

Would you lose 86 pounds to keep your Reserve career? See 8

FRONT RANGE

FLYER

Stationed Locally // Serving Globally

Vol. 27, No. 4

Winter 2012

FRONT RANGE FLYER
**TOP
TEN**

STORIES OF 2012

302ND AIRLIFT WING
U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND
PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, COLO.

FRONT & CENTER

\\ CENTER //

After two years of planning and preparing, this October our Wing was put to the test. It was time to deploy and execute our mission. It was time to show our Air Mobility Command inspectors the members of this Wing have what it takes to deploy, position, employ and sustain forces -- and survive and operate under attack during the Operational Readiness Inspection.

Together we solidly demonstrated to our inspectors that the 302nd Airlift Wing has an exceptional ability to fly, fight and win.

Our inspectors validated our Wing's capability with an overall satisfactory and rated several sub areas as excellent. In his comments during the ORI outbrief, AMC inspection Team Chief, Col. Tommy Tillman extended his appreciation to our Wing for what we bring to the fight and lauded the 302nd as a great Airlift Wing providing the nation with trained and ready citizen Airmen.



Col. Jay Pittman
302nd Airlift Wing commander

I would like to extend my personal congratulations and thanks to every member of the 302nd Airlift Wing. It took outstanding efforts on the part of many, including supportive family and employers to endure the buildup to the inspection and ultimately achieve this success.

Please take time this holiday season to relax, enjoy quality time with family and friends and remember to recharge. The events of 2012 for this Wing and our community at times were intense, and I appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Sherry and I would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous new year!



Keep up to date - find us on Facebook!

302nd Airlift Wing Airlift Wing



Stationed Locally // Serving Globally

Vol. 27, No. 4 // WINTER EDITION

Editorial Staff

Commander, 302nd Airlift Wing

COL. JAY PITTMAN

Chief, Public Affairs

ANN SKARBAN

Officers

MAJ. KALLECE QUINN

MAJ. CORINNA MOYLAN

Editor

MASTER SGT. DANIEL BUTTERFIELD

Staff

STAFF SGT. STEPHEN COLLIER

STAFF SGT. DERRICK GILDNER

STAFF SGT. NATHAN FEDERICO

SENIOR AIRMAN

MORANDA MATHIEU

Contact Us

302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

450 W. Hamilton Ave., Ste. 113

Peterson AFB, CO 80914

Tel: (719) 556-4117

Email: 302aw.pa@us.af.mil

<http://www.302aw.afrc.af.mil>

This funded Air Force Reserve Command newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the *Front Range Flyer* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force. The editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the public affairs office of the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. All photographs are official Air Force Reserve photos unless otherwise indicated.

ON THE COVER



The wing has experienced many challenges and opportunities in 2012. See Page 6 and 7 for more.

Air Force Graphic // Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Collier

STORIES OF 2012

Views from the Top



Will things ever be the same? Have they changed?

by Chief Master Sgt. Otis L. Jones, Jr.
302nd Airlift Wing command chief

As I make my rounds and have had an opportunity to talk to members of the 302nd Airlift Wing there are always two prominent questions I've asked myself: "Customs and Courtesies" and "Are we heading in the right direction?"

Growing up in a military family, I was introduced to customs and courtesies the old fashion way: I learned to respect others and appreciate the discipline that goes with that respect. Being the son of a first sergeant and Vietnam veteran, there was an expectation around how I conducted myself in his presence. Every question or command was followed by a "yes sir, no sir" or "yes ma'am, no ma'am."

And, believe me when I say there was no exception without consequences. As I grow older I have come to realize I was being taught values that he had been taught in the military.

Today's Air Force still has those values, but the approach we use to teach, learn and develop our Airmen has changed. Our force is probably one of the best

educated throughout the services, which is based on the sheer number of Airmen that have higher levels of degrees. Many of our Airmen are seeking out their higher education with the stats showing that every two of three enlisted member has some college under their belt.

On top of that, it's estimated the number of Airmen in the enlisted force with an associate or bachelor's degree is a little more than 27 percent. In other words, we are smart ... and smart people ask a lot of questions.

