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NOVEMBER UTA SCHEDULE

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
8:00+	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 20 Months)	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
8-8:30 a.m.	Newcomers Intro by Wing/CC staff	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
8:30-10:20 a.m.	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
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/WCR2107
10:30-11:30 a.m.	First Sgts. Grp Mtg	
Bldg838/MiniConfRm		
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/Rm 1202
Noon-2 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 20 Months)	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
4 p.m.	Retreat/Unit: 94 MXS/AMXF	Bldg 838/Flagpole
4:30 p.m.	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg 838/Rm 1202
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	M16A2 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 a.m.-4 p.m.	CBRNE Inital training	Bldg 838/Rm 1320
8:30-9:30 a.m.	HRDC meeting	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	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/BrfgRm
12:30-1:30 p.m.	56 Group Meeting	Bldg 747/Rm 120
12:30-2 p.m.	Relocation Briefings	Bldg 838/Rm 2406
1 p.m.	CDC Exams	Bldg 838/Rm 2304
1 p.m.	Unit EM Rep meeting	Bldg 838/Rm 1322
1 p.m.	Top Three Mtg	Bldg 747
1-2 p.m.	Flying Safety Mtg	Bldg 732
4 p.m.	Unit Sign Out	Unit Asgnd

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Dropping into Atlanta

Wing celebrates Air Force Week and caps a year of successful events

POSTER INSIDE
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A pararescue demonstration at Marietta High School by the 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. During Air Force Week, the aircraft used in the demonstration is the HH-60 Pavhawk. (Photo by Don Peek)

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VIEWPOINTS

Know your freedom

By Lt. Col. William Ferrell
94th Airlift Wing Chaplain

The first amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

The first two phrases in this amendment address the freedom of religious expression. In the past few years the balance of these two phrases has been the subject of a lot of discussion and debate within the Air Force. This discussion was triggered by events at the Air Force Academy that led to the perception, on the part of some, that evangelical Christianity was being promoted and favored above other religious beliefs by the leadership of the Academy.

Lawsuits were filed that alleged the circumstances there amounted to a government establishment of religion. Since then, counter-lawsuits have been filed, investigations and commissions have been established to study the issue and many widely differing recommendations have been made. In February 2006 the Air Force published its guidelines on the free exercise of religion. The publication of this document didn't end the debate on this issue by any means. As a result, many are still unclear about where the lines are when it comes to practicing their religious faith, particularly within the military.

I thought it would be appropriate to review the religious Guidelines and try to clarify the Air Force position on this issue. The guidelines were not written to prevent people from practicing their faith. On the contrary, they were intended to protect the constitutional right of every Airman to practice his or her beliefs, while respecting the beliefs of others. The basic points of the guidelines are as follows:

The Air Force remains neutral regarding religious beliefs. This means the Air Force does not favor or endorse any particular religious belief or lack of belief. The Air Force is committed to accommodating Airmen's religious beliefs whenever possible, unless limited by military necessity.

Commanders have a responsibility for the welfare of their people, including providing for their spiritual care. Chaplains work for commanders and assist in fulfilling this responsibility by caring for people of all beliefs.



94th Airlift Wing Chaplains Team

Maj. Erwin Carrow, Lt. Col. William Ferrell,
Capt. Douglas Collins

Leaders at every level enjoy the same freedom of expression as all Airmen, but must ensure their personal expressions, whether through words or actions, would not reasonably be construed as official or coercive. In their capacity as a leader they should neither endorse or disapprove any particular belief.

Individuals, including leaders, are entitled to practice and freely discuss their personal faith beliefs. There are no restrictions on voluntary discussions of religion, or the exercise of free speech, where it is reasonably clear that the discussions are personal and voluntary, not official or coercive.

Public prayer at special events is not prohibited, but should be done in a way that does not imply government endorsement of a particular religion. Mutual respect, common sense, the particular circumstance and needs of the command all play a role in determining if prayer is appropriate at an event.

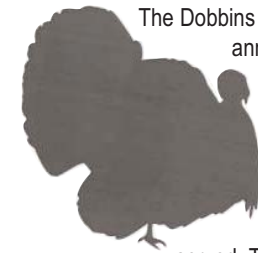
The bottom line is that every Airman has the right to practice his or her faith, but no one has the right to coerce or try to force their faith on others. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please come and talk to one of the chaplains. We are here because you are here.

In quotes

"...there should be no doubt that your determined efforts will result in a future where commemorations to come will salute your efforts today."

-- Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne

Gobble it up



The Dobbins Consolidated Club is holding its annual Thanksgiving buffet, Nov. 22.

There will be hand carved prime rib roast, tender honey baked ham and roasted turkey with dressing.

