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On the Front Cover: — **Nearly 800 Airmen from the 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings teamed up for an Operational Readiness Exercise that took them to Mississippi during the week of Dec. 2, 2012. Held at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Facility, it was the third ORE this year, but the first to take place outside of Travis. These types of exercises aim to test a unit's ability to deploy at a moment's notice, efficiently set up and maintain a base under various threat conditions, while still providing airlift, air refueling and aero-medical evacuation support. (U.S. Air Force photo / Senior Airman Amelia Leonard)**

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Warrior spirit has been an inspiration



by Brig. Gen. "Jay" Flournoy
349th Air Mobility Wing Commander

"With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

--General Robert E. Lee

Over the past three years I've been blessed to be able to serve alongside so many truly professional Citizen Airmen, whose sacrifice of time away from family, friends and employers, to serve in the Air Force Reserve, has been nothing short of phenomenal. I want to thank each and every one of you for your tireless efforts and your unwavering support to me, my family, and the entire 349th Air Mobility Wing.

You've met each challenge head on and continuously come out on top. Your outstanding unit and individual accomplishments continue to be recognized at all levels, and for that you can be very proud. The same warrior spirit that has taken you through multiple deployments to combat the enemy, inspired you to care for our wounded warriors, enabled you to transport personnel and supplies to locations around the globe, and gave you the courage to fuel the fight wherever and whenever it was needed, will certainly carry you through the upcoming challenge of an Operational Readiness Inspection, a Standardization and Evaluation Visit, and a Logistics Compliance Assessment Program Inspection.

Thank you for answering that call to serve here at the 349th Air Mobility Wing. Thank you for the tremendous sacrifices that you continue to make for your units and your fellow wingmen. My family and I will always cherish the memories gained by serving with you all. I look forward to seeing you soar to even greater heights in the years to come. We wish all of you a very prosperous and fulfilling New Year.

Partnership

Wing welcomes four new honorary commanders

by Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield,
349th Public Affairs

At an induction ceremony slated for Jan. 11 2013, the 349th Air Mobility Wing will welcome four new honorary commanders to partner with one group commander, and three squadron commanders.

Maintenance Group Commander, Col. Melvin “Sonny” Giddings, bids farewell to Thomas Philippi, and welcomes his new honorary, Frank Miranda. Miranda, a Fairfield resident and lifelong Californian, is the chairman of the new Solano County Republican Central Committee. Well known in the community, he has raised his family here for the last 14 years, and runs his own construction company.

Three squadron commanders are new to the Travis Honorary Commanders Program this year. Lt. Col. Lawrence Killpatrick, 349th Maintenance Squadron commander, will welcome Ms. Erin Hannigan as his honorary commander. A City Councilwoman for Vallejo, she grew up in Fairfield, and her best friend’s parents were in the Air Force. A licensed insurance agent in California, she graduated from California State University, Chico. She hopes to build a strong relationship between Travis and her city.

Mrs. Brenda Knight will partner with Col. (sel) Jeanine McAnaney, 70th Air Refueling Squadron commander. Knight is Event Planner for the Ladies in Red. She plans and organizes events that provide motivation, education and inspiration to women age 55 and older. She also serves as a Trustee for Napa Valley College, in Napa. A military mother herself, she well understands the needs of those who serve at Travis.

Lt. Col. Kevin Lane, 312th Airlift Squadron commander, welcomes Mr. Jack Caldwell. As the manager, Water Utility California Water Service Company, Dixon District, he is responsible for all operations of the water system. A graduate of Chabot College, Hayward, Calif., he is a member of the Dixon Rotary Club and Dixon Chamber of Commerce, he has many opportunities to promote the importance of Travis in Dixon and Solano County.

The induction ceremony at the Delta Breeze Club begins at 6 p.m. We look forward to a rewarding two years with these new partners and community leaders.