Now let's couple the fact that the 302nd AW and 52nd Airlift Squadron are blended together to comprise a total force wing, with the benefit of both well educated and highly tenured members. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to develop an Air Force culture that meets and reflects the Core Values that we take so much pride in.

What we once took for granted as those things that were passed down from Airman to Airman have taken a twist mainly due to vanishing lines between Active Duty, Reserve and Guard. This is also coupled with the high operations tempo dedicated to the number of conflicts worldwide. We



Air Force Photo

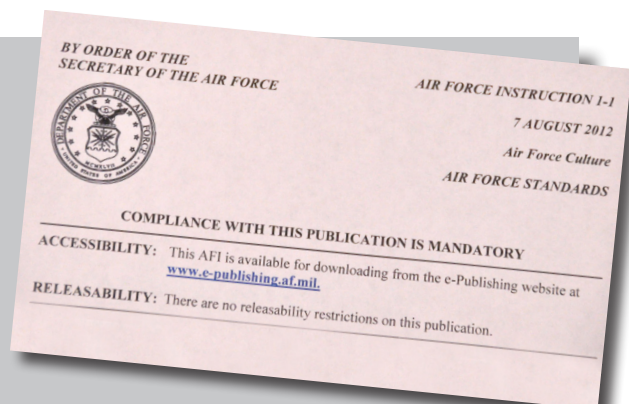
have proven by the success of our recent ORI that we are very good at what we do, and for that I congratulate you. However, let's not forget that it's everyone's responsibility to ensure that we don't lose focus on what makes us the fighting force we are today. Remember just how imperative it is we maintain an Air Force Culture that reflects our Core Values.

To do this I ask all of you to take the time to mentor one another and let's re-enforce our Air Force Culture. Use recently published Air Force Instruction 1-1 for guidance.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Air Force Instruction 1-1

- ★ Single document puts in focus Air Force standards of conduct, performance and discipline
- ★ Highlights core values, customs and courtesies, Force structure and diversity
- ★ New standards outlined include: social media relationships, the wingman concept, resiliency, sexual assault prevention and response, tattoos and body piercings and the Joint Ethics Regulation



Excellence in all THEY do

BACK IN BLACK - Senior Airman Dominic Navarro, 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, performs routine maintenance on aircraft 94-7320 Nov. 2. The aircraft is the latest black letter C-130 Hercules achieved by the Airmen of the 302nd Maintenance Group.

Reserve wing maintains C-130 excellence for 12th time since 2011

Story, Photos by Maj. Corinna Moylan
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Maintenance Group achieved a black-letter inspection Sept. 20 for the 12th time since June 2011. A black-letter initial on an aircraft's inspection form indicates zero discrepancies for that aircraft.

According to Master Sgt. James Scharfenberg, 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight chief, due to the age of the wing's C-130s, now 16 and 18 years old, and the wing's high operations tempo, maintaining operational readiness is a challenge in and of itself, let alone achieving a perfect, black-letter status.

"There is always something. A scratched window, a loose bolt or you are waiting for a part," he said.



THE BLACK LETTER MAINTAINERS - Foreground: Senior Airmen Dominic Navarro and Jason Rainey, Airman 1st Class Paul Basirico and Tech. Sgt. Sean Jones. Background: Tech. Sgt. Rodolfo Ramirez, Airman 1st Class Corey Kelty and Tech. Sgt. Tony Shaw. Each are assigned to the 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

A red letter "x" in the status box denotes that there are discrepancies significant enough to ground an aircraft. A red slash denotes discrepancies that are not significant enough to ground the aircraft. If there are zero discrepancies of any kind, the form is reviewed and annotated in black with the initial of an officer or senior noncommissioned officer designated by the group commander to release the aircraft for flight signifying the aircraft airworthy. This is called an exceptional release on a "black-letter" initial.

Aircraft discrepancies can range from something as minor as a malfunctioning light bulb to more serious issues.

Scharfenberg said this latest black-letter status was achieved because of the pride the maintenance Airmen take in their assigned aircraft.

"A lot of them treat the aircraft like it's their car. They like to hear 'this looks good or flew good,' from the aircrews," he said.

The latest black letter aircraft is tail number 94-7320 earned by the 302nd MXG with Tech. Sgt. Tony Shaw leading the team as the crew chief. A crew chief is the last person on the ground to check the aircraft before it flies.

