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## Wing welcomes new IG to team

By Master Sgt. P.N. Brown  
Public Affairs

Col. Ricky Crews recently became one of the newest members to join Team Dobbins. Colonel Crews came from the 908th Operations Group where he was the deputy commander. He assumed the office of the 94th Airlift Wing Inspector General from Col. Joseph Thomas, who recently moved into the 94th AW vice commander position.

Colonel Crews began his Air Force career when he enlisted in the Air Force in 1975. He attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and attended his specialty training in signals intelligence at Kessler AFB, Miss.

His active duty stations include tours of duty in places like Shu Lin Kou, in Taipei with the 6987th Security Group, the 6917th at San Vito in Brindisi, Italy. Completing his active duty Colonel Crews was a communications specialist at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, Neb.

In 1979 he joined the Air Force Reserve at Eglin AFB, Fla. as an airborne weapons mechanic. In 1983, the colonel received his commission and attended officer training school back where he began his career at Lackland AFB.

He returned to Eglin following OTS and served with the 711th Special Operations Squadron as a fire control officer.

Colonel Crews is also a navigator with more than 3,500 hours and has flown global close air support and airlift missions including combat missions in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

Bringing a wealth of experience, knowledge and training to the job, the West Florida and Troy State University graduate will be responsible for investigating any personal complaint, fraud waste and abuse and helping commanders find and fix any problem.

"I am the eyes and ears of the commander," he said. "Disclosures help discover and correct problems affecting the productivity and morale of assigned personnel. Identifying and resolving issues as quickly and effectively as possible are in the best interest of the individual concerned, the 94th Airlift Wing and the Air Force," he added.

## SECAF Visits 80th



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ian D. Carrier

Team Dobbins member Master Sgt. Reginald Talley briefs Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne, who visited with members of the 386th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron in a Southwest Asia deployed location before the holidays. Sergeant Talley is deployed from the 80th Aerial Port Squadron here. Several unit members had a chance to meet Mr. Wynne and participate in a question and answer session.

## SAV a helping hand for units



Photo by Master Sgt. Tommy White

80th APS' attention to detail - Tech. Sgt. Hal Smith is assisted by Staff Sgt. Craig Campbell while securing a cargo harness during the 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit. The visit provides a complete evaluation of unit readiness for the unit commander.

## AFRC awards, decs go online as self-help

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia  
Public Affairs

When the Air Reserve Personnel Center rolled out the virtual personnel center for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen last March it gave Airmen here and around the world a 24/7 customer service web portal to change or request a copy of their duty history. Now the web-based resource offers Airmen much more.

Air Reserve Personnel Center and the Air Force Personnel Center continue to work together to centralize and automate nearly every aspect of personnel actions so that Airmen can make sure all their records are up-to-date, said Capt. Phillip Hathcock, 94th Military Personnel Flight commander.

The new format allows Airmen to submit decoration nomination packages, correct awards and decorations, request copies of decoration orders and/or citations, request awards and decoration listing, and more. This process eliminates the requirement for a "DECOR6" and allows nominators to track the status of any nominations submitted online. Rather than hand carrying nomination packets through the review and approval process, Airmen can use Virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve (vPC-GR) to nominate and monitor the request from start to finish without all the legwork.

However, there are a few stipulations. According to the Air Reserve Personnel Center, a "DECOR6" is still required for all nominations not submitted via the online application and the service is not yet available to Air National Guard members. Individual mobilization augmentees and Active Guard and Reserve members assigned to Air Force Reserve Command units will be awarded some decorations by using the new online process. Individual mobilization augmentees and AGRs assigned to a non-AFRC unit will process decorations using current AFPC processes.

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# MEAN GREEN

## Award-winning Dobbins flight protects base's resources

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman  
94th AW Public Affairs

Our planet, our environment, our airbase—if we don't take care of them, who else will?

Eight men and women are assigned to the award-winning base Civil Engineering Environmental Flight and have accepted the challenge of preserving our natural and cultural resources and protecting the environment on base.

They ensure the preservation of these resources at Dobbins ARB through management of programs that protect the environment and maintain a healthy work place. Cultural resources are historic properties, archaeological resources and Native American artifacts. Cultural resources at Dobbins include the Bankston Rock House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The work of Bruce Ramo, Hal Huddleston, Gina Rose, Kelly Childress, Mark Floyd, Franc Morales, Kimberly Bailey and Andy McKinley earned the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command's Air Force Outstanding Environmental Flight Award.

"This is the third time we've been recognized in the past decade," said Mr. Ramo, Environmental Flight Chief. "Our mission includes minimizing pollution, managing the recycling program, restoring contaminated sites and ensuring compliance with regulatory environmental legislation."