Our lives are complicated - Simplify

by Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew L. Ellis, 349th Air Mobility Wing

How many of you love math with fractions? That can be some fun stuff. You get handed this complicated equation and have to figure out what it actually equals, for instance: $(3 + 7 \times 2 - 8) / (4 \times 3 \div 6 + 10 \times 5 \div 2)$. You math whizzes may have already solved it. Why, it’s 9/27, of course! But a key thing is still missing in the answer. Simplification! The final answer is actually 1/3. As any good math teacher will teach you — always simplify the final answer to an equation. Albert Einstein is even quoted as saying, “*Make everything as simple as possible, but not simpler.*” This principle of math and science transfers right into our lives today — we need to simplify!

What we need to simplify our lives is the surrounding ‘clutter’ that distracts us from what is most important. This post-holiday season is an excellent time to recognize this very fact. Think of how complicated we make these holiday months and all the clutter that we surround ourselves. We need to simplify.

Clutter can take many forms. Physically we clutter our houses with random knickknacks, the newest gadgets, old magazines, and more. Fiscally we clutter our lives with extra bills and commitments that should have been kept out of our budget. Mentally we clutter our thoughts by dwelling on many things that do not truly merit our attention. Socially we

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AMC commander visits Team Travis

by Staff Sgt. Patrick Harrower,
60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Gen. Paul Selva, Air Mobility Command commander, visited Travis Tuesday to hold an Airmen's call in a hangar on base.

Selva assumed command of AMC from Gen. Raymond Johns in November after serving as the vice commander of Pacific Air Forces at Joint-Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

During his Airmen's Call, Selva spoke about his three priorities while he is in command.

"First, of course, is we have to deliver on the mission," Selva said. "We get paid to get the mission done. I am all about results."

Airmen are not paid to consider the input of a mission or situation, but rather the output, he said.

Dignity and respect is the second of the three priorities to Selva, as well as, a commitment to take care of each other. He wants Airmen to create and maintain a caring workplace.

"The mission cannot happen if Airmen don't come from a place of dignity and respect," he said. "When I ask you to do something dangerous, hard or nearly impossible, I know you are going to do it because you respect each other and commit to take care of each other."

The last priority is training Airmen so they are ready to do what is asked of them and make them successful. He wants Airmen to always be ready for whatever is coming next, Selva said.

"Ultimately, it is about me serving you," Selva said. "It's about me doing the things that help our staff give you the resources, leadership and training to make you successful."

If leadership fails in that aspect, it is expected of Airmen to provide them with feedback, and not be bashful about telling them when the work is not getting done, he said.

"I have spent my entire life around the United States Air Force," Selva said. "My expectation of every Airman is that when we are called to do what is right, we will know exactly what it is, and do it without question."

Upon opening up the floor for questions, Selva discussed the future of the Air Force and AMC in the Middle East and Asia.

"Instead of focusing on Afghanistan and Central Asia, we are going to increase our footprint across Asia," he said. "Whether our shift to the Pacific involves basing or deployments, we are going to stay pretty busy."

The context of what will happen on exercises and deployments to Asia will emerge over the next several years, Selva said.



Travis Air force Base welcomes back General Paul J. Selva, Commander, Air Mobility Command, for a brief visit 11 December 2012. As commander of AMC, Gen. Selva leads all mobility air forces comprised of nearly 134,000 personnel from the active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. During his tenure here at Travis AFB, June 1994 - June 1995, Gen. Selva served as Commander, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, later, Deputy Commander, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, Calif. (U.S. Air Force photo / Heide Couch)

Asking for help shows real strength

by Maria Roselyn Lacsamana-Leyva, AFRC Psychological Health Advocacy

Resilience is a foundation to a service members' overall health condition. Being resilient doesn't mean going through life without experiencing difficulty and distress. Spouses, family members and loved ones may experience unique challenges, especially in the midst of deployment period. Some of these challenges are complex, and even the most resilient person can use help.

"The best way to let people know that seeking help is not a sign of weakness is when you can talk one-on-one, and give them examples of people that they would consider strong, who have sought help. After receiving it, they become stronger and more resilient," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Kloepfel, 349th Medical Group Superintendent.

When reservists and family members find themselves in this situation, free help is just a phone call away with the Psychological Health Advocacy Program.

