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## Navigator on the Enola Gay visits Dobbins

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia  
Public Affairs

Members of the 700th Airlift Squadron got a unique opportunity to hear a first hand account of what it was like to be the navigator on the Enola Gay, the B-29 "Superfortress" that dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, when Maj. (Ret.) Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk visited the squadron in April.

Now a resident of Stone Mountain, Ga., Mr. Van Kirk was on Tinian Island in the Pacific Ocean in 1945 preparing to navigate the Enola Gay over the Japanese island of Iwo Jima towards Hiroshima. He had little more than four years experience flying combat missions as a navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps. In that short time he had already successfully served on 58 combat missions in the European theater flying B-17s. He then secretly deployed to Wendover, Utah to help train 15 bombing crews with special B-29s to drop atom bombs.

According to Mr. Van Kirk, he and the rest of the Enola Gay's 12-man crew — including commanding officer and pilot Col. Paul Tibbets and bombardier Maj. Tom Ferebee — were unprepared for the critical top secret mission they faced compared to the degree of training aircrews receive today.

He drew a few laughs from his audience when he told them aircrews sometimes used barrels dropped into the Gulf of Mexico for target practice.

He said he couldn't rely on instruments to navigate the route to Hiroshima. Navigators in his day relied on visual recognition during the day and stars at night to find their way.

"Back in those days you couldn't just push a button," Mr. Van Kirk said. "You had to know how to navigate."

Aided by good weather, the crew of the Enola Gay

dropped the atomic bomb only 15 seconds later than scheduled. Mr. Van Kirk said people were impressed with the crew's precision but for him, it was like any other mission.

Seconds after the bomb was dropped, the Enola Gay, which had been stripped down prior to flight to reduce weight, shook from the effects of the explosion. Mr. Van Kirk said the crew couldn't see what happened on the ground but they were relieved the bomb didn't blow up the plane. "We didn't know if it would work," he said. "We were guinea pigs."

Among the attendees who keenly listened to Mr. Van Kirk was Maj. Todd Copley, a navigator and assistant operations officer in the 700th AS. Major Copley contacted Mr. Van Kirk to invite him to visit Dobbins Air Reserve Base after reading an article about the 60th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The article stated that Mr. Van Kirk was a local resident.

Major Copley searched online, found Mr. Van Kirk's email address, and invited him to come to Dobbins. To his surprise, Mr. Van Kirk quickly agreed.

"First, I couldn't believe I found him," Major Copley said. "Second, I couldn't believe how easy it was to get him to come here. He is a significant part of history. He's up there in military history with Chuck Yeager. It's fortunate he's close by. Hopefully, we can adopt him so the squadron can help him out if he needs it. We want him to know we're here for him."

During his visit to Dobbins, Mr. Van Kirk toured Lockheed Martin's plant, flew an F-22 Raptor simulator and autographed photos for anyone who asked.

Maj. Ted Anderson, a pilot in the 700th AS, was awed by Mr. Van Kirk's story.

"I'm always impressed to meet any one who's fought in World War II," Major Anderson said. "We



Photo by Don Peek

**Mr. Van Kirk signed autographs for 700th Airlift Squadron aircrew members when he visited the base in April. Reminiscing about his experience as a navigator during World War II, he said aircrews in his day couldn't rely on instruments to navigate. Rather, navigators had to use visual recognition. "We had to drop the atomic bomb visually. We were told if we couldn't drop it we were not to bring it back. They told us to drop it out into the ocean."**

are a training unit. It was interesting to hear what he and the rest of the Enola Gay's crew were put through and considering the amount of training they got. Now we do an incredible amount of training for missions that aren't nearly as dangerous."

To show their appreciation for Mr. Van Kirk's visit, Major Copley said the squadron presented him with a photo of a C130-H2 flying past Stone Mountain, and a bottle of wine bearing the squadron's insignia.

"For them to put themselves in harms way like that was incredible," Major Anderson said. "Those guys were innovators in their day."

## Services receives three awards from AFRC

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola  
Public Affairs

In April, an announcement was trumpeted to the whole Air Force Reserve Command that the Dobbins Consolidated Club, the Dobbins Services Marketing Program and Kimberly McClendon were voted the best in their category throughout the entire command.