"We are always striving for this. It is a constant battle," Shaw said. "Congrats to everyone who worked on it."

The eight person team assigned to aircraft 94-7320 is made up of two traditional reservists, three Air Reserve Technicians and three active duty Airmen, exemplifying the Air Force's Total Force Integration initiative.

According to Shaw, such an achievement, not once, but 12 times since 2011, is a coordinated team effort within the entire maintenance squadron; from the supply Airmen who make sure parts are ordered to the schedulers who balance operational needs with maintenance requirements.

Since 2011, black letter status has been achieved twice on aircraft 96-7322, 94-7310, 94-7315, 94-7317, 94-7319, and once on aircraft 94-7318 and now 94-7320.

Three 302nd Airmen 'prepping' for Academy



Only the "best and brightest" are chosen for the Leaders Encouraging Airman Development Program. U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory school cadet candidates, left to right, Dustin Johannsen, Krista Kelly and Christopher Bissing are spending a year at the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School before heading to the Academy in 2013. The three Airmen were assigned to the 302nd Airlift Wing when they were accepted to the prep school.

Story, Photo by Master Sgt. Daniel Butterfield
Front Range Flyer

According to Col. Jay Pittman, commander, 302nd Airlift Wing, he has never seen this happen in his 30 years of Air Force service. Three Airmen from the same unit, the 302nd AW, were accepted to the U.S. Air Force Academy's Preparatory School at the same time.

This one-year-long school prepares students for the challenges of the Academy, where they will start next year as first-year cadets.

Senior Airman Krista Kelly, 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron aeromedical evacuation technician; Senior Airman Dustin Johannsen, 52nd Airlift Squadron instruments and flight controls systems journeyman; and Airman 1st Class Christopher Bissing, 302nd Communications Flight electrical power production specialist were all chosen this year and each said they were thrilled about the opportunity.

"My commander called the restaurant I was working at and I screamed. I didn't really know how to handle it. I didn't think I had a great shot, but here I am," said Kelly.

"I was pretty excited," said Johannsen. "It was a huge door that swung open for me. It gives me the opportunity to achieve some lifelong dreams."

"It was always a goal," said Bissing. "I was pretty excited about it. It was a long application process so it was nice to know it all paid off."

The Airmen entered the preparatory school through the Leaders Encouraging Airman Development, or "LEAD" Program. This program gives Airmen the opportunity to succeed by offering them appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy. There are 170 appointments available for the Academy and the Academy Prep School every year for regular and Reserve Airmen.

The LEAD program started in 1995. It allows unit and

wing commanders to nominate highly qualified Airmen to attend the Academy or prep school.

To be considered for the prep school, each Airman puts together a comprehensive package that took the cadet candidates months of work. Then they submit the packages as part of the LEAD program. In addition to the packages, the Airmen must pass a physical unlike any they have seen. "I had to do a basketball throw, a one-mile run, two minutes of pushups and sit-ups, a shuttle run and pull-ups. It's a little more intense than our PT [fitness] test," said Johannsen.

Once their packages were reviewed and they passed the fitness test, each received an appointment to the prep school.

To complete the preparatory school successfully, each cadet candidate must demonstrate an aptitude for commissioned service and leadership. Their conduct and personal integrity must be exceptional. And of course, there are physical, academic and military requirements.

Once the students complete the preparatory portion of the school, they apply for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy. According to the USAFA website, successful completion of the prep school usually, but not always, results in an appointment to the Academy. The prep school commander will provide a recommendation on each candidate to the Academy board, who is the final authority concerning appointments to USAFA.

The three Airmen are already making plans for their post-Academy future. Kelly would like to graduate with a bachelor's degree in humanities with an emphasis on pre-med, head to medical school and become an Air Force doctor. Bissing and Johannsen both plan on becoming Air Force pilots.

The future looks promising for these three Airmen. They hope others will follow in their footsteps.

"If anyone is even slightly interested, just try. They can only say no and even if they do, try again," said Kelly.

1 WALDO CANYON FIRE



Air Force Photo // Staff Sgt. Stephany D. Richards

When Colorado Springs called for aid in fighting the quickly-spreading Waldo Canyon fire, which started June 23, the wing would deploy C-130s and crews to combat the historic fire.