"Having social support and seeking help when you need it, talking about a situation with loved ones, and staying connected with friends, helps build resiliency," said Kloepfel. "I think the Air Force does a great job of communicating where to get help when needed."

The Air Force Reserve Command has put together a program to support service members and their families, by using creative initiatives to effectively address the needs of the Reserve members, and help build resilience in them. The AFRC Psychological Health Advocacy Program's mission is to build a culture of support for psychological health, where prevention and resiliency are part of military life.

"The Air Force Four Pillars of wellness: spiritual, emotional, physical and social, are all tied in with mental health. If you pay attention and feed these areas of your life you will be healthy."



Psychological Health Advocacy Program staff members, left to right: Marie Walker, administration, Maria Roselyn Lacsamana-Leyva, Kathleen Moran, both outreach specialists, and Karen Orcutt, R.N., Case Facilitator. U.S. Air Force photo / Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield.

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clutter our lives with bad and unnecessary relationships. Emotionally we clutter ourselves with worry, anxiety, unhealthy emotional investments, trying to control everything. Spiritually we clutter our lives by focusing on and exaggerating minor things while losing focus on the major things.

Ultimately, clutter distracts us from living a right and balanced life mentally, socially, physically, and spiritually. Worrying about the bills, tinkering with our newest phone, or watching the latest episode of our favorite show keeps us

from doing other greater things. Challenge yourself mentally, build and enjoy your relationship with your family and friends, keep a regular exercise schedule, or know who you are or should be spiritually.

How can we simplify our

lives? Consider listing what you want your major priorities in life to be (spiritually, socially, etc.) Honestly reflect on how well you make those a priority in your thoughts, your heart, your words, and your day-to-day actions. What may need to be changed? Or, you could approach this from the other side, list the major distractions and areas of clutter that you find in your life. What do you truly need? What could you give away, cut out, or otherwise change?

Making these changes can be challenging, but, their end result is well worth the effort. I encourage you, with the New Year upon us, to take the time needed to think about what really matters in life, and focus on that. For your sake and the sake of your family and friends, begin to make the change today. Live a simpler life.

As always, your chaplains are here for counsel, encouragement, and more. If you would like to talk to us about this or any other issue, we invite you to come by our new office on the 2nd floor of the 349th HQ building or to give us a call at 707-424-0308. Happy New Year to you all!



Countdown to ORI – *Flyaway final test before*



February 2013 inspection

Story and photos by Senior Airman Amelia M. Leonard, 349th Public Affairs

Nearly 800 Airmen from the 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings teamed up for an Operational Readiness Exercise that took them to Mississippi during the week of Dec. 2, 2012. Held at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Facility, it was the third ORE this year, but the first to take place outside of Travis.

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"Operational Readiness Inspections are designed to validate readiness to execute wartime or contingency missions, driven by designed operational capability statements," said Capt. Jacqueline Nickols, former director of the U. S. Air Force Inspectors Course, Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General, Inspections Directorate.

The team practiced working in an austere deployed environment to better prepare them as warriors, and United States Airmen. During the week-long mock deployment, Airmen utilized their extensive training in post-attack reconnaissance, force protection conditions, alarm conditions, clearing and cleaning of weaponry, self-aid buddy care, defensive tactical warfare, defensive fighting position construction, and chemical warfare mission oriented protective posture, (MOPP,) while maintaining their ability to work in their respective career fields.

"The purpose remains to assess the entire unit's ability to execute its wartime mission, and the wing commander is charged with the responsibility to assure his wing is ready to meet DOC taskings," said Nickols.

Although OREs are a great learning experience, they can also be exhausting for the participants. Airmen were pushed to work hard and think harder, during their 12-13 hour shifts.

An exercise evaluation team, composed of subject matter experts in every career field, was on hand to grade the participants in their ability to adapt to the ever-changing situation, think quickly on their feet, and ultimately respond to crises, even while under distress. In order to do this, EET members injected various scenarios into a series of ongoing events. They also tested Airmen on their knowledge of the Airman's Manual, (AFPAM 10-100.) Although the primary job of the EET is to evaluate the capabilities of the players, they also were on hand to answer questions, and help guide Airmen to make the correct choices and learn from their mistakes.

