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Dobbins receives new wing commander

Colors is passed – General Stogsdill retires

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia
Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Stogsdill transferred command of the 94th Airlift Wing to Col. Heath J. Nuckolls last month at Dobbins, a final act to cap off 36 years of service as an Air Force leader and master navigator.

General Stogsdill has commanded the wing, which is comprised of approximately 1,800 personnel, since August 2004.

The 94th AW's mission is three-fold. The primary mission is to train C-130H aircrews for the United States Air Force – active duty, guard and reserve components. The second mission is to maintain combat ready units to deploy on short notice to support contingencies anywhere in the world. Finally, the wing is the host organization for supporting all agencies and tenants at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

The purpose of the change of command ceremony is to provide the outgoing commander an opportunity to bid farewell to the men and women of his command

and for the command, in turn, to welcome the incoming commander. It emphasizes the continuity of leadership and the unit identity despite changes of authority. The transfer of command is physically presented by passing the command flag, the tangible symbol of the unit, from the outgoing commander to the new.

The ceremony was presided over by Maj. Gen. James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander. Distinguished guests and family members included General Stogsdill's wife, Jan, and daughters, Emma and Sarah; Nuckolls' wife, Julie, daughter, Beth, son, Andrew, and mother, Barbara; Nuckolls' brother Lee Nuckolls, his wife, Lisa, and their son, Clint; Nuckolls' mother-in-law Kathleen Davis, Nuckolls' sister-in-law Janet Carver and family, Nuckolls' brother-in-law Johnathan Davis and family; Lt. Gen. (retired) James Sherrard and his wife, Marsha; Maj. Gen. (retired) Robert Stephens and his wife, Kathy; Capt. Richard Cline, commander of Naval Air Station-Atlanta; and members of the "Dirty Thirty" crew Tom Spangler and his wife, Jerri; Ed Dedmon and his wife, Joan; Debra Tanzi; World War II veteran James Hogue and his wife, Marion; Garry Henning and his wife, Tammy; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gibson; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nutter.

To the men and women of the 94th AW, Colonel Nuckolls said, "I know General Stogsdill is handing over to me an excellent unit. I'm excited to be here and excited to work with you."

Incoming commander Nuckolls is no stranger to the 94th Airlift Wing. He returns to Dobbins Air Reserve Base after commanding the 908th Airlift Wing, Alabama's only Air Force

Reserve unit located at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. At the 908th AW, Nuckolls commanded more than 1,200 personnel who fly, load and control nine C-130 aircraft.

Prior to leading the 908th, Nuckolls commanded the 94th Operations Group, a post he held for slightly more than two years.

Nuckolls has held several supervisory and command positions throughout his career, including serving in the positions of airlift operations officer at Headquarters, 10th Air Force; and tactical airlift operations manager and chief of Standards and Evaluations at Headquarters, 22nd Air Force.

He is a command pilot with over 3,800 hours in many variants of the C-130. He served more than seven years on active duty before joining the Air Force Reserves in 1990. After his departure from active duty service, Nuckolls started his air reserve technician (ART) career with the 403rd Airlift Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., as C-130 instructor pilot, flight examiner, and squadron tactics officer.

Nuckolls earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1982. He received his commission as a second lieutenant as a distinguished graduate of the university's Air Force ROTC program the same year.

Immediately following the change of command portion of the ceremony, Bankers presented Stogsdill with the Legion of Merit award, with a second oak leaf cluster, for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" and a Certificate of Retirement.

During his command, Stogsdill's oversight the safe training of C-130 aircrew members who supported both Operations



Photo by Mr. Don Peek

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Harper, 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard, presents colors to Brig. Gen. Thomas Stogsdill, who surrendered command of the 94AW and retired from the Air Force Reserve. The general has served since 1969.

Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom; streamlined and developed programs which directly results in an "excellent" rating during the Air Mobility Command's Health Services Inspection; led one of the most effective community outreach programs in the Air Force Reserve Command; safely deployed 94th AW personnel to help fight the Global War on Terrorism; and led the Air Force contingent to the 61st anniversary commemoration of the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France. A letter from President George W. Bush to Stogsdill thanked the former commander for his leadership and contributions to the nation and acknowledged his devotion to duty and spirit of sacrifice in keeping proud the traditions of military service.

Wife, Jan, was presented with flowers as well as a certificate of appreciation for the unselfish, faithful and devoted support she provided her husband.

Addressing wing personnel, distinguished guests, family and friends assembled inside the Fuel Cell Hanger, Stogsdill reflected on his long career and gave many thanks.

"I've been really blessed in my assignments," Stogsdill said. "I've been twice blessed to be here at Dobbins. I am proud of my time here. It's been a great run. I can't think of a better place to finish my career than at Dobbins. I'm happy to have been here."

Prior to his assignment as 94th AW commander, Stogsdill led the 919th Special Operations Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The 919th SOW is the only Reserve special operations unit in the Air Force Special Operations Command.

