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Annual award winners recognized for achievements

By Senior Airman David Atchison and Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard
Public Affairs

The Annual Outstanding Airmen Awards are given to those who maintain their resolve and strive for distinction when mediocrity starts to set in. The 2005 award winners are Airman 1st Class Eric Anderson, 700th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, Tech. Sgt. Glen Saunders, 94th Maintenance Squadron C-130 communication and navigation craftsman, Master Sgt. Brad Sims (ret.) Formal Training Unit assistant registrar and Master Sgt. Edward L. Hart, Jr., 94th Operation Support Squadron first sergeant.

"I strongly recommended Airman Anderson for the Airman of the Quarter Award," said Chief Master Sgt. John Cowman, 700th Airlift Squadron loadmaster

superintendent. "He was sought out by the loadmaster instructor cadre to work with loadmaster students during flight training events in support of the formal training unit mission." Airman Anderson was also handpicked to participate in the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Chief Master Sergeant Induction



Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard

Airman 1st Class Eric Anderson

Ceremony as well as Operation Varsity, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the largest air-drop in World War II because of his outstanding achievements.

Tech. Sgt. Glen Saunders,

NCO of the Year, is regarded as a "cutting edge" technician by his superiors. A key team member, Sergeant Saunders manages his shop's Precision Measurement Equipment and Supply Equipment programs. His efforts have streamlined and improved equipment transportation procedures



Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard

Tech. Sgt. Glen Saunders

and costs. He also took the lead on the C-130 Satellite Communications antenna modification from July to September 2005. Lt. Col. Paul Meyer said Sergeant Saunders has a volunteer

spirit and puts team goals first. "He was key to the 94th Maintenance Group earning the 2004 Air Force Reserve Command Maintenance Effectiveness Award." Sergeant Saunders also recently completed an Operation JOINT FORCE deployment in the Balkans area of



Photo by Don Peek

Master Sgt. Edward L. Hart, Jr.

operations.

"Sergeant Sims exemplifies Air Force Core Values," said Col. Joseph Thomas, former 94th OSS commander. "His integrity, work excellence and devotion to the Air

Force are obvious in the positive, wing-wide affect he has had while helping create the Dobbins C-130 Hercules FTU."

Around the base, Sergeant Sims is regarded as the FTU expert, added Colonel Thomas. Sergeant Sims earned the rarely awarded Occupational Instructor Certificate; a higher tenure certificate awarded only to those individuals who have actively served as a FTU instructor for more than two years. He also volunteers for the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps flights, allowing more than 1,600 high school students the opportunity to fly on a C-130.

First Sergeant of the Year honors go to Master Sgt. Edward L. Hart, Jr. "He is the top first sergeant I have seen in 22 years of service," said Colonel Thomas. "He was the linchpin in the newly created 94th OSS, providing indispensable administrative and personnel expertise.

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94 AW Financial Management earns award

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia
Public Affairs

The 94th Airlift Wing's Financial Management section was recently named the winner of the Air Force Reserve Command's financial acts and services award.

The honor was given as a result of the AFRC's financial management and comptroller of the year award competition that recognized four organizations and 16 individuals for contributions made during fiscal year 2005.

The award nomination reflects the reasons why the section from Dobbins Air Reserve Base was deserving of the recognition. Within a week following Hurricane Katrina, volunteers from Dobbins rallied to support fellow Airmen and their families from the Gulf Coast

region that were evacuated to Dobbins. To handle the influx of evacuees, the finance section quickly setup additional workstations to process travel entitlements for displaced Airmen from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Side-by-side with finance personnel from Keesler, the 94th AW's finance section spent long work hours and weekends developing a matrix to make sure hurricane evacuees received every entitlement available.

The knowledge that many of the finance personnel from Keesler left their own displaced families, destroyed homes and civilian jobs to help process other members of the 403rd Airlift Wing, the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron and the 815th Airlift Squadron motivated the Dobbins team to work quickly and efficiently to provide the best financial support possible. Within a two-week period, the section processed

more than 700 vouchers and kept customer service open continuously while evacuees relocated to Dobbins enroute to other safe-havens.

Retired 94th AW comptroller Ms. Rosie Avant wrote in the award nomination that despite never working together before, the personnel from Dobbins and Keesler functioned as one team with one mission – to promptly pay every evacuee what was owed with compassion, respect and professionalism. According to Ms. Avant, the section was "a living example of service before self."

The AFRC award means the 94th AW finance section will represent the command and contend against other Air Force-level command nominees to be named the Air Force's top organization in the financial acts and services award category.

94th Airman receives two Army commendations serving In Iraq

By Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield Wilt
622nd Regional Support Group,
Public Affairs

Before he deployed to Iraq last 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 Readiness Squadron 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 anyone who needed it,"

he said.

Even when sent to Landstuhl Air Base, Germany, for surgery, he took his weapon with him -- and returned to the front, 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 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 Spiker, 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 15 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 10, 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.

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."



Courtesy Photo

Senior Airman Bert Alcon volunteered to be attached to the U.S. Army and traveled all over Iraq as convoy security. Like Air Force Special Operations, he was one of a few Air Force personnel allowed to carry his weapons at all times. He enjoyed his duty so much, he said he'd do the same deployment again.



