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A new beginning 94th Airlift Wing Command Chief retires

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

When people look up the words longevity, commitment and loyalty in the dictionary the name Chief Master Sgt. James Michael West, 94th Airlift Wing command chief, should appear.

During the August unit training assembly, another chapter in a good reading novel came to a close. Chief West retired for the second time in his lifetime. This time from his 37 years of military service and the first retirement came from 40 years of postal service.

"Chief West knows what duty is and that was one of the things that impressed me about him," said Col. Heath Nuckolls, 94th AW commander. "Chief has a love for country, the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve Command. He would come to me and ask what I needed done. This is the type of attitude that is needed to be successful. Chief West is very successful and if he could he would probably stay for another 20 years because he is one of the most dedicated people I have ever met."

Chief West began his military career in 1969 at Fort Benning, Ga. His military career began as a military police officer protecting people and resources. After an honorable discharge from active duty, Chief West crossed into the blue and began his path on the road that would end 27 years later.

"I have been blessed through my military career with many mentors and spiritual influences," said Chief West. "I have so many great memories that it is unbelievable."

This was not too far of a stretch from his postal duties where he protected his mail and treated every piece as if it was the lifeline to his customer's connection to their long lost relatives. The people on his mail route noted this and appreciated him as their mail carrier.

One example of Chief West's dedication and large heart came in the late 1970s where one of the people on his mail route had cystic fibrosis and needed monthly blood transfusions. Chief West, who knew of her condition, donated blood to her every other month, alternating turns with the girl's father.



Photo by Don Peek

94th Airlift Wing Command Chief James Michael West holds the retirement flag given to him during his retirement ceremony on the August unit training assembly. To his right, Col. Heath Nuckolls, 94th Airlift Wing commander, officiated the ceremony.

"There is a quote that goes like this, 'the quality of your life depends on the quality of the people you are surrounded by.' I have been very fortunate to have been surrounded by the highest quality of people during my life," said Chief West.

Through Chief West's leadership, he was effective in mentoring and training young Airmen to help shape the greatest Air Force in the world. Even as this book closes, there is a new book that Chief West will begin and the only certainty that goes into these pages is the ink of commitment that will flow from his pen.

"To my family thank you for understanding when I could not be at family gatherings because of my military commitment. I want to thank all the men and women of the 94th Airlift Wing for being there when I needed anything, you never hesitated to respond," said Chief West.



Photo by Don Peek

During the retirement ceremony for Command Chief James Michael West, his retirement flag was ceremoniously passed from one military member to the next. Part of the ceremony includes one military member representing each enlisted rank.

Guidelines set limits on political activities

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – People in Air Force Reserve Command might want to brush up on the rules that govern involvement in political activities.

Primary elections are under way in some states. General elections are in November.

While the same rules that apply to active-duty military members do not always affect reservists and Department of Defense civilians, it is important to know when and where these rules do apply.

According to the Air Force instruction that lays out rules on participation in political activities by Air Force members, Airmen in the active-duty Air Force and Air Force reservists on active duty for 30 days or more have the greatest number of restrictions.

“The Air Force restricts its members in their political participation in order to help promote a more politically neutral Air Force,” said Capt. Cinnamon Howard, a judge advocate at Headquarters AFRC.

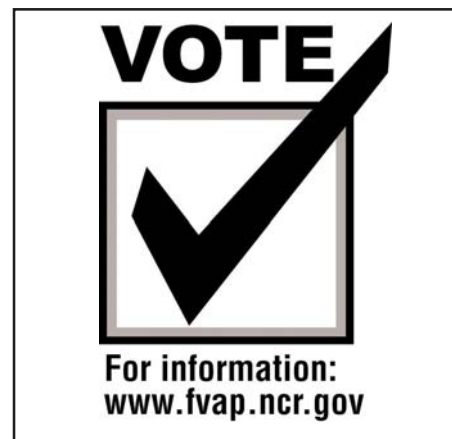
For military members on extended active-duty and reservists on active duty for 30 days or more, the rules limiting participation in political activities follow two basic principles.

First, they cannot act in an official military capacity.

Second, they cannot openly or privately make speeches, write articles, or engage in electioneering or campaign activity associated with partisan politics.

Partisan means a candidacy for any national or state office or a candidacy or issue associated with a political party – Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, etc.

For example, the Air Force allows its people on active duty to attend partisan political rallies in civilian clothes as a



spectator only, not in uniform, as long as they do not actively participate or make speeches during the rally, even in an unofficial military capacity.

In an unofficial capacity, they may write letters to the editor of newspaper expressing personal, nonpartisan views on current political issues.

Also, they can make monetary contributions to a political organization favoring a particular candidate. They cannot give money directly to any candidate.

The rules are less restrictive for

DOD civilians. While the main principle of not acting in an official capacity still applies, DOD allows its civilians more freedom to engage in partisan politics in their private lives.

If they are not members of the Senior Executive Service and are acting solely in a private capacity, DOD civilians can manage a political campaign, endorse or oppose a candidate in a political advertisement, and speak at a political rally on behalf of a candidate. All of these actions are forbidden for people on active duty for 30 days or more.