He was commissioned in 1969 through Officers Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He earned his navigator wings in 1970 at Mather Air Force Base, Calif. Stogsdill is a master navigator with more than 6,500 flying hours, including 450 combat hours flown during the Southeast Asia conflict on AC-130 Spectre Gunships. Following six years on active duty, he joined the Air Force Reserve in 1975. He was an air reserve technician, serving as both a U.S. civil service employee and member of the Air Force Reserve.

Stogsdill and his family plan to relocate to Florida.



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Maj. Gen. James Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, welcomes Col. Heath Nuckolls back to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, this time as the 94th Airlift Wing commander.

Dobbins members given prestigious awards

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As military members the chance of being in harm's way is always a possibility whether it's during a deployment or service at home. Today's military is asked to serve in places around the globe on a moment's notice. And they do without hesitation.

It's that type of devotion that lead Master Sgt. Nathaniel Champion, 94th LRS, and many before him to be recognized for serving and putting other first in the line of duty.

Sgt. Champion was presented the Bronze Star during the December unit training assembly for his efforts while serving with the 1058 Gun Truck Detachment in FOB Speicher, Iraq.

Sgt. Champion was recognized for his extraordinary efforts while leading 54 Airmen through 75 thousand miles of dangerous Iraqi roads and for escorting vehicles and having all cargo arrive combat ready.

He also developed a flight training plan that encompassed 85 core tasks and guaranteed that everyone was combat ready. Sgt. Champion led maneuvers after a road side bomb hit a convoy. He secured the site, assessed for injuries and led the convoy to safety earning him the respect of his peers.

Before he deployed to Iraq in March to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, Senior Airman Bert Alcon said the hardest thing he ever had to do was sit down and write four letters: to his father, his mother, his five-year-old son, Cullen and his four-year-old daughter, Calee. They were only to be opened and read if he didn't come back.

But this Air Force Reservist assigned to the 94th Logistics and Readiness Squadron Transportation did come back, with two Army Commendation Medals, and the willingness to return for another tour of duty.

The 28-year-old native of Kernersville, N.C., joined the Air Force Reserve in May 2003. Without hesitation he volunteered to be attached to the U.S. Army and man a 50-caliber gun on an armored vehicle. He was also trained to be a Combat Life Saver, meaning he could administer intravenous infusions, insert an IV, and set broken bones.

He was also armed with an M-4 carbine and a 9 millimeter pistol. Along with Air Force Special Operations, he was one of few Air Force personnel allowed to carry his weapons at all times. "We provided security for any-



Photo by Mr. Don Peek

Master Sgt. Nathaniel Champion, 94th LRS, was presented the Bronze Star by Brig. Gen. Thomas Stogsdill, 94th Airlift Wing former commander, during the December unit training assembly for his efforts while serving with the 1058 Gun Truck Detachment in FOB Speicher, Iraq.

one who needed it," he said.

Even when he was sent to Landstuhl Air Base, Germany, for surgery, he took his weapon with him. There, he returned to the front lines, in spite of the protests of his surgeon that he should have desk duty.

He traveled all over Iraq in his security capacity, from the Syrian and Turkish border down to Kuwait. He was on the road anywhere from 10 days to 90 days at a time, escorting military, third country nationals and more.

He received his first Army Commendation Medal for "serving with the Army, having no accidental discharges and serving well," said Alcon. The second one he was awarded he worked a little harder to get.

His unit had just returned to Camp Speicher, Iraq, from 40 days on the Syrian border. Just two hours in, without time for a hot meal or change of clothing, they were on their way again, this time, through Tikrit, Iraq. Alcon was on the first truck in a convoy of fifteen vehicles, and as they passed an Iraqi police station, a bomb was detonated by the third gun truck. Luckily, it only took shrapnel hits.

After rolling through an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint, another bomb detonated, disabling a Kellogg, Brown and Root truck. They couldn't leave a military asset behind. As Alcon

put it, "The Iraqis are very quick. I've seen them take the tires off a burning vehicle." Although they had no tools to repair the truck, they had a vehicle recovery technician with them. He had to get under the truck to repair it, and Alcon had to provide security for the unarmed man in a sweep of 360 degrees.

The Quick Recovery Force needed several hours to reach them, and in the meantime, the Iraqi National Guard was letting other people and vehicles through their checkpoint. Alcon had to provide security from these people as well, as they were not other American forces. "A four-hour mission became 36 hours on the road," he said.

Alcon said he didn't have time to be afraid, with improvised explosive devices and bombs going off constantly. "You just have to get used to it being part of your every day life while you're over there."

He got so used to it, nine times out of ten, he volunteered to ride in the lead truck, manning his 50-caliber gun, providing security and always ready to use his combat life saving skills. He is very proud of his skill with inserting an IV.

Although he would like to make the Air Force his life, and hopefully become a drill instructor for basic trainees, he said, "If I can do the same mission I just completed, I'll go to Iraq again."



