl Harbor survivor, described the attack as, "Continuous bombing. Continuous machine guns as they strafed individuals and the small boats in the channel of the harbor." When it was finally over... around 2,000 people died. But many brave heroes did come home and their actions will never be forgotten.				

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7. Channel 3 News at 10PM	12/13/05	10:06PM/2 minutes	News	*****

***** The Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base has a new leader. Major General Jeffrey Riemer took over command this morning. He comes from Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, where he was Director of Operations. General Riemer is replacing Major General Robert Chedister, who's retiring. Chedister says he's proud of what the base has accomplished in his four years in charge. He told the troops: "You have overcome wars, hurricanes, inspections and protests with integrity. And you've come through them all demonstrating courage and optimistic perseverance" Major General Riemer promised to work together to ensure the challenges of supporting the global war on terrorism, the base realignment and closure decisions, and moving forward with our housing privatization initiative. The A-A-C oversees weapons development and testing of all air delivered weapons for the U.S. Air Force.