Finally, no one can engage in any political activities “inside the fenceline” of any military installation or in any federal building.

“It’s important that military members carefully follow political activity guidelines,” Captain Howard said. “Failure to follow those rules could result in punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92, Failure to Obey a Lawful Regulation.”

For more guidance, military people can go to AFI 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force. Civilian employees can refer to a May 31, 2006, memorandum signed by the deputy secretary of defense. The memorandum is about Civilian Employees’ Participation in Political Activities. It’s on the Web at www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethic/s/. (AFRC News Service)

Retirement application process centralized for reservists

By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims
Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

DENVER – Beginning July 31, all eligible members of the Air Force Reserve will submit their retirement application electronically via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center here.

“The ultimate goal is to improve and streamline how we deliver services to our reservists,” said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC commander. “We’re leveraging technology and Web application to help strike the balance necessary to continue to deliver service with fewer personnelists.”

Previously, reservists had to visit their local military personnel flight, complete the required retirement application package, submit it to their supervisor or commander, and send it to ARPC.

This new Web-enabled service is available at any time from anywhere in the world and will give Airmen the ability to monitor the status of their application from

start to finish. Reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp> to begin the process.

When the submission is received, the customer is e-mailed a tracking number. After the member’s commander (or program manager for individual mobilization augmentees) has electronically endorsed the application, the Reserve Personnel Contact Center at the ARPC will verify eligibility and finalize the application.

Once approved, the vPC-GR will send e-mail notifications to the member and the person’s commander or program manager. This new process only applies to members who have not yet initiated a retirement application. This process does not apply to Airmen who have already applied for retirement through their local MPF. ARPC and the National Guard Bureau are working together to expand this capability to Air National Guard members in the near future.

The technical wizards and personnel specialists of the Service Delivery Transformation Team at ARPC continu-

ously study which processes handled by local MPFs can be centralized and automated at ARPC.

Craig Carter, Thomas Laursen and Gregory Zipprich from ARPC’s Personnel Data Systems directorate, developed vPC-GR from scratch with limited investment while expanding on an Air Force standard case management tool that is fully integrated to Web service delivery. Each time a new process is tagged for automation, the team works on developing the application to deliver the service.

In the future, centralized services should account for nearly every aspect of every reservists’ personnel actions, from initial enlistment to far beyond retirement and everything in between.

ARPC and the Air Force Personnel Center are working simultaneously on centralizing and automating many of their processes for all Airmen and civilians in the Total Force.

For more information about ARPC Personnel Service Delivery, visit <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/psd/default.asp>. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)



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Your rights as a complainant

What you should know when filing an IG complaint

By Col. Joseph J. Thomas
94th Airlift Wing, inspector general

Do you know your rights as a complainant? First, complainants have the right to file a complaint with an inspector general without fear of reprisal. While that seems like a reasonably straightforward concept, there is more to it than meets the eye.

What is a reprisal? Reprisal is taking or threatening to take an unfavorable personnel action, or withholding or threatening to withhold a favorable personnel action against a military member for making or preparing a protected communication.

What is a protected communication? A PC is a disclosure to a member of Congress, an IG, an auditor, a law enforcement representative, a commander, or someone from any established grievance system (e.g., Social Actions) concerning activity reasonably believed to be a violation of regulations, mismanagement, waste of funds, abuse of authority, or a threat to health, safety or readiness. The communication must be lawful. For example, if Airman John Q. Public is directed to report for drug screening at the clinic and then tells his commander he recently used cocaine, his communication would not be protected and therefore not useable in alleging reprisal if the commander takes action for the illegal drug use.

What is a personnel action? A personnel action is any action taken regarding a military member that affects, or has the potential to affect, the member's current position or career. Such action includes demotion, disciplinary action or other corrective action, performance evaluations, decision on pay, benefits, awards or training, or significant changes in duties inconsistent with a person's rank.

When a complainant alleges reprisal in the 94th AW, it is forwarded to the Air Force Reserve Command IG. The AFRC investigating officer will seek to

answer four questions in determining the validity of the reprisal: 1) Did the military member make or prepare a PC?; 2) Was an unfavorable personnel action taken or threatened, or was a favorable action withheld or threatened to be withheld following the PC?; 3) Did the official(s) responsible for taking, withholding, or threatening the personnel action know about the PC prior to the action?; 4) Does the preponderance of evidence establish that the personnel action would have been taken, withheld or threatened if PC communication not been made?

The fourth question is investigated in light of 5 variables: reasonableness, procedural correctness, reasons, motive and consistency.

The fact that a complainant was subjected to a personnel action after making a PC, which the responsible management official knew about is not enough to prove reprisal.

For example, if a complainant with a history of showing up late for UTA receives a letter of counseling regarding the tardiness and subsequently files a complaint with Military Equal Opportunity office alleging a hostile work environment; would the commander be guilty of reprisal if he decided not to pay the complainant for the first period when the reservist was tardy again?

Let's subject it to the test to find out.

- Was a PC made? Yes, to the MEO office.

- Was unfavorable action taken after the PC? Yes, the pay was stopped.