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Air Force general credits success to hard work

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Editors Note: February is Black History Month and the Minuteman highlights Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper (ret).

WASHINGTON, - In his early teens, John D. Hopper Jr. thought he'd grow up to be a scientist or schoolteacher. But that changed in 1963 when a liaison officer from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., visited him at Lyndon McKinley High School in Columbus, Ohio.

No one could foretell that attending the academy would one day lead to him becoming the highest-ranking African-American in the U.S. Air Force. "The liaison officer got me interested, and I started focusing on the academy in my senior year of high school," said General Hopper, now a lieutenant general and vice commander of the Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. With a budget of more than \$7 billion, the command recruits, trains and educates more than 370,000 men and women for the aerospace force and the nation.

Hopper played basketball and ran track in high school, but when he tried out for sports teams at the academy, he didn't make any. So the high school honor society student focused on a group called the "Way of Life Committee," which was composed primarily of minority cadets.

"It was like a booster club that supported the academy's sports team," said the 57-year-old, 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pound, native of Clarksville, Tenn. He calls golf his recreational sport, but he jogs and does an aerobic workout about 5 a.m. every day to keep militarily fit.

After graduating from the academy in 1969, Hopper went on to become a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours in 12 different aircraft. About 570 of those hours were spent flying combat missions in a C-130 Hercules over Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and in Operation Desert Storm.

Hopper and his crew are some of the luckiest men alive, he said. Their aircraft was hit hundreds of times by enemy fire while flying an airdrop mission over Southeast Asia, but no crew member was injured. They had problems with the cargo aircraft's elevator, but made it safely back to Vietnam and landed at Cam Rahn Bay.

"We had about 500 holes in the airplane -- every fuel tank had a round through it," the general recalled. "They sawed off pieces of broom handles and stuck them into the leaking fuel tank. Nobody was injured, except for our nerves and our pride, probably."

During Desert Storm, Hopper flew C-130s while commander of the 1660th Tactical Airlift Wing (Provisional) in Southwest Asia. He also served as the commandant of cadets at the Air Force Academy and on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

Hopper graduated from the academy in 1969, six years after the historic graduation of the institution's first three African-Americans. "Today is better than 30 years ago for African-Americans," Hopper noted. "But even 30 years ago in the military, we pretty much had our act together in regards to treatment of minorities. So overt discrimination, I would categorically say, was a thing of the past. The battle to win hearts and minds is a continuous one, and we're farther along that path today than we were 30 years ago."

Hopper said no jobs were closed to African-Americans when he entered the Air Force.

Diversity makes the military services stronger, as much as diversity adds to the strength of the nation, the general noted. Having such ethnic observances as African-American History Month gives all ethnicities a chance to learn more about the different cultures that add to diversity, he said. Whether observances are held once or twice or 10 years in a row doesn't affect the need to have them, he added.

"The main thing we get from (ethnic observances) is education and a broadened perspective," he said. "I like to relate those particular observances to

how people from different ethnic groups have contributed to the strength of our country and to our military."

As vice commander of the Air Force's training command, Hopper is aware the military's annual ethnic observances always reach people who might not previously have thought much about the various groups' contributions.

"In the Air Force, we turn over about 25 percent of our enlisted force every year," Hopper said. "So we always have new people coming in, and that's a lesson that never seems to lose its significance. So we're proud to take the chance to showcase the various diverse groups that make up our Air Force. And we brag about the fact that we can put those groups together to form the most powerful air and space team in the world."

The general, who accepts about five speaking engagements during African-American History Month each year, tries to draw parallels to the region of the country and how that relates to various ethnic groups and to American and military history. He also gives speeches each January in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"I'm privileged to be asked to speak at these events, and it's one of the things I ought to do," Hopper noted.

His advice to all young enlisted personnel and officers is to make sure they go through the doors that the Air Force opens for them.

"One of the things we're most proud of is the fact that we try to realize the full potential of the people in our force, whether they're officer or enlisted," Hopper said. "Part of doing that is to make sure that doors are open and that people are trained and have the skills to walk through them and take advantage of opportunities that are present."

For example, he said, the Air Force recently started sending noncommissioned officers to sponsored master's degree programs. "This coming summer, we'll graduate our first NCOs with advanced degrees," he noted. "Most of them are technical degrees in the computer sciences and the like. Some of the

NCOs that will graduate are from our sister services. That's a real step forward in providing new opportunities for airmen, officer and enlisted, to improve themselves and to add to our capability."

The students are attending the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and advanced degree programs at colleges and universities around the country.

Educating and training Air Force personnel is what Hopper does for a living, and basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, is where it all begins for the enlisted force.

"Basic training is one of our responsibilities, so every year, we'll train 37,000 to 40,000 new airmen," he noted. "All of the accession sources for officers are our responsibility, except for the Air Force Academy. So ROTC, as well as Officer Training School, is our responsibility. On the education side, we're also responsible for professional military education, including the Air War College, Air Command and Staff College and Squadron Officers School."

