

INNER *view*

Master Sgt. Scott Pelley

Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Years in service: 25

Job title: Client support administrator, 94th Operations Group

Civilian occupation: "It's the same. I'm an Air Reserve Technician"

Favorite place you've lived? "I really liked Germany. There were great travel opportunities there. The scenery is awesome. I went to Oktoberfest and skied in the Alps."

What's your favorite movie? "*Bridge on the River Kwai* because it's a real good versus evil type of movie. I like that, despite the odds, the people that are good at heart can persevere."

Any pets? "I have three. A mutt dog named Sassy, a calico cat named Moon and another cat, Fuzz. I don't really know what Fuzz is, but his hair is wild so I guess that makes him a 'hairifur.'"

What's your biggest fear? "I don't really have one... Well, I guess I'm afraid of heights. I mean I can get up on a ladder and clean the leaves out of my gutter, but if you put me on top

of the Empire State Building, my toes would tingle."

Best part of being in the Air Force Reserve? "I like the camaraderie and my job is really satisfying. When I do my job the best I can, it helps everyone else out. Not everyone is tech savvy and technology is such a big part of what we do that teaching and helping is very rewarding."

What is life's greatest joy? "My kids, they're grown now. I've been a single parent since 1991. My daughter lives with her mother in Alaska now and my son lives with me. He's going to graduate high school this year. I learned a lot about life, myself and my character in parenting."



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'No ordinary exercise'

By Staff Sgt. Micah Garbarino
Public Affairs

So, you're here at 5 a.m. or you had to listen to somebody grumble about getting here at 5 a.m. You're standing in yet another line, dragging your bags or toting your forms. You're laying facedown in the dirt in chemical gear with sweat trickling down your nose and dirt in your most delicate crevices. There's a certain senior master sergeant from readiness yelling something about you dying. Smile and bear it for your buddy next to you. Smile and bear it for history's sake.

History... what of it? We learn the fundamentals in school. We pick up tidbits from historical dramas produced by Hollywood. We may even dedicate a few minutes to reading a biography or historical novel. But it is of no use if we don't pay attention. History is a great teacher if we're willing to learn. It provides perspective, not only a worldview, but also how and where each of us fit. What's that have to do with exercises and inspections?

Picture yourself in the dark, floating on a landing craft in the English Channel. It's cold at 3 a.m. and a snaggle-toothed, good-hearted guy from somewhere backwards out in the hills is grinning at you after telling a really bad joke. Maybe you know him, maybe you don't, but this is the mother of all exercises and you're in this together. You're making the best of it.

In April 1944, a series of exercises took place off the coast of England in preparation for Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy. Sources have put the total casualties for the invasion preparation in the weeks and months before D-Day at approximately 1,200. Over half of these were lost in one exercise. On April 28, 30,000 allied troops practiced the amphibious assault that would eventually be carried out against the German's Atlantic Wall. This was no ordinary exercise.

Most of the 638 Americans died when their "practice" flotilla was hit by German torpedo boats prowling the channel. Others were killed by friendly fire, meant to provide realism while "storming" the English beaches. Three times the number of men died during the exercise than died storming Utah Beach during the actual invasion.

"I felt the blast, then something fell on my leg. My buddy pulled it off of me and helped me up and said, 'Come on, we've got to get out of here,'" one veteran recalled.

For those of us participating in the Operational Readiness Inspection, D-Day for the 94th Airlift Wing is July 31, or there about. At present we're facing a vastly different situation

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than those men in the channel in April 1944. I'd say we have it a *little* better. But we do have a couple things in common, we're military men and women in a time of war facing a determined enemy with loads of creative ways to kill and maim. We must be prepared if we face them.

Right now, our mission is to get an outstanding grade on the inspection, but eventually it could be to deploy as a wing in support of the Global War on Terror and the best person to help us get through it is the Airman right next to us.

So, when you think you can't take another minute in a tent, another second in a gas mask, or another round of classroom readiness training, take a lesson from history and do it for Capt. Silva from Finance, do it for Tech. Sgt. Walker from the Command Post, do it for Lt. Col. Irvin from the Mission Support Group, do it for Master Sgt. Brown from the Military Personnel Flight.... Do it for your buddies.