This was the final ORE leading up to the Operational Readiness Inspection, scheduled for Feb. 3-10, 2013.

Hurricane Sandy Relief - A chance to help out sister wing

The 514th Air Mobility Wing still needs donations to help those in need after Hurricane Sandy hit the New Jersey and New York shoreline.

Please route all donations through the Airmen and Family Readiness office at 609-754-8229. Cash donations are funneled through a MWR account here at the Joint Base.

Interested donors need to make a check out to "JB MDL MWR Fund" and in the memo section write "For 514 AMW". Please contact the 349th Public Affairs office at 349amwpa@us.af.mil to get a copy of the form needed to accompany any cash donation. Any person or unit wanting to send gift cards, no donation letter is required.

Mail checks and cards directly to their Airman and Family Readiness Office at:

514 AMW/Airman and Family Readiness
2216 West Arnold Ave
JB MDL, NJ 08641

For more information contact the Sandy Recover Team Leader Chaplain Peter Souritzidis at 609-754-8229 or the 349th Public Affairs office at 707-424-3936.

Annual dental exam - Frequently asked questions

Submitted by Col. T r se LeFran ois, 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Q: As a reservist, am I required to have an Annual Dental Examination?

A: Yes. As a member of Air Force Reserve Command, it is your responsibility to meet the standards for worldwide deployment and military service. ADE is part of your medical readiness.

Q: Do I have to see a military dentist every year for my ADE?

A: No. According to AFI 47-101, every third ADE must be accomplished by a military dentist. The intervening two ADE's may be completed by a civilian dentist utilizing the DD Form 2813. Your Unit Health Monitor can provide this form to you and let you know if you need a military dental exam.

Q: When and how should I submit my DD Form 2813?

A: You should submit your DD Form 2813 within 60 days before your required ADE. You may fax it to 707-424-3813; email a scanned copy to your unit health monitor, or bring the form to the 349 AMDS unit or dental clinic during your scheduled UTA.

Q: I submitted my DD Form 2813 but my record is not updated. What should I do?

A: You should always keep a copy of your signed DD Form 2813 and provide a copy to your UHM. If this situation occurs bring the form to the dental clinic during the UTA weekend for any correction.

Q: What if I do not have dental insurance or a civilian dentist?

A: As a reservist you are eligible to obtain dental insurance for a nominal monthly fee through the Tricare Dental Program, www.tricare.mil.

Q: Is there any other option if I could not afford to purchase dental insurance?

A: Yes, there is another option for a dental exam. Please contact The Reserve Health Readiness Program at 1-800-666-2833 (press 3) to schedule a dental exam appointment free of charge with select local dentists. The RHRP does not offer treatment of dental defects, only exams.

Q: What is a dental classification?

A: After having an ADE by a military dentist, you will be classified into one of three types of Dental Readiness Classification 1, 2, or 3. DRC 1 and 2 are worldwide qualified. A member with DRC 3 has dental defects and is required to have dental defects corrected within 365 days. Being in DRC 3 makes a member NOT worldwide qualified. The DRC 4 includes members who have an unknown dental status. They must schedule a dental examination soonest as being in this class also makes a member NOT worldwide qualified.

Q: My civilian dentist placed me in DRC 3. What should I do next?

A: Talk to your UHM and request a dental appointment with a military dentist to verify the findings.

Q: What is a consequence if I do not comply with this requirement?

A: Keeping a healthy mouth is your own health benefit. One consequence not complying is to place the member in a "No Pay No Points" status. Yet continued lack of ADEs means we identify the member as non-compliant. A non-compliant notification will be sent to the member's commander for disposition and the unit may process the member IAW AFI 36-3209 Separation and Retirement Procedures for Air Force Reserve Members for failure to complete medical/dental requirements.

Q: What do I do if I need more information or have additional questions?