- Did the commander know about the PC prior to taking action? We'll assume he did.

- Does the preponderance of evidence, establish that the personnel action would have been taken if PC communication had not been made? Yes, the member continued to arrive late.

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the IG office in Bldg. 838.

U.S. Air Force drug testing program and drug testing fraud techniques

By Maj. Manubir Arora
22nd Air Force Judge Advocate

What have Ricky Williams, Odell Thurman or even Mr. Whizzinator (aka Onterrio Smith) figured out over the last year? Aside from the obvious that they should not be using drugs, they learned that you can't defeat drug tests...no matter how much money you have.

We all know the Air Force random urinalysis program is alive and well. Nearly everyone I know has had to provide a urine sample at some point. Air Force Reserve procedures for drug testing are random, immediate and thorough. Our process is designed to ensure accuracy as well as the inability to cheat on the test. See Air Force Instruction 44-120, *Drug Abuse Testing Program*, for information.

Penalties for drug use range from a maximum of two to five years in a military prison as well as a dishonorable discharge. Knowing the severity of the punishment for getting caught, you may think maybe I simply won't provide a urine sample. Not a good idea. I say that because in this scenario, not only will you be prosecuted under a litany of different Uniformed Code of Military Justice articles for refusing to provide a urine sample, but you will also be subject to having a search warrant issued against you for the urine sample. Knowing how serious the Air Force takes drug use, you may think that using a "holistic" approach may be the way to defeat the testing. Wrong again. Drug testing fraud, depending on which of the three possible methods are used, can be detected and once it is detected you can be prosecuted for trying to cheat the test.

In April 2005, the Air Force Office Special Investigation headquartered at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., concluded a lengthy investigation into drug testing fraud techniques. Not surprisingly, the results of this assessment revealed that

the USAF drug-testing program is capable of defeating the fraud techniques of cleansing, substitution or masking.

As noted above, the products and techniques employed to defraud drug tests generally fall into one of three categories: 1) cleansing agents that supposedly clean your urine (e.g. Clean Slate, Golden Seal and Xtra Clean); 2) masking agents that cover up the presence of the drug in your urine (e.g. Instant Clean, Urine Luck, Aqua Clean and Root Clean); or 3) substitution techniques (e.g. the Urinator, the Wedge and the infamous Whizzinator). Aside from the distributors bragging about their product, there is no data to show that these products that claim to clean your urine or to mask your urine do anything but steal your money.

Drug use is a serious problem. Drug testing programs have been developed not only to deter use but to also create a safer and more efficient work environment. With that in mind, some of the more interesting statistics that came out from the AFOSI investigation were that drug abusers are 10 times more likely to miss work, 3.6 times more likely to be involved in on-the-job accidents, 5 times more likely to file workers' compensation claims and are 33 percent less productive.

Aside from the military, the civilian community has also dramatically increased drug testing. For example, between 1985 and 1991 drug testing among Fortune 500 companies increased by 22 percent, and by 1993 48.4 percent of U.S. worksites employed some form of drug testing for their employees, with more than 41 million employees subject to testing. Bottom line, drug testing is here to stay.

So take it from our friends in the NFL, the tricks to beat the urine tests don't work. But if you did figure out a way to beat the urine test, what do you do if you are requested to give a hair sample, a blood test or a saliva sample. Good luck trying to use the whizzinator for that.

Ceremony to honor new master sergeants

By Master Sgt. David G. Williams
Dobbins Top 3 Association, president

I would like to take the time to personally congratulate the following individuals who recently received the grade of master sergeant. Earning the master sergeant rank is a recognizable honor, which will enable you to further your career to become a chief master sergeant. The Dobbins Top 3 Association will be

recognizing these individuals on Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. in the 22nd Air Force multimedia room. Participants are asked to arrive at 9 a.m. for a mini-dress rehearsal. This ceremony will be in conjunction with the Dobbins Wing Family Day, so I encourage you to bring your families to this great event. Each participant will receive a personal invitation to this momentous event. New master sergeants are listed to the right.

622nd Regional Support Group

David B. Epstein
94th Airlift Wing
Tara A. Wylie
94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron
Samuel L. Day
Donald L. Jefferson
Anthony L. Schuler
80th Aerial Port Squadron
Marcus G. Carpenter
Travis R. Clement
Lander Collins, Jr.

Shawn R. Kelly
Xavier C. Sanford
Ernest L. Spikes
Tommy M. White
94th Civil Engineer Squadron
Michael A. Benoit
Cheryl D. Blake
Kenneth A. Crick
James S. Gilbert
Ronald V. Holtzclaw
Steve J. Kim
94th Security Forces Squadron

Timothy W. Hadsell
William C. Lanier
Dennis E. Riggins
700th Airlift Squadron
Richard M. Graddy
Paula R. Jackson
94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron
Melvin A. Jones
94th Maintenance Squadron
Robert A. Dixon
Dwight A. Sowell
94th Communications Flight
Jean B. Bethune

Air Force spouses take part in walk for breast cancer

By Master Sgt. P.N. Brown
Public Affairs

Brought together for a myriad of reasons but bonded together by one common thread...pink thread. This year the pink ribbon, a symbol recognized as hope for breast cancer and its survivors will host its annual 3-Day Breast Cancer 60-mile walk here in Atlanta and the walk will have a little bit of military flavor from right here at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Debbie Brinley, wife of Maj. Robert Brinley, 622nd Regional Support Group and her best friend Maja Knighton, wife of Col. Doug Knighton, a chaplain from MacDill AFB, Fla., will take their step towards the 60-mile venture.