4 DEPLOYMENT



Air Force Photo // Tech. Sgt. Peter Deary

Active Duty, AFReservists and 302nd AW C-130s deployed to Southwest Asia in May for a four-month tour of duty, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom airlift operations.

FRONT RAN

TRE

ORI



Air Force Photo // Maj. Corinna Moylan

After years of preparation, the wing finally had the chance to prove it was ready to fly, fight and win during the Operational Readiness Inspection in October.

3



MAFFS 7

Courtesy photo // Charlotte Observer

More than 1,500 North Carolina Air National Guardsmen turned out for a memorial honoring the Airmen who perished when their aerial firefighting C-130 "MAFFS 7" aircraft crashed in the southwest corner of South Dakota while fighting wildland fires. This would be the first time in the 40-year history of the MAFFS program a C-130 and its crew would be lost.

5

STORIES



Air Force Photo // Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Collier

Air Force Reserve and Active Duty Airmen ushered in the opening of the new 'Total Force' C-130 operations facility July 17, becoming the centerpiece of the 302nd AW TFI campus.



The wing hosted... 2012, including Gen. James F.

AFOUA

The wing was awarded the 2011 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptional performance during the time frame of September 2009 to September 2011. The wing was only one of two AFRC C-130 units to be awarded the AFOUA.



Air Force Photo // Tech. Sgt. Peter Dean

NEW CHIEF

In late spring, the wing welcomed Chief Master Sgt. Otis L. Jones, Jr., as its new command chief. The chief, who came to the 302nd AW after serving in multiple positions as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee, has made it his goal to ensure Reservists are provided the tools to be successful in their careers.

302ND AIRLIFT WING

WING FLYER 302ND AIRLIFT WING



D-DAY

Army Photo // Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells

The wing joined with both the 910th and 440th Airlift Wings in Normandy, France to take part in the 68th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Air Force Reserve aircraft and aircrews followed the original path World War II Allied aircraft took to deliver airborne soldiers to mainland Europe on June 6, 1944.

WWW.302AW.AF.MIL

VISITORS OF 2012 DV VISITS



Air Force Photo // Master Sgt. Daniel Butterfield

hosted a number of distinguished visitors including the new chief of the Air Force Reserve, Lt. Col. F. Jackson.



Air Force Graphic

DTS

With the Air Force continuing to evolve in using newer, web-based platforms, the Air Force Reserve and the wing began the transition to using the Defense Travel System together with the AROWS-R program. Eventually, DTS officials foresee a complete transition to DTS in the years to come.

Layout // Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Collier

Medical Airman gains through weight loss

Story, Photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner
Front Range Flyer

One might say that Air Force Reservist Tech. Sgt. Christopher Archuleta is the 302nd Airlift Wing's biggest loser. Archuleta, an Aeromedical Service Journeyman with the 302nd Aerospace Medicine Flight, lost 86 pounds in response to a commander's challenge.

Archuleta, who is in charge of the clinic's Emergency Management Training Program and ensures medics are Emergency Medical Technician qualified as required by the National Registry of EMTs, wasn't going to be eligible for re-enlistment in April earlier this year because of repeated physical fitness testing failures.

"I was grossly overweight and did not have the proper appearance of a noncommissioned officer," he said. "I was instead given a six-month extension to get in shape, or my 20-year career would be over."

According to Archuleta, he knew he needed to take action in order to be in compliance with the Air Force's newest modifications to the physical fitness regulations outlined in AFI 36-2905. And by action he meant a complete health and fitness overhaul to meet the needs of the job, deployment requirements and standards expected for noncommissioned leaders.

First, the sergeant identified a goal and set a series of objectives to move toward his achievement.

"I enrolled in an off-base program that teaches people how to eat properly and healthy and how to increase the body's natural metabolism. My wife enrolled in the program before I did, and when I saw her success, I joined," Archuleta said. "It helps immensely that we are shopping, cooking, preparing and eating right together. It was after losing several pounds I was able to start an exercise regimen. All the while losing weight I would e-mail my chief, my shirt and my supervisor to give them updates on weight and inches lost each weigh in. That was huge."

"I was delighted at the level of participation of our Airmen in the Commander's fitness challenge, and Tech. Sgt.