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New commander returns to Dobbins

By Col. Heath J. Nuckolls
94th Airlift Wing, commander



Photo by Don Peck

As General MacArthur stated upon his landing in the Philippines in World War II, "I have returned." It is with great pleasure that I return to the 94th Airlift Wing and to once again serve with you. It's a rare opportunity to serve in an outstanding organization such as this twice in one career...so, I count myself fortunate.

As I try and settle into a routine, one memory, which I had forgotten, has

become very clear and that is the fast pace of Dobbins. There is always something happening here. At times you wonder if there is enough time in the day to accomplish everything that's required. Believe me, there are days when there isn't enough time nor will there be. So that means we must make a list of priorities and at the top of that list needs to be readiness. While you're here, you need to make sure that you're doing everything necessary to be ready if called upon.

In today's environment, an event can happen in an instant, whether it's something like 9/11 or Hurricane Katrina...we must be ready to respond. As many of our Aerial Port personnel recently found out, there may not be a lot of time to get ready when called upon. In this day of total force, there's a possibility that anyone of us could be the first one needed to accomplish the job; so we must be prepared.

I believe there will be some unique challenges facing us over the next few years as the military goes through a transformation process to meet the needs of the future as well as continuing through the Base Realignment and Closure process. I look forward to meeting and serving with each and every member of this organization through all of these changes and challenges.

Reflections on my time at Dobbins

By Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Stogsdill
(ret.)
Former 94th Airlift Wing, commander

What is my most memorable experience at the 94th?

I had many great experiences with the 94th. Some memorable because they were very funny and others memorable because of the outstanding performance of the members of the 94th Airlift Wing.

It would only be right to cover the outstanding performance first and I must admit that it is a hard to pick between our outstanding performances during the Operational Readiness Inspection and during the Health Services Inspection. The HSI stands out because so much work, by both 94th and 22nd Air Force personnel, went into getting ready for the inspection. The results were so phenomenal and were recognized with a best seen to date excellent rating.

I had never seen any unit receive anything higher than a satisfactory and it was fantastic to see the hard work and effort recognized in such a great way.

The funny experiences will also stand out in my mind as I reflect on my time with the 94th. I think the funniest situation was when, after working extra

hours on the Saint Mere Eglise, France deployment, a couple of the "professionals" from the Operations Group decided to pull a practical joke on me. They called my office pretending to be a very senior Air Force leader. Trust me I took the bait, hook, line and sinker. Fortunately they broke out laughing and gave themselves away before I screwed myself too far into the ceiling. I know that my wife Jan will still be kidding me about this 20 or 30 years from now.

Civil Engineering, not to be outdone, provided me some real laughs over an exploding toilet. Fortunately, no one was hurt during the explosion. My retirement speech will also be a lasting memory for me and is the only time that I've ever tried to shout down an F-22 engine as it was doing a maintenance run.

What will I miss about the 94th?

I'll miss the people, What a wonderful bunch of professionals. Everyone at Dobbins made my job easy and I will always feel privileged to have been the commander of the 94th.

What are my retirement plans?

I feel very blessed that I don't have to go in search of a paycheck. I plan to be a dad and volunteer at things that will have a positive influence on our youth and the future of this great country.

My only wish for the wing is to always stay relevant in the defense of our nation and its freedoms. God Bless America.

A big thank you

By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane
302nd Airlift Wing, commander,
former 94th Airlift Wing,
commander

Before Diane and I retire from the Air Force Reserve we wanted to share with the Dobbins' family a simple and heartfelt message.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Each and every member of the 94th Airlift Wing and all the men and women that have been part of my career and our lives, thank you for your support. You have performed extraordinary tasks. As I think back to the struggles we worked through to stand up the school house, the simulator challenges or the delightful Air Mobility Command and Air Education and Training Command operational readiness inspections, I can't help but be proud of your professionalism and dedication.

We went through the horror of 9/11 together. The way we pulled together as a team will always be a bright spot in the horrific memory. You showed why the 94th is such a superb unit. I was, and still am proud of your response.

I can't begin to detail every success but I do know that each and every squadron has a myriad of accomplishments of which to be proud.

It was an honor and privilege to be your commander for six years. I am retiring from the 302nd Airlift Wing, but there will always be a place in my heart for the 94th and I will always be proud that I had the opportunity to serve with you.

You have made my career richer and more rewarding, but far more importantly; you have made our nation stronger and our military presence more respected. For you should be proud. Thanks again to you great American Patriots.

Dobbins Police Blotter

Nice catch

The perimeter fence line along the ramp from Highway 280 to Highway 41 was hit by a car. It was reported that the car backed away from the fence and left the scene of the accident. The car in question is described as being a white, two-door Pontiac or Chevrolet, no other information was available. The fence was not breached but was heavily damaged.

Don't speed

Security Forces initiated a traffic stop at Dobbins Place and Atlantic Avenue on a white Ford Crown Victoria. An AF Form 1408 was issued to the individual for speeding on Atlantic Avenue. Patrol-2 advised the individual was acting irate and was fidgeting inside of his vehicle.

Vehicle accident

Security Forces was notified that a fuel truck had stuck the pole at Gate-2 trying to avoid

an accident at that location. Patrol-1 made contact with the operator of the Penn Tank Line fuel truck. The fuel truck operator was unaware that he had made contact with the pole. There was no visual damage to the fuel truck.