"We've talked about it for years and when my own mother faced cancer at 79-years-old, we decided to do it," said Debbie.

According to Debbie, her friend Maja has a sister and niece that are survivors leading her to take the walk.

"I just wanted to do something to give back. We've come so far in the research of breast cancer and 85 percent of what's raised is used for research and the other 15 percent goes to the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund,"



said the Air Force wife.

The team first had to raise \$2,200 dollars each to participate in the walk. Once that was done, the training began for the team that calls themselves the Air Force Bosom Buddies.

Participants walk an average of 20 miles a day during the event to raise awareness of the disease and millions of dollars.

According to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year and more than 40,000 women and men will lose their fight to the disease. That's about one woman every three minutes that's diagnosed and every 13 minutes another life is lost in the United States.

The duo is ready to meet the challenge of the walk and they'll have stories to tell; stories that they hope will be told and shared with many. The *Minuteman* will follow-up and see how the friends fared.

There will be also be walks all around the United States in cities like Philadelphia, Tampa Bay, San Diego and Chicago to name a few.

For more information on the Komen Foundation you can visit their website at www.komen.org or call 1-800-IM-AWARE. If you want to learn more about the walk visit www.komen.org/3Day.

Replacement income begins Sept. 1 for eligible reservists

DENVER — Starting Sept. 1, reservists will begin receiving Reserve Income Replacement Program pay.

Congress ordered the Department of Defense to develop the RIRP to aid members of the National Guard and Reserve who get less pay because they are involuntarily put on active duty.

The program helps people who on average receive at least \$50 less a month than their civilian pay.

The difference in pay is the average monthly civilian income before a person is mobilized and the person's total monthly military compensation after mobilization.

To get the money, reservists must be serving involuntarily on active duty. Also, they must have served 18 consecutive months on active duty, completed 24 months of active duty during the previous 60 months, or been involuntarily mobi-

lized for 180 days or more within six months of the previous involuntary period of active duty of more than 180 days.

The first payment starts in September for duty performed in August, the first full month following the 180-day period after enactment of Public Law 109-163, National Defense Authorization Act for 2006.

Reservists will receive the pay for every full month of involuntary active-duty service they perform from August 2006 through December 2008. Payments are capped at \$3,000 per month.

People can learn more about the program and get help verifying eligibility by calling the Air Reserve Personnel Center's Reserve Personnel Contact Center at 800.525.0102. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service from an ARPC news release)