This was no small feat considering the caliber of competition that encompasses the Air Force Reserve Command.

"Services is made up of a unique, motivated bunch of individuals," said Julie McKinney, Dobbins Services marketing

director. "These awards are a testimony to the dedication and hard work that each person puts into their job."

Under the Marketing Program of the Year Award some of the factors that brought the marketing team to the top were their high profit margin and their attention to customer needs. In the customer service arena it was noted that the marketing branch focuses on their customers by researching their desires and creating a plan of action that helps implement the plan.

The second award honored the Consolidated Club with the Club Program of the Year. The club highlighted their

ability to exceed the established benchmark goal of 74 new members by 46 percent. They also developed and implemented a new variety of programs that insured customer satisfaction by checking after-action reports and utilizing them to improve all club programs.

This system contributed to increased club sales, increased food sales and increased beverage sales. The club was also able to improve quarterly feeding by changing feeding hours to better suit the needs of reservists.

The third award recognized the individual hard work of Ms. McClendon who was awarded the Civilian Technician

of the Year Award. She was noted as distinguishing herself as a premier front desk clerk by being a conscientious and dependable worker, able to make difficult decisions in difficult or unusual situations.

"I was so surprised when I found out that I won the award," said Ms. McClendon. "I did not know that someone put me in for the award until I was notified that I had received the honor. I became really excited and thankful when I found out about the award."

The three awards brought to light the contributions of hard working individuals that make up the center driving power of the award winning team.

# A local place to honor veterans

## New National Cemetery opens in Canton

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola  
Public Affairs

On April 24, a new 775-acre National Cemetery began accepting burials in Canton, Ga., and is scheduled to serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years.

The property was donated by Scott Hudgens, a late World War II veteran who decided that he wanted the land used for the burial of veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which is in charge of the cemetery, accepts burial arrangements after death and they do not reserve grave space. Veterans with discharges other than dishonorable, their spouses and dependent children may all be buried in a national cemetery, regardless of where they live.

The total acreage is 775, but currently only 130 acres are going to be utilized in phase I. Once this area begins to fill up, then phase II is scheduled to begin. It is estimated that the total completion of the cemetery will take approximately 50 years and should hold the remains of an estimated 80,000 of America's heroes.

The Dobbins' Base Honor Guard



Photo by Don Peek

**The Dobbins Base Honor Guard is providing funeral honors at the new 775-acre National Cemetery in Canton, Ga. The cemetery is scheduled to serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years and it's estimated that it will be able to hold the remains of an 80,000 of America's heroes.**

and members of the Naval Air Station Atlanta Honor Guard make up a joint team tasked with conducting all honors at the cemetery.

"The creation of a veterans' cemetery is long overdue," said Master Sgt. Bruce See, Honor Guard program superintendent. "This project has been in the

planning stages for years. The story of the cemetery had been lingering for so long that people began to almost view it as a myth."

The Georgia National Cemetery is the fourth largest national cemetery in the country. The cemetery handles a funeral approximately every 45 minutes. The Dobbins Honor Guard handles an average of 10-15 funerals per week.

"This cemetery has given many families closure because they were able to move their loved ones from their previous grave site to the national cemetery and grant the deceased's final wish," said Sergeant See.

In addition to an entrance area, an information center, administration and maintenance building, public restrooms, flag plaza and shelters for committal services, the project is scheduled to include a total of 29,000 full-casket gravesites, 3,000 in-ground sites for cremation remains and 3,000 columbaria niches for cremation remains in phase I. For more information about burial and eligibility, contact the cemetery director Sandra Beckley at (866) 236-8159 or sbeckley@cem.va.gov

## New DOD cellular phone policy in effect

Dobbins Air Reserve Base has implemented and is enforcing the new Department of Defense cellular phone policy. This policy applies to all drivers on Dobbins, regardless of military or civilian affiliation. The policy states that no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a military installation while using a mobile telephone and the vehicle is in motion (see exceptions below).