"There are two challenging aspects of my job," said Mr. Ramo. "One is convincing installation personnel that the additional burden we impose on them to comply with environmental requirements will ultimately save them time and money. The other challenge is working with a multitude of organizations in addition to our host agencies, including Naval Air Station Atlanta, Lockheed Martin, the Georgia National Guard, and the Army Reserve."

Recent accomplishments of the Environmental Flight include achieving Yellow Level Partnership status with the State of Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Division in recognition of pollution prevention initiatives. Yellow Level Partnership acknowledges that "our team has developed a comprehensive compliance and education program that promotes environmental stewardship" at Dobbins, said Mr. Ramo.

Those initiatives that support our partnership are: completion of the storm water control project along East Patrol Road; revision of the waste management program to reduce enforcement action exposure; clean up of fuel-contaminated soil and ground water at the Tank Farm; and implementation of the Prescribed Burn and Invasive Species Control Programs in forested areas of the base.

"It's a real kick when base personnel realize the importance and impact of what we're doing, and that mission accomplishment and environmental protection are mutually compatible," said Mr. Ramo. "I enjoy coming to work each day because I have a motivated, creative and highly charged staff. Four of us have been together for more than 10 years."

## Money matters

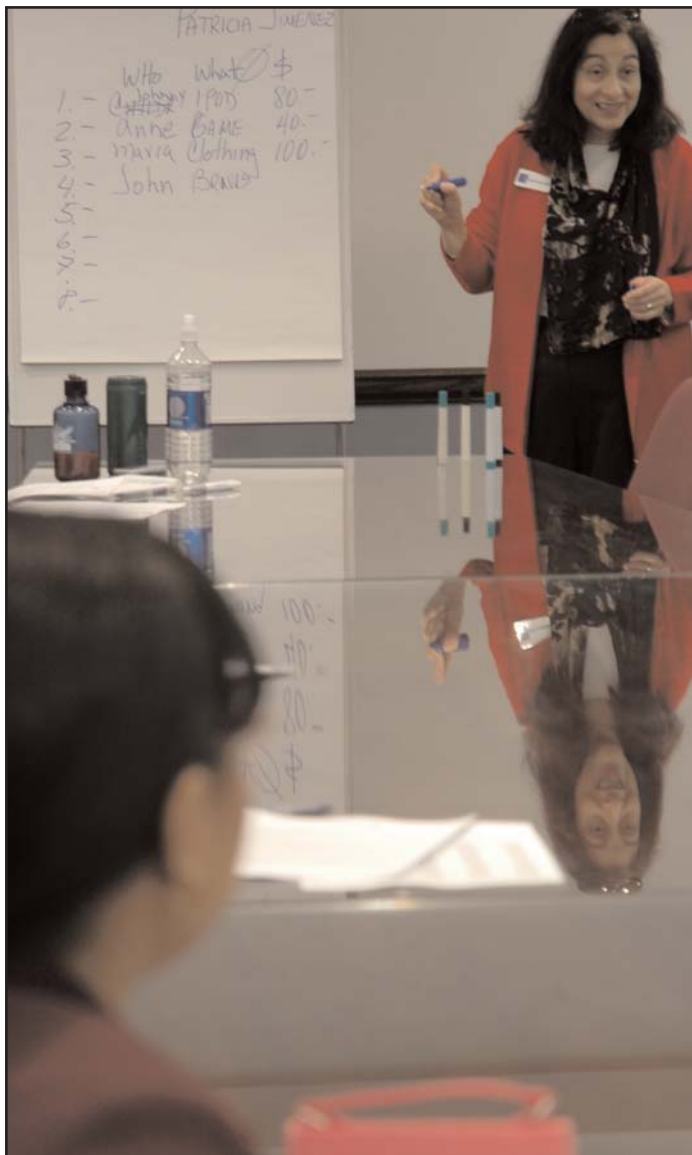


Photo by Senior Airman Micah Garbarino

**Angela Pedersen, director of Family Support here, looks on as Patricia Jimenez of Consumer Credit Counseling speaks to a group of Dobbins servicemembers Dec. 12 about money management during the holidays. The Family Support staff hopes that it will be the first in a series of seminars on smart money moves.**

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The decoration nominations now available via vPC-GR include the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Aerial Achievement Medal.

Awards or medals available via vPC-GR include the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and the Combat Readiness Medal. The web portal allows AFRC unit commanders to deny Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medals and to revoke a pending decoration as needed. Airmen must have a vPC-GR account to

use the online awards and decorations application or any of the 16 personnel services currently offered online.

Airmen should go to <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/default.asp> to set up an account. The MPF will provide oversight or act more in a consultant/advisory capacity said Captain Hathcock. Key services like testing, casualty assistance, passports, contingency exercises and leave accrual are still available at MPF. Also added to vPC-GR is the retirement application process.