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Team Dobbins suffers loss

By Erin Tindell
Public Affairs

Team Dobbins lost a valued member April 4 when Lt. Col. Ronald Barlow passed away. The colonel was assigned to the 622nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, which is a geographically separated unit of Dobbins located at MacDill AFB, Fla.

Colonel Barlow was the chief of medical readiness, ensuring the squadron maintained a mission-ready status at all times, said Col. Martha Soper, 622nd AES commander. The 51-year-old officer spent most of his 30-year career as a flight nurse, participating in aeromedical evacuation missions caring for injured troops in the battlefield.

Friends described him as a hard charger, go-to officer and above all, a true Southern gentleman.

"[He was] always at the forefront, always at the ready," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Weir, a former co-worker. "He will be missed by his family, friends and the thousands of Soldiers yet to be injured who will not have the benefit of his care."

"Unit members looked to him for guidance, mentoring and his ability to make everyone feel valued," said Colonel Soper. "His 30 years of experience will leave a great void for our unit. He will be missed for all of these qualities, as an officer, mentor and friend."

A memorial service was held April 7 in Gainesville, Fla.

Don't get shot

Trespassing on the small arms firing range, located at 2123 Munitions Road, is illegal and dangerous because of gunfire. For information or access to the range, contact the 94th Security Forces Squadron, Combat Arms Section NCOIC at 678-655-3980 or the Security Forces Control Center at 678-655-4908.

New arrivals, new ranks

Promotions	
Senior Master Sergeant Tracy L. Vanenkervoort	Anthony C. Metcalfe Kenya C. Stokes Chadwick H. Wilson
Master Sergeant Colin Hendricks Terrance V. James	Staff Sergeant Archechia T. Cullars Bryan K. Davenport Aaron D. Doss William T. Rayford Jr.
Technical Sergeant Jerry S. Carroll	Airman 1st Class Brandon R. Waters Airman Jessica A. Steele

Newcomers	
Lt. Col. Edward W. Hogan Capt. Allan H. Russell 2nd Lt. Mary C. Buss Tech. Sgt. Khurram Masud Senior Airman Ashley R. Feaster Senior Airman Cheryl L. Morgan Senior Airman Jade C. Petterson Senior Airman Rickey L. Polk Jr. Senior Airman Charles E. Ragler III	Senior Airman Shaun D. Shenk Senior Airman Loyisha A. Wright Airman 1st Class Ebony R. Perry Airman 1st Class Aisha R. Spivey Airman Justin M. Cuevas Airman Brian J. Irvine Airman Maria D. Motley Airman Adrius M. Odom

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Right or wrong?

Identification on the helmet should be in the same format as that on the jacket. The label on the jacket should be on the *right-hand side*.

C P O

Questions, comments, see any mistakes? If you find them, call the PA office at 678-655-5055 and we'll publish your findings next month.



Check your seal. An improper seal will lead to fogging and... death.



Ensure the CPO hood is secured *around* mask lens.



Ensure through buddy checks that the hood opening is *properly* secured.



The mask's drinking tube should be properly secured.



CBRNE: Know your paper, response

By Staff Sgt. Micah Garbarino
Public Affairs

When it comes to chemical and biological weapons attacks, we've heard it all before. Between the online training, the hands-on refresher courses, and the Operational Readiness Exercises, you couldn't possibly cram another byte of information into the over-crowded corners of your readiness-focused brains, right?

Well if you're reading this, cram on, because the more you read and practice, the better off you will be when there is an inspector in your face asking you... "When was the last time you checked that paper, and what are you looking for and what will you do if you find something?"

Detection paper:

M9 paper is worn on the clothing or attached to vehicles or equipment. The preferred operating temperature is 32 degrees to 124 degrees Fahrenheit. M9 paper should be worn on at least six places on the Chemical Protective Overgarment, the lower legs, the lower arms and the upper arms.

Detection tape contains sensitive dyes that react when in contact with liquid agents: pink, any shade of red, red-brown, and red-purple. However, blue, yellow, green, grey or black spots are not from liquid chemical

agents.

M-8 paper detects G series nerve agents (gold or yellow), H or L series blister agents (pink or red), V series nerve agents (blue or dark green), and GF nerve agent (Red-brown).