Accounting for and serving all Airmen

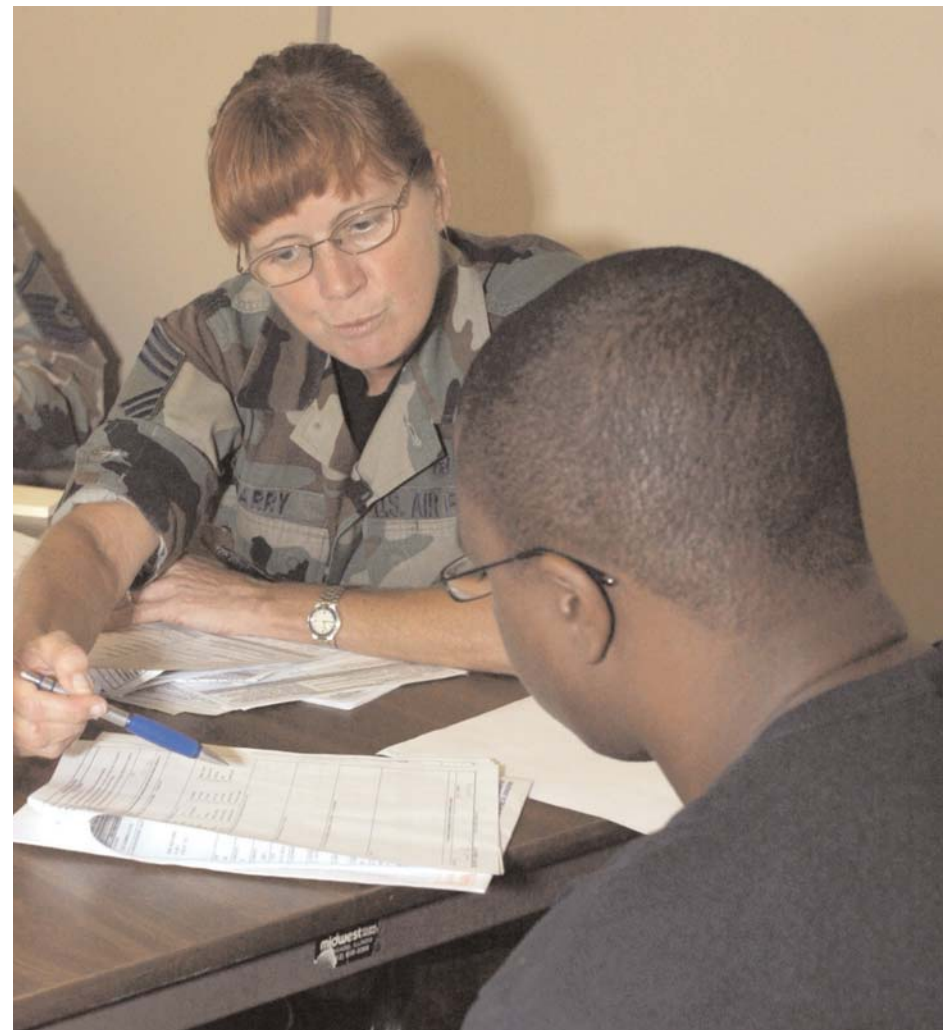


Photo by Don Peck

Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Barry, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron medical administration superintendent, assists an Airman as he updates his medical information during the Inactive Ready Reserve muster, which took place at Dobbins in July. The purpose of the muster was to gain contact information for and availability of IRR members for mobilization and augmentation purposes. More than 140 members of the IRR reported for the event.

Fulfilling a dream...U.S. citizenship

By Master Sgt. P.N. Brown
Public Affairs

Dobbins's newest citizen Airman is truly one of its newest citizens. Senior Airman Cecilia Pura, 94th Mission Support Squadron, information manager, joined the ranks of American citizens recently when she stepped up and took the oath to become a citizen of the United States. The ceremony held in Atlanta this June was both the beginning of a goal and end of a goal for Airman Pura.



Airman Pura, who came to this country from the Philippines, had dreamed

of joining the Air Force and becoming a citizen long before she even got here. "It was really special to take my oath to belong to this country," she said.

Joining her mother in the United States in 2001, Airman Pura set out to make her goals a reality. The 26-year-old, who works in human resources for Norfolk Southern Railroad, has also been a member of the Air Force Reserve for two years now and hopes to continue her career and service for years to come.

"I joined to serve my country, and now it really is my country," said one of the newest residents.

Airmen say farewell to a friend, co-worker

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia
Public Affairs

Members of the 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron recently honored the memory of a co-worker and friend, Master Sgt. Linda Williams, who passed away in May.

Sergeant Williams, a medical administrative assistant, joined the 94th ASTS in 2004 and worked in the medical records area until late 2005 when she was diagnosed with cancer. Sergeant Williams had planned to return to duty in June following the completion of her cancer treatment but became terminally ill. When word came that Sergeant Williams had died those that knew her were shocked.

Senior Master Sgt. Michele Wells, superintendent of the physical exams administrative section, said Sergeant Williams will be greatly missed. Sergeant Wells said she "roped" Sergeant Williams into working in the physical exam section by taking her to lunch.

"She really could eat for someone so little," said Sergeant Wells.

It was Sergeant Williams' professionalism, knowledge and skills that led Sergeant Wells to seek her out. "She was a Godsend," Sergeant Wells recalled. "She could do it all. She brought order to chaos. She was very organized, a perfectionist, and she was highly respected by those who worked with her."

Sergeant Williams left behind three children, two daughters and a son. The family asked that in lieu of flowers, a contribution be made in their mother's honor to the American Cancer Society.

Wing Family Day 2006

This year's Dobbins Wing Family Day will be held at the Consolidated Club. Get ready for a day of food and fun that the whole family can enjoy! Wing Family Day 2006 will be on Saturday, Sept. 9. There will be plenty of fun and

games including a 25-foot rock climbing wall. The festivities begin at noon and food will be served until 1:30 p.m. All outside companies interested in participating can contact Julie McKinney at 678-655-5716.



This month in history

From the years 31 B.C. - 2001, September is rich in history

By Master Sgt. George Curry
94th Airlift Wing, historian

Sept. 1, 1969 - Military officers overthrew the Libyan government. The Libyan Arab Republic was then proclaimed under Col. Muammar Gaddafi.

Sept. 1, 1983 - Korean Airlines flight 007 was shot down by a Soviet fighter plane while en route from New York to Seoul, Korea, killing all 269 persons on board. The Boeing 747 reportedly strayed 100 miles off course over secret Soviet military installations on the Kamchatka Peninsula and Sakhalin Island. It crashed in the Sea of Japan.

Sept. 2, 31 B.C. - Roman legions under Augustus Caesar defeated Mark Anthony's naval force at Actium.

Sept. 2, 1864 - During the U.S. Civil War, Atlanta was captured by Sherman's Army. "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won," Gen. William T. Sherman telegraphed President Lincoln.

Sept. 2, 1945 - Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the independence of Vietnam and the establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Sept. 2, 1962 - The Soviet Union agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the October Missile Crisis after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.

Sept. 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

Sept. 3, 1939 - England and France

declared war on Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.

Sept. 4, 1886 - The last major U.S.-Indian war came to an end as Geronimo was captured. He died of natural causes in 1909 at Fort Sill, Okla.