For more information, or to speak with someone from the MPF office here, contact Captain Hathcock at 678-655-3838.



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# Command chief shares goals, expectations for 'Team Dobbins'

***NCOs must lead from the front, team must pull together for busy year, change is coming if needed***

**Command Chief Master Sgt. Lesley J. Morrisette**  
94th Airlift Wing

Hello Team Dobbins, it is truly a privilege and honor to serve you in the capacity of command chief. I hope that your holiday season was blessed and refreshing. "Team Dobbins" are words you will hear me say quite a bit. My definition of team is, "a group of people pulling together for a common purpose to achieve a specific goal."

As we start out in a New Year, I can only say that 2007 will be a busy one for Team Dobbins. Our selection to host an Air Force Week as part of the Air Force 60th Anniversary celebration means the eyes of the world will be watching. The events leading up to this momentous occasion will truly require the cooperation and work of every member of Team Dobbins.

In every facet of my life, I seek to let people know what my expectations are. Therefore, they have a path to travel. I believe people, pride, and professionalism are the essential tools to making any organization successful. I would like to take this opportunity to fill you in on a few of my goals and philosophies.

## **GOALS**

First, my goal is not to change anything just for the sake of change. If we change a policy or procedure, it needs to be for the better.

I will work tirelessly to implement programs that will recognize and strengthen the leadership and for recognition of



Photo by Don Peck

**Command Chief Master Sgt. Lesley J. Morrisette**

our enlisted force, but I need your help. I have witnessed first hand how the efforts of one individual to recognize people for their accomplishments profoundly affected an entire squadron.

Programs are successful because of the people who demonstrated leadership and dedication by taking on a project and breathing life into it. I will be looking for those individuals who are willing to stand up, stand in, and stand out to make this organization and wing better.

Another goal of mine is the same as every command chief master sergeant, to get the commander's policies out in the field and to provide wing leadership with the voice of the enlisted corps.

You may be wondering just how this happens. How do I know what issues concern the enlisted people of Team Dobbins? Well, it starts with you – the chiefs groups, first sergeants council, top-three association, and the fifty-six club. If these groups do not currently exist, they will. If they lack fire, they won't any longer.

Use your chain of command, you have heard this many times and it is still true. If you have an issue, let your super-

visor know. If it's not resolved there, go to the next level, remembering to use your first sergeants and group superintendents as well. I believe in being visible, from the dining facility to the flightline. If you do not see me within the squadrons and the groups, I have an open-door policy. If you feel like stopping by the office, please do so.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

As with my goals, my leadership philosophy is quite simple. I expect all non-commissioned officers to lead from the front. Just as you cannot get a piece of rope to go where you want by pushing it from the rear, you cannot get Airmen to follow unless you are out front. I fully realize that not every NCO is a superior performer. It would be nice, but I am a realist. I also realize that minimum standards are just that, minimum acceptable standards.

Minimal performers give minimal effort and strive to attain minimum standards with minimal results. The NCOs of the 94th Airlift Wing will not be minimal performers. Airmen will respond to effort and motivation. Therefore, I expect the NCOs of this wing to strive for excellence in all that they do and never settle for the minimum.

My experience has taught me that there are only two reasons people don't do something they are asked to do. Either they don't know how to do it, or they just don't want to do it. The first we handle with training. The latter is unacceptable.

Through coaching and mentoring from the senior NCOs of the wing, self-development, and Professional Military Education, we will work diligently to ensure that our Airmen and junior NCOs receive the tools necessary for them to be successful. This will ensure they know how to do what is required and expected of them. The young men and women assigned to this great wing deserve the absolute best leadership and I demand that our NCOs at every level provide that leadership.

I also expect the NCOs of this wing to adhere to the Air Force core values: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. These are non-negotiable items. As a leader, it is your duty and responsibility to ensure all Airmen under your charge are treated fairly and provided an opportunity to excel in the service of their country. This simply means that each individual will have a fair and equal opportunity to excel "above and beyond" their dreams, unhindered by the personal prejudice or bias of others. Treat your Airmen with dignity and respect.

## **TRANSFORMATION**

Finally, our Air Force is in the midst of transformation. Transition is perpetual in our business. Nonetheless, these impending changes require us to alter our consciousness, our state-of-mind. We must think differently. We must assess where we are and where we want go as a unit and as individuals. Each of us has a stake in the future of this wing and the role it plays in the total force.

The Air Force transformation into a leaner force, is a modernization and recapitalization of assets not to create an atmosphere or environment of doing more with less, but about vision and planning to fight the next war. As the budget belt shrinks, we must think smarter. We must use proven principles to create a more effective and efficient way to capitalize and maximize on the dollars allocated. This means looking at new capabilities, improving old capabilities, increasing effectiveness, and being resourceful in our day-to-day operation. The bottom-line, we need to eliminate wasteful spending all around.

