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Two men, two leaders, two standards of excellence

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman
Public Affairs

Col. Joseph Thomas, 94th Airlift Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Lesley Morrissette, 94th Airlift Wing command chief, are the newest members of the wing leadership team.

Colonel Thomas, formerly the wing inspector general, brings a wealth of experience from his 24 years as a pilot (civilian and military), squadron commander, deployments and civilian business. He has been married to his wife Peggy of Greensboro, N.C., for 18 years and has two children, Kevin and Carol.

"Even though my father retired from the Army, I had not thought about what I wanted to do professionally until I talked to a recruiter and entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) during college," he said. "Along with the camaraderie, I enjoy the challenge of planning, executing and commanding complex military flying operations."

Colonel Thomas attributes many of the operational improvements in today's Air Force to technically savvy airman, excellent tools and superb training "exemplified by the 94th."

"The way mission planning is done today with complex software is one example of the evolution in air warfare compared to the time I entered into aviation," he said.

Colonel Thomas' pilot experience includes the U-2 High Altitude Reconnaissance Aircraft, the MC-130P Combat Shadow and the T-38 Talon. His previous assignments at Dobbins ARB are 94th AW inspector general and 94th Operations Support Squadron commander.

He served in Southwest Asia as a U-2 pilot during Desert Storm. He also served as J-3 deputy director of operations with the Joint Special Operations Air Component, A-3 Air Force Special Operations Detachment and MC-130P mission commander in support of Enduring Freedom.

"Serving in a joint environment with other military services was a great experience," said Colonel Thomas. "Learning to operate as a team with the different services was sometimes interesting with the varying service cultures, but each branch has its strengths and you learn to understand and appreciate them more after working together. Also, you quickly find out that reservists possess a wealth of experience and know-how that are often not reflected in their Air Force specialty codes."

Chief Morrissette also brings a wealth of experience from his 24 years of total service to the military. He and his wife Jacqueline, married 18 years, have two sons, Brandon and Kendal. His military service includes six years with the Army as a combat engineer, an assignment with the famed 82nd Airborne Division, 42nd Airborne Training Detachment and 18 years with

the Air Force Reserve.

Chief Morrissette comes to the 94th from the 908th Airlift Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

After leaving active duty, the chief completed his college education and gained employment with the Alabama Department of Transportation where he has held the positions of electronic engineering technician, civil engineer and now serves as a civil engineer manager.

"Upon entering the Air Force Reserve I had to lose a stripe," said Chief Morrissette. "It was painful to come in as an E-4 after earning the rank of sergeant in the Army."

That pain didn't last long. The opportunity to enter into the crew chief career field coupled with the chief's dedicated

work ethic more than made up for the initial sacrifice. "I was motivated to excel at my job as a crew chief, NCO and leader and I was fortunate to have seasoned and experienced NCOs that were willing to help," he said.

"Whatever you decide to succeed at in life requires a strong work ethic. My father and grandfather taught me that after everything is said and done, your work will speak for you," said Chief Morrissette. "I've applied that principle everyday of my life and I always encourage people in

general and emphasize to NCOs to give 100 percent and strive to make their situation or team better."

My civilian job requires quite a bit of time away from home as does my Reserve job, he said. "Time management is a task in itself that challenges many citizen-Airmen. It's important to ensure that quality time with family is always well spent. My wife is prior Army and she has a pretty good understanding of the military and it's her unwavering support over the years that have allowed me to take the time away from family and give the Air Force the best I have to offer."

Chief Morrissette emphasizes the importance of Airmen knowing where their job fits within the "big picture" of the Air Force mission. He wants to ensure that today's Airman not only know their jobs and master their technical skills, but ensure they develop solid leadership and managerial abilities.

"I'm a team player and teamwork is what I will emphasize in the 94th, because I believe in the three P's — people, pride and professionalism," he said. "These attributes along with good leadership are the keys to the success of any organization. In my experience, leadership is not about processes and programs; it is about connecting with people in such a way that they are inspired and encouraged to drive processes and effectively and efficiently manage programs."

Chief Morrissette served in Southwest Asia in 1990 during Desert Storm and deployed in 2003 and 2004 in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



Col. Joseph Thomas



Chief Master Sgt.
Lesley Morrissette

Photos by Don Peck

Dobbins' Community Action Information Board swings into action

By Angela Pedersen
Family Support Office, director

The Dobbins' Community Action Information Board, also known as the CAIB, met for the first time this fiscal year. The goal of the board is to not only to identify, but to also address individual, family and community concerns and issues. The Dobbins' community includes military and civilian personnel assigned here, as well as their families and retirees who utilize base services.

What does that mean to you? It means that your leadership cares and wants the helping agencies at Dobbins to collaborate and provide the best services possible to you and your family.

It also means that you have a voice. The CAIB has already started its first initiative, which will allow you to voice your concerns. By calling the Community Action Hotline at 678-655-2802, you can leave your questions and concerns, which will be sent directly to leadership for resolution.

When you dial, you'll hear a recorded message inviting you to share your thoughts, or make a suggestion. You can remain anonymous, but if you want a return call, you must leave your name and telephone number. All of the questions and answers will be published in the *Minuteman* after they've been addressed. No names will be listed in the *Minuteman*. For more information on the hotline or the CAIB, call me at 678-655-5004.

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New 22nd Air Force command chief found his niche in Air Force

By Master Sgt. Ellen Wilt
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Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant James R. Fields, Jr., was raised in Beaver County, Penn., in the shadow of the Pittsburgh steel mills. A third generation steel worker, he worked there from 1978 to 1982, after a four year tour of active duty in the Air Force. When the steel mill closed down, he came back to the military, joining the Reserve. It's been like coming home.

Chief Fields was recently selected as the new Command Chief Master Sergeant for Headquarters, 22nd Air Force. He said that "patriotism is huge in our family," so he felt the calling to serve like his father who saw service during the Korean War.

In his capacity, he will spend most of his time traveling to visit the wings and units assigned under 22nd, the largest Numbered Air Force in the Reserve. He has sage advice and strong messages to share with the enlisted force he mentors and guides. "I would first thank them for their service and the time they have put in to stay in the Reserve," he said.

With the operations tempo set by the demands of the global war on terrorism, the Chief said, "What I'm hearing from them is the stress level is high for young Airmen juggling their family, civilian job and Reserve career. That is their biggest challenge — that balancing act. I want to help them find solutions to alleviating their stress."

His advice to Airmen is to "seek out a mentor, find out how that person succeeded, and follow that example." He reit-

erated that finishing professional military education is important, and never "sitting on your laurels," he said. He thinks it's important to find ways to help your supervisors and help the others following along behind in your footsteps. "Learn the job of the person ahead of you, and teach your



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky

Chief Master Sgt. James Fields shares a story with Staff Sgt. Jonathan Meier, 911th Airlift Wing Chaplain's Assistant. Chief Fields is the new Command Chief Master Sergeant for 22nd Air Force. He was the Command Chief for the 911th AW, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

job to the person behind you," said the Chief. "And never forget where you came from."

His most satisfying moment in the Air Force came when he successfully mentored a young Airman whose career he has been able to watch. While participating in an exercise, he noticed a rather downcast young Airman. Upon talking to him, he realized he needed some direction and

guidance, so the Chief mentored the young Airman, advising him to complete PME and aim for a promotion for exceptional performance to technical sergeant.