Vehicle vandalized

A reservist reported that her vehicle was vandalized at the Country Inn of Marietta, Ga. at approximately 6:15 a.m. The member notified Marietta Police Department and filed a report. The member also stated that the Marietta Police officer informed her that two other incidents had occurred at the Wingate Hotel less than 24 hours prior.

In-flight emergency

Security Forces received a call on the CRASH phone of an in-flight emergency on an aircraft with reported fuel/ and flaps problems. The aircraft landed safely on Runway 11 at 12:53 p.m. The in-flight emer-

gency was terminated by Base Ops at 1 p.m. Base Ops notified SFCC that the aircraft will be staying overnight parked on the transient ramp.

Suspicious letter

Security Forces was notified by Dobbins Fire and Emergency Services that a suspicious package was discovered. Responding officials described that package as a white letter from Guatemala. The report stated that a mailroom attendant had already opened the letter before calling 911 and that the letter seemed non-explosive.

Truck in ditch

Security Forces received a call from a person stating he had driven his 1998 Ford Explorer off the road behind the Dobbins Consolidated Club and wanted assistance. Security officials arrived on scene and determined that a tow truck would be needed. A tow truck pulled the vehicle out from the ditch.

Two women, two leaders

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman
Public Affairs

Editors note: March is Women's History month and the Minuteman highlights Master Sgts. Paula Barnes and Sparkle Adams.

Two women, four careers, one Air Force Reserve — the numbers add up to one new career advisor, a military retirement and service in an elected office. The two women are Master Sgts. Paula Barnes and Sparkle Adams.

Sergeant Barnes is the new 94th Mission Support Group career advisor. Sergeant Adams is retiring from the Reserve and career advisor position to serve as a newly elected councilwoman for the City of Forest Park, Ga. Both women have primary civilian careers.

"My Reserve career has prepared me for my public office position," said Sergeant Adams. "My experience in dealing with people and following through with processes has been developed and enhanced throughout my military career."

Sergeant Adams has served in the Air Force Reserve for 25 years. She began her military service in the active duty at the

age of 20 as an air traffic controller. Those years of experience in the military and government service with the United States Postal Service were stepping stones for Sergeant Adams to be the first African-American elected official in the City of Forest Park, Ga.

"I want to bring a new awareness to Forest Park," said Sergeant Adams. "I believe the way neighbors use to watch out for each other and community activities such as block parties serve as a model for contemporary times."

Sergeant Adams plans to implement community involvement with adult block captains. Each captain will have responsibility for a certain number of houses. A junior council for students, ages 8 to 12 and a teen council, ages 13 to 19, would involve the young people and instill a sense of community and involvement.

"The working together of block captains and the junior and teen councils, will bridge the gap between generations," she said. "I can't save the whole world and maybe I can't save this city. But I can make sure my ward is a much better place to live."

A retirement ceremony with a reception is planned for

Sergeant Adams on Sunday of the April unit training assembly.

Sergeant Barnes has served in the Air Force Reserve for 20 and half years. Her previous assignment was the 94th Mission Support Squadron's chief of employment and relocation and personnel contingency operation team chief.

"I enjoy working with and helping people," said Sergeant Barnes. "My new assignment as career advisor offers me the opportunity to empower others to make the right decisions regarding their careers and help the Air Force Reserve retain the service of our men and women in uniform assigned here."

In addition to retention Sergeant Barnes will oversee the activities and operations of career advisors within the units that fall under the 94th MSG.

"The military offers many opportunities," said Sergeant Barnes. "Whether you attain a job title of superintendent, command chief master sergeant or unit commander, it's all about completing your career development courses, your primary military education and civilian education."

Sergeant Barnes credits her mom for instilling a positive attitude and the will to succeed.



Photo by Master Sgt. Stan Coleman

Master Sgt. Sparkle Adams (top) prepares Master Sgt. Paula Barnes to take the reigns as the 94th Mission Support Group career advisor.

"My mom would always emphasize that perseverance leads to success no matter how long it takes," she said.

"Chief Edna Whitehead, the 94th Airlift Wing's first chief enlisted service advisor also mentored me regarding my career," said Sergeant Barnes. "It is important to have role models and people you can talk to during your career."

Sergeant Barnes works for Aetna Inc., a nationally known insurance company. As a manager with Aetna, Sergeant Barnes' job involves coordination with dental service providers within a six-state area.

"Education, participation and dedication are key to having a successful career in the Reserve," said Sergeant Barnes. "Education doesn't stop with high school or college, it continues throughout the rest of your life."

"You also have to be dedicated to participate, especially when it comes to balancing your civilian responsibilities along with your Reserve obligation," she said. "It takes special people to serve in the Reserves. We would like to make sure our men and women know that their service is valuable and the Reserves value the retention of their services."

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NCO Leadership Development Program

By Senior Master Sgt. Calvin Stevens
94th Civil Engineer Squadron, first sergeant and former NCOLDP facilitator

For years, middle-level enlisted personnel have looked for ways to improve their leadership skills and gain tools that will assist in handling current Air Force Reserve Command issues. In 1989, the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program was established to meet this need. The Noncommissioned Officer

Leadership Development Program is a 10-day course, which explores college level academic, and leadership instruction and the application of those concepts to current Air Force issues.