Undergraduate and graduate level pilot training are the most visible training programs, Hopper said. "We produce about 1,100 new pilots every year," he noted.

"Often the least publicized, but equally important mission we have is technical training, which is along the lines of vocational skills," Hopper said. "We touch upwards of 250,000 airmen

every year." It takes more than 60,000 military and civilian employees to get the command's job done.

He was lucky to return from Vietnam unscathed, but the general said what we usually think of as luck often goes hand-in-hand with preparation.

"I had a great nurturing youth from my family and the educators in my small town in Tennessee. The Air Force Academy presented itself as one of those opportunities, and I happened to be lucky enough to be prepared enough to accept it." He said the Air Force has offered similar opportunities and he was lucky enough to be in a position to accept those as well.

"So luck, preparation and the grace of the good Lord have allowed me to live out my dream," said Hopper, whose wife, Patricia, is a homemaker. Their son, John M. Hopper, 23, is a recent college graduate. Their daughter, Jessica, 18, is a high school senior.

Hopper's late father retired from the Army in 1973 as a master sergeant. His maternal grandfather served in the Army during World War I. His late mother was a homemaker. His brother, Terry, served in the Air Force for four years in the mid-1970s. He's now a prison counselor in Tennessee.

When asked what legacy he would like to leave, Hopper said, "The legacy that hard work is the thing that can overcome just about anything. If you're willing to work hard enough, there's nothing that can keep you from achieving your goals."



Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Michael Briggs

Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr., the highest-ranking African-American in the Air Force, meets members of the Westwood High School Army ROTC detachment following his remarks at a 2002 African-American History Month commemoration in Memphis, Tenn.

Dobbins Police Blotter



18-wheeler versus building: Winner - Building

A Security Forces patrol contacted reported an accident at the main gate. An 18-wheeler truck entered the main gate and tried to conduct a U-turn to exit the premises. A Security Forces patrol providing assistance initially parked his vehicle in the inbound lane to respond to the 18-wheeler driver because he was conducting a turn that could not be made safely. The official noticed that his vehicle was impeding traffic from entering the base and asked a Gate 1 official to move his vehicle to a parking spot behind the Main Gate. When Gate 1 maneuvered to park the vehicle he struck the vehicle already in one of the parking spots.

Power Trowel Missing

A member reported to Security Forces that a theft had occurred at building 501. Security Forces dispatched and talked to the reporting member. A piece of equipment from Home Depot was reported stolen. The member stated that the power trowel was used during the September UTA and had not been returned to Home Depot. The incident is under investigation.

No license, no drive

Gate 1 reported a driver at the main gate operating a vehicle without a driver's license. The identification number was taken off the Georgia ID card and Cobb County Police Department was contacted to run a check on a driver's status. Cobb County Police

advised this office that the individual was on a driving denial list. Security Forces Patrol was briefed and dispatched to the above location. Cobb County Police also advised this office that local police were en-route. Marietta Police arrived on scene and the individual was issued a citation and advised to not to operate a motor vehicle. His vehicle was picked up by a family member traveling from Rome, Georgia.

Low clearance, tall vehicle

Base motor pool telephoned Security Forces and reported a vehicle accident at a base building. A Security Forces Patrol responded. The cause of the accident was due to the operator of the vehicle misjudging the height clearance of the building in relation to the vehicle. The driver came in contact with the over hang of the building. Base safety was notified and advised this office that they will take pictures tomorrow.

Time-out; injury on the field

Security Forces received a call from a base member regarding a flag football leg injury to another member. METRO Ambulance Services arrived on scene with Security Forces Patrol. Upon arriving, METRO discovered that the caller had also sustained an injury (to his hand). METRO departed the area with personnel the other injured person on board and the calling member followed in his POV to Emory Hospital. All proper notifications were made.

Firetruck versus wooden gate: Winner – Firetruck

Security Forces received notification from NAS Atlanta Security, that the Base Fire Department requested a Dobbins Security patrol to respond to the B-24 gate to investigate a vehicle accident involving the Base Fire Department response vehicle and the mechanical gate. Security Forces patrol reports that the vehicle did not sustain any damage and that the gate mechanical arm had approximately eight inches of wood broken from it. The Base Fire Department vehicle was responding to an emergency response at NAS Atlanta. The driver was exiting the Lockheed B-24 ramp when the arm of the mechanical gate lowered and struck Rescue 43. Mr. Robert M. Burgard was a passenger aboard Rescue 43. All notifications were made.

In need of Pepto Bismol

Security Forces received a call from the 94th CEF informing they had a medical emergency when a Reservist complained of stomach problems and refused medical transportation. One of the members co-workers took them to Kennestone Hospital.

Hello, this is the president

Security Forces received a landline from the 22nd AF Command Center regarding a disgruntle caller referring to himself as the U. S. president. He used profane language and demanded to talk to all leaders of the base. OSI was contacted and advised of pertinent information about this individual. All information was annotated and passed on to other authorities by OSI.