A: Please contact Senior Master Sgt. Andrea Mastro, 349th AMDS NCOIC, Dental Services or Lt. Col. Luan Le, 349th AMDS, Chief of Dental Services, for further questions. They can be reached at 707-424-0094.



If you won't share, no one will know

by Patti Schwab-Holloway, 349th Public Affairs

Did you just arrive on station? Have you been recently promoted? Have you received an award or decoration? Deployed recently? Participated in a joint exercise? Have you ever wondered how people get their military accomplishments published? Well, I'll let you in on a little secret – they do it for themselves! This crazy life may be routine for you, but your family and friends are still very proud of all you do in defense of our great nation. The least you can do is take the time to fill out the Hometown News Release Information, form DD 2266, so they can see your accomplishments in your home town newspaper.

The HTNR program has even joined the 21st century by putting the form online at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2266.pdf>. It really is easy and it only takes a few moments to fill in the blanks, then email it to 349amwpa@us.af.mil or fax it to 707-424-1672 and we will take care of it from there!

Some of you who have seen your stories in print often complain about the length of time involved, from when you submit the form, until the time you see it in your local newspaper. To clear up any misconceptions, here is how the process works. When the DD Form 2266s are received at the Print News Division at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, they are counted, stamped, coded and entered into the computer. Each batch of stories is assigned a batch number and given to a composer, where the information on the form is entered into a database, and merged with the appropriate stock story.

Once the batch of stories is composed, it is sent to the quality control branch. A proofreader will check for spelling and grammar errors and ensure the proper stock story was picked up. The batch is released to a marketing database containing close to 11,000 daily and weekly newspapers. The ZIP codes are matched and the newspaper is printed on each final news release. The news release is then sent out to the appropriate newspaper for print.

The Print News Division will write a stock story specifically for that event, award or situation. The number one quality control measure to look for before submitting each form, though, is legibility. Make sure all the elements are complete and clearly readable. If you send forms with events outside the norm, simply attach a cover story or fact sheet explaining the event or award.

If you have any questions or want the link sent to you, please call the 349th Public Affairs office at 707-424-3936.

Now that you know a little bit more about the Home Town News Release program -- let's get that good news out there!

349th Wing Airmen graduate Leadership School



Four reservists assigned to the 349th Air Mobility Wing graduated from the Travis Air Force Base Airman Leadership School Dec. 13. From the left are: Senior Amn. Victor Tapia-Montaro, 349th Force Support Squadron, Senior Amn. Larry Gutierrez, 349th Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Amn. Cody Etcheverria, 349th MXS. Unable to attend the graduation was Senior Amn. Michael Case, 349th Civil Engineer Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo / Master Sgt. Benjamin Scott)

Former 349th Wing commander tapped for promotion to Maj. Gen.

On Dec. 7, the Defense Department released a list of 21 general officer selected by President Obama for promotions. The list is now heading to the Senate for confirmation.

On the list for promotion is Brig. Gen. Maryanne Miller to the rank of major general, and assignment as deputy director for partnership strategy, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.,

Miller was the wing commander for the 349th AMW from January 2008 - November 2009.

Freedom Award nomination

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

Nominations must come from a Guard or Reserve member who is employed by the organization they are nominating, or from a family member.

This award recognizes employers who provide the most outstanding support for their Guard and Reserve employees and is presented annually by the Secretary of Defense.

To nominate a employer visit: www.freedomaward.mil.

Save the Dates

Jan. 18 - Chief Master Sergeant Induction Ceremony.

Jan. 18 -20 -Yellow Ribbon Event. The upcoming Yellow Ribbon Event is being hosted in San Diego, Calif., Jan. 18-20. For information or to register, please contact Tech. Sgt. Alex Calderon, or visit www.yellowribbon.mil.

***Tentative Upcoming Yellow Ribbon Events:**

- Jan. 18-20 – San Diego, Calif.
- Jan. 25-27 – Costa Mesa, Calif.
- Feb. 15-17 – Orlando Fla.
- Mar. 15-17 – Dallas, Texas
- Mar. 22-24 – St. Louis, Mo.