Remember, 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 effectively and efficiently manage programs. I hope in sharing my goals and philosophies I have inspired you to do that.

# Use commemoration to celebrate diversity throughout the year

**By Staff Sgt. DeBlair Tate,**  
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In the United States, February is designated as Black History Month. This month commemorates the contributions of African-Americans despite the tumultuous past that they have experienced in the Americas. History shows us how African-

American slaves were mistreated and disrespected even after they were laid to rest.

Overall, Black History Month pays tribute to the brave and inspirational African-Americans from the past, as well as those who will continue to make history well into the future.

For some African Americans, part of paying tribute to their past and establishing their

future involves getting to know themselves better.

Black History Month is not simply about reading the biographies of random black artists or entertainers, scientists or inventors, politicians or innovators. It is about increasing awareness of the perspectives, contributions and experiences of African Americans to better understand and respect their culture, past and

present. It promotes diversity and tolerance.

With innovations and enhancements to science, arts, literature, philosophy, history, architecture, agriculture, economics and politics, African-Americans are significantly contributing to not only American society, but also the world.

Take the time out to see things from a different perspec-

tive. Take the time to learn a little bit about the African-American heritage.

If you are interested in learning more about Black History Month, visit the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Website Institute at: [www.patrick.af.mil/deomi/deomi.htm](http://www.patrick.af.mil/deomi/deomi.htm). You can also contact me at building 838, room 2402, or call 678-655-3675.

# CELEBRATING LOCAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEGACIES

## REMEMBERING DOBBINS

**By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman**  
**94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs**

Retired Master Sgt. William Patterson remembers his military service, times of difficulty as an African-American and seeing changes unfold at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Even after President Harry S. Truman’s declaration to desegregate the U.S. armed services in 1948, time was still needed to make strides in diversity, opportunities, and social attitudes that would make America’s military an integrated fighting force at each level.

As a newly enlisted Airman William K. Patterson arrived at Dobbins and was assigned to the 94th Combat Supply in 1965.

Even though there were no “For White Only” signs, there were attitudes and subtle signs of intolerance for non-whites. “During the 60’s and 70’s, on a daily basis, you had many negative experiences from the opposite race,” said Sergeant Patterson. “In basic training, African Americans were taught if you are given a command, you must follow the rules and regulations in carrying out those commands.

“A lieutenant once told me that he could use the rules and regulations to discriminate against me. It didn’t take long to realize that I had to learn my job to perfection,” said Sergeant Patterson. “Because, if my job performance was perfect, there would be no opportunity for discrimination.”

Sergeant Patterson learned early in his career that communication was the key. “If you are not able to communicate, the problem will never be solved, it will worsen,” he said.

“Initially, during my early years, all I wanted to do was to complete my six-year enlistment because of my militant attitude. One of my mentors was Chief Master Sgt. Cecil Wray, a white person who patiently guided me through my military career. One day he told me—‘why fight the establishment from the outside. To be effective and make constructive changes you need to be able to sit at the table to communicate and convince them (the establishment) to make changes.’”

Young Airman Patterson learned to be fair and impartial. “Listen to both sides, examine and research the situation and make sure the outcome is within the AF regulations and guidance of the command,” he said.

During those early years at Dobbins, the leadership utilized race relations counselors for the Social Actions Program. “I gained first hand knowledge and experience in working with command leadership in making sure that racial conflicts were effectively addressed and the resolutions were amenable for all parties,” said Sergeant Patterson.

Success came when rules and regulations governing the Social Actions Program were carried out to the fullest. Sergeant Patterson recalled an incident where the unit commander fired all of his black personnel because their Afro-hairstyles weren’t cut according to regulations. The base commander requested the Social Actions Office and other senior black NCOs to assess the situation.

“After talking with the unit commander and through investigation of the circumstances we advised the base commander of our findings,” he said.

The base commander instructed the unit commander to rehire all black personnel to their positions. The reason was the majority of white personnel in the unit were wearing wigs, to hide their long hair. Wigs were not authorized by the regulations. The base commander’s ruling was all reserve personnel had to adhere to Air Force regulations governing hair at that time.”

Sergeant Patterson retired as a first sergeant with the 94th Logistics Squadron in 1999.

He served more than 33 years and was called to active duty, along with all of Dobbins’ reservists during the Pueblo Crisis in 1968.

During those 33 years Sergeant Patterson was married to his wife, Jackie, for a total of 38 years as of this date. He has two children, a daughter, a son and two granddaughters. Sergeant Patterson is currently the owner of two businesses and is a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.

“Today the Air Force is approaching its 60th birthday,” said Sergeant Patterson. “From 1949 to the present, many individuals, of all races, have done everything in their powers to see that equality in the Air Force is above reproach. There will always be room for improvement.”