After a lengthy activation, this Airman returned to his employment, but not to the position he had before he left. With the mentoring of the Chief and other senior NCOs, he not only got his former job back, but was given two raises and a bright future to look forward to. But the Chief noticed that he still "was not looking me in the eye, so I told him to be more forward, to look at people, and it worked." Today, that Airman is in line for promotion to master sergeant.

The Chief's proudest accomplishment in his personal life is his strong, devoted family. He will soon celebrate 32 years of marriage, and his two sons have followed in his footsteps, so his mentoring paid off once again. Both are serving on active duty, the eldest as a staff sergeant in avionics, and the younger is a loadmaster aboard C-5s. "Our families are in the military as much as we are," said Chief Fields. "Without the full support of my wife and children, I would not have had such a good and lengthy career, so I thank them. I thank all spouses who give that unselfish support."

The Chief's parting advice was to "learn all you can about the other branches of the service." He echoed the Air Force's philosophy because he believes it — "one team, one fight, with a goal to be an unrivaled wingman."

"Remember, you don't accomplish things on your own," he said. "The key to success is to raise up those around you, and they will raise you up."

The Air Force Academy is looking for a few good Airmen

The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program is an on-going effort to give the best and brightest Airmen the opportunity to excel by offering them appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The program gives immediate commanders the authority to nominate highly qualified Airmen to attend the Air Force Academy and earn a bachelor of science degree and commission as a second lieutenant. The number of commander nominations is unlimited. There are 85 slots available annually for active duty Airmen and another 85 slots for Reserve and Air National Guard Airmen for direct entry into the Air Force Academy. In recent years slots have gone unfilled due to a low number of qualified applicants.

Airmen whose academic qualifications are slightly deficient for direct entry into the Academy may also apply to the Academy Preparatory School. The Prep

School's mission is to help selected candidates compete for an appointment to the Academy. Located on the Academy grounds, the Prep School provides instruction in English, science and math, as well as military training and athletic development. After completing the 10-month program, Prep School graduates are more competitive for an Academy appointment and better prepared for cadet life.

LEAD applicants must meet stringent requirements for selection to the Academy and Prep School. To be eligible to apply, an Airman must not have passed his or her 23rd birthday on July 1 of the entering year for direct entry to the Academy, or not passed his or her 22nd birthday for entry to the Prep School. Applicants must be of high moral character, involved in the community and unmarried with no legal dependents. Applicants must also pass a rigorous physical fitness test, an extensive medical evaluation and

attain qualifying scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test exams. Additionally, applicants must complete an interview with an admissions liaison officer. Maj. Vincent Compagno is the admissions liaison officer serving Dobbins Air Reserve Base, and is also the LEAD program coordinator.

Airmen can receive more information on the Academy and Prep School by visiting the Base Education Office or the Academy website at www.academyadmissions.com, or call the Academy at 1-800-443-9266 or DSN 333-9266. Commanders, first sergeants, senior enlisted advisors and supervisors may call Major Compagno at 770-631-9410 or e-mail him at vcompagno@bellsouth.net. Qualifying Airmen may apply by filling out an Air Force Form 1786, also available at the Base Education Office. The form must arrive at the Academy by Jan. 31 for the class entering the following June.



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Wingman Day Airmen taking care of Airmen

By Col. Heath J. Nuckolls
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The Air Force is a unique culture. As members of that culture, all Airmen are expected to uphold certain core values – integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. These core values compel Airmen to take care of Airmen – every day, 24/7, 365 days a year. We accomplish our missions as a dedicated team, committed to our core values and to each other.

In 2004, retired Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper emphasized the importance of Airmen looking out for one another, of being a “Wingman.” General Jumper’s concept of the Wingman was built on the premise that Airmen supporting each other help the Air Force succeed in its missions. This concept is especially relevant during times of increased operations tempo or personal crisis.

In keeping with General Jumper’s concept of Airmen taking care of Airmen, the 94th Airlift Wing will hold “Wingman Day” on Sunday, Nov. 5. At that time I, along with representatives from family support, safety, and legal, will meet with Airmen to talk about matters of morale and welfare. By devoting time to enhancing relationships with one another, we can col-

lectively examine our strengths and vulnerabilities, brainstorm solutions, and make plans for the coming year.

As we gather together in work and camaraderie and prepare for the upcoming holiday season, I hope that every Airman will remain mindful of principles central to the Wingman concept:

- * Culture of responsible choices - Airmen making responsible choices to take care of themselves and their fellow Airmen
- * Responsible drinking behavior
- * Safe practices at home, work and on vacation
- * Effective identification of and intervention with troubled Airmen
- * Effective suicide prevention
- * Effective sexual assault response and prevention
- * Effective domestic violence intervention and prevention
- * Effective financial management
- * Responsible decision-making and behavior in all phases of our lives

Remember, Airmen take care of Airmen every day. We will lean heavily on Air Force core values as we continue to answer our nation’s call to serve. These values tell us to take care of others. As you meet with one another communicate and reflect on what you can do to be a better Wingman.

Staying fit past age 50

By Tech. Sgt. James M. Park
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In March of this year I made some significant lifestyle changes. I knew in September I would be 52 years old and it would be time for the annual fitness test. I asked myself, “Will I be ready?”

I was a tobacco user for 30 years and for the past 5 years hadn’t exercised as I should. Although the doctor gave me a clear bill of health on my physical, it was continuously suggested to stop smoking (by both the doctor and my wife).

Finally, after a discussion with my wife, we decided I needed to make changes and this is where action came into play. I had to make the choice to continue what I was doing or change my habits and possibly live longer. Smoking was out the door and now it was time to start exercising and eating healthier in an attempt to improve my cardiovascular and respiratory health.

Where do I start? My wife had mentioned she wanted to trim down, so we decided to start walking and modify our eating habits to include more vegetables, fruit and fiber. We started in the afternoons walking at our local school track, which is a 1/4 of a mile in distance. After about 3 weeks I decided I needed to

start running again after running periodically for about 15 years up until 2000. I started with 1/4 mile and gradually over a few months of regular exercise and running 3-5 days a week, I was able to reach my goal of 2.5 - 3 miles. By September I was able to do rather well on the fitness test by scoring a 90.5 percent. Not to mention losing 20 pounds and 3 inches in the waistline. This beat last year’s evaluation when I waited until about 2 weeks before testing. Where am I going with this? We have to start sometime and somewhere and the question is up to the individual as to how we will attain our objective. With the changes I made, I feel better, am less stressed, have a more positive attitude and can breathe better. It is easier to make regular exercise part of a lifestyle instead of trying to fill a square at the last minute. My opinion is to find something we enjoy such as walking, hiking, running, basketball, golf, volleyball or some activity that requires some cardiovascular exertion and make it a part of our schedule.

The road to the fitness center will soon be open and I encourage folks to use it when possible, they have some convenient hours right now. If I changed what I was doing, I think anybody can. We don’t have to set records, but with some healthy lifestyle modifications we can certainly improve our quality of life.

America soars on Air Force Wings

By Gen. T. Michael Moseley
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The United States of America depends on its Air Force to defend the population, deliver global effects and jointly accomplish national objectives to an extent unseen in the history of mankind.

In my 35 years of service, many things have changed. Yet, what has remained constant is the extraordinary dedication, courage, and skill of the men and women we call “Airmen” who deliver for the nation every minute of every day in air, on the surface, in space and cyberspace.