According to Dobbins Police Services Manager Grayling Livingston, this new policy was implemented in two stages: The initial phase created awareness of the policy. "We started this program by placing awareness material throughout the base, on the base intranet and on flyers in high traffic areas. We did this to educate all personnel of the new policy," Mr. Livingston said. "The second phase began May 17, when we began issuing violations, resulting in citations and/or warnings to drivers."

Penalties: Violation of DODs cellular phone policy is a traffic infraction, which will be taken very seriously and may result in assessment of points against

an individual's driving record on base, including possible suspension of driving



Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Dennard

privileges. Military and base-affiliated civilians who violate this policy are subject to three points assessed against their on-base driving record up to and including having their driving privileges suspended or revoked. Others not military or DoD affiliated who are found violating this policy will be issued a warning and tracked in

the Security Forces Information Management System for record. If they are found to continue to violate the policy, they will be suspended from driving on base indefinitely.

Exceptions: 1) The operator uses a hands-free mobile telephone, which allows the user to communicate without the use of either hand, 2) The operator's sole purpose of the phone call is to communicate an emergency to a police or fire department, a hospital or physician's office, or an ambulance corps, and 3) The operator is a Security Forces member, a fire fighter or an operator of other authorized emergency vehicles while in performance of their official duties.

Managers and supervisors should bring this policy memorandum and its directive to the attention of all personnel in their sections and stress the importance of complying with it.

If you would like a copy of the complete policy with all requirements for driving on a military installation, contact Police Services during normal business hours at 678-655-3956.



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## Fathers make a huge impact on their children

By Lt. Col. Ronald Marx  
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It was late in the 1800s when a blustery March winter storm pelted the thin panes of their lonely Big Bend Hills, Wash., farmhouse. The newly widowed William Jackson Smart clung to his weeping children. The youngest, a mere knee high little scamp, tore himself away from the huddled group to run into the storm and call out for his mother. His baby shrill could not surpass the howl of the storm. Nor could he ever be comforted by his mother's calming touch again. His father could only rush him in from the cold and have him try to seek the comfort from his siblings.

For the next two decades, William Smart alone, kept paternal vigilance over his children. He raised them and kept the home as best he could. His sacrifice and dedication to his children inspired his daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, to come up with the idea of creating a day to honor fathers. Ironically, she came up with the idea in 1909 while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in Spokane, Wash. Since William Smart was born in June, Sonora chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane on June 19, 1910.

In 1926 a National Father's Day committee was formed in New York City. It wasn't until 1956 when a Joint Resolution of Congress recognized this honorable day. President Nixon established the national observance of

Father's Day in 1972 to be the third Sunday of June.

This June 18, we will be celebrating our 34th National Father's Day thanks to Sonora Smart Dodd's initiative nearly 100 years ago. Mother's Day has been around for more than a century and we all know that mothers are very important to the social well being of raising a child. But just how important are fathers? Just look at some of these statistics taken by several reputable sources:

- \* 63 percent of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Census)

- \* 90 percent of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes (Ibid.)

- \* 85 percent of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes (Centers for Disease Control)

- \* 80 percent of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes (Criminal Justice & Behavior, vol. 14, p. 403-26)

- \* 71 percent of all high school dropouts came from fatherless homes (National Principals Association on the State of High Schools)

- \* 75 percent of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes (Rainbows for all God's Children)

- \* 70 percent of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes (U.S. Department of Justice,

Special Report, September 1988)

- \* 85 percent of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home (Fulton County Georgia jail populations, Texas Department of Corrections 1992)

So, how important is the influence of a father? Well, when the above statistics are weighted against the national averages, children from fatherless homes are:

- \* 5 times more likely to commit suicide

- \* 32 times more likely to run away

- \* 20 times more likely to have behavioral disorders

- \* 14 times more likely to commit rape

- \* 9 times more likely to drop out of high school

- \* 10 times more likely to abuse chemical substances

- \* 9 times more likely to end up in a state-operated institution

- \* 20 times more likely to end up in prison

So, all you Dad's out there... remember how valuable you are with the nurturing development of your children. It is also important to recognize the distinction that a fatherless home is one that the father figure exerts no influence; it does not necessarily mean a house devoid of a father. Stay involved with your children ...even if they are no longer living under your roof. A father's influence counts for more than given credit. It's a tough job but a very important one. Be proud and have a Happy Father's Day!