Hollywood actress spotted

Security Force received a call from AAFES Security Officer stating she had a shoplifter under apprehension. The AAFES Security Officer stated she watched the subject placing numerous items into her purse. The subject was advised of rights and Cobb County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene and took custody of the subject.

Purple Honda?

Security Forces received call from personnel stating that her vehicle, a purple Honda Civic, had been damaged and there was no other vehicle on scene. Patrol-

2 arrived on scene and reported that there were no injuries and no whereabouts of the other vehicle.

Five-finger discount: Denied

Security Force received a call from AAFES Assistant Manager stating that he has a shoplifter under apprehension at BX. The AAFES Security Officer who stated she had taped the subject, USAF/Dependent, place three pairs of earrings in her pocket and leave without paying. Subject admitted to taking the earrings. AAFES agreed not prosecute but will issue a theft recovery fee.

Suspicious paparazzi

Security Forces received a call from gate-2 stating a witness informed him there was a suspicious person: white male, blonde hair, black coat sitting on Atlanta Rd. taking pictures with a telescopic lens camera. The Gate 2 security officer advised he was unsure if the subject was closer to Dobbins or NAS Atlanta side of base. Patrol-1 swept the area and reported no contact with subject.

Car runs amok, damages government property

Security Forces was notified of a vehicle that penetrated the fence line across from building 700. Patrol-1 advised the vehicle was in the wooded area passed the fence line on Dobbins property, no occupants were inside the vehicle. Patrols conducted a sweep of the area, with no contact with any personnel. Marietta Fire Dept. arrived on scene and conducted a sweep of the area with infrared scanner to see if a body could be found in the area, none were reported. Defender -1 advised that 30-45 feet of the fence was torn down. The tow truck arrived on scene and proceeded to pull the vehicle out of the area. Marietta Fencing arrived at Dobbins and repaired the fence.

Gate jumper

Security Forces was notified by NAS Security that an individual had jumped there gate near VR 46 in the vicinity of building 300 and building 38. All post and patrols were notified, no description of the individual was given.

Broken down vehicle

A vehicle was reported parked on the outside of the fence

line on Hwy. 280 near Gym Rd. Patrol-2 reported the individual stated her vehicle had broken down and that her husband was en route. Patrol-2 also stated that the individual would not release her name. Cobb County Police Department was notified and dispatched a patrol to the location.

Military impersonator

Security Forces received a call from Gate-3 stating that an individual had stated that he was a Special Intelligence Officer looking for Squadron 505 on the Air Force Installation. They also reported that the individual had no military I.D. and was wearing clothing with military patches on them. Security Forces notified Cobb County Police Department and requested a patrolman. The individual was briefed and released with a warning by OSI.

Crushed Port-A-Potty

94th SFS/SFTR called Security Forces and stated that a contractor near Gate-3 cut down a tree that fell on the Port-A-John. A Cheoah Construction manager, (Sub-Contractor for APAC Southeast) said he called Security Forces earlier to have the Port-A-John moved prior to cutting the tree. He said he was told not to worry about it. The tree did considerable damage to the Port-A-John. No injuries were reported. Base Safety, Base Contracting, Army Corp of Engineers and 94th SFS/SFO were notified.

Gassy Smell

Security Forces was notified from the Fire Dept of a 911 call, reporting personnel smelled a GAS odor from inside the building. Defender-1 arrived on scene and coordinated with the Fire Chief. Patrol-1 was advised to stand by for road closure. The Fire Dept entered the building and found no evidence of a gas leak or any relation to the Port-A-Potty accident.

Vehicle Crash

An Officer from the Marietta Police Dept. notified Security Forces that a vehicle accident had occurred on Hwy. 41. A reservist, who was driving by and stopped to help people in the accident, was struck by a coming vehicle. The reservist was transported to Kennestone Hospital and is currently under observation.

Airmen spread joy at Christmas



Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard

Lt. Col. Walther Koellen, 700th Airlift Squadron director of operations, .

By Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard
Public Affairs

Hundreds of volunteers came together at Kohl's Department Store in Acworth on December 10, braving the freezing temperatures for a chance to be a kid's hero and bring some Christmas cheer during the city's annual Shop with a Hero program.

Service members from every branch arrived in uniform to shop with underprivileged children from the area for Christmas presents. Families that attended were given \$100 Kohl's gift card and then a volunteer from the military, police or fire department walked with them around the store. Children were encouraged to shop first for their families and then for themselves.

"Shop with a Hero" is a program that originally started in 1998 when Lori and Bob Weatherford and Angela & Ron Papaleoni went Christmas shopping for about 28 kids from the Acworth Housing Authority. The following year they teamed up with the Acworth Police Department and money raised in the community. That year they took 72 children shopping.