Archuleta was a true success story," said Col. Kathleen Flarity, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron commander. "I wanted him to succeed and so did our [squadron] leadership. His supervisors checked in with him on his progress during the month, and he reported his progress to me monthly."

To lose the weight and prepare for the fitness test, Archuleta said he would run 1.5 miles at work in the morning and then do as many push-ups and crunches as he could at night.

Once he lost 86 pounds, and was down several sizes, he said it was easy to cheat a little on his diet.



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Archuleta reviews correct usage of blood pressure instruments with fellow medical staff Dec. 1.

"I had the opportunity to go to the Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Alaska and while there I put 30 pounds back on," he said.

"I wasn't eating properly, I didn't practice portion control, and had a little too much pizza and ice cream. I have, however, lost 20 of those pounds since I've been home."

"You want Airmen to succeed and meet or exceed Air Force standards, but you cannot give them intrinsic motivation that has to come from within.

We can grow it but the member has to do the hard work," Flarity said. When asked about advising others in the same situation Archuleta said it's never too late to start.

"I am turning 40 this fall, and I have that as an excuse," Archuleta said. "It's about smart choices, and little steps. Eat right and start mov-

ing, even if it's walking at night after dinner."

Archuleta said his health goals for 2013 are to keep the weight off and the fitness up.

"On my last test I scored an 81. When I test again in January, I want to break 90," he said. "I know that I am no longer an obstacle to my career, and I plan to see how far I can go."

"One of our most important goals should be our health, but not everyone is motivated in the same way," Flarity said. "A leader's job to figure out how to best motivate their Airmen. We have the ability to control one of the absolute most important aspects of our life... our health."

"I was grossly overweight and did not have the proper appearance of a noncommissioned officer."

- Tech. Sgt. Christopher Archuleta
302nd Aerospace Medicine Flight

New fitness guidance sets to shape up wing

by Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Collier
Front Range Flyer

As the Air Force continues to emphasize physical fitness and compliance with standards, the 302nd Air-lift Wing is beefing up its approach to ensuring both are met.

Earlier this fall, Col. Jay Pittman, 302nd AW commander, issued new guidance to all group and squadron commanders regarding Reservists who fail their physical fitness test three times within a 24-month period.

The guidance states members are required to attend a mandatory medical review session with physicians at the 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron. The guidance aims to ensure the wing is looking after its members and educating Reservists on how to prevent a fourth failure, which can result in an administrative discharge.

The medical review allows the wing to establish if medically-related reasons are behind the failures. Additionally, ASTS can provide the member with medical feedback on the specific area of failure, helping them to tailor a more defined health plan, providing

Reservists with better chances at passing the test.

Senior Master Sgt. Richard Buchanan, 302nd ASTS senior air reserve technician, said the new guidance is there "for the member to make sure there are no surprises and that they have been given the opportunity to be successful and recover from that third failure."

"After the third fitness failure within a 24-month period, the member comes to us and does an interview with one of our physicians," Buchanan said. "We do this for a couple reasons.

One, we want the physician to have the ability to work with the member and to say 'here are some things that you can do to improve your fitness before you reach a fourth failure and administrative actions have to happen.'

Second, this also allows the member to provide us some medical documentation that could be the root cause to their ability to perform the fitness test.

Sometimes, members forget to bring in the civilian documentation on those issues that could be influencing

these outcomes."

Buchanan, who has been involved since the beginning of the guidance's crafting, has also benefitted from his full time interactions with his Active Duty 21st Space Wing counterparts.

This relationship has provided the 302nd AW the ability to incorporate some Active Duty feedback into the guidance.


Members should note that if a medical condition not previously identified comes to life, and if a medical profile is issued, the 24-month fitness cycle does not change.

With the new guidance in place, Buchanan emphasized that maintaining high levels of physical fitness was ultimately the duty of the Reservist.

"(The test) is a personal responsibility for the member," he said. "While ASTS' mission is to take care of the wing, we need the wing members to make sure they're getting that civilian documentation to us or letting us know early when there are problems so that we can help them through the process. Our goal in the end is to ensure we're all ready to perform our mission."