For six days, Central College of Texas instructors teach students management theory, time management, communication skills and other college-level management and leadership material. The other four days, students learn to apply the techniques learned to a military environment under the facilitation of Air Force Reserve

Command facilitators. Students recognize the differences between leadership and management, develop team-building skills, and understand how addressing common problems can improve morale, productivity and retention.

In addition to earning two college credits, many of the graduates of the program have gone on to successful senior NCO positions. More than 40,000 reservists, civilians, active duty and other branches of the military have attended this course. More than 150 members have graduated from

the program right here at Dobbins.

As part of the program, each class is divided into teams to work on a "leadership challenge." The purpose of the challenge is to encourage class members to become actively involved in leadership. It provides an opportunity for the command chief master sergeant to interact and provide guidance and mentorship to students.

While the program targets staff and technical sergeants, several fast-track senior airman and master sergeants looking for an effective leadership course

have attended the program. The overwhelming success of the NCOLDP is reflected by the high retention rate of attendees. Almost 80 percent of all NCOLDP graduates choose to continue their reserve career.

The next opportunity to attend this 10-day program at Dobbins will be May 8 through 19. In order to attend the May session, a request signed by your commander must be submitted to the Base Training Manager Senior Master Sgt. Angela Cooper. The deadline for submitting the application is April 1.

Position-vacancy promotions change for Reservists

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force Reserve Command is changing the way it determines the number of early officer promotions, known as position-vacancy promotions.

"Starting with the February Air Force Reserve major promotion selection board, we linked position-vacancy promotion quotas to mandatory promotion board quotas," said Col. Shaun Kelleher, chief of the force management policy division of the Air Force Reserve. "But, position-vacancy promotions will still not be at the expense of the mandatory board promotions."

To obtain the number of position-vacancy promotions, the Air Force Reserve will take a percentage of its mandatory board quotas. For lieutenant colonel it will be 20 percent of the mandatory board quota, and 30 percent for major.

"For the first time, we will know how many position-vacancy promotions will be available before a promotion board convenes and be able to predict the number of position-vacancy promotions," Colonel Kelleher said.

In the past, the Air Force Reserve applied a percentage to the number of position-vacancy nominations submitted to determine how many people were promoted. There was no way to predict the number of officers submitted for consideration, so there was no way to predict the number of resulting promotions until the results were in and the board actually convened.

Analysis shows the number of officers submitted for position-vacancy promotion consideration increased almost 70 percent in the past five years. For

promotion to major, the number grew from 107 nominated to almost 180. For promotion to lieutenant colonel, the number climbed from 273 to more than 450.

As a result, the number of officers promoted early to major and lieutenant colonel increased, with no means to accurately predict the number of position-vacancy promotions in the future. This created a major obstacle in the promotion-planning process.

Under the new policy, the number of position-vacancy promotions will decrease and become more predictable.

In 2005, the Air Force Reserve selected 107 officers for position-vacancy promotion to major. If the new formula had been applied, the number selected would have been 30 percent of 290 or 87.

Last year 182 were picked for position-vacancy promotion to lieutenant colonel. The new formula would have yielded 20 percent of 486 or 98 selectees.

"Position-vacancy promotions are to be used for 'exceptionally well qualified' individuals," Colonel Kelleher said. "With this change, commanders will have to look closer at those being nominated and only forward their truly best qualified officers."

Although there are no position-vacancy promotions to colonel, the early promotions to major and lieutenant colonel created larger year groups eligible for promotion to colonel. These larger year groups increased the number of officers promoted, which resulted in more colonel selectees than colonel positions available.

Lunch and Learn



Photo by Don Peek

Mr. Hiram Little, an original Tuskegee Airman who served as a flight officer during World War II, talked about his experiences and the Freeman Field Mutiny. The event took place at the Dobbins Consolidated Club on Valentine's Day. Mr. Little, along with 101 black officers, refused to sign a document that would restrict black officers from attending the segregated officer's club. The Dobbins ARB Black Heritage Committee sponsored the "A Lunch and Learn" event in celebration of Black History Month.

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Sergeant Hart saved hundreds of man hours by creating a new continuity book format which was adopted as the squadron standard.

Sergeant Hart also created the Airman Recognition Program which was adopted for base wide use and the Diamond Sharp and the Diamond Well-Done award programs which recognize

those who exhibit exceptional dress and appearance or performance above standards. He is recognized as an enlisted leader and a trusted advisor to the command of the OSS.

"We should all congratulate those outstanding service members," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike West, 94th Airlift Wing command chief. "In a way, their achievements are our own because the goals they strive for are the goals we all strive to attain."

Air Force dress and appearance

By 1st Lt Len Sobieski
94th Mission Support Squadron,
Military Personnel Flight commander

Based on the significant number of awards established and approved for wear by Airmen over the past several years, I wanted to publish an updated order of precedence chart for the most common Air Force awards and decorations. Additionally, I thought this would be a good opportunity to address some common dress and appearance fallacies:

* Upon recommendation of the 96th and 97th U.S. Air Force uniform boards, the Chief of Staff authorized the indoor wear of the lightweight blue jacket, prohibited the wear of a scrubmy by a hair accessory, and required hair pins and bands to match hair color. Additionally, he authorized Airmen to wear one conservative, solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone on the left side of the waist. They may still be carried in a purse or in the left hand. Furthermore, Airmen may only use hands-free headsets or earplugs and walk in uniform while using cell phones or radios in the performance of official duties using a government issued device.