## TUSKEGEE VETERAN STILL SERVING PROUDLY

**By Senior Airman Robert Dennard**  
**94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs**

In a time of turmoil at home and abroad, many brave young men crossed the color barrier to become America’s first black pilots, navigators and crewmembers. In 1941 the Army Air Corps, now the Air Force, formed the 99th Fighter Squadron and 332nd Fighter Group, the first all black air combat unit, in Tuskegee, Ala. The Tuskegee Airmen served as a segregated combat unit from 1941 to 1948, when President Harry S. Truman officially desegregated the military. This highly decorated combat unit has become legendary since the days of the war.

Retired Master Sgt. Val Archer, an original Tuskegee Airman, recalls the day when he joined in Chicago near the end of the war.

“I was 15 when I signed up,” said Sergeant Archer. “A friend of mine was in the same boat as me. We tried to join the Navy and Merchant Marines, but weren’t old enough. We were downtown one day and passed an Army recruiting center. We went in just for the hell of it and they just processed us immediately when we came in. I don’t think they had their quotas that month,” he said.

Both boys took a physical and a test to determine job skills. They were enlisted and told to return the next day with their birth certificates.

“We took some ‘artistic privileges’ with our birth certificates,” said Sergeant Archer. “The next day we brought them in and were on our way to Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

After basic training, Sergeant Archer was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Wing in Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio. He served as an aircraft mechanic and assistant crew chief on the P-47 Thunderbolt and the B-25 “Billy Mitchell.”

After the segregation order, Sergeant Archer was assigned to Air Force Headquarters at Bolling Field, Washington D.C., in 1949. Archer served with the Air Force for more than 30 years, 13 of them were spent overseas.

Today Sergeant Archer is a member of the Atlanta Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc., a non-profit organization that teaches young people about aviation, awards scholarships, and works to honor the memory and accomplishments of black veterans of World War II.

Archer works specifically with “at risk” youth, young people who may be headed for or involved with gangs and criminal activity. He uses his past experiences from the military and from growing up in a rough area to connect with them.

“My own history is the same as many of them,” said Sergeant Archer. “Growing up in an area, not so great schools, social distractions, few positive role models, eventual negative attitude, and the list could go on,” he said.

The main vision for the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen is to establish a museum and learning center in the area. This will provide a place to archive important documents, communications and memorabilia.

Sergeant Archer currently resides in Rockdale County and is married with two daughters and three grandchildren. He has served as the president of his chapter, as well as a representative to the national board of Tuskegee Airmen and a member of the Congressional Gold Medal Committee.

“Most of the Original Tuskegee Airmen today are in their mid eighties to early nineties,” Sergeant Archer said. “We are aware of our recent popularity with the public and we are committed to leveraging this new attention to create better understanding and new opportunities for young people today,” he added. “We believe that we must help create those opportunities and also help kids to take advantage of them.



**Left photo: Retired Master Sgt. William Patterson (center) cuts the ribbon to officially rename Third Street to Tuskegee Airmen Ave. at Dobbins ARB in 1999. The late Senator Paul Coverdell (left) next to Brig. Gen. Walt Hatcher, a former 94th AW commander, and national members of Tuskegee Airmen Inc., assist Sergeant Patterson by holding the ceremonial ribbon.**



**Right photo: Retired Chief Master Sgt. William Summerlin (left) assists retired Master Sgt. Val Archer, an original Tuskegee Airman, with distribution of brochures that provide information on the Tuskegee Airmen organization at a Canadian airshow. Chief Summerlin served at Dobbins ARB, as a reservist from 1954 to 1981. He served four years on active duty as an aircraft mechanic. Sergeant Archer joined the Army Air Corps at the age of 15, near the end of World War II. He served for 30 years in the Air Force.**

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**Photos by Master Sgt. Stan Coleman**

**Center photo: “Tuskegee Airman” courtesy of Library of Congress**

# Retired colonel, father of 700th AS pilot shares inspirational wingman tale

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola  
Public Affairs

Not many people can say that they have looked death in the eye and survived. Retired Col. Glenn Nordin is one of the few that is lucky enough to be able to tell that story.

This story begins with him in Vietnam and is remembered by him and the other heroes as the day which caused ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

"I thought I was going to die that day," said Col. Nordin. "There were bullets flying everywhere and not one single bullet hit the crew, my copilot, myself or the helicopter. It was by the grace of God that we survived and nothing was hit, there is no other way to explain it."

Col. Nordin had been at Danang, Vietnam for five months flying F-4 Phantom fighters with the 480th Squadron, of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing. On December 10, 1967, Col. Nordin was scheduled to lead a flight of four F-4's to provide top cover for a US Navy P-3 Neptune bomber, which would drop sensors in a designated area near Tchepone, Laos. He completed his mission and went to Ubon, Thailand to refuel. After the refueling they had a routine flight back to Danang.