**Note: Events and locations pending final approvals.*

Jan. 27 - Wing Change of Command. Brig. Gen. John C. Flournoy, Jr., 349th Air Mobility Wing commander, will relinquish command to Col. Matthew J. Burger, commander of the 349th Operations Group at hangar 818.

Jan. 22-26 - HQ AMC ASEV Inspection

349th Wing Traditional Reserve Vacancies

AFSC	AFSC Title	Rank
11G3	Generalist Pilot	Officer
11M3K	Mobility Pilot, General	Officer
11M2A	Mobility Pilot, General	Officer
11M3S	Mobility Pilot	Officer
11M2G	Mobility Pilot	Officer
11M3G	Mobility Pilot	Officer
11M3A	Mobility Pilot	Officer
12M3S	Mobility Navigator	Officer
14N3	Intelligence	Officer
21R3	Logistics Readiness	Officer
1N051	Operations Intelligence	SSgt
1A151	Flight Engineer	SSgt/TSgt/MSgt
1A251	Aircraft Loadmaster	SSgt/TSgt/MSgt
21A3	Aircraft Maint	Officer
2A571	Aerospace Maint	TSgt/MSgt
2T271	Air Transportation	SSgt/MSgt/SMSgt
2T200	Air Transportation	CMSgt
2W071	Munitions Systems	TSgt
3E251	Pavement & Construction	SSgt
3E451	Utilities Systems	SSgt
3E651	Operations Management	SSgt
3D052	Cyber Transport Sys	SSgt
3D153	RT Trans Sys	SSgt
3D073	Cyber Security	TSgt
3D171	Client Sys	TSgt
3E090	Civil Engineer	MSgt
3E671	Operations Management	MSgt
3E751	Fire Protection	SSgt
3M071	Services	MSgt
3S271	Education & Training	SSgt/MSgt
3P051B	Combat Arms	SSgt
41A3	Health Services Admin	Officer
44M3H	Internist	Officer
45S3B	Surgeon	Officer

46A3	Nurse Administrator	Officer
46F3	Flight Nurse	Officer
46N3	Clinical Nurse	Officer
46N3E	Clinical Nurse	Officer
46P3	Mental Health Nurse	Officer
48A3	Aerospace Medicine Sp	Officer
4A091	Health Services Management	SMSgt
4N071	Aerospace Medical Svs	TSgt/MSgt
4N071C	Aerospace Medical Svs	TSgt/MSgt
4N091	Aerospace Medical Svs	SMSgt
4N000	Aerospace Medical Svs	CMSgt
8A100	Career Assistance Advisor	MSgt
8F000	First Sergeant	MSgt
51J3	Judge Advocate	Officer
52R3	Chaplain	Officer

349th Wing Full-Time Vacancies

UNIT	GS/SERIES	TITLE	VAC
349 AMW/EXEC	GS-0301-12	Executive Officer	ART
349 AMW/FM	GS-0501-09	Financial Management Specialist	ART
349 AMDS	GS-0303-09	Medical Administrative Assistant	ART
349 FSS	GS-0203-05	Human Resources Assistant (Military)	CIV
349 LRS	GS-0346-09	Logistics Management Specialist	ART
349 MXG	WS-8801-11	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor	ART
349 MXG	WG-2610-12	Electronic Integrated Systems Inspector	ART
349 MOF	GS-0301-11	Supervisory Log & Main Support	ART
749 AMXS	WS-8801-13	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor	ART
749 AMXS	WS-8801-09	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor	ART
749 AMXS	WS-8801-08	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor	ART
749 AMXS	WG-2610-12	Electronic Integrated SysMechanic	ART
749 AMXS	WG-2892-10	Aircraft Electrician	ART
749 AMXS	WG-2892-10	Aircraft Electrician	ART
349 MXS	WS-8801-13	Aircraft Overhaul Supervisor	ART
945 AMXS	WG-8852-10	Aircraft Mechanic	ART
349 OSF	GS-0303-07	Wing Operations Center Controller	ART
70 ARS	GS-2185-10	Aerial Refueling Technician Instructor	ART

For more information about these vacancies, go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Aircrew processes inspected this month

by Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield,
349th Public Affairs

In the midst of final preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection in February, there are more inspections in store for the Travis team. According to Lt. Col. Michael Arnold, 349th Operations Group, they're preparing for an Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation processes visit, as is the 60th Operation Group.