Since then, Shop with a Hero has evolved in to an event incorporating hundreds of volunteers from each branch of the military, Acworth, Cobb and

Kennesaw Police departments, Cobb Sheriff and Fire Departments as well as civilian volunteers and local churches. Master Sgt. Samuel Ruff of the 22nd Command Post said, "I've done this for the past three years and I look forward to it every year. It always seems to get bigger and bigger. It really makes you appreciate what you have."

In 2004 there were over 1600 children and families who participated. This year there were over 2000.

Dobbins have gotten involved in a special way. 94th Security Forces has sponsored a family every year since 2001. During the months leading up to the holidays, they choose a deserving family and then take donations of money as well as

gifts. Then as close to Christmas as possible, they deliver the gifts and cash in addition to taking the children in the family to Shop with a Hero. This year they were able to give \$250 and numerous toys and presents. Staff Sgt. Ashanti Swann noted how pleasant the kids were who were participating and added, "I'm just grateful to be able to come and inspire the mind of a child. This is so rewarding and I am glad to give to others." Staff Sgt. Charlene Demming and Senior Airman Aaron Doss agreed with her sentiments.

Other Dobbins personnel in attendance included Maj. Detlef Klann, Chief Master Sgt. Dallas Godfrey, Senior Master Sgt. Robbie Walter, and Master Sgt. Steven Kalapos.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard

Dobbins' family mourns loss

By the Services family
94th Airlift Wing

Dobbins Services has always prided itself as being a family. When something happens to one member, it happens to all. On the first day of 2006, Services lost a member of its family when Marvin Gober passed away in his sleep.

Marvin joined Services in 1999 as a custodial worker but he was much more than that. He was maintenance. He was the keeper of all things. He was the "go to person." But most of all, he was a good person.

Marvin truly enjoyed his work and always had a smile on his face for whoever walked into the Club. He could anticipate a customer's needs before they asked. If

you had a child with you that needed a high chair, he was there, if something spilled it seemed like he was picking it up before it hit the floor. Marvin took pride in his appearance too. He wore his Services shirt, name tag and a matching hat everyday. Because of Marvin's pride and willingness to do more work than he was asked, Marvin earned Employee of the Quarter many times and Employee of the Year in 2004. Marvin left behind a legacy and his shoes will be hard to fill.

He was always in the background of every function. Whenever a job had to be done, he completed it and always exceeded expectations—he made a difference at Dobbins. We have lost a comrade and friend.



WHO'S WHO



Name: Scott Yoder
 Rank: Master Sgt.
 Unit: 700th Aerial Support
 Position: Assistant NCOIC
 Assigned: September 2001
 Civilian Job: Air Reserve Technician
 Favorite Hobbies: farming, driving a tractor and watching "Hee Haw" and "Duke of Hazard" reruns
 Valentine Wish: Tickets to the Pro Bowl



Name: Cupid a.k.a. Eros
 Rank: "Airman"
 Unit: 94th Air Expeditionary Force (unofficial)
 Position: god of Love, Archer for Venus
 Assigned: February 14
 Civilian Job: Match Maker/Relationship Counselor
 Favorite Hobbies: archery, bringing people together
 Valentine Wish: "World Peace"



Name: Jody Jenkins
 Rank: Master Sgt.
 Unit: 94th Maintenance
 Position: Aircraft Fuel Systems Shop Supervisor
 Assigned: May 1983
 Civilian Job: Air Reserve Technician
 Favorite Hobbies: fishing and reading
 Valentine Wish: "I'd like to go to a black-tie Valentine's Day ball with my wife."



Name: Michelle Williams
 Rank: Tech. Sgt.
 Unit: 700th Aerial Support
 Position: Instructor Loadmaster
 Assigned: November 2002
 Civilian Job: Air Reserve Technician
 Favorite Hobbies: reading, traveling and following NASCAR
 Favorite Valentine Gift: "I received a Valentine's Day card from my grandfather two weeks before he died."



Name: Raymont Walker
 Rank: Tech. Sgt.
 Unit: 700th Aerial Support
 Position: Loadmaster
 Assigned: March 1991
 Civilian Job: "professional Reservist"
 Favorite Hobbies: traveling
 Valentine Wish: "To find a good woman."



Name: Karen Albin
 Rank: Tech. Sgt.
 Unit: Readiness Management Group
 Position: public affairs specialist
 Assigned: October 2005
 Civilian Job: Community Relations
 Favorite Hobby: "Hanging out with my daughter"
 Valentine Wish: "To spend time with the people I love"

Photos by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard

First sergeant vacancy

The 94th Aircraft Maintenance Flight will have a First Sergeant Vacancy effective July 1. The 94 AMXF first sergeant is responsible for 40 flight members assigned to the 94th Maintenance Group. The 94 AMXF supports one of the most important missions at Dobbins; ensuring our aircraft are prepared for a busy flying schedule, and Flight members are also responsible for safe operations on the flight line. This position will work closely with the commander and the 94 AMXF Aerospace Maintenance Superintendent to manage important commander programs such as the government travel card and Drug Demand Reduction programs. Interested candidates should have knowledge of the AFRC mission and experience with counseling techniques. They should be a master sergeant or eligible, hold a seven-level AFSC, qualify for first sergeant and demonstrate high standards of military appearance and conduct. Submit application packages to Maj. Lambert, 94th