I am often asked: What does the Air Force contribute? What does our national investment in air, space and cyberspace power bring to America? Let me share with you some observations of our Air Force that have inspired me since I was a new Second Lieutenant — fresh from commissioning at Texas A&M University — and continue to fill me with pride as the

Eighteenth Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

I see Airmen (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard and Civilians), vigilant at their post, who provide first warning of threats world-wide through space, air and cyber systems that never sleep and never blink.

From satellites that provide early warning, to over-tasked unmanned aerial vehicles and surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, Airmen operate the world’s most advanced sensor network. They watch the globe — to include North Korean preparations for missile launches, Iranian nuclear programs, and the dangerous borders between warring nations. Airmen are America’s global eyes and ears, likely the first to tip off of an emerging threat to Americans and America’s interests.

I see Airmen who provide the first response worldwide for natural disasters — on scene for rescue and delivering humanitarian supplies (to include complete hospitals) that often mean the differ-

ence between life and death.

I see Airmen airborne, in the center of the worst storms and hurricanes in history, to track and provide the warning that is critical to save lives and protect citizens’ property.

I see Airmen airborne, fighting forest and range fires, delivering fire retardant liquid from C-130s — again to save lives and protect citizens’ property. From rescuing individuals in danger, to providing storm warning, to fighting fires, to delivering supplies across a global air bridge, Airmen are the real manifestation of American compassion and strength.

It has been my observation that Airmen do these tasks so well that people at risk expect an American response no matter how far or how adverse the conditions or how tough the task. It has also been my observation that these Airmen make it look so easy that others believe it is easy - which, of course, it’s not.

I see Airmen who are often first to the fight through the attributes inherent in the exploitation of Air Power, engaging

enemies across vast ranges on a truly global scale, striking targets or transporting themselves and their fellow Warriors to hot spots throughout the world. These Airmen then stand alongside them in the fight as a joint team, delivering military options, anywhere on Earth.

These Airmen fly bombers on a truly intercontinental scale, routinely striking targets at ranges unequaled in the history of warfare, with peerless precision, speed, and lethality, while simultaneously holding other targets at risk, thereby deterring and dissuading adverse actions.

Other Airmen fly the giant airlift and refueling aircraft, also on a truly intercontinental scale, daily delivering humanitarian relief supplies, other war fighters, cargo, and the means to conduct theater war fighting on the scale required in this long war on terrorism. In fact, every 90 seconds, somewhere on the surface of the Earth, these Airmen take to the air — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, good weather

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United by work and play

Bozeman family shares common bonds

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia
Public Affairs

The Bozeman family typifies the adage “a family that plays together, stays together” but, they also take that saying to another level. The Bozemans, including father, Terry, mother,



Photo by Don Peck

The Bozemans – (left to right, front) daughter, Lee; mother, Missy; daughter, Kellie; (left to right, back) son, Gill; and father, Terry – share a passion for sports and often compete on the same teams. They live together and four of the Bozemans, Terry, Missy, Lee, and Gill, also work for Dobbins Air Reserve Base Services.

Missy, daughter, Lee, and son, Gill, not only play together on the same sports teams they also work for Dobbins Air Reserve Base Services.

Missy, Lee and Gill play coed volleyball together; Terry, Lee, and Gill play co-ed flag football together; Lee and Gill play coed handball together; and all four Bozemans play softball together.

Missy is a purchasing agent; Terry is a maintenance worker, and Lee and Gill are food service workers at the Consolidated Club. Missy has worked at Dobbins 10 years; Terry 12 years; and Lee and Gill each have one year.

Missy and Terry Bozeman also have another daughter, Kellie, who attends high school in Smyrna. Kellie plays handball and is a budding musician. She is the only family member not employed here, but she is often in attendance at events her family participates in.

Add in one more unifying factor – they all live together – and the Bozemans are definitely a very close family.

“It’s pretty cool,” Lee said about her family’s unique situation. “Sometimes it gets a little annoying, but we get along pretty well. We’re pretty close.”

Coordinating everyone’s busy schedule – which includes work, sports and practice – can be difficult, but the Bozemans carpool to the base as often as possible.

While Missy and Terry may not have expected their children to work alongside them at Dobbins, they were fairly certain their children would actively participate in sports here. Missy and Terry had played sports in school and encouraged their children to do the same.

“Playing team sports has taught them discipline. They’ve learned to think about others and not just themselves,” Missy said.

The Bozemen children have flourished in sports as



Photo by Don Peck

Demonstrating how team handball is played, Gill moves to get past Kellie’s defense to attempt a goal against Lee.

a result of their parent’s encouragement. Lee introduced her siblings to the sport of handball. She currently plays with two Atlanta club teams, Rock Team Handball and Atlanta Condors Handball, and has been a member of the U.S. Women’s National Handball and U.S. Juniors National teams. She plans to try out for the National team and hopes to make the 2008 and/or 2012 U.S. Olympic team.

In June, Gill traveled to Brazil with the U.S. National Handball team to compete in the Pan American Championship.

Missy said working and playing sports together has definitely had a positive impact on her family.

“It’s kind of neat,” she said. “We never get a chance to be mad at each other because we work together. We know what’s going on in our children’s’ lives. We know their friends. We know where they are. It definitely helps with our cohesion as a family.”

Experiencing an earthquake on first temporary duty

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

When Senior Airman Rosalyn Johnson, 94th Services Squadron, left for her first temporary duty to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, she never expected to be in the middle of a 4.8 earthquake.

On July 27 at 5:30 am, the earthquake shook her room enough to wake her from a sound sleep.

“I didn’t know what it was at the time because it woke me up from a deep sleep,” said Airman Johnson. “At the time I thought that it might have been a plane or something that I had just imagined. I then poked my head

outside my room and saw one head after another popping out of all the rooms.”

Even though the earthquake didn’t cause any major damage, it did shake up some people’s fear. Airman Johnson mentioned that the event occurred towards the end of the annual tour and most of the people there had never been through an earthquake.

Airman Johnson is used to being in difficult situations because she works as a correctional officer in Birmingham, Ala. She joined the Air Force Reserve four years ago into the services career field to help pay for college.

She received her desire for service from her father who is a detective for the Birmingham Police Department.

Airman Johnson spent six weeks at technical school where she was honored with the Culinary Achievement Award. This award was given to the best cook out of a class of 300 students.

Airman Johnson’s true passion is not in cooking or watching over inmates, but in her drawings.

“I have loved to draw ever since I can remember,” said Airman Johnson. “When I was little my teachers would think that I traced my drawings because they couldn’t believe that I drew it.”

For now Senior Airman Johnson is content with her job in the Services Squadron and hopes that the next time she goes on a temporary duty there will be more time for drawing and less time experiencing earthquakes.

President, military leaders dedicate Air Force Memorial

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

On behalf of a grateful nation, the president of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony here attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business representatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike.

"A Soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

The ceremony was the highlight of a daylong open house event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon. Huge screens were put up which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony, which took place at the base of the memorial.

That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

On behalf of all American citizens, President George W. Bush accepts the Air Force Memorial from Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman Ross Perot Jr. during a dedication ceremony at its Arlington, Va. location overlooking the Pentagon on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006. Looking on are, from left: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. Designed by the late James Ingo Freed the memorial with its three soaring spires inspired by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds bomb burst maneuver, pays tribute to and honors the patriotic men and women of the U.S. Air Force and its predecessor organizations. An open house will run near the Pentagon in conjunction with the dedication ceremony which will feature performances by the U.S. Air Force Band, the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard drill team, and will culminate with a concert featuring country music performer LeeAnn Womack.

today, and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past.