* With the exception of chaplain and aeronautical badges, the occupational badge of an Airman's current duty Air Force specialty code, if worn, must be in the top position over any other awarded occupational badge(s). Regardless of the level of the badge (for example, a senior master sergeant 3P001 that retrains, and is awarded a 3-skill level, would wear the basic badge of their new DAFSC above their master force protection badge).
















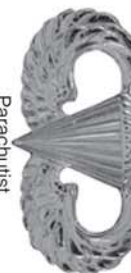
















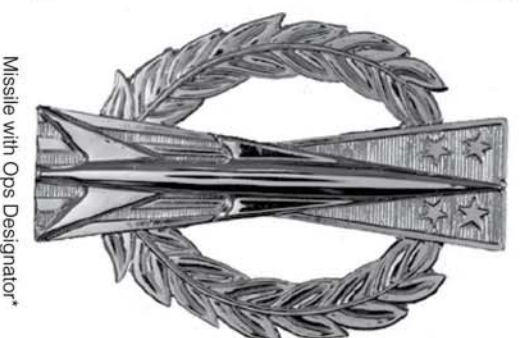




* Many reservists have previously served in other branches and later joined the Reserve and completed formal training; however, the Air Force Training Ribbon is only awarded for completion of USAF accession training (i.e. USAF Basic Military Training or USAF Reserve Officer Training Corps). Therefore, unless an Airman has completed USAF accession training they are not eligible for the AFTR; however, they are entitled to wear most ribbons from their former branch of service, such as an Army Service Award.

* On the other hand, the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon is awarded for every 4 years of satisfactory military service that are creditable for retirement. Therefore, unlike the AFTR the AFLSA Ribbon is awarded based on completion of service with any branch (i.e. 2 years of satisfactory service with the U.S. Army and 2 years of satisfactory service with the USARF would entitle an Airman to their basic AFLSA Ribbon).

* Unfortunately, with the exception of aeronautical and parachutist badges most non-USAFAF badges are not authorized to be worn by Airmen. While the Army combat infantry and medical badges are authorized, the expert infantry and medical badges are not. Additionally, the parachutist rigger and Army air assault and pathfinder badges are only authorized to be worn while performing duties with non-USAFAF air assault, pathfinder or rigger units. Furthermore, the Chief of Staff upon recommendation of the 97th U.S. Air Force uniform board, specifically disapproved the adoption of an Air Force rigger badge.

The Air Force guidance for awards and decorations is detailed in Air Force Instruction 36-2803, dress and appearance in AFI 36-2903 and badges in AFIs 36-2923 and 11-402. The Military Personnel Flight points of contact are the customer service element for dress and appearance at 678-655-5529, and the career enhancement element for awards and decorations at 678-655-5002. I encourage every Airman to review their military personnel records via the virtual MPF to identify any possible discrepancies and e-mail correction requests to 94mss.dpm@dobbins.af.mil so they can be forwarded to the appropriate action office.

Occupational Badges

*A new space badge will replace the existing missile occupational and functional badges. The new badge was authorized in November 2005 and will be available for purchase in 2006.

Officers: Wear the senior badge, with star, after seven years in the specialty and the master badge, with star and wreath, after 15 years in the specialty. Exception: Medical service officers line in specialty includes any service credit awarded at the time of appointment.

Enlisted: Wear the senior badge after award of the seven-skill level and the master badge as a master sergeant or above with the years in the specialty from award of the seven-skill level. Exception: Chief master sergeants cross-flowed into a new career field wear the senior badge of the new career field after 12 months and the master badge after five years.

AWARDS & DECORATIONS
































































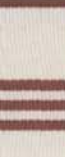

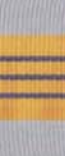














SilverBronze Stars
The bronze star represents participation in campaigns or operations, or awards for meritorious service or any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized. The silver star is worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but below the bronze star. The bronze service stars, when worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the right of any bronze star(s).

Oak Leaf Clusters
The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent award of the same decoration. The oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or additional awards. The silver oak leaf clusters, silver oak leaf clusters, and the weaver's right of the bronze oak leaf clusters on the same ribbon.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
America Service Medal
The America Service Medal Campaign Medal is awarded to personnel who are directly involved in the defense of the United States. It is awarded to personnel who are directly involved in the defense of the United States. It is awarded to personnel who are directly involved in the defense of the United States.

Acute Service Device
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Arabic Numerals
Arabic numerals are worn on the Armed Forces participation in additional campaigns.