## Rental car issues for Reserve members

By Maj. Manubir S. Arora  
22nd Air Force, assistant staff judge advocate

Every time you rent a car, you're asked the same question: "Do you want accident insurance?" You know the insurance that makes that great rental rate you got nearly double. Then the inherent cheapness in all of us kicks in. You begin to think, doesn't my credit card cover this or doesn't my private auto insurance cover an accident in a rental car?

While trying to save a buck is great, what are the rules and responsibilities for renting cars while on official temporary duty orders?

Even though we are required to use our Bank of America government travel card to pay for the rental car, Bank of America is not the company providing rental car insurance. We get our coverage from VISA USA.

Generally, when you are authorized to rent a car on your orders, then the contract between the military and the rental car company automatically covers you if you have an accident or if your rental car is broken into. For the coverage to kick in, the car must be rented from an authorized rental car company, from the location authorized and it must be the type of car authorized (sport utility vehicles and vans are not covered). In addition, the protection will not apply if you are driving under the influence, facilitating some type of crime via the use of the rental car or engaging in some other type of misconduct. To ensure that you are covered, get the commercial travel office at your base to make the rental car reservation for you.

While it would be smart to notify VISA USA immediately at the time of an incident (e.g. accident or theft), the rules require that you have to contact VISA USA within 20 days of the incident for which you are filing a claim. The phone number is (800) VISA-911 and is printed on the back of your travel card.

If for some reason, due to location of travel for example, the military and the rental car company don't have a contract in place, your government card will be charged for the damage and you can seek reimbursement for this amount on our travel voucher.

Additional information can be found at the following: Rental Car Accident While On Official Business Travel: What Should I Do? Find this article at [www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil) then select Life, Money, Travel Card. For the exact coverage provided by VISA USA go to [http://usa.visa.com/corporate/government\\_solutions/payment/visa\\_travel.html](http://usa.visa.com/corporate/government_solutions/payment/visa_travel.html)

## What is the National Committee for Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve?

Employers of America's National Guard and Reserve members have become inextricably linked to a strong national defense. Thus establishing the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

It was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. Today ESGR operates through a network of more than 4,500 volunteers throughout 56 committees located in each state, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Europe.

The nation's Ready Reserve components comprise approximately 46 percent of our total available military manpower,

excluding retirees. The current National Defense Strategy indicates that the National Guard and Reserve, while decreasing in size, will be full partners in the fully integrated Total Force. Our Reserve forces will spend more time away from the workplace defending the nation, supporting a demanding operations tempo and training to maintain their mission readiness.

The Department of Defense tasks ESGR to "...promote both public

and private understanding of the National Guard and Reserve in order to gain U.S. employer and community support through programs and personnel policies and practices that shall encourage employee and citizen participation in National Guard and Reserve programs." (DoD Directive 1250.1) To focus this task, the following mission statement was developed.



[www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org)



# THE AGE POWER PRINCIPLE Ground Power enables Air Power



Story by Master Sgt. Stan Coleman

Photos by Master Sgt. Stan Coleman and Staff Sgt. Michelle Sellers  
Public Affairs

The Temptations' (Motown's popular male vocal group) song, "Power," may have been referring to the 94th Maintenance Squadron's Aerospace Ground Equipment shop through the lyrics—"Their hands sweat, their fingers itch, and they're the only ones you can trust with the switch, Power—(give it to me), Power—(got to have it)."

Four air reserve technicians and six reservists are the "muscles behind the mission" in the 94th AGE shop at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. These men, with the combined average of more than 120 years of experience, maintain, troubleshoot, and repair equipment that enables the rest of the maintenance team to perform proper servicing ensuring the safe operation of the C-130H models here. The aircraft is maintained and operated in support of the Air Education and Training Command's mission to train pilots, loadmasters, navigators and flight engineers at Dobbins.