"We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world," he said. "This is a long overdue tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing

cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who service in the Air Force."

The Air Force Band performed several pieces while a video was shown with clips from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen work-

ing in the sands of Iraq.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force parajumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002.

"As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, 'I'll die a happy man doing the job I love,'" read General Moseley. "Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well as the countless others who are like him."

Several aircraft, ranging from World War One bi-planes to today's stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial.

"We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who wear the Air Force blue," said President Bush. "We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today."

Air Force leaders to discuss new 'Cyber Command'

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyber space.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was 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."

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new "cyber command," to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

"To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war," the general said. "We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are

standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force."

Air Force leaders begin planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

"The chief of staff of the Air Force is going to gather his senior officers and talk about the new domain, in which, according to our mission, we are going to fly and

fight," she said. "Our objective is to come out with a course, a vector, that will set us up for transforming our Air Force, to get us ready for the fight of the 21st century."

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain — a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

"The domain is defined by the electromagnetic spectrum," Dr. Kass said. "It's a domain just like air, space, land and sea."

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Annual Tree Planting Ceremony expands to include plaque dedication

By Courtney E. Franchio
Public Affairs

The Dobbins POW/MIA Memorial Park took another small step toward its completion as the first of four memorial plaques was dedicated in September. The park is the site of the annual Living Memorial ceremony, but since its completion by the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron early last year, it's also becoming a memorial park with plaques honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action for major U.S. wars.

This year's plaque was dedicated to recognize those from World War II. The park decoration program is sponsored by the Dobbins Chiefs' Group while the Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary, along with Dobbins Air Reserve Base units conducts the annual ceremony. This year's ceremony was the 22nd tree planting conducted by the Auxiliary, who also host the reception.

Six former World War II POWs, including Dr. Eugene Williams, who addressed the group with his recollections of the war and his capture, gathered for the unveiling of the memorial plaque.

"The POW/MIA ceremony was a renewed reminder to me that freedom is not free," Dr. Williams said. "No where during World War II was this more evident than in Hitler's devastating and massive counter-offensive in the Ardennes during December 1944, centered around Saint Vith and Bastogne, Belgium, where the Allied casualty count totaled 10,276 killed, 47,493 wounded and 23,278 missing-in-action."

"This was an awesome price to pay," added Dr. Williams. "And it was for an 83-mile stretch of frozen real estate to keep Hitler's panzer-led German forces from recapturing the strategic port city of Antwerp."

"Our efforts to make this park all it can be is one of our top priorities," said Betty Thomason, president of AFSA Auxiliary Chapter 452 who read the names of Georgia's missing in action during the ceremony. "We're so lucky that our trees have such a beautiful place to grow and be seen. I can see that we're truly creating something that's going to be good for servicemembers at Dobbins, for our community and for generations to come."

During the coming years, other memorials are planned for placement in the park. And, next year, the memorial plaque for Korean War POWs and MIAs will be dedicated.



Unveiling the plaque were its key contributors William Price and Art Starratt. The words were inspired by Mr. Price who recounted his feelings while serving in a Japanese POW camp. The image is of Mr. Starratt. "The Germans took a great portrait of me," laughed Mr. Starratt as he made comments to the audience. Starratt was a bombardier on a B-17 and was photographed by German soldiers after he regained consciousness and struggled away from his downed plane. Still in his flight gear, Mr. Starratt's image readily conveys the theme of the park relating to the anguish of prisoners.

Also added to the park's decorations this year was a special donation from Mrs. Jane Eisele. A former nurse with the Air Force, she conducted physicals at Dobbins Air Force Base for Airman headed to the Korean War in the early fifties. After retirement, she operated Miss Jane's restaurant across from the base on U.S. 41. Mrs. Eisele donated a tree that is now growing in the grassy area in front of the World War I wall. She raised the plant from a seedling with the intention of planting it in the park.



Students from the Transportation Proficiency Center listen as Dr. Eugene Williams, a former prisoner of war who provided keynote comments at this year's dedication. Describing the casualties of the war, he provided insight to a prisoner's dilemma and struggle to stay alive. Dr. Williams was a pilot for a C-17 cargo plane when he was shot down, and now is a resident of Marietta, Ga.



Other World War II POWs in attendance included from the left: Kenneth Powell, Nashville, Tenn., Homer Lewis, Ewell Black, and William Price, all from Marietta, Ga., and Art Starratt, West Columbia, Texas.

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It is a domain in and through which we deliver effects — fly and fight, attack and defend — and conduct operations to obtain our national interests.”

The cyber domain includes all the places an electron travels. The electron, which is part of the atom, can travel from one atom to the next. This concept is key to electronic communication and energy transmission.

An electron may travel from a cell phone to a cell tower, for instance. The path the electron takes, the shape of its path, the speed it travels, and the direction it travels are all critical to ensuring the cell phone works and that a usable signal is received. As part of a signal, an electron can travel from a handheld computer to a reception tower, over a wire to a telephone, to a television through an antenna, from a radio transmitter to radio, and from computer to computer as part of a network.

The electron can also travel, as part of energy transmission, from a microwave oven to popcorn seeds to make them pop, from generators over a wire to a light bulb, and from an X-ray machine through bone to a detection plate to make an image for a doctor to review.

The places where the electron travels is the cyber domain, or cyberspace. And the ability to deliver a full range of cyber effects — to detect, deter, deceive, disrupt, defend, deny, and defeat any signal or electron transmission — is the essence of fighting in cyberspace.

In the United States, Americans depend on the cyber domain for nearly everything they do. The cyber domain is the “center of gravity” for all aspects of national power, including economic, financial, technical, diplomatic and military might, Dr. Kass said.

“Cyberspace is something on which, as a technologically advanced nation, the United States is hugely dependent,” Dr. Kass said. “You use your ATM card, you use your cell phone and you go to an Internet cafe. If somebody is pregnant, they go have a sonogram. If they are sick, they have an X-ray or an MRI. All those things are in cyberspace. Our life has become totally bounded, dependent on cyberspace. Therefore, the importance of that domain is not only for how we fight, but also for our way of life.”

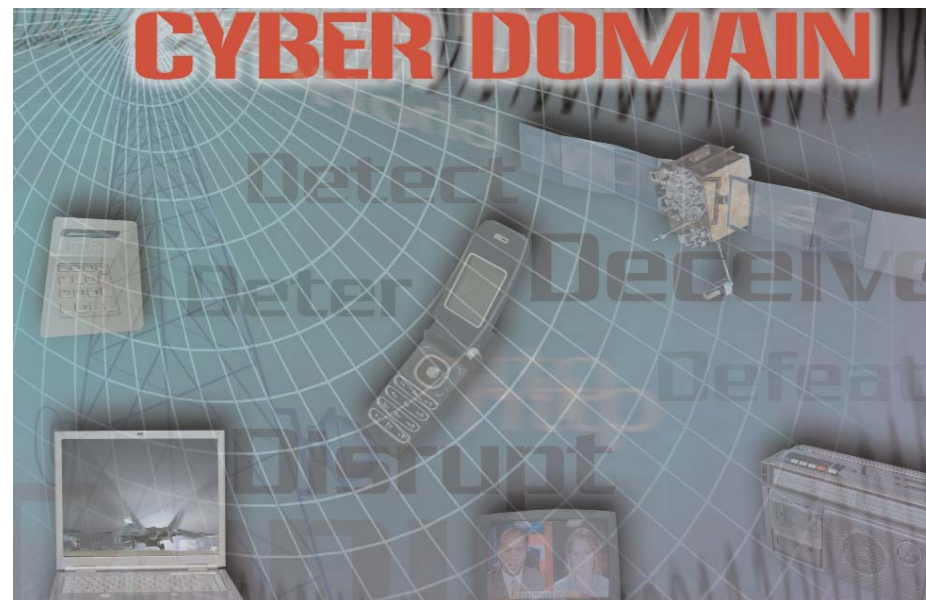
Failure to control and dominate the cyber domain could be catastrophic, both at home and on the battlefield, Dr. Kass said. An enemy who wanted to inflict damage on the United States could use the cyber domain to penetrate any number of online systems. Once they have gained access, they might be able to delete or manipulate information to create an effect.