Sept. 5-6, 1972 - Eleven members of the Israeli Olympic Team were killed during an attack on the Olympic Village in Munich by members of the Black September faction of the Palestinian Liberation Army. Israeli jets then bombed Palestinian positions in Lebanon and Syria in retaliation on Sept. 8, 1972.

Sept. 8, 1941 - The German Army began its blockade of Leningrad, lasting until January 1944, resulting in the deaths of almost one million civilians.

Sept. 9, 1776 - The United States of America came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies to the United States.

Sept. 11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing over 3,000 persons. Four separate teams of Mideast terrorists, operating from inside the U.S., boarded the morning flights posing as passengers, then forcibly commandeered the aircraft. Two fully-fueled jumbo jets, American Airlines Flight 11 carrying 92 people and United Airlines Flight 175 carrying 65 people, had departed Boston for Los Angeles. Both jets were diverted by the hijackers to New York City where they were piloted into the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

The impact and subsequent fire caused both 110-story towers to collapse, killing 2,801 persons including hundreds of rescue workers and people employed in the towers. In addition, United Airlines Flight 93, which had departed Newark for San Francisco, and American Airlines Flight 77, which had departed Dulles (Virginia) for Los Angeles, were hijacked. Flight 77 with 64 people on board was diverted to Washington, D.C., then piloted into the Pentagon building, killing everyone on board and 125 military personnel inside the building. Flight 93 with 44 people on board was also diverted toward Washington but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to overpower the terrorists on board.

Sept. 12, 1990 - A treaty was signed by East and West Germany and the World War II Allies allowing for the restoration of sovereignty to a re-united Germany.

Sept. 13, 1814 - The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. national anthem in 1931.

Sept. 15, 1944 - The first entry of American troops into Hitler's Germany occurred as elements of the U.S. 7th and 5th Corps reached the southwestern frontier of Germany.

Sept. 16, 1620 - The Mayflower ship

departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Mass., on Nov. 21. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on Dec. 26.

Sept. 17, 1787 - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from 12 states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.

Sept. 17, 1862 - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as Gen. Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Armies were stopped at Antietam by Gen. George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.

Sept. 17, 1908 - The first fatality involving powered flight occurred as a biplane piloted by Orville Wright fell from a height of 75 feet, killing Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, a 26-year-old passenger. A crowd of nearly 2,000 at Fort Myer, Va., observed the crash of the plane which was being tested for possible military use. Orville Wright was seriously injured.

Sept. 18, 1947 - The U.S. Air Force was established as its own military service.

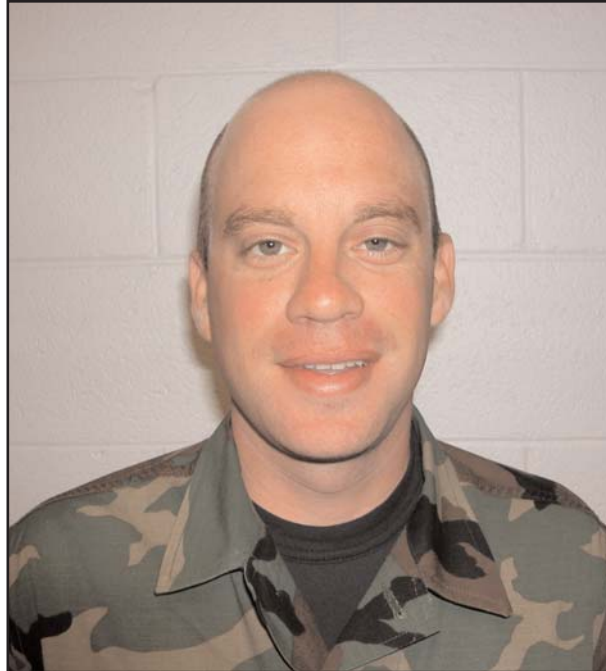
Sept. 22, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in territories held by Confederates as of Jan. 1, 1863.

Sept. 25, 1789 - The first U.S. Congress proposed 12 amendments to the Constitution, 10 of which, comprising the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

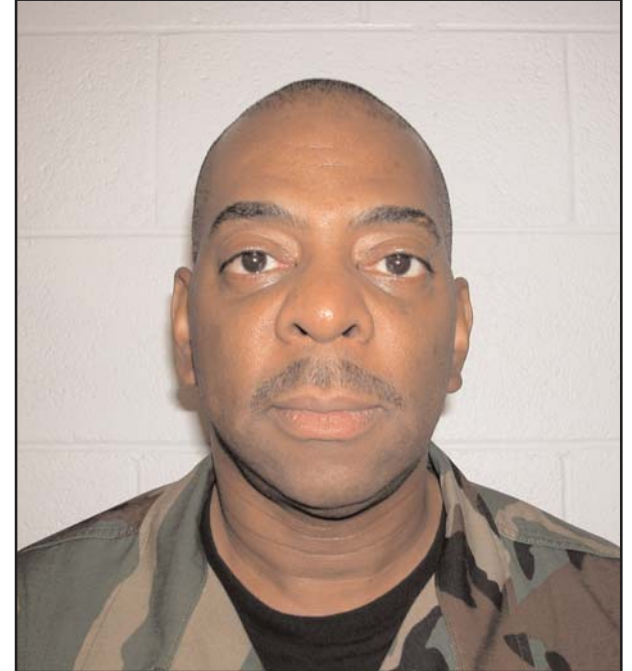
WHO'S WHO



Name: Quadoah Ford
Rank: Airman
Unit: 94th Airlift Wing
Position: information management
Assigned to Dobbins: January 2005
What is the best movie you have seen this summer? X-Men III