AMXF commander, by Apr. 2.
56 Group elections

The election for officers for the Dobbins 56 Group will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2006 at the monthly 56 Group meeting. The officer positions are president, vice president, administrator and treasurer. The term of service is two years. Nominees must be group members and present during the election. Nominations are accepted at the time of elections and nominees must acknowledge acceptance of their nomination for an officer position. The current officers are Technical Sergeant Bob Kane, president; Technical Sergeant Vanessa Miguel, vice president; Technical Sergeant Patrina Sheffield, administrator; and Technical Sergeant James Branch, treasurer.

Malicious intent

Air Force users have continued to be targeted by specially crafted malicious emails. These emails contain Trojan attachments and use deceptive subject lines and return addresses

to entice their targets to open the emails. DOD networks of these targeted accounts should be considered a risk for compromised hosts and Trojan backdoor activity. If current anti-virus software does not detect and quarantine the Trojans, the potential for an infection is great. Several of the emails have return addresses designed to make the emails appear to originate from official government offices. Consider the following as you manage your email: Do you know the person/address that sent the email? Is there a reason for you to receive email from that address? Would you expect the sender to use the subject identified in the email? Does it make sense that you would receive an email on the topic? Does it contain an attachment or hyperlink? Does the attachment title match the subject of the email? For more information, call the Dobbins Helpdesk at 678-655-4589.

50s sock Hop

The fabulous 50s are back for one night, Feb. 4, at the

Dobbins Consolidated Club. Re-live the magic of the fifties while dancing the Bop, the Swing, the Stroll, the Cha Cha and don't forget the Hand Jive; all to the magical sounds played by one of Atlanta's finest DJ's. Men, comb back your DA, grab your church key; women, comb up your French lace hair do and get ready for a real wing ding. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres of the fifties from 5 to 7 p.m. and swing to your favorite songs until 9 p.m. Feel free to dress in your traditional fifties attire and join the "twist" contest to win prizes.

DD-214s now online

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. They have provided the following website for veterans to

access their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, but the form can now be downloaded from the website as well.

Valentine's Day bouquets

The Dobbins Creation Shop has everything you need to surprise your honey for Valentine's Day without hurting your pocketbook including a wide variety of baskets of love, teddy bears and silk flower bouquets. Prices start at \$7.50. Place your order early for the best selection. Delivery on base is free. For more information, stop by the Rental Center at Bldg. 558 or call 678-655-4870.

Party Bus

Rent the party bus for holiday outings, transportation to events, concerts, festivals, plays, parties, shopping trips or even a night out on the town. For pricing information, call 678-655-4870.

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Years of Service

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| O-8 | 1,102.80 | 1,138.92 | 1,162.88 | 1,169.60 | 1,199.48 | 1,249.48 | 1,261.08 | 1,308.56 | 1,322.16 | 1,363.04 | 1,422.16 | 1,476.72 | 1,513.16 | 1,513.16 | 1,513.16 |
| O-7 | 916.36 | 958.92 | 978.64 | 994.28 | 1,022.64 | 1,050.60 | 1,083.00 | 1,115.32 | 1,147.72 | 1,249.48 | 1,335.44 | 1,335.44 | 1,335.44 | 1,335.44 | 1,342.20 |
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| O-4 | 488.52 | 565.52 | 603.24 | 611.68 | 646.68 | 684.24 | 730.96 | 767.44 | 792.72 | 807.24 | 815.68 | 815.68 | 815.68 | 815.68 | 815.68 |
| O-3 | 429.52 | 486.92 | 525.56 | 573.00 | 600.40 | 630.52 | 650.04 | 682.12 | 698.76 | 698.76 | 698.76 | 698.76 | 698.76 | 698.76 | 698.76 |
| O-2 | 371.08 | 422.68 | 486.80 | 503.24 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 | 513.60 |
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| O-1E | - | - | - | 405.28 | 432.84 | 448.80 | 465.16 | 481.24 | 503.24 | 503.24 | 503.24 | 503.24 | 503.24 | 503.24 | 503.24 |
| E-9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 536.28 | 548.44 | 563.76 | 581.80 | 599.92 | 629.04 | 653.64 | 679.60 | 719.20 |
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| E-7 | 305.16 | 333.08 | 345.84 | 362.76 | 375.92 | 398.60 | 411.32 | 424.04 | 446.72 | 458.08 | 468.84 | 475.44 | 497.68 | 512.08 | 548.48 |
| E-6 | 263.96 | 290.40 | 303.24 | 315.68 | 328.68 | 358.00 | 369.40 | 382.04 | 393.16 | 397.08 | 399.80 | 399.80 | 399.80 | 399.80 | 399.80 |
| E-5 | 241.88 | 258.04 | 270.48 | 283.28 | 303.16 | 320.28 | 332.88 | 336.88 | 336.88 | 336.88 | 336.88 | 336.88 | 336.88 | 336.88 | 336.88 |
| E-4 | 221.72 | 233.08 | 245.68 | 258.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 | 269.12 |
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| E-1 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 | 169.80 |
| E-1 with less than four months: \$157.08 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Promotions