"We were on the final approach to Danang about 14 miles out for a landing to the north. We were ready to drop the gear and flaps to start down the glide slope, when we were hit by automatic gunfire," remembered Colonel Nordin. "I knew instantly that we were hit bad and warning lights were coming on all over."

The aircraft was totally engulfed in flames and Colonel Nordin and his co-pilot Bob Riddick ejected from the airplane.

They landed in a river and the enemy began to shoot at them from an unknown direction. Bullets were hitting the water and ground all around them.



Photo by Don Peek

**Retired Col. Glenn Nordin points to an area of the map of Vietnam showing the geography of where he was flying the day that he got shot down.**

"I saw a squad of about a dozen soldiers across the river shooting at us," said Colonel Nordin.

"Significantly they were in uniform, not the black pajamas the Viet Cong wore. These were North Vietnamese soldiers and they kept approaching closer and closer. They were eventually across the river from me and still firing their guns. Amazingly I still had not been hit, but I knew it was only a matter of time."

A US Army helicopter gunship appeared in the sky just as stray gunfire intensified. The helicopter dropped straight down to the river and landed on the sand bar. The helicopter pilot had spotted the fireball in the sky and assumed that the pilots were dead, until he saw them eject. When the helicopter pilot saw the ejection, he immediately headed toward the landing site.

"Shooting erupted all around us from both sides of the river," said Colonel Nordin. "We were completely surrounded and the helicopter gunners jumped out from

both sides. One went to me and the other one went toward Bob. We then made our way to the chopper. The gunners shoved us in each door and we got out of there, straight up. We must have gone straight up at least 1,000 feet with the two gunners firing their rifles and us firing our 38 caliber revolvers."

Despite the tremendous amount of gunfire aimed at the helicopter and the crew, not one single person was hit and the helicopter did not have any bullet holes. Colonel Nordin later found out that the helicopter pilot, Warrant Officer James M. White, was a legend in Vietnam and was known for his fearlessness.

Colonel Nordin recalls that he may have been the only helicopter pilot in Vietnam that would have done what he did in the face of such fierce opposition. Colonel Nordin put White in for the Medal of Honor and the rest of the crew for Silver Stars but heard later that they did receive a downgraded award.

Colonel Nordin was invited by the 700th AS to speak about his experience in Vietnam. Colonel Nordin is the father of Lt. Col. Carl Nordin of the 700th AS.

"My father had a huge influence on my career choice," said the younger Colonel Nordin, 700th Airlift Squadron, chief pilot.

"When I was a child I would hear all the stories that my father would tell and I always found them interesting.

"When my father created a memoir of his experience for my children I brought a copy in for some members of my unit to see. Many members of my unit became very interested so I set up a day and time that my father could come and talk to the unit."

Colonel Nordin (retired) ended his talk to the unit by telling them how honored he was that they invited him to talk about his experience.

"I am very proud and honored that you invited me here today," said Colonel Nordin (retired).

"I am thankful for the sacrifice that you make for your country and consider you all my family. The tradition of sacrifice and service continues on through all of you."

## From God's house to the state house

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia  
Public Affairs

Capt. Doug Collins, a Protestant chaplain assigned to the 94th Airlift Wing, became State Representative Doug Collins in November after he was elected to represent the 27th District of the Georgia General Assembly. The win marks Chaplain Collins' first term in office. He was officially sworn into office on Jan. 8th.

"I'm excited," Chaplain Collins said. "I've been active in politics for a while but this is the first time my name has been on the ballot."

The 27th District includes the north-

ern third of Hall and a few precincts in Lumpkin and White counties. Chaplain Collins said he expects to serve on three or four General Assembly committees. He said his experience as an Airman will aid him in his new job.

"The Air Force promotes a sense of community; service to others; and a willingness to stay with a task until completion," he added. "I can't wait to get started."

Chaplain Collins is a native of Gainesville, Ga. He was commissioned a chaplain in March 2002. He is currently a student at John Marshall Law School in Atlanta. He and his wife, the former Lisa Jordan of Lula, Ga., live in Gainesville with their three children.

## Freedom award for worthy employers

ARLINGTON, Va. – The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is accepting nominations for the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards at the ESGR website at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil). The nomination process opened Jan. 8 and will conclude on Feb. 28.

To nominate their employers, National Guardsmen, Reservists, or their family members should visit the ESGR website and complete the 2007 Freedom Award nomination form. The 2007 recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the 12th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony hosted by ESGR on Sept. 12. The

Freedom Award, DoD's highest honor for employer support, publicly recognizes employers for exceptional support above the requirements of the USERRA Law.