Thanksgiving dinner is not complete without all of the fixings and gourmet salads and desserts will also be served. The cost is \$17.95 for members and

\$19.95 for non-members. Seating is limited and reservations should be made early. Call the Club at 770-427-5551.

Win big with AF Clubs

Air Force Clubs' Membership Drive began Oct. 1 and continues through Dec. 31. Anyone who fills out a membership application will have the chance to win \$5, \$10, \$25 or \$100 instantly. New members can enjoy six months of free membership dues. As an added bonus, 100 new members will receive six additional months of free membership. New and existing members can take advantage of the Air Force "Military Cash Rewards" program. Members receive cash-back on all purchases on and off base.

Developing defensive drivers

Those who would like to become safer, more defensive drivers and have the possibility to save money on auto insurance at the same time, can enroll in the free online Defensive Driving Course offered by the 94 Airlift Wing Safety Office. Access to the course is available 24/7 on government and personal computers. Upon successful completion of the course, a certificate is issued that may entitle drivers to a discount on their automobile insurance. For details, contact the 94th Airlift Wing Safety Office 678-655-5121.

New arrivals, new ranks

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Brian A. Pack

Master Sergeant

Cynthia J. Anderson

Joseph A. Burton Jr.

Gary A. Clarke

Thomas E. Fuller

Darrell E. Harper

Jimmy L. Haskins

Peter A. Kowalski

Technical Sergeant

Paul A. Carter

Dallas E. Criswell

Earlie Hughes Jr.

Andre L. McElvey

Deborah L. McLean

Byron W. Mulder Jr.

Jennifer C. Puryear

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Michael P. Hayden

Mario L. Jones

Russell B. Kuhlman Jr.

Justin C. Shields

From staff reports
and news service



Happy 50th, Chiefs

This year the Air Force celebrates its 60th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Chief Master Sergeant rank. To honor individuals promoted to this prestigious rank and to mark the special anniversary, Dobbins will host its biannual "Chiefs' Induction Ceremony" on Jan. 5, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Marietta Conference Center and Resort. The guest speaker is Command Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (Ret.) Gerald R. Murray. Tickets are \$50 per person and are now on sale. For tickets or more information, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Deborah Anderson at 678-655-4506.



Duel over the net

All volleyball players are invited to take part in the Holiday Invitational Single Elimination Volleyball Tournament. Teams need to sign up for this "Keep Moving" initiative from Nov. 26 through Dec. 7. All participants will receive shirts and the winning team will receive gym bags. Call the Fitness Center at 678-655-4872 to sign up.

Newcomers

Col. David W. Kaylor
Lt. Col Teresa C. Ayres
Lt. Col John M. Vallrugo
Maj. Rosalee Bayless
Maj. Bonnie M. Henderson
Maj. Tosha N. Meredith
Maj. Kevin J. Woods
Capt. Patrick A. Garbers
Capt. Gene A. Parris
Capt. Ryan N. Schmidt
Capt. Lawanda K. Washington
Capt. Pamela D. Woods
2nd Lt. Eric B. Chommanard
2nd Lt. Melissa Z. Greene
Senior Master Sgt. Tanja L. Banks
Senior Master Sgt. Mickey M. Crawford
Senior Master Sgt. Edwin Perez-Salva
Tech. Sgt. Luz A. Moseley

Tech. Sgt. David W. Houston
Tech. Sgt. Marla C. Rubin
Staff Sgt. Ryan J. Cleary
Staff Sgt. Amanda J. Henry
Staff Sgt. Kim Hernandez
Staff Sgt. John E. King
Staff Sgt. Katrina R. Miller
Staff Sgt. Brittany T. Stokes
Staff Sgt. Kenya C. Stokes
Senior Airman Ashbea J. Day
Senior Airman Renada S. Flynt
Senior Airman Stephen R. Freshley
Senior Airman Stephen O. Nehls
Senior Airman Terria S. Rosser
Airman 1st Class Horace C. Kelly
Airman 1st Class Felicia R. Little
Airman 1st Class Jeffery L. Tinch Jr.

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60th Anniversary



Tuition truths

take advantage of assistance for schooling

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

The process for applying for tuition assistance has just become more convenient. The application for tuition assistance is now available online at <https://www.my.af.mil>.

Tuition assistance provides Reserve members with 100 percent tuition reimbursement, with a maximum of \$250 per semester hour and \$4,500 per fiscal year for bachelor and associate degrees. For graduate programs, members are provided with 75 percent tuition reimbursement up to \$187.50 per semester hour with a \$4,500 cap per fiscal year.

"Each member is responsible for paying for the tuition up front and must pass the class with at least a "C" average," said Dolores Green, of the Education Office here. "Now instead of coming into the Education Office to fill out the application for assistance, members can go to the Air Force Portal and apply. It is really convenient."