THE BOTTOM LINE

Personalized fitness help available

 Personal trainers are available at the Peterson Air Force Base Fitness Center to help with your fitness goals. Your trainer starts with a fitness profile, which includes your resting heart rate, body fat measurement, three-minute step test, abdominal crunch test, flexibility sit and reach test and an exercise attitude profile. These initial measurements will help track your progress. There is no charge for the initial interview.

For more info, call the Peterson Air Force Base fitness center front desk at (719) 556-4462.

Altitude Adjustment

For Airmen testing in the Colorado Springs area, adjustments are made to your run time. The U.S. Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever AFB are each affected. For more information on how this affects you, please refer to Air Force Instruction 36-2905 for specific time adjustments. It can be found at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/afi136-2905.pdf>

PETERSON SNOW PROCEDURES

If there is a delay or closure for Peterson Air Force Base due to snow or inclement weather, the 21st Space Wing Public Affairs Office will send a notification to local media outlets, post it on the 21st SW Facebook page and leave a message on the Peterson AFB snow call line: (719) 556-7669 (SNOW.)

RESERVISTS CARRY LEAVE

Air Force officials have created a new program for reservists to save and carryover leave time from year to year. Beginning Nov. 1, 2012, reservists performing duty under the Reserve Personnel Appropriation, or "RPA" orders may now "save" their leave for future use. Prior to this change, reservists were required to use or sell leave earned on orders of 30 days or more. Reservists cannot save their leave for next year if they are working on active duty under Military Personnel Appropriation orders, or "MPA"; as well as, in direct support of war taskings under Overseas Contingency Operations funds, or "OCO". No action is required by reservists since the military's computer software automatically sells the leave and pays it to the service member.

VERIFY YOUR 9/11 BENEFITS

Visit <https://mypers.af.mil> to certify and/or verify your active duty time for post-9/11 benefits. Use this site if you cannot verify your aggregate days with copies of your orders or DD Form 214. Click on the "contact us" icon on the lower left side of the page to send Air Reserve Personnel Center Education Services documents. Click on "E-mail the myPers Total Force Service Center. Select "Reserve" for component and "Benefits and entitlements" for category in the drop down menus. Provide specific information in the "Subject" and "Question" boxes. Use the "Browse" icon to upload attachments. Choose the "continue" icon and then the "Finish Submitting" icon to send the e-mail.

RESERVE HEALTH CARE INFO

Reserve Component members on orders or participating on an Active Duty tour are entitled to the same quality of care that members of the active component are entitled to. However, there are restrictions to the type and amount of available Military Health System benefits authorized to Reserve Component Service Members based upon the duration of the member's Active Duty commitment, the purpose or category of the active duty period, and the nature in which the reservist was activated. Refer to AFI 41-210 for further information.

FRONT RANGE FLYER CHANGE

The 302nd Airlift Wing magazine *Front Range Flyer* will now be published semi-annually beginning in 2013. Two issues will be printed; one in the summer and one in the winter months. Starting in January there will be monthly electronic Flyers available. For more information contact the Public Affairs office at (719) 556-4117.



DIRECT DEPOSIT BY MARCH

Military members, military retirees and annuitants, and federal civilian employees receiving paper checks from the Accounting Service will soon get their pay electronically to comply with new Defense Finance and mandates from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Treasury Department has set March 1, 2013, as the date all federal government payments should be delivered by electronic funds transfer methods such as direct deposit.

Customers with a myPay account can go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Military retirees and annuitants without a myPay account can complete the Fast Start Direct Deposit form available at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/ef/2231.pdf>.

ILLICIT/ILLEGAL DRUG USE

While one of the goals of the Air Force drug testing program is to detect those who choose to use illicit or illegal drugs, another primary goal is that of deterrence. Some reasons not to use illicit or illegal drugs: 1) fear of losing your military career; 2) fear of a negative reaction from your family, friends and coworkers; and 3) fear of associated mental and physical health issues.

For more information on substance abuse prevention visit the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration's (SAMSHA) web site at: <http://www.samhsa.gov>.

DTS VOUCHER TIPS

When a voucher is filed, it is normally reviewed by finance within two business days. If you do not receive an e-mail from the Defense Travel System or a bank deposit within seven days, then the voucher was most likely returned for corrections. If you do not receive an e-mail or payment in that time, go to "vouchers" in DTS, click "view/edit," then click on "digital signature." You will find all remarks, including corrections that need to be made or payout information under "remarks" column two. For more information call the 302nd AW Finance Office at (719) 556-5231.