Previous recipients have included Starbucks, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sears, General Electric, DuPont, Verizon, and United Parcel Service. State and local governments and a number of America's small businesses have also been recipients.

ESGR is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. For more information, contact Maj. Robert Palmer at 800-336-4590.

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O-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1821.20	1830.12	1868.16	1934.48
O-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1592.88	1615.80	1648.96	1706.84
O-8	1127.08	1163.96	1188.48	1195.32	1225.88	1276.96	1288.84	1337.36	1351.24	1393.04	1453.44	1509.20	1546.44	1546.44	1546.44
O-7	936.52	980.00	1000.16	1016.16	1045.12	1073.72	1106.84	1139.84	1172.96	1276.96	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1371.72
O-6	694.16	762.56	812.60	812.60	815.68	850.68	855.28	855.28	903.88	989.84	1040.28	1090.68	1119.36	1148.40	1204.76
O-5	578.64	651.84	697.00	705.48	733.60	750.48	787.52	814.68	849.76	903.52	929.08	954.40	983.08	983.08	983.08
O-4	499.28	577.96	616.52	625.12	660.92	699.28	747.04	784.32	810.16	825.00	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64
O-3	438.96	497.64	537.12	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12
O-2	379.24	431.96	497.52	514.32	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88
O-1	329.24	342.64	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20
<b>COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER</b>															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	724.72	740.56	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	514.32	524.88	541.60	569.80	591.60	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	414.20	442.36	458.68	475.40	491.84	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32
<b>WARRANT OFFICERS</b>															
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	779.44	806.20	833.00	860.00
W-4	453.60	488.00	502.00	515.80	539.52	562.96	586.76	609.88	633.84	671.40	695.44	718.96	743.32	767.32	791.84
W-3	414.24	431.52	449.20	455.04	473.60	494.84	522.88	550.56	580.00	602.08	624.08	633.52	643.28	664.56	685.76
W-2	364.36	385.16	403.40	416.60	427.96	459.16	483.00	500.68	518.00	529.84	539.84	558.80	577.64	596.72	596.72
W-1	321.76	348.08	365.72	377.12	407.48	425.80	442.04	460.16	472.16	483.04	500.72	514.16	514.16	514.16	514.16
<b>ENLISTED MEMBERS</b>															
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	548.08	560.52	576.16	594.60	613.12	642.88	668.04	694.56	735.04
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	448.64	468.52	480.80	495.52	511.44	540.24	554.84	579.64	593.40	627.32
E-7	311.88	340.40	353.44	370.76	384.20	407.36	420.36	433.36	456.56	468.16	479.16	485.88	508.64	523.36	560.56
E-6	269.76	296.80	309.92	322.64	335.92	365.88	377.52	390.44	401.80	405.80	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60
E-5	247.20	263.72	276.44	289.52	309.84	327.32	340.20	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28
E-4	226.60	238.20	251.08	263.80	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04
E-3	204.56	217.44	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56
E-2	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52
E-1 >4	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52
E-1 <4	160.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

NOTE-BASIC PAY FOR O7-O10 IS LIMITED TO \$1,866.68  
LEVEL II OF THE EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE  
NOTE-BASIC PAY FOR O6 AND BELOW IS LIMITED TO \$1,513.32  
LEVEL V OF THE EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE

FY2007, 2.2% Pay Raise Increase. Public Law No. 109-364 National Defense Auth Act, signed into law on October 17, 2006.  
FY2007, Increases cap on basic pay for general and flag officers (O7-O10) from Level III to Level II of the Executive Schedule. Level II and Level V increased by 1.7%.

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## Services LSV inspections will save time, money for base organizations with cart-type rides

By Senior Airman Micah Garbarino  
Public Affairs

Dobbins Services is now authorized to perform the required annual safety inspections on government-owned low speed vehicles, which will save base organizations valuable time and money and should ensure inspections are completed when required.

The program was a positive finding in the recent Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program report because the base was instrumental in researching and developing this in-house program.

There are more than 50 of these smaller gas-saving vehicles that ferry base employees from one place to another without the wear and tear on a full-sized car. But just like any other vehicle, periodic inspections are needed and in this case

required.

An improperly maintained vehicle can be dangerous, no matter what the size or speed, said Ronald Durant, ground safety manager. Before Services offered the inspections here, organizations would have to take their LSV to the local dealer to get it inspected and serviced.

"We can do it cheaper, quicker and better than off-base competitors, and quality is assured," said Dick Ames, Services director. A government purchase card is required for payment, but it will be much easier on the pocketbook and the schedule.

The services team can save up to five times the cost of an off-base inspection and have the vehicle ready in a day instead of the average time of two weeks. The service includes an inspection of all the items required in the owner's manual and all this is documented for compliance with safety regulations.