Civilian Awards

						
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WHO'S WHO



Name: Donna Bridges
 Rank: Master Sgt.
 Unit: 94th Airlift Wing
 Position: Legal Office manager
 Favorite movie: Message in a Bottle
 Hidden talent: party planning and decorating
 Civilian job: air reserve technician
 Married/single: single



Name: Elsa Ramanand
 Rank: Airman 1st Class
 Unit: 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron
 Position: dietician
 Favorite movie: Born Free
 Hidden talent: cooking and hiking
 Civilian job: chiropractic assistant
 Married/single: married



Name: Ginger Hutcherson
 Rank: Senior Master Sgt.
 Unit: 622nd Regional Support Group
 Position: Education and Training NCOIC
 Favorite movie: any Disney movie
 Hidden talent: running and arts and crafts
 Civilian job: support specialist
 Married/single: married

Photos by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard



Name: Sarah Gilbert
 Rank: Senior Airman
 Unit: 94th Airlift Wing
 Position: command post controller
 Favorite movie: Wedding Crashers and Napoleon Dynamite
 Hidden talent: cheerleading and working out
 Civilian job: police officer
 Married/single: married



Name: Elisha Bowens
 Rank: Staff Sgt.
 Unit: 94th Mission Support Squadron
 Position: customer service assistant chief
 Favorite movie: Diary of a Mad Black Woman
 Hidden talent: dancing
 Civilian job: air reserve technician
 Married/single: single



Name: Trevor Stanley
 Rank: Staff Sgt.
 Unit: 94th Aircraft Maintenance Flight
 Position: crew chief
 Favorite Movie: Steven Segal's Out For Justice
 Hidden talent: fixing up old cars
 Civilian job: post office truck driver
 Married/single: married

Air Force releases new mission statement

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The realities of the world have changed dramatically since the creation of the Air Force in 1947 and continue to change almost daily.

With these changes in mind, Air Force leaders released a new mission statement Dec. 7 that defines the current and future direction of the Air Force.

"Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting and filled with a wide range of challenges," Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a joint Letter to Airmen. "Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise."

The mission statement defines the "where and what" the Air Force accomplishes on a daily basis:

The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

The statement includes two new concepts, "sovereign options" and "cyberspace," which the secretary and chief defined.

They said having sovereign options is the essence of being a superpower.

"Our task is to provide the president, the combatant commanders, and our nation with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy's defenses," they said. "With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world."

The term cyberspace includes network security, data transmission and the sharing of information.

"We have quite a few of our Airmen dedicated to cyberspace ... from security awareness, making sure the networks can't be penetrated, as well as figuring out countermeasures," Secretary Wynne said. "The Air Force is a natural leader in the cyber world and we thought it would be best to recognize that talent."

Adversaries of the United States will use any method or venue necessary to contest America, and it is an Airman's calling to dominate air, space and cyberspace, the leaders said.

"If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts," they said. "If our enemies underestimate our resolve, then we will fly, fight, and destroy them."

Using past air power pioneers as examples of understanding the mission, they said, "The Air Force's mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do."

Blue Angels to appear at the Naval Air Station in April

By Mr. Thom Cooney
Naval Air Station Atlanta,
Public Affairs

Navy Captain Rick Cline, Naval Air Station Atlanta commander, announced the Navy's premier flight demonstration team, The Blue Angels, will headline "Angels over Atlanta 2006" scheduled April 29 and 30 at Naval Air Station Atlanta.

"I'm pleased to announce that the Blue Angels will return to the Naval Air Station to perform for the people of North Georgia and Cobb County who have supported the military over the years," Captain Cline said.

"The team is celebrating its 60th year performing and demonstrating the professionalism and skill that naval

aviators learn in flight school to earn their wings," he added.

"Angels over Atlanta 2006" will include other entertaining flight demonstrations by civilian performers and military aircraft. There will be additional military and civilian aircraft available to view on the ground.

There will be no admission charge for the air show.

"This air show and open house is our way of saying 'thank you' to the community and the opportunity to present a family fun experience," said Captain Cline.

A complete list of aircraft and performers will be announced in the near future. An air show recorded information number, 678-655-7036, will be updated as performers are added and will include other general information.

Welcome home 80th APS



Photo by Mr. Don Peek

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Harper, 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard; Master Sgt. Tommy White, 80th Aerial Port Squadron; and Master Sgt. Dawn Griffin, also of the 80th APS, talk and enjoy food at the 80th APS' welcome home celebration hosted last month by Family Support. Eighty-eight members of the 80th Aerial Port Squadron returned to Dobbins Air Reserve Base in December after nearly a year on active duty working from various locations stateside and overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sergeant White, an air terminal operations specialist, said the deployment was an excellent opportunity for the squadron to perform its mission. "We are basically a mobile 'mini airport,'" said Sergeant White. "We had a mission and we accomplished it. It was excellent training." The experience was so meaningful to Sergeant White that he has volunteered for another assignment to work in support of OIF.

Security Forces' new toy



Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard

Staff Sgt. Rick Berghult, 94th Security Forces elite gate guard, aims in on passing vehicles. He doesn't have a specific target. He says he'd be happy to "shoot" anyone that drives by because at least one person deserves it. The new LIDAR system is the latest in speed detection at Dobbins.

By Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard
Public Affairs

Light Detection and Ranging or LIDAR is the newest form of traffic enforcement technology being employed here at Dobbins. Not to be confused with RADAR, an older device still in use today, LIDAR is a handheld, "point and shoot" piece of equipment that is much more effective.

Dobbins Security Forces work with local police departments to share information and technology. Officer Rob Wessell, Alpharetta Police Department, teaches the LIDAR certification course for Dobbins officers. The course is extensive, requiring classroom time as well as field training before an officer is certified to actually use the device for law enforcement. Dobbins Security personnel take the same class that the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training board requires of local departments. Tech. Sgt. Justin Wilson, 94th Security Forces Squadron training NCOIC said, "We realized the need for more effective traffic enforcement on

base to keep pedestrians safer and reduce accidents." He added that there has been a notable decrease in the number of accidents on base since the employment of the LIDAR. During the course, officers are trained in the basics of laser technology, how to test and operate the device, case law pertaining to its use as well as possible errors with the system and how to avoid them.