“Picture for a second that you are trying to fix an aircraft and all the infor-

mation in your computerized manuals has been corrupted and you begin to put things together backward,” Dr. Kass said.

The attacks of 9/11 illustrate another kind of effect that can be inflicted through the use of the cyber domain. The terrorists responsible for the attacks used global positioning system receivers to guide planes into the towers in New York. They trained on aircraft simulators, they used the Internet to recruit participants, and they transferred money to fund their activities electronically.

In Iraq today, America’s enemies are using the cyber domain and improvised explosive devices to inflict damage on American Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and



Airmen.

“We just commemorated the 10th anniversary of Khobar Towers,” Dr. Kass said. “What the enemy used for that occasion, and what the enemy is using in Iraq every single day, is the radio frequency spectrum for remotely detonated devices.”

The Air Force now dominates both air and space above a theater of operations, so it has “cross-domain dominance” there. But the Air Force must gain dominance in cyberspace as well, because cyberspace superiority is now a prerequisite to effective operations in all other warfighting domains.

The U.S. military’s control of air, land, sea and space depends entirely on communication and transmission of energy in its various forms. For the Air Force and its sister services, continued dominance in their respective domains means establishing cross-domain dominance across air, space, land, sea and now cyber.

“Cross-domain dominance means being able to deliver effects in all domains at the same time, at the speed of sound and at the speed of light,” Dr. Kass said. “We cannot afford to allow an enemy to achieve cross-domain dominance before us. This is the nature of the transformational mission the chief and the secretary gave us.”

While the Air Force develops mas-

tery of the cyber domain, America’s enemies are quickly becoming more adept in their own use of the domain, in part, because of the low cost of fighting there.

“Enemies who cannot match us on land, at sea, in the air, or in space, are exploiting the fact that in cyberspace you have a very low entry cost,” Dr. Kass said. “Low cost is what makes that domain extremely attractive to nations, criminal and terrorist organizations who could not possibly attack the United States symmetrically. All you need to do is buy a laptop or a cell phone. As a matter of fact, you can just go to an Internet café and not even buy that stuff. You can buy yourself a phone card and you can cause high-impact

Most of the enemies are hiding in plain sight.”

Finding an enemy in the cyber domain means sifting through the huge amount of data there. In the United States, or above a battle space, there are thousands of signals, and most of those are “friendly.” The challenge is identifying the signal of someone that means to do harm.

“If you could use the cyber domain, this river of ones and zeros, to pinpoint where the bad guy is and who he is talking to, so you can get not only the small fish but get all his best friends and maybe his boss, then you are using cyber to its full capacity,” Dr. Kass said. “That is a lot of data there, and the trick is to find him in that huge flow of information, that one piece that will allow you to find him, fix him in place, or track him if he moves.”

Being able to discern what is a friendly signal and what is an enemy signal is one of the challenges the Air Force faces as it moves into the cyber domain. While the Air Force works on that challenge, it is also working to define which Airmen will be the ones to conduct cyber operations, what kind of training they will need, and what exactly their job will be.

“One of the issues we are going to be discussing is who is the cyberwarrior,” Dr. Kass said. “What will he or she need to be able to do? What kind of educational skills, what kind of technical skills, what kind of training, and what kind of career path do we need to offer to those kids who are coming into our Air Force and wanting to fly and fight not only in air and space, but also in cyberspace.”

Dr. Kass said the Air Force doesn’t believe it will have trouble finding Airmen to fill the role of cyberwarrior, however.

“Kids today live on the Internet, they establish an alternative reality there,” she said. “Getting those kids interested in doing something amazing in our Air Force across the electromagnetic spectrum should be easy. This is new and exciting — where people who love to interact in the high-tech arena, for example, can generate significant effects for the defense of the United States.”

Like in other domains, the Air Force will probably conduct more than just defensive operations. Fighting in cyberspace also means conducting offensive operations. It is unclear now exactly what will constitute an offensive cyber operation, but it is likely the effects the Air Force will eventually bring to bear upon America’s enemies will look much like the effects America’s enemies bring to bear upon America.

“Imagine, hypothetically, if I could substitute — instead of the picture of a beheading on a terrorist Web site, a picture of Captain Kangaroo or an MTV show,” Dr. Kass theorized. “Maybe I could break that cycle of recruiting more guys that want to come to our home and kill us.”

effects.”

Until recently, the Air Force had not named cyberspace as a separate warfighting domain or said it would fly and fight there. But now that the Air Force has recognized cyber as a warfighting domain, it will begin specific planning on how it can conduct both defensive and offensive actions there.

“What I see in the future is true cross-domain integration, to deliver effects, like we deliver in air and space, where the commander has at his disposal, truly sovereign options, as stated in our mission, which is the ability to do whatever we want, wherever we want, whenever we want, and however we want — kinetically, and nonkinetically and at the speed of sound and at the speed of light,” Dr. Kass said.

The Air Force is still working on what exactly it means to fight in the cyber domain. While the Air Force knows some of what it wants to accomplish — things similar to what it is doing already in air and space, for instance — there remain challenges to working in the new domain.

“One of the most important things we do, in and for cyberspace, is enable the kill chain,” Dr. Kass said. “It allows us to help find, fix and finish the targets we are after. The problem is finding the target.

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or foul in defense of this country.

I see Airmen slip into hollow cockpits of fighter aircraft and, to paraphrase James Salter's "Gods of Tin," plug themselves into the machine. As these Airmen prepare themselves for combat, the canopy grinds shut and seals them off. Their oxygen, their very breath, is carried with them into the chilled vacuum in a steel bottle. Their only voice is the radio. They're as isolated as a deep-sea diver.

For these warriors — operating in their unique domain — time and space are compressed. To them, geographical expanses are reduced and geographical barriers are bypassed by the hurtling aircraft - again exploiting the inherent benefits of the ultimate high ground and vantage of operating within this unique domain.

In combat, these Airmen live or die alone. They're certainly accompanied by others, flying and fighting alongside — but, really, they are alone in these fighter aircraft. They're fighting the laws of physics, as well as our increasingly lethal enemies. And the connection to technology is real because first they become part of the aircraft and then the aircraft becomes a part of them, all in defense of this Nation.

I see Airmen succeed throughout the world, mirroring America's diversity and its blend of capabilities, devotion, courage, and valor that unite Warriors across cultures and national boundaries.

I see Airmen who provide measured military effects and save lives. I see Airmen standing shoulder to shoulder with their brothers and sisters on the ground, hunting terrorists as part of our Special Ops teams, driving convoys, guarding bases, conducting truly high risk combat search and rescue missions, and providing medical services in places the devil himself doesn't dare to tread.

