



VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Col. Steve Tanous, 30th Space Wing commander, enjoys a scenic view of Vandenberg during the 76th Helicopter Squadron's final flight July 31. The 76th HS is set to inactivate during a ceremony at the hangar at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2, bringing a 49-year era of helicopters at Vandenberg to a close. The squadron's mission of space launch security will continue to be maintained by unmanned aerial vehicles operated by the 30th Security Forces Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Richard Freeland)



VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Celebrating the final flight of the 76th Helicopter Squadron, Airmen jump into a pool of bubble bath and green sea dye on July 31. The 76th HS is set to inactivate during a ceremony at the hangar Aug. 2, bringing a 49-year era of helicopters at Vandenberg to a close. The 76th came into existence at Vandenberg in May 1993 as a Rescue Flight and changed to a Helicopter Squadron in October 2005. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Adam Guy)



VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Col. Andre Lovett, 30th Operations Group commander, laughs after jumping into a pool of sea dye during the wet-down following the unit's final flight on July 31. The 76th HS is set to inactivate during a ceremony at the hangar at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2, bringing a 49-year era of helicopters at Vandenberg to a close. The squadron's mission of space launch security will continue to be maintained by unmanned aerial vehicles operated by the 30th Security Forces Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Thomas)



VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Airmen with the 76th Helicopter Squadron soak in a pool of sea dye during the wet-down following the unit's final flight on July 31. The 76th HS is set to inactivate during a ceremony at the hangar at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2, bringing a 49-year era of helicopters at Vandenberg to a close. The squadron's mission of space launch security will continue to be maintained by unmanned aerial vehicles operated by the 30th Security Forces Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Thomas)



VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Two UH-1N helicopters from the 76th Helicopter Squadron land outside the hangar following their final flight on July 31. Both helicopters are scheduled to be reassigned to F.E. Warren AFB following the inactivation of the 76th HS during a ceremony at the hangar at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2. The ceremony brings a 49-year era of helicopters at Vandenberg to a close. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Thomas)



VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- A UH-1N helicopter from the 76th Helicopter Squadron drops streamers during its final flight at Vandenberg on July 31. The helicopter is scheduled to be reassigned to F.E. Warren AFB following the inactivation of the 76th HS during a ceremony at the hangar at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2. The ceremony brings a 49-year era of helicopters at Vandenberg to a close. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Thomas)