Arnold reports that the 349th visit is scheduled for Jan. 22-26, and for the 60th, it will be Jan. 29-Feb. 5. Participation includes group and squadron level points of contact from stan/eval (OGV/DOV), training (OST/DOT), SARMS and tactics (OSK). The inspection team of 20 to 30 people, will be made up from Air Mobility Command headquarters, along with augmentees from Air Force Reserve Command.

Arnold said that preparation for the inspection has included six months worth of OGV staff assistance visits, AFRC SAVs, MICT and program review checklists. It's important to follow processes and procedures to maintain the integrity of the program.

With all the groundwork both wings have completed, Arnold predicts that this inspection should go well.



CY12 COLONEL PROMOTION BOARD RESULTS

The following officers are promoted to the grade of colonel:

NAME	UNIT
TIMOTHY L. BRININGER	349th ASTS
ERIC P. JENKINS	79th ARS
NEAL J. LANDEEN	349th MSG
JEANINE M. MCANANEY	70th ARS
RUTH MEYER	349th OSF
SCOTT A. SNYDER	349th OG
CRAIG R. WELLS	349th MSG

No promotion effective dates have been announced.

ENLISTED PROMOTIONS



MASTER SERGEANT

DAHL, ARIANA W., 349th LRS
GOLDSBERRY, ADAM, 312th AS
HOWELL, CHARLES E., 349th AMW
SHEPPARD, RYAN D., 312th AS
THORNLEY, SHANNON, 349th MXS



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

BROHARD, MICHAEL, 749th AMXS
DIAZRIOS, CARLOS I., 55th APS
LADYMAN, DANIELLE, 349th ASTS
SANTOS, ARTURO, 349th MXG
ZACHARY, SHANNON R., 312th AS



STAFF SERGEANT

EVANS, AARON R., 55th APS
ESQUER, ERIN N., 349th AMXS
NEWSOME, TREVOR E., 749th AMXS
PRADO, MARCHELO M., 82nd APS
YAMADA, CHARLES T., 312th AS

Enlisted promotions effective December 2012 or earlier.

Giving back

After 28 years, Operation Teddy bear still lifting holiday spirits

Story and photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield, 349th Public Affairs

“The power of love and caring can change the world.”

--James Autry

For almost 30 years, the 349th Air Mobility Wing Airmen have been organizing Operation Teddy bear. They give gift bags with school supplies, books, goodies, and, of course, Teddy bears, to Solano County kindergarten children whose holidays might not be so merry and bright.

I couldn't help the tears in my eyes as I looked into those little innocent faces, eagerly awaiting the arrival of “Santa,” Chief Master Sgt. Louis Kloeppe, event organizer extraordinaire. My thoughts were on the tragic events in Connecticut, where Dec. 14, a lone gunman massacred 26 people, including 20 children, in Sandy Hook School. The children I visited Dec. 17 at Cleo Gordon Elementary in Fairfield, were wiggly, yet attentive and well-behaved, the teachers gentle but firm.

Operation Teddy bear owes its success every year to our volunteer Airmen “elves,” “Santa,” and all the generous businesses and donors in our Travis Air Force Base communities. This year, our school visits included Anderson Elementary in Dixon, Cleo Gordon and Fairview in Fairfield, and Markham in Vacaville. Where there is a need, especially for a child, our volunteers continue to make Operation Teddy bear a benchmark for others to emulate.

Please think about joining us next year for this event. The joy brought to these kindergartners is its own reward. Make a difference in the life of a child.



Cleo Gordon Elementary School kindergartners welcome Santa Claus, a.k.a. Chief Master Sgt. Mark Kloeppe, and other members of the 349th Air Mobility Wing as part of Operation Teddy Bear Dec. 17. Members of the 349th AMW visited four area schools as part of the program this holiday season.

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