"We took a look at this (LSV

Inspection) and saw it would be a win-win situation for services and the base," said Dale Prell, chief of programs at Air Force Reserve Command Services division. Another positive, as Mr. Prell pointed out, was that all the money for these inspections stays on the base.

The system is designed to ensure a safety inspection is conducted annually on every affected vehicle. Vehicle management will notify unit vehicle control officers monthly to tell them which vehicles are due for inspection. Appointments must then be scheduled with services who will conduct the inspections at building 588, said Mr. Durant. As a courtesy, Services will forward documentation to vehicle management for entry into their records, but to avoid any misunderstanding or penalty for missed appointments, VCOs should become familiar with the procedures for accomplishing the required annual safety inspection.

## Open microphone talent night

Setting the stage for some real entertainment, Services is hosting a Talent Night on Feb. 3. Talent Night is open to all club members, military, DOD civilians and contractors working on Dobbins ARB. Members are invited to come showcase that special something during this "open mike" experience. To sign up for Talent Night call the Club at 678-655-4594.

## Valentines day bouquets

The Dobbins Creation Shop has everything essential for Valentine's Day without hurting the pocket book.

The Creations Shop has a wide variety of genuine rose buds and bouquets, "Baskets of Love," teddy bears and silk flower bouquets are available for purchase. Prices start at \$7. For best selection, orders should be placed early. Free delivery is offered on base. Stop by the Rental Center at building 558 or call at 678-655-4870.



## Valentine's day dinner and dance

Services wants to pamper its patrons at the annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance Feb. 14. Music will be provided by Atlanta's premier DJ, Marque Cooper. Dinner is \$60 per couple and the gratuity is included. Reservations are necessary and should be made early by calling 770-427-5551.

## Attention softball players

The intramural softball season will soon commence on March 28 and run until approximately June 8.

Tournament games will begin around June 13. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held March 20 at 5 p.m. in the Rental Center building 558.

Rosters will need to be presented at that time. This league is open to all military, DoD civilians, and contractors working on Dobbins. All participants must have an ID Card. To be part of Dobbins softball league, call the Fitness Center at 678-655-4872.

Promotions

**Chief Master Sergeant**

John D. Jewell IV  
Kelvin C. Turner

**Senior Master Sergeant**

Ronald A. Aickelin  
Theodore E. Grice  
Clarence Hester Jr.  
Dorothy M. Lewis  
Michael G. McDonald  
Kathleen M. Petridis  
Sonya A. Reed  
Gwendolyn L. Rose

**Master Sergeant**

Ethan J. Garrett  
Howard C. Hubble  
David E. Miller

**Technical Sergeant**

Randy A. Baker  
Carl L. Benkoski  
William Goodman  
Tina Herliska  
Tina M. Williams  
Thomas O. Lane  
Tammie N. Shelton

**Staff Sergeant**

Joshua C. Albertin  
Don J. Brown  
Douglas Hicks  
Matthew Ripley  
Efrain E. Sanchez  
Daniel R. Wood

**Senior Airman**

Robert W. Dennard  
Kristina M. Montgomery  
Jasmine D. Turk  
Timothy J. Veal III  
James A. Vison

**Airman 1st Class**

Randy H. Estrella  
Michael P. Hayden  
Nathaniel D. Mather

Newly assigned

Maj. Christopher Gohlke

Capt. Marlene D.  
Heathorke

Senior Master Sgt. Howard  
C. Lee III

Master Sgt. Randall E.  
Ferguson

Master Sgt. Gary Johnson

Tech Sgt. Debra Demmons

Tech Sgt. Thomas A.  
Madison

Tech Sgt. John W. Moran

Staff Sgt. Lagina P.  
Grevious

Staff Sgt. Robert L. Jones

Staff Sgt. Beverly I. Landis

Staff Sgt. George N. Sanders

Senior Airman Terrence D.  
Best

Senior Airman Jonathan  
Mejia

Senior Airman Derek R.  
Sanchez

Airman 1st Class Walter I.  
Bennett

Airman 1st Class Chasity M.  
Jones-Garrett

Airman Dominique McGill

February UTA schedule

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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
8:00+	M-16A2 and 9MM AFQC Firing	Firing Range
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
8:30-10:20 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 AES	Bldg 838/Flagpole
5-6 p.m.	Dinner @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813

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Time	Activity	Location
6 - 7 a.m.	Breakfast @ Troop Dining Facility	Bldg 813
7:30	9MM AFQC Firing	Firing Range
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 a.m.-4 p.m.	CBRNE Initial Training	Bldg 838/Rm 1320
9-10 a.m.	Catholic Service (Mass)	Navy Chapel
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 747/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
4 p.m.	Unit Sign Out	Unit Asgnd

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