I see the daily mission reports from US Central Command, documenting multiple examples of Airmen on the scene when surface troops are in contact, who attack with both the aircraft-mounted gatling guns and with the precision-guided munitions, and whose actions set the conditions for victory. This is the essence of the combatant spirit and the joint team.

I see Airmen who quietly support national objectives over the long term. When American ground troops returned home after liberating Kuwait in 1991, Airmen stayed in theater as the preponderance of the force deployed to not only enforce the United Nations' Resolutions but to defend the local populations from tyranny. In fact, since that time, Airmen have been fighting in Iraq for 16 straight years, including the 12 years of sacrifice and deployed operations in support of Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch — standing guard in the desert as the major American military force engaged.

I see Airmen demonstrating the inherent flexibility of American Air Power in responding to combat tasking during this same period with two additional deployments into the Arabian Gulf, as well as combat operations over Bosnia and Kosovo and an unwavering air bridge for resupply and medical evacuation — without skipping a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment flying America's constellation of military spacecraft. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of military satellites and thousands of Airmen, serving as the Nation's eyes and ears. These Airmen operate the key spacecraft that provide early warning, communications, precise navigation and weather information for America's combat forces. They

are "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen airborne at this moment in support of Operation Noble Eagle — overhead the cities and citizens of the United States. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of aircraft and thousands of Airmen, operating from dozens of locations — scattered from Alaska, to Hawaii, to the East Coast, serving as the airborne shield for America. These Airmen, in flight aboard AWACS early warning aircraft, aerial refueling tankers and jet fighters are on "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment across the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) fields and deep within the missile silos located across the heartland of America — "North of Interstate 80." This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of missiles and thousands of Airmen, serving as the most responsive element of America's "Triad," our nuclear deterrent backstop. These Airmen are also "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Battlefield Airmen engaged in surface combat alongside this country's finest Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. These special operators, combat controllers, PJs (combat search and rescue to bring back all downed Airmen, no matter their nationality or service), terminal attack controllers, combat communicators, and combat weathermen serve as the immediate connection from the surface joint team to the airborne Airmen - delivering the desired kinetic and non-kinetic effects 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and, they too, have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen who represent America at its best: its honor, valor, courage, and devotion; its mastery of science and technology; its awesome military might; its commitment to freedom; its flexibility and adaptability. It has always been this way: from our humble beginnings since before World War I, to a decisive military force which ended World War II, to a truly global force that manned the intercontinental missiles, jet tankers and bombers of the Cold War, and today contribute to a long list of successes in the global war on terror.

As a reminder of the successes, the last time American Soldiers have been attacked by enemy aircraft was April, 1953—over 53 years ago! The ability for our surface combatants to look up into the sky, knowing that there's nothing to fear is priceless.

Yet, air, space and cyberspace dominance is not an entitlement—it's a direct fight that must be won as a predicate to any other activity. The battle for air, space, and, now, cyberspace superiority has been — and will always be — the first battle of any war.

These Airmen of today's United States Air Force have a glorious heritage: from the days of the first combat pilots of the Lafayette Escadrille of WWI, to the groundbreaking Tuskegee Airmen of WWII, to the early jet pilots flying "Sabres" over the distant Yalu River during the Korean War, to the early space and missile pioneers that put America on the ultimate high ground of space, to the heroic Jolly Green Giants and POWs of Vietnam, to the Airmen presently engaged in combat across Iraq and Afghanistan.

They all live on the threshold of a vast horizon — across the air, space and cyberspace domains. Airmen must be able to continue to mold America's incredible technological might into the air, space and cyber systems which guarantee our freedoms and our future.

The United States of America and the joint team that defends it depend on their Air Force to deliver national objectives on a global scale to an extent unseen in history. Yes, America truly soars on Air Force wings.

This month in history

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

Nov. 4, 1862 - Richard Gatling patented his first rapid-fire machine gun, which used revolving barrels rotating around a central mechanism to load, fire and extract the cartridges.

Nov. 4, 1979 - About 500 young Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran and took 90 hostages, including 52 Americans that they held captive for 444 days.

Nov. 8, 1939 - An assassination attempt on Hitler failed at the Buergerbraukeller in Munich. A bomb exploded soon after Hitler had exited following a speech commemorating the 1923 Beer Hall Putsch. Seven others were killed.

Nov. 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established. Originally part of the Navy, it became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

Nov. 11, 1918 - At 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, ending World War I effective at 11 a.m. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the fallen soldiers is observed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Nov. 15, 1864 - During the U.S. Civil War, Union troops under Gen. William T. Sherman burned Atlanta.

Nov. 17, 1800 - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the Executive Mansion, later renamed the White House.

Nov. 19, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a national cemetery. Famed orator Edward Everett of Massachusetts preceded Lincoln and spoke for two hours. Lincoln then delivered his address in less than two minutes. Although many in attendance were at first unimpressed, Lincoln's words have come to symbolize the definition of democracy itself.

Nov. 19-20, 1990 - The Cold War came to an end during a summit in Paris as leaders of NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed a Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, vastly reducing their military arsenals.

Nov. 20, 1945 - The Nuremberg War Crime Trials began in which 24 former leaders of Nazi Germany were charged with conspiracy to wage wars of aggression, crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Nov. 22, 1963 - At 12:30 p.m., on Elm Street in downtown Texas, President John F. Kennedy's motorcade slowly approached a triple underpass. Shots rang out. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where 15 doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President.

Nov. 26, 1789 - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American democracy.

Spouses of the Year recognized

By **Angela Pedersen**
Family Support Office, director

To kick off “Month of the Military Spouse” back in May, the Dobbins Family Support Office sponsored a “Spouse of the Year” contest. The idea was to recognize a special group of people whose contributions and sacrifices are numerous and often overlooked — military spouses!

Family Support invited the reservists at Dobbins to nominate their spouses and tell everyone what makes their husband or wife an outstanding military spouse. In August, a panel of judges reviewed the nomination packages and selected Cindy McNeight as the 2006 winner.

And on Sept. 9, at the Dobbins Family Day celebration, Col. Heath J. Nuckolls, 94th Airlift Wing commander, presented a very surprised Mrs. McNeight, the 2006 Spouse of the Year award. Mrs. McNeight, who is the wife of Col. Kevin McNeight, 700th Airlift Squadron commander, was not even aware that her husband had submitted her. But because she has exemplified, time and time again, extraordinary support to her husband and the wing, he felt that she was the perfect candidate.

Her accomplishments included hosting a squadron party for over 130 personnel and their guests at her home at her own expense, just to say “thank you” to those who give so much of themselves to the Air Force. Her husband said he wanted to thank her for being so understanding all those times when he missed dinner because he was still at work, and for the times he’s spent their vacation time at Dobbins rather than at some vacation getaway or even just at home. She’s attended numerous unit retirements, change of command ceremonies and even traveled to Normandy, France to support the wing’s involvement in the annual Anniversary Troop Drop. And all of this without a medal, pay or even an MRE.

As an active member of their church, Mrs. McNeight coordinated an outing that enabled over 40 veterans, from her church, and their spouses to attend the 2006 Naval Air Station Atlanta “Angels Over Atlanta” air show, as VIPs, where they were honored by the NAS commanding officer for their service and sacrifices to this nation.