Name: Jason Booth
Rank: Senior Airman
Unit: 94th Airlift Wing
Position: historian
Assigned to Dobbins: June 2006
What is the best movie you have seen this summer? Nacho Libre



Name: Tommy White
Rank: Master Sgt.
Unit: 80th Aerial Port Squadron
Position: air transportation specialist
Assigned to Dobbins: September 2001
What is the best movie you have seen this summer? Never Promised You a rose Garden

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordivola



Name: Frederick Harris
Rank: Tech. Sgt.
Unit: 80th Aerial Port Squadron
Position: passenger service
Assigned to Dobbins: January 1993
What is the best movie you have seen this summer? Madea's Family Reunion



Name: Michael Sapanza
Rank: Staff Sgt.
Unit: 94th Security Forces
Position: desk sergeant
Assigned to Dobbins: January 2002
What is the best movie you have seen this summer? DaVinci Code



Name: Eric McClendon
Rank: Tech. Sgt.
Unit: 94th Security Forces
Position: shift supervisor
Assigned to Dobbins: May 1998
What is the best movie you have seen this summer? Underworld Revolution

Win a Hummer

Air Force Club membership just got more exciting. Two club members will win a brand new H3 Hummer. The Hummers are being given away to show Air Force Club's appreciation to its members. All new members who sign up for club membership during the annual membership drive Sept. 1 – Nov. 31 are eligible to win one of the H3 Hummers. The second H3 will be given away to someone who was a member as of Aug. 31. Another important club member benefit is the Military Free Cash Rewards Program. Members earn two percent cash back on purchases at the Base Exchange and the Consolidated Club. Earn one percent cash back on purchases made off base when purchased with the membership card. To sign up for membership stop by the Consolidated Club or call 1-800-871-5608.

Football Frenzy

Football Frenzy is about to make a touch down at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Consolidated Club once again. Beginning in September and running through February, stop by the club on Fridays after work and sign up to win a trip to the Super Bowl, Pro Bowl or a regular season NFL game.

Consolidated Club Member Appreciation Night

The Dobbins Consolidated Club wants to show its appreciation to its members. On Sept. 22, come and enjoy prime rib 2-for-1 night. Dine on mouth-watering prime rib accompanied by assorted gourmet vegetables and top off the meal with a delicious assortment of desserts. Music will be provided by a D.J. for your listening and dancing pleasure. Reservations are necessary, so please call the club at 770-427-5551.

Fall Fun Run

The 2.1 mile run begins at 11:45 a.m. Sept. 27. Participants can begin signing up on Monday, Sept. 11 and will be able to sign up until start of the race. T-shirts and drinks will be provided to all who participate. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 678-655-4872.

Microsoft Professional desktop software free to military personnel

Entitled Air Force employees, including Guard and Reserve, who want the same Microsoft software they use at the office for home use can obtain it through the Home Use Program. The HUP allows a "covered Air Force employee" to get one licensed copy of a Microsoft Office Professional desktop application to install and use on their home computer.

Programs available via the HUP include Microsoft Office Access, Excel, InfoPath, PowerPoint, Publisher and Word. Users are required to pay a one-time fee, which is approximately \$20, to obtain the software. The entitlement to use this software for free exists only as long the employee works for the Air Force. Details on the Home Use Program, including frequently asked questions, can be found at: <https://www.gunter.af.mil/contracting/microsoftea/homeuse.aspx>

Elimination of hard copy W-2s this year

Per the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office, hard copy mailing of W-2 tax earning statements will be turned off this year for all Active Duty, Guard and Reserve personnel. W-2s will be contained within the myPay website along with your leave and earnings statement. All members must get a personal identification number before the end of the year to access W-2s electronically. For more information, call Shirley Devlin in reserve pay at 678-655-3520.

3-on-3 tournament

The 94th Services Squadron is hosting a three-on-three basketball tournament at 11 a.m. on Saturday of the November UTA. Teams need to sign-in by 10:30 a.m. to participate. T-shirts and prizes will be given out. For more information, call 678-655-4872 or email Staff Sgt. Zandra Hayes, Staff Sgt. Ronnie Duckworth or Staff Sgt. Jamie Weaver. All squadrons are encouraged to come and compete.

Motorcycle riding on base

In order to register and ride a motorcycle on base, certain Department of Defense directed parameters must be met. To register a motorcycle on base, a rider must have a state-issued registration, proof of insurance, proof of completion of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved safety course and a valid military identification. While ride on base, proper attire is required. The DOD and Air Force Instructions require a Department of Transportation approved safety helmet, impact resistant eye protection, sturdy footwear, long-sleeved jacket or shirt, full-fingered gloves, full-length pants and a bright outer garment during daylight hours and a reflective outer garment during evening hours. Contact the Security

Forces desk at 678-655-4908 or 678-55-4909 if you have questions.