The "muscle behind the mission" motto refers to more than 164 items of equipment in 10 categories, said Master Sgt. Floyd

Stanfield, 94th AGE flight chief. "The muscle also includes the knowledge and theory of electricity, electronics, power generation, hydraulics and air conditioning systems."

The list of equipment includes aircraft tow bars, diesel generators, floodlights, compressors and tow vehicles totaling more than two million dollars.

Technical school training includes principles of electronics, refrigeration, reciprocating engines, gas turbine engines, pneumatics and heating.

"Aerospace ground equipment is needed to help the specialists and aircraft mechanics troubleshoot and correct

malfunctions in the systems," said Tech. Sgt. Ronald Palmer, 94th AGE craftsman. "Most of the pre- and post-flying operations require AGE to ensure that the systems on board the aircraft are reliable and viable for flight. Therefore our motto 'No air power without ground power.'"

"I enjoy the diversity of job tasks," said Senior Airman James Spencer, 94th AGE journeyman. "Our jobs in the AGE career field don't focus on just one thing. Learning the schematics of each piece of equipment I work with provides a challenge to master that equipment."

"This job provides a variety of tasks to perform," said

Tech. Sgt. John Hinshaw, 94th AGE air reserve technician with more than 28 years in the career field. "AGE technicians are required to be knowledgeable in the various mechanical and power disciplines."

"The equipment we maintain simulates the operations of the aircraft without having the aircraft systems powered on," said Tech. Sgt. Quantez Asberry, an AGE technician with 18 years of experience in the career field. "The challenging aspect of this career field is the requirement to stay abreast of new equipment."

"We enjoy the accomplishment of getting the job right the first time," said Sergeant Stanfield. "Our work hours cover day

and evening shifts. The non-technical duties include the hazardous materials program (HAZMAT) as well as maintaining a library of current technical orders."

The phrase—"Danger is no stranger to an AGE Ranger" from the AGE D.I.N.S.T.A.R. logo originated during the AGE career field presence in Vietnam. "We honor the men who've served and lost their lives before us in order to accomplish the AGE mission," said Sergeant Stanfield. "We work to make sure our jobs help ensure the safety of the aircrews and the reliability of the aircraft. The AGE career field is not a song and dance. It's the truth."

Graphic Layout by Tech. Sgt. James Branch

(Main photo) "Muscles behind the mission" – Various items of power equipment are utilized to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the 94th Airlift Wing's C-130 aircraft. Diesel generators, floodlights, and heater units are a few of the items that enable maintenance personnel to simulate an aircraft's internal systems on the flightline. The operations of those powered systems by aerospace ground equipment (AGE) enable maintenance personnel to correct malfunctions within the aircraft. (Clockwise, above main photo) Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Arms reviews a technical order on reassembly information for a heater. Tech. Sgt. Ronald Palmer operates a self-generating nitrogen unit used for servicing aircraft struts and tires. Airman Spencer operates a low pressure compressor used to support the washing of a C-130.



# Faith, education, the Air Force inspire 700th AS Airman to help at-risk youths

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia  
Public Affairs

Watching his grandfather's struggles with alcoholism; growing up without his father as a role model; and losing both his father and favorite uncle within six months as a result of the "street" lives they led, are three of the very personal struggles Staff Sgt. Nevlynn Johnson Sr., 700th Airlift Squadron, had to overcome as a young man.

By the age of 19, he had to make a critical life choice – follow the perilous path of the key men in his life or step out in a different direction altogether. He decided to step out in a different direction – a direction based on faith, shaped by a thirst for knowledge, and inspired by mentors, including his mother.

He credits his service in the Air Force for showing him how to behave like a professional. He said the exposure to other Air Force professionals made a powerful impact on him and helped mold him into a positive role model for others.

"The Air Force has taught me that hard work and education creates opportunities," said Sergeant Johnson. "But I attribute who I am today to my faith."

A strong spiritual call and the struggles of his childhood affirmed his life's mission to help at-risk African American males make good, healthy choices.