Commonly referred to as a "laser," LIDAR is much more advanced than previous speed detection devices. The most common known device, RADAR uses a Doppler signal similar to what meteorologists use to detect weather patterns. The signal is sent out from the unit and gradually becomes larger as it advances. When the signal hits a moving object such as a vehicle, the signal is then bounced back to the device. The internal computer measures the time it takes for the signal to get back and forth and is able to calculate the speed of the object. The problem with RADAR is the size of the beam, which becomes large very quickly and can take up too many lanes of traffic, so the biggest vehicle is

the one that sends back the reading, not the fastest. The RADAR is also very easily detectable since the spread is so large. LIDAR is different primarily because of a smaller beam. At 1,000 feet, the signal is only three feet wide. So since most cars are about six feet wide, LIDAR is vehicle specific.

The laser itself looks a lot like a laser gun from a sci-fi movie. An officer points it at a vehicle, stares through the top sight and is able to see a red beam where he is aiming. The result is an absolute target and a more accurate measurement of speed. Jamming and detection devices that would have worked on a RADAR system are useless on the LIDAR. This is because the beam is so specific and on for such a short period of time, if a detector was able to pick up the signal, it would be too late.

"The goal of utilizing the LIDAR is to provide better enforcement of traffic law," said Master Sgt. Terry Wilson, 94th SFS shift supervisor. With police and military technology ever changing, Dobbins Security Forces are doing their best to stay at the cutting edge.

Get a free Georgia driver's license

By Maj. Manubir Arora
Dobbins Legal Services

Waiting in line for hours at the DMV is an American right of passage. However, Georgia recently announced that veterans will get free driver's licenses that do not need to be renewed until the veteran turns age 65. After age 65, Georgia will require you to have a vision test then issue you a license good for 5 more years.

Georgia defines a veteran as someone who can present evidence of honorable active duty service in the Armed Forces of the United States (e.g. a DD Form 214) and that they served in one of many conflicts ranging from the Spanish-American War to the Persian Gulf.

For most of us, the last time we thought about the Spanish-American war was in elementary school. Regardless, if you know someone who served back then, you may not want to tell them about this benefit from the DMV. Should those that served in 1898 really be driving? Just give them a ride.

Coming back to reality...any member who served on active duty in excess of 90 days in the ongoing conflict in the Middle East will be eligible for this driver's license. Please understand that being activated for training purposes does not qualify you for the Georgia Veteran's License.

Evidence must also be presented you were a resident of the State of Georgia at the time of your enlistment or induction (and that your home was in Georgia at that time) or that you had been enlisted or commissioned elsewhere and have been a resident of Georgia for at least 2 consecutive years preceding the date of application for the driver's license.

All of the information needed to get the driver's license is contained on your copy of the Armed Forces separation papers (Form DD214). If you have served in one of the above listed conflicts for at least 90 days, you

should have a DD Form 214 (in accordance with AFI 36-3202, paragraph 3.1.3).

The DD214 must be presented to any office of the State Department of Veteran Services for a review by that Agency. The qualified veteran will be issued a certificate of eligibility (DS516), signed by the veteran and the certifying official. This certificate and DD214 is then presented, by the veteran, to any examining office of the Department of Driver Services for any required test and issuance of the license.

In addition, all members or former members of the Georgia National Guard or reserve forces, who have 20 or more years of creditable service, are entitled to a veteran's license. A document of certification must be obtained from the Adjutant General of the State of Georgia, stating the applicant's eligibility, and presented to any examining office of the Department of Driver Services.

Finally, the spouse of a disabled, honorably separated veteran who does not have a driver's license or the unmarried spouse of a deceased, honorably separated veteran, is entitled to the same benefits as those received by the veteran. For the unmarried spouse, the death certificate along with DD214 must be submitted to the State Department of Veteran Services to obtain a certificate of eligibility.

After all our years in the Reserve, we finally have a benefit worth re-enlisting for. While the thought of waiting in line at the DMV for hours on end seemed to enrich our lives in cosmic ways we may never understand, be strong and take advantage of this program. Otherwise, you will get the privilege of spending a few hours in line with the people that didn't make the cut for the Jerry Springer Show. Wow!

Additional information on obtaining a driver's license in Georgia can be found at <http://www.dds.ga.gov/drivers/index.aspx>.

Don't miss the Dobbins Consolidated Club Block Party



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The party is **free** so come out April 1 and enjoy some music, food and fun. The party begins at 4 p.m. Don't miss it!

56 Group elections

The election for officers for the Dobbins 56 Group will be held on Sunday, March 12 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 Tech. Sgt. Bob Kane, president; Tech. Sgt. Vanessa Miguel, vice president; Tech. Sgt. Patrina Sheffield, administrator; and Tech. Sgt. James Branch, treasurer.

St. Patrick's Day triathlon tournament

On March 17, the Dobbins Consolidated Club will host its Annual Pool, Dart and Ping Pong Triathlon tournament. So if you think you've got game, this is the place to be. You won't want to miss this opportunity to show off

your skills. There will be great prizes, great food and great fun. All events will take place from 5:30 to 10 p.m. The pool portion of the tournament will be single elimination while the ping pong and dart portions of the tournament will be double elimination. To sign up for this exciting event, call the club at 770-427-5551.