Master Sergeant

David B. Epstein
Steve J. Kim
Xavier C. Sanford

Technical Sergeant

Ralph E. Cordy, Jr.
Terrance V. James
Timothy K. Johnson

Staff Sergeant

Charles R. Cornelius
Dallas E. Criswell
Lisa M. Lawson
Michael P. Sapanza
Lamond D. Tookes

Senior Airman

Wanda F. Davison
Albert C. Deas, II
Marlon Y. Fontimayor
Terrius J. Grooms
Brenton L. Hinkle
Avery L. Jackson
Jacquelynn R. King
Brian C. Metzger
Desmond D. Smith
Justo I. Ocana

Airman 1st Class

Shameka Douglas

Newly assigned

Col. Heath J. Nuckolls

Lt. Col. Douglas L. Batson

Maj. David A. Chunn

Capt. Mark G. Moore

Chief Master Sgt.
Charlie McMillar, Jr.

Chief Master Sgt.
Darrell R. Welch

Master Sgt. Cynthia A. Cropper

Master Sgt. Katrinna G.
Johnson

Master Sgt. Rachele D. Rollins

Tech. Sgt. Mia T. Barton

Tech. Sgt. Wintress M. Brown

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Jr. Jarrell

Tech. Sgt. Lynette F. Marx

Tech. Sgt. Rennie M. Walters

Tech. Sgt. Lanetra J. Ward

Staff Sgt. Cynthia Y. Oliver

Staff Sgt. Stanley B. Trevor

Staff Sgt. Lakesha Tucker

Senior Airman
Sarah E. Gilbert

Senior Airman
Tiffany L. Pate

Senior Airman
Fredrick F. Shaver

Airman 1st Class
William C. Self

Airman 1st Class
Joseph M. Waier

Airman Basic
Amber C. Darby

Airman Basic
Derek L. Weaver

Feb UTA schedule

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Feb. 4

| Activity | Time | Location |
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| Sign in | 7-8:30 a.m. | Unit assigned |
| Wing element staff mtg | 7:15-7:45 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 1202 |
| Fit to Fight | 7:30-8:30 | Bldg. 922 |
| AFQC M16A2 | 8 a.m. | CA Range |
| Physicals | 7:30-11 a.m. | Bldg. 922 |
| CW ConOps | 8-11:30 a.m. | Bldg. 838/1322 |
| Newcomers intro | 8:30-9 a.m. | Bldg. 838/WCR |
| PC3 trng | 9-10 a.m. | Bldg. 838/MSG CONF |
| Relocations brief | 9-11 a.m. | Bldg. 838/ATN Rm |
| Newcomer's orientation | 9-11 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 1202 |
| Deployment mgrs mtg | 10-11 a.m. | Bldg. 838/MSG CONF |
| IG complaints | 10 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 138 |
| 1st Sgts/Trng Mgrs mtg | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Bldg. 838/ |
| Newcomers ancillary | 11 a.m. -3:30 p.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 1202 |
| Hearing/Physicals/Dental | 12:30-3 p.m. | Bldg. 922 & Navy |
| CDC exams | 1 p.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 2304 |
| CW ConOps | 1-3:30 p.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 1322 |
| Retreat | 4 p.m. | 700th AS |

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| Activity | Time | Location |
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| Open ranks/Sign in | 6:45-7:30 a.m. | Unit Assigned |
| AFQC all | 7:30 a.m. | CA range |
| Protestant Service | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | DARB Chapel |
| Enl. advisor council mtg | 7:45-8:30 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm WCR |
| Hearing exams | 8-11 a.m. | Navy Clinic |
| Top 3 | 8-9 a.m. | Bldg. 729/MM Ctr |
| Chiefs Call (mandatory) | 8:30-9 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 1202 |
| HRDC mtg | 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm WCR |
| Catholic service | 9-10 a.m. | Navy Chapel |
| Chiefs Grp mtg | 9-10:30 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 1202 |
| CDC exams | 9 a.m.-noon | Bldg. 838/Rm 2304 |
| NBCC/CBRNE initial | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 1320 |
| Protestant service | 10-11 a.m. | Navy Chapel |
| Commander's mtg | 10-11 a.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm WCR |
| 56 Group mtg | 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Bldg. 747/Rm 121 TPC |
| Ribbon Cutting | 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Bldg. 922 |
| Relocation brief | 12:30-2 p.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 2406 |
| Flying Safety | 1-2 p.m. | Bldg. 732/700 AS |
| CDC exams | 1 p.m. | Bldg. 838/Rm 2304 |

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