His background includes more than 12 years as an assistant and later an associate pastor, and nine years as an area director with Young Life International, a non-denominational, Christian organization committed to making a positive impact on kids' lives through mentor-



Photo by Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia

**Staff Sgt. Nevlynn Johnson Sr. (right), a personnel specialist at 700th Airlift Squadron, reviews paperwork with his supervisor, Master Sgt. Michael Rhett (left). Sergeant Johnson says he relies on his faith, education and experience in Air Force to help at-risk youths make good life decisions.**

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He continued his education, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas; a master of divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; and a doctorate in education from Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Over the last four years, he has taught special education in the Clayton County school system. Last year he created "Choices Matter," a Christian non-profit organization focused on providing at-risk African American males with the knowledge, skills and opportunities for success.

He said his experience as an Airman, his civilian education and his faith has enabled him to be a good role model.

"I want to help those boys at-risk of falling into the cracks," said Sergeant Johnson.

He said he thinks we are all called to be "change agents" and advises other Airmen to get involved with making a difference to others.

"We all can make a difference," said Sergeant Johnson. "Find what you are excited about and get involved with it whether it's through financial support or through partnering or volunteering with community organizations."

He said, "Share whatever you have to offer."

# First Annual Health and Safety Fair a success

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola  
Public Affairs

Two top priorities on most people's agenda are trying to maintain good health and conducting a safe life. On April 13th, these two important aspects of life were presented in an educational atmosphere at the Lakeside Facility.

This was the Joint Safety and Health Fair, co-chaired by the Dobbins'

Safety Office and the Naval Air Station Atlanta Safety Office, which provided health and safety tips to the community.

"The fair was a huge success because of all the hard work from the safety office and the Naval Air Station Atlanta," said Ron Durant, 94th AW ground safety manager. "The fair was also made possible by the joint efforts of all the people involved in the planning and participation of the event which all played an equally important part."

Those attending the fair were able to get a massage therapy session, learn about electrical safety and how to properly place a child seat in a vehicle, as well as many other useful tips.

Some of the volunteers for the fair included Security Forces, Fire Department, the Coast Guard and other safety person-

nel. Each group brought with them displays and useful tips from years of training and experience.

The hazard house was one of the unique displays because it enabled people to go into a house and look around and see if they would be able to find safety violations inside of the house. This was just one of the educational tools used to promote safety by the fire department.

Security Forces had educational pieces that covered road rage and gang violence. Just in time for the summer months, the Coast Guard Auxiliary had a boat demo emphasizing boating safety.

"Not only was there a vast amount of educational displays and presentations for visitors, we also provided giveaways at the event," said Mr. Durant.



Photo by Don Peek

**Members of the Dobbins Fire Department Tech. Sgt. Michael Benoit, fire fighter, and Mark Berkenmeier, fire inspector, discuss fire safety with Anita Vaughn.**

Some of the giveaways included \$3,000 worth of gift certificates in massage therapy, a free weekend getaway in a cabin at Lake Allatoona, a five-day camper or boat rental, Six Flags Over Georgia tickets, White Water tickets and many other prizes.

"The committee is very thankful to the donors for the door prizes and we appreciate those who visited the event," said Mr. Durant.



Photo by Don Peek

**During the Health and Safety Fair, there were many displays at the Lakeside Facility, both inside the building and outside. The Bloodmobile was even there, giving those visiting the fair an opportunity to donate blood.**



## Armed Forces Softball Tournament

The Dobbins Fitness Center is looking for softball teams to represent each branch of the service. The Fitness Center will be hosting its Annual Armed Forces Softball Tournament on Monday, June 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is a single elimination tournament and a first place trophy will be awarded to the winners along with T-shirts for the winning team. For more information, contact Fred Engel at 678-655-4870.

## White water rafting

Looking for some action and excitement outdoors this spring? The white water rafting trip is Saturday, June 17. The cost is \$55 per person. Call 678-655-4870 for more information.

## Be a hitter!

On June 19, at 6 p.m., Dobbins will host a home run derby at the baseball field.

Sign up has already begun so reserve your spot on the roster today! For more information or to sign up, call 678-655-4872.

## All you can eat prime rib

The club will feature a prime rib buffet on Friday, June 23. The cost is \$12.95 for members and guests and \$14.95 for non members. Reservations are highly recommended so get yours today! Call 770-427-5551 to get in on this steak smorgasbord.