There are specific rules for tuition assistance that must be followed in order to use the benefit:

- Applications submitted in person or

online after the class start date will not be processed. It is the member's responsibility to ensure they sign up for each new class on time.

- It is the member's responsibility to digitally sign their courses. They can not be loaded until this occurs.

- All grades are due within 60 days of class completion date and any missing grades will be deleted and ineligible for reimbursement.

- Members must notify the education office of any withdrawals, failures, incompletes, drops and adds or future tuition assistance will be prohibited until information is received.

- Online tuition assistance applications will not be processed until the education office has a hard copy of the member's degree plan on file.

- Members applying for tuition assistance for master's degree must have their bachelors' degree updated into the system.

For more information contact the Education Office at 678-655-4000.

Wing says goodbye to familiar, friendly face

By Master Sgt. P.N. Brown
Public Affairs

There will be a noticeable warm smile missing among the faces that make up the members of the Base Civil Engineers.

Judy Inman was a member of the 94th Civil Engineering community for more than 25 years. Ms. Inman passed away suddenly in September shocking the CE community.

"She was a good friend and I never missed a day

talking to her," said Julie Jones, of the Dobbins Fire Department.

According to her good friend, Ms. Inman was a hard worker and a very private person but one thing she was extremely proud of and shared with many was her pride in completing 30 years of service with the federal government.

"I think she was considering retiring soon," said Ms. Jones.

"Judy was a member of the Dobbins Civil Engineering family for the better part of a quarter century.

She served as our work controller and scheduler in the 1980s and the 1990s, overseeing the accomplishment of thousands of facility work orders. For the past five years she served as administrative assistant to the Base Civil Engineer. Judy will be remembered fondly in Civil Engineering and throughout the base for her spirit, integrity and honesty," said Ken Williams, 94th base civil engineer. Ms. Inman was laid to rest in her hometown of Knoxville, Tenn. She left behind her mother and brother and her favorite friend and companion, a dog named Toby who was especially important to her.

"Judy will be remembered fondly in Civil Engineering and throughout the base for her spirit..."



NEVER FORGET

By Tech. Sgt. Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

"Today is a very special day in more ways than one," said retired Army Col. William Richardson. "57 years ago today, was the very day that I was released as a prisoner of war."

On Sept. 21, Colonel Richardson was the guest speaker for the 23rd annual POW/MIA Memorial Park tree-planting ceremony here, which included a Korean War Memorial plaque dedication.

Through the cool, crisp overcast skies he told his story of survival, teamwork, hope and emphasized how important the Reserves and Guard are in the past and the present military mission.

"This is a very special event meant to remember the sacrifice and diligence they made for their country," said Col. Heath Nuckolls, 94th Airlift Wing commander. "Those who have not returned home will never be forgotten. That is why we are here today."

Colonel Richardson, who traveled from his North Carolina home to be here, started his speech by pointing out how great it was that so many small communities show their support by getting together and having ceremonies to display their patriotism. He then shared his story as a prisoner of war during the Korean War.

"We went north into the deep northern part of Korea and were overwhelmed by the amount of Chinese forces on the ground. My battalion lost approximately 600 out of 720 ground troops. Shortly after the ground fight, I was taken prisoner and

was a prisoner of war for 34 months," said Colonel Richardson. "I was initially captured by the Chinese and escaped that day, only to be recaptured within 24 hours."

Colonel Richardson stressed how brutal the North Koreans were toward prisoners. He stated how many prisoners died from the lack of food, lack of medical care, cold weather and executions.

After Colonel Richardson finished telling the story of endurance, he focused on thanking the Reserves for what they do for the military and how when he was a commander he first discovered how vital the Reserves were to the military mission. He and Colonel Nuckolls had the honor of unveiling the park's new plaque commemorating the Korean War. The plaque was then installed into the marble slab located on the second tier of the memorial park.

There are four tiers at the park. The upper tier is dedicated to the Vietnam War, the second to the Korean War, the third to World War II and the last to World War I. Sidewalks traverse through the park, running in front of each wall. The only memorial plaques that have been placed are for World War II and the Korean War. With support, the park hopes to add more trees, complete the plaques, and include additional areas for POW/MIAs from the Gulf War and the Global War on Terror. For more information visit: <http://dobbinspowmia.com/>



A volunteer contractor works at the Dobbins POW/MIA Memorial Park to install one of four granite monuments, this one bearing a plaque recognizing Korean War prisoners of war and those missing in action. Planning and construction at the park is sponsored by the Dobbins Chiefs Group while the Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary, along with Dobbins Air Reserve Base units, conduct the base's annual Living Memorial ceremony and tree planting at the park.