Always putting the needs of others first, her volunteer activities include helping the needy children at the United Methodist Children’s Home and building homes for Habitat for Humanity. Through her church she has also spent countless hours co-coordinating a Christmas program that distributed gifts to over 10 different shelters and homes throughout Atlanta. The recipients of these gifts were

not only children, but also senior citizens, the homeless and battered women. Her husband says she is not only the perfect spouse but also a great patriot.

Another great patriot, father, and military spouse also recognized by Col. Nuckolls at the Family Day was James Fite, who is the husband of Maj. Karen Toriello-Fite, 94th Operations Support Squadron intelligence officer. Mr. Fite was selected last year as the Dobbins’ 2005 “Spouse of the Year.” He was the very first winner of this award when it was introduced last year, however, by September of 2005, the people of Dobbins were hard at work providing much needed relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina evacuees, and Family Day was cancelled. And so...proving that military spouses also have tremendous patience, Mr. Fite graciously waited a whole year to accept his award.

His wife describes him as “the hardest working person I know.” He spent 10 years in the Navy...six of which he was identified as the top-ranked Navy translator. His career led him to an assignment at the White House — which he selflessly turned down, so his wife could follow the opportunities presented by her career.

He currently works for the U.S. Government as a Russian translator. And he has been name-requested by Secretary Rumsfeld and former Secretary Powell, among others. And as if that isn’t enough, he home schools the couple’s two daughters, Mary, who is nine and Rose who is six.

This spouse has attended numerous squadron functions, made goody bags for all the children at the squadron holiday party, and has even joined his wife in hosting an Airman for the holidays who had no family in the area. His selflessness, his sacrifice, his strength and his support truly exemplify what being a military spouse is all about.

We thank both of these spouses for their contributions to this wing and to the Air Force. If you are in the military and have a spouse, take a moment today to thank your spouse for their contributions to your career. Think of all those times that your spouse had to be both mom and dad to the little ones who didn’t really understand why you were gone. And think of all those times that they handled all of their responsibilities and yours too. They’ve kept the household running smoothly, and never once complained, but instead provided a cheerful, tearful and warm welcome when you crossed the threshold...yet again. And finally, remember the quote of John Milton: “They also serve, who only stand and wait.”

Daughter of unit member wins Scholarship for Military Children

By **Master Sgt. P.N. Brown**
Public Affairs

Finding money for college can sometimes be a daunting task. No one wants to go too far into debt with student loans and sometimes grants and scholarships are hard to get. So, when the opportunity came around for Master Sgt. Kathleen Petridis’s, 94th Airlift Wing Financial Management superintendent, daughter to apply for the commissary’s scholarship there was no question it would be worth the time and effort.

Thanks to the Scholarship for Military Children program, 500 students received \$1,500 to apply toward college tuition. Of the 1,500, only seven were local winners and Angela Petridis was one of them.

Students are selected on the basis of their meritorious achievement, citizenship, leadership and school and community activities. They must be the child (under age 22) of an active duty, Reserve or Guard member or retired military personnel. They must also be enrolled in or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor’s degree at an accredited college.

Having met all of the criteria, the 2005 graduate of McIntosh High School in Peachtree City put together her package for the scholarship. Angela, who is pursuing a degree in psychology from Georgia State University had to write an essay, get a letter of recommendation and complete an application by deadline for qualification.

Her 500-word essay had to be written on “If you could meet one great military leader, present day or historical, who would it be and why?” After much consideration Angela decided to do hers on Julius Caesar. Though her essay didn’t take her long to complete, her words were eloquent and captured her judges’ vote for a scholarship.

The judges weren’t the only ones who have raved about Angela and her potential. Her professor was quoted as saying “she was thriving in the laboratory and graduate students and senior undergrads are unanimous in their praise for her.”

“I’m very proud of her,” expressed her mother. “As soon as I heard about the opportunity for the scholarship I encouraged her to apply.”

Her siblings are proud of her too. Cassandra, a 15-year-old sophomore at McIntosh and Christopher, a 14-year-old freshman both may get their own opportunities to apply for the scholarship later in their educational pursuits as they hope to become a marine biologist and veterinarian, pilot or professional soccer player respectively.

Angela feels very fortunate to receive the scholarship. “It was quite a surprise. When you think of all the people who probably applied I wasn’t sure I would get selected,” said the proud college sophomore.

And she has put the money to good use. “I’ve been able to pay off student loans and take care of some expenses,” she said. “I still can’t believe I won. It’s the first time I’ve won anything like this,” said the hopeful psychologist.

For more information on this scholarship visit www.militaryscholar.org.

Deployed reservists receive more downtime

By **2nd Lt. Dustin Doyle**
Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

A memorandum released July 27 by the Air Force Reserve Command vice commander outlines a new post-deployment downtime policy for people gained by the command.

Effective since Aug. 1, deployed personnel now receive two and a half days of downtime for every 30 days deployed, up to a maximum of 14 days.

The new policy more than doubles the number of “free gratis” time given under the old policy, which limited AFRC-gained people to one day for every 30 days

deployed.

“As unrivaled wingmen and an integral part of our Total Force, I couldn’t be more proud of the things our reservists are doing,” said Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin, AFRC vice commander. “Reworking our downtime policy to give our people more time to adjust to being back is just a small way to say ‘thank you’ for all of the sacrifices they make.”

According to the memo, the new downtime policy also applies to military people assigned to AFRC headquarters.

AFRC members gained by other major commands will follow their respective command’s downtime policy. (AFRC News Service)

Karaoke comes to Dobbins

The Dobbins Consolidated Club will soon be joining the wave of lounge entertainment. Stop by the club on Thursdays and Fridays between 5 - 7 p.m. for karaoke and open mic night. Karaoke kickoff announcements will be forthcoming. Free hors d'oeuvres will continue to be served during the Friday social hour.

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 compete.

Soul Night II

See Cha Faye, with her sultry sound on Nov. 4 as part of Soul Night II at the Consolidated Club. An evening of live entertainment, free hors d'oeuvres and a D.J. is scheduled for a fun night of dancing. For more information call 678-655-4594.

Commissary Case Lot Sale

There will be a commissary case lot sale at the Base Exchange on Nov. 4 - 5 during regular operating hours. Many items will be 30 to 60 percent off of normal commissary prices, so there will be plenty of good deals for the shopper wanting to save money.

Flu vaccines during the November UTA

During the November UTA, flu shots will be given to unit members older than 50 and the flu mist will be given to unit members younger than 50. The vaccines will be given on Sunday, Nov. 5 at the following locations by unit and time:

Building 729, 1st Floor

22nd Air Force, 8:30 a.m.
622nd Regional Support Group, 9 a.m.
622nd Services Squadron, 9:30 a.m.
628th Civil Engineer Squadron, 10 a.m.

Building 732, Mission Planning Room

700th Airlift Squadron, 8 a.m.
94th Operations Group Staff, 8:45 a.m.
94th Operations Support Squadron, 9 a.m.
94 Airlift Control Flight, 9:30 a.m.
94th Services Squadron, 10 a.m.
94th Communications Flight, 10 a.m.

Building 838, Room 1430

94th Airlift Wing Staff, 8 a.m.
94th Mission Support Group Staff and Mission Support Squadron, 8 a.m.

80th Aerial Port Squadron, 9 a.m.
94th Maintenance Group Staff, 9 a.m.
94th Maintenance Operations Flight, 9:30 a.m.
94th Maintenance Squadron, 9:30 a.m.
94th Aircraft Maintenance Flight, 10 a.m.
94th Civil Engineer Squadron, 10 a.m.
94th Logistic Readiness Squadron, 10 a.m.