## Donate phone cards for deployed members

Service members depend on Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards to maintain a link with home during deployments. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service makes it easy and affordable for anyone, even those without military affiliation, to help deployed troops call home. Those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card can log on to [www.aafes.org](http://www.aafes.org) or call (800) 527-2345.

## Soaring through the sky: Leap Frogs descend on Turner Field



Photo by Master Sgt. Todd Owens

Two members of the Navy Parachute Team "Leap Frogs" exit the cargo door of a C-130 piloted by a crew from the 700th Airlift Squadron. The Leap Frogs descended onto Turner Field on April 28 to deliver the game ball before the Atlanta Braves match up against the New York Mets. The performance was part of "Navy Week" activities at Naval Air Station Atlanta, which culminated with an airshow featuring the Navy's Blue Angels. The Leap Frogs are renowned for performing exciting aerial formations with the aid of smoke and pyrotechnics.

## Company Grade Officer of the Second Quarter named

By Master Sgt. P.N. Brown  
Public Affairs

"Top instructor" is the loud and clear phrase that is echoed around the 700th Airlift Squadron when the name of Capt. Lance Avery is mentioned. It's the phrase that led to Captain Avery being chosen as the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. This award is given to reservists who are making a difference in the Air Force Reserve.

Captain Avery is a C-130 Formal Training Unit instructor pilot with the 700th AS. He was handpicked for the job as lead instructor for newly assigned squadron pilots. His superiors cited his proficiency and dedication to mission that enabled eight FTU students to pass their checkrides and graduate early from school.

It was his enhanced aircrew training using tactically sound, realistic scenarios that helped to prepare students for the Global War on Terrorism. Many of the students in his charge deployed immediately to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

His students continually comment

on Captain Avery's calm demeanor and excellent communication skills.

Captain Avery has also served as the supervisor of flying on a day-in and day-out basis while still flying 350 hours per year and supporting over 100 students.

He is described by Col. Kevin McNeight, 700 AS commander, as "a determined officer that represents their unit in an outstanding manner in everything he does."

His involvement in the community continues to show the dedication of this officer through his active membership in his church and Sunday school. He also offers his time to conduct tours and attend local community events.

Captain Avery sets an example for others to follow setting standards for himself that far exceed what's expected of him. "Captain Avery is an outstanding instructor pilot and represents the very best of the positive 'can-do' attitude we have in the 700 AS. All of us in the 700 AS are very proud and pleased that he was selected as the 94AW Company Grade Officer of the Quarter," said Colonel McNeight.

## Second Annual Consolidated Club Golf Tournament



Photos by Julie McKinney

The Dobbins Consolidated Club held its annual golf tournament May 1 at Dogwood Golf Course in Austell. Forty club members and guests participated in a step aside scramble. The club started the tournament as a way to thank its membership. Top: Louis TaiSee, a contractor with Data Monitoring Systems takes a swing. Bottom: Lt. Col. Martie Soper, 22nd Air Force chief flight nurse sizes up her shot.

**Promotions**

**Chief Master Sergeant**

Michael Duncan

**Senior Master Sergeant**

Patrick S. Sheirling

**Master Sergeant**

Jean B. Bethune

Joseph P. Konar

Joseph H. Martin

Dennis E. Riggins

Steven W. Ross

Bruce D. See Jr.

Brian T. Wilson

**Technical Sergeant**

Carl R. Berghult

John P. Caudle

Michael Cordiviola

Mark A. Deaton

Hiram E. Gunter Jr.