See Rock City

March 25 is the trip to Rock City, a true marvel of nature featuring massive rock formations and gardens. During this trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., you will also get to see Ruby Falls and the Incline Railroad. The cost of this triple treasure trip is \$48 for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under. To sign up, call the Rental Center at 678-655-4870, but hurry, the last day to sign up for this exciting nature trip is Wednesday, March 15.

Attention all softball players

The softball season will soon be upon us and we are look-

ing forward to another exciting intramural softball season. The season will commence on Tuesday, March 28 and run until approximately June 8. Tournament games will begin June 13. Our mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Monday, March 20 at 5 p.m. in the Rental Center, Bldg. 558. Rosters will need to be presented at that time. This league is open to all military, DOD civilians and contractors working on Dobbins. All participants must have an ID card. To be part of Dobbins Softball League, call the Fitness Center at 678-655-4872.

Photo contest

The Public Affairs Office is sponsoring a photo contest for the *Minuteman*. We're looking for interesting shots of "Life at Dobbins—the serious and the humorous." Winners will be selected by a panel and winning photos will be published in the May issue of the *Minuteman* center spread.

Submissions must be sent electronically to 94AW.PAV3@dobbins.af.mil no later than 2 p.m. on April 2. Photos will become the exclusive property of Public Affairs Office. For more information, call 678-655-5055.

Free Turbo Tax

Do your taxes for free! As of Jan. 16, the online program Turbo Tax was made available to service members free of charge. To receive your copy, go to www.militaryonesource.com. Check it often for more information or for current updates. Don't forget you can also access your 2005 W2 online at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. The deadline to send in your income tax is April 15.

Club renovation

The Consolidated Club is scheduled for a much needed renovation in 2006. Once closed for renovation it will still operate as a club at the Dining Facility, Bldg. 813. The lunch and evening dining schedules will remain the same and will still be available for special functions. Troop feeding during the UTA's will be at the Dining Facility but operated by the club during this period. The lounge will open at the

Lakeside Facility, left pod, with normal operating hours and all activities currently scheduled. Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information on this renovation. More details and dates on the renovation will follow.

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 flightline. 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. Niel Lambert, 94th AMXF commander by April 2.

Wanted

The 94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office needs people who want to write stories and submit them to the *Minuteman* for publication. The stories can be about deployments, unit exercises, special hobbies or maybe a civilian award. If it's of interest to you it could be of interest to others around Dobbins. This could be an opportunity to get your unit in the spotlight. For more information on how to submit your story idea, call the Public Affairs office at 678-655-5055.

Don't get shot

Trespassing on the small-arms firing range, located at 2123 Munitions Road, is illegal and dangerous because of gunfire. For information or access to the range, contact the 94th Security Forces Squadron, Combat Arms Section at 678-655-3981 or the Security Forces Control Center at 678-655-4908.



Photo by Mr. Don Peek

Special guest speaker Chief Master Sgt. Timmothy M. Dickens, Defense Information Systems Agency and Joint Task Force-Global Operations, welcomes and offers words of wisdom at the 2006 Chief's Induction Ceremony during the January UTA. The purpose of the Dobbins Chiefs Group is to promote fellowship and unity among all Dobbins chief master sergeants and also among those in other branches with the same rank as well as to promote the welfare and morale of all enlisted personnel. Seven new members were added at the induction ceremony and dinner.

Recognition

The 94th Security Forces Squadron inspected all the units on the base in 2005. Of primary concern was how the commanders and unit security managers implemented their information, personnel and industrial security programs. The following unit security managers received "outstanding" evaluations from Security Forces:

Maj. John Hanson,
628th Civil Engineer
Flight

Maj. Karen Toriello-
Fite,
94th Operations Group

Chief Master Sgt.
Jeffrey Cain, 22nd Air
Force

Chief Master Sgt.
Stephen Hogan, 94th
Maintenance Group

Master Sgt. Royce
Draughn,
Transportation
Proficiency Center

Tech. Sgt. Sean
Sinclair,
AMC Det-5

Mr. Donald Teter,
Manpower Innovation
Flight

Newly assigned

Capt.
James R. Light

Master Sgt.
Robert J. Ball

Master Sgt.
Deborah A. Lavolette

Tech. Sgt.
Jeffrey B. Arms

Tech. Sgt.
Michael E. Davis Sr.

Staff Sgt.
Rickey D. Allen

Staff Sgt.
Michael S. Beck

Staff Sgt.
Christopher E. Howe

Staff Sgt.
Tonia D. Joyner

Staff Sgt.
Alicia B. Tabb

Senior Airman
Haran K. Baylor

Senior Airman
Craig A. Brumlow

Senior Airman
Robert H. Pinkston

Senior Airman
Mark D. Spivey

Senior Airman
Floyd Truehill Jr.

Senior Airman
Rekeya A. White

Senior Airman
Bradford R. Wood

Airman 1st Class
Monique A. Brinson

Airman 1st Class
Alan L. Perry

Airman
Mario L. Jones

March UTA schedule

UTA schedule subject to change

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March 11

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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 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
Non-Flying Physicals	9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 922
Medical Deploy Outpro	9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 922
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 Clinic
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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March 12

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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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