WWE offers free tickets to U.S. Military

World Wrestling Entertainment is offering all U.S. military personnel free tickets to its live events worldwide as another way for the company to show its gratitude for their service to their country.

Effective immediately, U.S. military personnel from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard can claim a free ticket to a WWE Raw or SmackDown live event in their local area, excluding WrestleMania, by going to their local arena box office with a military identification the day of the WWE live event. Tickets are available the day of the event while supplies last.

"Armed Forces Entertainment is honored to work with WWE in what could be one of the largest offerings to U.S. Military personnel. It truly shows the immense respect and gratitude that WWE

and its Superstars have for our Airmen, Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, national guardsman and Coast Guard," said Art Myers, Director of Air Force Services, who oversees Armed Forces Entertainment.

Since 2003, Armed Forces Entertainment has hosted WWE SmackDown and Raw Superstars on their annual "Tribute to the Troops" holiday tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, which aired on the UPN and USA Networks. This year WWE visited troops in July during a handshake tour in Southwest Asia, and will also host its annual "Tribute to the Troops" in early December. On all tours, the WWE Superstars spend all their time with military personnel through a series of appearances, providing a special connection between the Superstars and the troops they meet.

"Keeping troop morale high is one of the most important functions of Armed Forces Entertainment," said Art Myers, Director of Air Force Services, who oversees Armed Forces Entertainment.

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Saturday, September 9, 2006

Cobb Galleria Centre

Limited Seating, Advanced Ticket Sales Only

Cost: \$50.00/person

Cocktail hour 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing until 11:00 p.m.

Military: Mess Dress/ Black Tie
Civilian: Formal evening attire

For information please contact: MSgt Ellen Wilt (678) 655-3186

Reserve personnel center expands online services

DENVER – In today's virtual world, people can shop, perform bank transactions or complete college classes online.

The people at the Air Reserve Personnel Center here are working to offer similar conveniences to members of the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard through the virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve, a Web portal located on the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil>.

The next capability scheduled to be launched by the center will be retirements and associated processes on July 31. These new capabilities will help people conduct transactions online without having to visit a military personnel flight in person.

On March 31, the center gave people the capability to correct their duty history online. In addition to correcting their duty history, customers also can:

- Obtain their 20-year letter (re-issue);
- Send a letter to the promotion board;
- Receive board counseling;
- Acquire a mortgage letter;
- Correct their points history;
- Request a copy of a finalized NGB 22, Report of Separation and Record of Service;
- Get current awards and decorations information;
- Make a personnel data update;
- Find out about current points;
- Choose a Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan;
- Request a copy of a finalized Defense Department Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty;
- Get retired pay assistance;
- Request copies of previous enlisted performance reports or officer performance reports; or
- Sign up for TRICARE Reserve Select.

Members can stay informed about the latest vPC-GR information by creating a new account on vPC-GR and electing to receive the vPC-GR online subscription-based e-mail. To get to it, visit the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> and click on the vPC-GR logo. (AFRC News Service)

Newly assigned

Maj. Lawrence Allen

Maj. Nevenka Metikos

Capt. Samuel B. Gardner

Capt. Kevin M. Robbins

Capt. Donald Williams

Capt. Andrew W. Young

1st Lt. Tara L. Rountree

Master Sgt. Stacy Riley, Sr.

Staff Sgt. William T. Jackson

Staff Sgt. Tanga S. Lain

Staff Sgt. Maurice L. Watkins

Senior Airman Steven A. Battle

Senior Airman N'Joie R. Cook

Senior Airman Natasha E. Dykes

Senior Airman Benjamin L. Milliken

Senior Airman Derick J. Stokes

Senior Airman Amanda Tremblay

Senior Airman Akeya C. Wilson

Airman 1st Class Raquelle Brown

Airman 1st Class Warren C. Dill

Airman 1st Class Kristina Montgomery

Airman Randy Estrella

Airman Sean Henderson

September 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
8-8:30 a.m.	Newcomers Intro by Wing/CC staff	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
8:30-10:40 a.m.	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
9-11 a.m.	Relocation Briefings	Bldg 838/ATN Rm
10 a.m.	IG Complaints	Bldg 838/Rm 1324
10-11 a.m.	Unit Deployment Managers Mtg	Bldg 838/MSG CR-1302
10:30-11:30 a.m.	First Sergeants Gp Mtg	Bldg 838
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Training Managers Meeting	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch served @ Wing Family Day	Consolidated Club
Noon - 4 p.m.	Wing Family Day	Consolidated Club
Noon - 3:45 p.m.	Newcomers Ancillary Trng	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
* Dinner @ Piccadilly Restaurant -- pick up chits at Lodging, Bldg. 800 *		
Time	Activity	Location
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-16A2 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 a.m.-4 p.m.	NBCC/CBRNE Initial Trng (Qtr: Dec-Mar-Jun-Sep)	Bldg 838/Rm 1320
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
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
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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