Health seminar

As part of the "Fit to Fight, Fit for Life" Program, the fitness center is offering a health inspiring seminar by Dr. Joe Esposito on Nov. 9 at 11:30 a.m. The topic of the health seminar is "The 7 Deadly Sins of Nutrition."

Three point challenge

The Fitness Center will host its annual holiday three-point challenge on Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m. The contest takes place at the Fitness Center basketball court. First and second place winners will receive trophies.

Thanksgiving buffet

Come and dine at the Consolidated Club Nov. 23. The club is hosting its annual Thanksgiving buffet which includes hand carved prime roast, honey baked ham, roasted turkey with all the fixings, gourmet salads and desserts. Members pay \$17.95 and nonmembers pay \$19.95. Seating is limited so make reservations early by contacting the club at 770-427-5551.

Give for the Holidays

The Dobbins Top 3 organization is collecting perishable items, socks and toiletries, in order to give to families in need at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, as well as local veterans. Collection boxes are located in various buildings on base. Socks and toiletries will be distributed to the veterans at the Atlanta Veterans Affairs hospital. Anyone interested in making gift baskets during the December UTA can contact Senior Master Sgt. Andrea Deaton at andrea.deaton@dobbins.af.mil or 678-655-3249.

"Sweet Treats" dessert competition results

A Family Day treat this year was Dobbins' first ever "Sweet Treats" dessert competition hosted by the Family Support Office.

There were 10 delectable palate pleasing entries, which made the job of our judges very difficult. Each entry was scored on taste, appearance and creativity. There was a tie for 1st place, and the winners who took home \$100 each, were: Kim McKee, for her "Mr. Whisker's Tootsie Roll Delight," and Debbie Brinley

for her "Baklava." The second place prize of \$75 went to Kay Carver for her "Lemon Crème Pie." And last but not least, 3rd prize of \$50 was awarded to Anna Diaz whose "Sweet German Chocolate Pie" was quite a favorite.

Thanks to all the participants for their mouth-watering entries. And a special thanks to our judges, June Ragle, Jim Field, Rod Washington, Lee Ray and James Withers for lending us your taste buds. We can hardly wait to see what next year's competition will bring.

Who's Authorized to Shop AAFES?

From Ft. Bragg to Baghdad, military installations the world over are home to more than 3,000 Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) food, entertainment and retail options. From contractors to tourists to guests, Army posts and Air Force bases host a variety of visitors who often ask, "Who's authorized to shop these facilities?"

"That's probably the most common question I receive," said AAFES' Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton. "It stands to reason that visitors want to take advantage of the tax relief and competitive prices they've heard so much about, but AAFES doesn't decide who is or isn't authorized."

Exchange service authorization actually begins with the House Armed Services Committee and ultimately ends with the installation commander. The guidelines, as prescribed by Army Regulation 60-20 and

Air Force Joint Instruction 34-210, require proper identification of authorized customers including uniformed personnel and members of the Reserve Components and family members, applicable Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, exchange associates and retirees who possess a basic exchange purchase privilege authorization card. Some government civilians also enjoy exchange shopping privileges when they are assigned or TDY overseas; or "TDY and residing" in government quarters on posts/bases in the United States.

The access of authorized customers' guests is regulated by installation commanders who are empowered by service regulations to determine the guest policy for the main exchange at their respective base/post.

While authorizations governing who can buy merchandise and services can vary from location to location, the doors to AAFES' 2,109 food facilities, including 1,806 name and signature brand outlets, are open to virtually anyone. In fact, DoD policy allows all federal government employees and even installation visitors to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their orders are consumed on the installation.

Anyone who believes they may qualify for exchange benefits including access to the main exchange should contact their local AAFES manager for additional guidance as well as information regarding possible exceptions at specific PX/BX locations. Store-level contact information is available online at www.aafes.com under the BX/PX "Store Locator" link.

A fun time had by all at Air Force Ball



Courtesy photo

The Air Force Ball was held on Sept. 9 at the Cobb Galleria Centre. Approximately 280 people attended the formal event. Here, members of the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron dance the night away after dinner.

Recognition

Congratulations to these recent Community College of the Air Force graduates:

Senior Master Sgt. William Clare, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron

Master Sgt. Paula Foust, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Tech. Sgt. William Bearden, 94th Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Houston Gilliland, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Calvin Janrhett, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Deems, 94th Operations Group

Staff Sgt. Joel Grice, 94th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Rachel Ku, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robert Pinkston, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Tequita Rawls, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Staff Sgt. Tammie Shelton, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Senior Airman Jerry Carroll, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Torre Poole, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron

Newly assigned

Lt. Col. Patricia M. Barbisch

Lt. Col. Bernard A. Wesley

Maj. Catherine G. Smith

Capt. Hendric S. Deloach

Capt. Andrea K. Seales

Capt. Wendell V. Troullier

Chief Master Sgt. Lesley J. Morrissette

Master Sgt. Paul D. Fobare

Master Sgt. Robert D. Oden

Master Sgt. Edward M. Sierzego

Staff Sgt. Ayonna M. Bridges

Staff Sgt. Stanley L. Dorsey

Staff Sgt. Jessica Hall

Staff Sgt. Regena T. Johnson

Staff Sgt. Jason C. Witherspoon

Senior Airman Pierre R. Letournea

Senior Airman Alan J. Plant

Senior Airman Graham A. Roberts

Senior Airman Keller Stocking

Senior Airman Francisco Magana Zaragoza

Airman 1st Class Timothy S. Veal, III

Airman Basic Latanya D. Howard

Airman Basic Luis A. Fernandez-Perez

November UTA schedule

UTA schedule subject to change

SATURDAY

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
8-9 a.m.	AEF Deployment Outprocessing	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
8-11 a.m.	CBRNE Refresher (Every 15 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
10:30-12:30 p.m.	Lunch @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
Noon-3:45 p.m.	Newcomers Ancillary Trng	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
Noon-3 p.m.	Dental Exams	Bldg 550/Navy Clinic
12:30-2 p.m.	Laboratory Tests	Bldg 922
12:30-3 p.m.	Physicals, Hearing, PFT, Optometry, Immunizations	Bldg 922
1-4 p.m.	CBRNE Refresher (Every 15 Months)	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
4 p.m.	Retreat/Unit: 94 CES	Bldg 838/Flagpole
5-6 p.m.	Dinner @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813

SUNDAY

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
7:45-8:30 a.m.	Enlisted Advisor Council Mtg	Bldg 838/WCR-2107
8-9 a.m.	MILPDS Trng	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
8-11 a.m.	CBRNE Refresher (Every 15 Months) (Oct-Nov-Jan-Feb-Apr-May-Jul-Aug)	Bldg 838/Rm 1320
8:30-9:30 a.m.	HRDC Mtg (every other month)	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
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
12:30-1:30 p.m.	56 Group Meeting - "Call to Arms"	Bldg 727/Rm 121
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
1-1:30 p.m.	Assumption of Command: OG/CC	Bldg. 731/Fuel Cell Hangar
1:30-2 p.m.	Commander's Call: OG	Bldg. 731/Fuel Cell Hangar
2:15-2:45 p.m.	Commander's Call: MXG	Bldg. 731/Fuel Cell Hangar
3-3:30 p.m.	Commander's Call: MSG	Bldg. 731/Fuel Cell Hangar
4 p.m.	Unit Sign Out	Unit Asgnd

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