CCAF FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Combat-Related Wounded Warriors can now participate in Community College of the Air Force degree programs after separation or retirement. This legislation change amended Section 9315 of Title 10, United States Code, to expand CCAF degree program eligibility to include former or retired enlisted members of the armed forces who at the time of the member's separation from active duty are categorized by the Service Secretary as seriously wounded, ill or injured as that term is defined in section 1602(8) of the Wounded Warrior Act. These combat-related injured veterans are authorized to participate in CCAF programs for up to 10 years after separation, provided they were enrolled in CCAF when they separated. Former CCAF students who hold the 9W-series RI and meet the eligibility requirements of this legislation may contact their local Air Force Education Office or contact CCAF directly by e-mail: registrar.ccaf@maxwell.af.mil or phone (334) 649-5093 for more information on CCAF participation.

SEPARATION BRIEF CHANGES

The Airmen and Family Readiness (A&FR) pre-separations briefing is now only required for members meeting any of the following three criteria:

- Members coming off of 180-plus consecutive days of orders.
- Air Reserve Technician (ART) retiring members.
- Members who due to a disability, will separate from the military.

The pre-separation briefing is held at 11 a.m. on UTA Saturdays. Call the 302 AW Airmen & Family Readiness Office at (719) 556-6505 for more information.

NEW COMMERCIAL TRAVEL

The new Commercial Travel Office at Peterson Air Force Base is Manassas Travel. Their number is 888-236-5085. If you call WingGate at 719-556-4199, you will receive a message to contact Manassas Travel.

FINANCIAL PLANNING HELP

The 302nd Airlift Wing Human Resources Development Council and the 302nd AW Airmen & Family Readiness Office have partnered to provide Air Force Reserve members with financial planning resources.

What: Three seminars/workshops to pick from:

- 1) "Before You Take Off - Financial Planning for Deployment"
- 2) "Financial Readiness & Economic Security"
- 3) "Take Complete Control of Your Finances - Avoid Drowning in Debt ... Borrow Wisely"

When: 12:30 p.m., Jan. 5, 2013 (exact times of each seminar to be announced).

Presented by: Mr. Kinnunen, a Joint Family Support Assistance Program Personal Financial Counselor. There are approx 170 seats available for each seminar.

Sign up for this program by visiting the link below.

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=135964&k=036247007D53>

DESERVING AIRMEN SELECTED

The 302nd Airlift Wing Deserving Airman Commissioning Board selected the following individuals for commissions during the December UTA:

Tech. Sgt. Terrell J. Rarig, 302nd MOF
Senior Airman Erin P. Carpenter, 731st AS
Senior Airman James W. Gerdis, 302nd MOF

For more information on the Deserving Airman Commissioning program, contact Career Development at (719) 556-4589.

COMMERCIAL AIR GUIDELINES

As of Oct. 1, 2012 any travel authorization that includes commercial air travel must be approved and ticketed at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled flight departure time to avoid airline reservations from being cancelled. This applies to domestic City Pair and non-contract government flights that are either booked through Defense Travel System or through a Commercial Travel Office.

Travelers making travel plans within 72 hours of departure must have their authorization approved within 24 hours of creation to avoid cancellation. If making plans within 24 hours of departure, authorizations must be approved and ticketed at least six hours prior to flight departure time to avoid cancellation.

NOMINATE YOUR SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYER

Guard and Reserve Service Members:

Nominate your employer for the
**2013 Secretary of Defense
Employer Support Freedom Award**
for their exceptional support of
employees serving in the
Guard and Reserve.

302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
450 W. Hamilton Ave, Suite 171
Peterson AFB, CO 80914-2313

For the Family of:

Postage Paid
First Class
Jacksonville, IL
Permit No. 432



Photo courtesy/ Matt Indent

**NOMINATE YOUR EMPLOYER
AT FREEDOMAWARD.MIL
BEFORE JANUARY 21, 2013**

ESGR DEVELOPS AND PROMOTES A CULTURE IN
WHICH ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYERS

SUPPORT AND VALUE

THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.