Laura L. Pack

Derrick B. Rogers

Steven J. Smith

Lena Tamplin

Russell A. White

**Staff Sergeant**

Edonald J. Browney

Rachel E. Ku

Travis A. Moilanen

Don R. Nees

Tequita A. Rawls

Keith D. Roberts

Quincy L. Scott

**Senior Airman**

James M. Amica II

Eric B. Anderson

Elmaree L. Bruton

Brandi Morris

Jonathan M. Sutton

Lauren Yancy

**Airman**

Benjamin T. Behm

Quadoah R. Ford

Raashid Hinton

Derek L. Weaver

**Newly assigned**

Lt. Col. Stephen V. Motylinski

Capt. Anjanette J. Blunt

Capt. Alexander Degracia

Capt. Sundrick D. Dunn

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas P. Africano

Senior Master Sgt. John D. Simpson

Master Sgt. Andrea M. Symes-Creary

Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Tatum

Staff Sgt. Shane D. Crocker

Senior Airman Jessica Boone

Senior Airman Cedric D. Griffin

Senior Airman Heather A. Leonnig

Senior Airman Sheilamich Mirandes

Senior Airman Christopher Price

Senior Airman Robert Ray

Airman First Class Calvin M. Chappell

Airman First Class Christopher J. Gallegos

Airman First Class Matthew B. Halstead

Airman First Class Jose R. Marte

Airman Basic Raashid A. Hinton

**June UTA schedule**

UTA schedule subject to change

Time	Activity	Location
6 - 7 a.m.	Breakfast @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
7:15-7:45 a.m.	Wing Element Staff Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Fit To Fight Evaluations & Profiles: LOD/WWD	Bldg 922
7:30-9 a.m.	Flying Physicals	Bldg 922
7:30-11 a.m.	Optometry	Bldg 922
7:30-11 a.m.	Immunizations, Hearing, Lab, Pulm Func Test	Bldg 922
7:30-11 a.m.	Dental Screenings	Bldg 922
9:30-11 a.m.	Non-Flying Physicals	Bldg 922
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Medical Deployment Outprocess	Bldg 922
8 a.m.+	M-16A2 AFQC Firing	Firing Range
8-9 a.m.	AEF Deployment Outprocessing	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
8-11:30 a.m.	CW Conops (Refresher-12 Months)	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
8:30-9 a.m.	Newcomers Intro	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
9-11 a.m.	Relocation Briefings	Bldg 838/ATN Rm
9-11 a.m.	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
10 a.m.	IG Complaints	Bldg 838/Rm 1324
10-11 a.m.	Unit Deployment Managers Mtg	Bldg 838/MSG CR-1302
10:30	First Sergeants Gp Mtg	Bldg 838
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Training Managers Meeting	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
10:30-12:30 p.m.	Lunch @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
11:10 a.m.	Newcomers Ancillary Trng	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
12:30-2 p.m.	Laboratory Tests	Bldg 922
12:30-3 p.m.	Physicals, Hearing, PFT, Optometry, Immunizations	Bldg 922
12:30-3 p.m.	Dental Exams	Bldg 550/Navy Clinic
1-2:30 p.m.	CW Conops (Refresher-12 Months)	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
4 p.m.	Retreat/Unit: 94 ASTS	Bldg 838/Flagpole
5-6 p.m.	Dinner @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
6 - 7 a.m.	Breakfast @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Protestant Chapel Service	DARB Base Chapel
7:30 a.m.+	M-9 AFQC Firing	Firing Range
7:45-8:30 a.m.	Enlisted Advisor Council Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
8-9 a.m.	MILPDS Trng	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
8:30-9:30 a.m.	H.R.D.C. Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
9-10 a.m.	Catholic Service (Mass)	Navy Chapel
9-10:30 a.m.	Chiefs Group Mtg	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
9-11 a.m.	Physical Exams Follow-Up	Bldg 922
9-11 a.m.	Hearing Tests Follow-Up	Bldg 922
9-11 a.m.	Dental Exams Follow-Up	Bldg 550/Navy Clinic
9-Noon	CDC Exams	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
9 a.m.-4 p.m.	NBCC/CBRNE Initial Trng (Qtr: Dec-Mar-Jun-Sep)	Bldg 838/Rm 1320
10-11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Navy Chapel
10-11 a.m.	Commander's Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
10:30 -12:30 p.m.	Lunch @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
11:30 a.m.-noon	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 727/Briefing Rm
12:30-2 p.m.	Relocation Briefings	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Dobbins 56 Group Mtg	Bldg 747/Rm 120
1 p.m.	CDC Exams	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
1-2 p.m.	Flying Safety Mtg	Bldg 732
4 p.m.	Unit Sign Out	Unit Asgnd

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