Detection paper should be discarded if it is saturated with water and you should always wear gloves when handling the paper. Cleaning supplies or pesticides can cause a false positive reading on detection paper. The indicated dots that are created by real chemical agents can be as small as a pin head. More than a brief glance is required when checking the paper after an attack. Use only a white light to read. Any color changes should be reported directly to your Unit Control Center.

If any equipment or vehicles have been contaminated, they must be decontaminated before use. However, after they have been decontaminated, users must be in MOPP 4 when operating the previously contaminated vehicles or equipment and then process through decontamination themselves after their shift is over. The main point of a chemical attack (besides killing people of course) is to slow or stop operations on the base. The better prepared troops are and speed with which an attack is confirmed and dealt with can be deciding factors in the fight.

1. True or False: M8 Paper is for your clothes and equipment

2. M9 color changes represent

- A: Nerve agent
- B: Blister agent
- C: Blood agent
- D: Presence of chemical agent

3. True or False: Once a truck has been decontaminated it can be driven like normal

4. I've just found positive M8 paper, I should first call

- A: My supervisor
- B: My tent commander
- C: The UCC
- D: The Avengers

Answers: 1. T, 2. D, 3. F, 4. C



Aircraft Maintenance Flight welcomes new commander

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman
Public Affairs

Maj. Peter A. Wojihowski, 94th Aircraft Maintenance Flight commander, is new to the Dobbins family and a seasoned member of the Air Force. When you walk into his office, you feel the calm sense of a gentleman who is experienced, loves what he does and is dedicated to getting the mission done.

Major Wojihowski is one of the few commanders with the privilege of leading a group of individuals with the experience of having served in the same or related career field as an enlisted member.

He has 26 years of service, with four years of active-duty, in the Air Force. He achieved his undergraduate and graduate degrees in professional aeronautics.

"I'm having the time of my life," said Major Wojihowski. "I enjoy my job and I am blessed to have the opportunity to lead as a commander."

These are the words of a gentleman who started his career as a powered support systems technician. He attributes his interest in joining the Air Force to his father, who was a World War II prisoner-of-war and served in the Polish Army.

"Both of my parents were immigrants," he said. "They came to America a year apart, met each other in the New York, and were married a year later."

Major Wojihowski commands a team of crew chiefs whose mission is to launch and recover the C-130H2s that support the pilot, navigator and loadmaster training mission of the 700th Airlift Squadron.

Ever since the Army Air Corps, the flightline crew chiefs ensured the general maintenance of their aircraft before and after each mission. Their duties include, but are not limited to the fueling, ensuring the oil level, preventive maintenance and making sure the aircraft systems are functioning properly.

"We are at an exciting time with the wing transitioning from a training mission



Maj. Peter Wojihowski, 94th Aircraft Maintenance Flight commander, talks things over with Senior Master Sgt. Larry Daugherty, the flights production superintendent. (Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Stan Coleman)

to a world-wide deployable unit," said Major Wojihowski.

Away from the job, the major is a husband and father. His 18-year marriage to Melissa has blessed them with three daughters—Morgan, age 16, and his twins—Mallory and Madison, age 14.

"We're happy to be part of the Dobbins family and team," he said. "This is a great opportunity for me and my family to live and serve in a workplace with a sense of strong community ties."

Quarterly award winners

By Tech. Sgt. James Branch
Public Affairs

Airman of the Quarter – Senior Airman Christopher Gallegos

Senior Airman Christopher Gallegos is a fire protection journeyman assigned to the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron. He has served as a fire instructor for the last twelve months, planning, coordinating and conducting live practical evolutions involving live-fire scenarios for aircraft egress and fire suppression to Guard and Reserve servicemembers, increasing their ability to perform their assigned responsibilities. He participates regularly in his community by attending church service, social and charitable functions.

NCO of the Quarter – Tech. Sgt. Frank Keener

Tech. Sgt. Frank Keener is a fuels journeyman for the 94th Logistical Readiness Squadron. His superior performance in tracking and scheduling training requirements enabled fuels personnel to consistently meet training requirements. Tech. Sgt. Keener volunteered and was deployed to Al Udeid Air Base to fulfill a fuels section AEF requirement. While deployed, his hard work and dedication was critical in meeting base refueling requirements. He is currently a volunteer coach for Stephens County recreation department, has partic-



ipated in the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial and is a board member of the Toccoa Rotary Club.

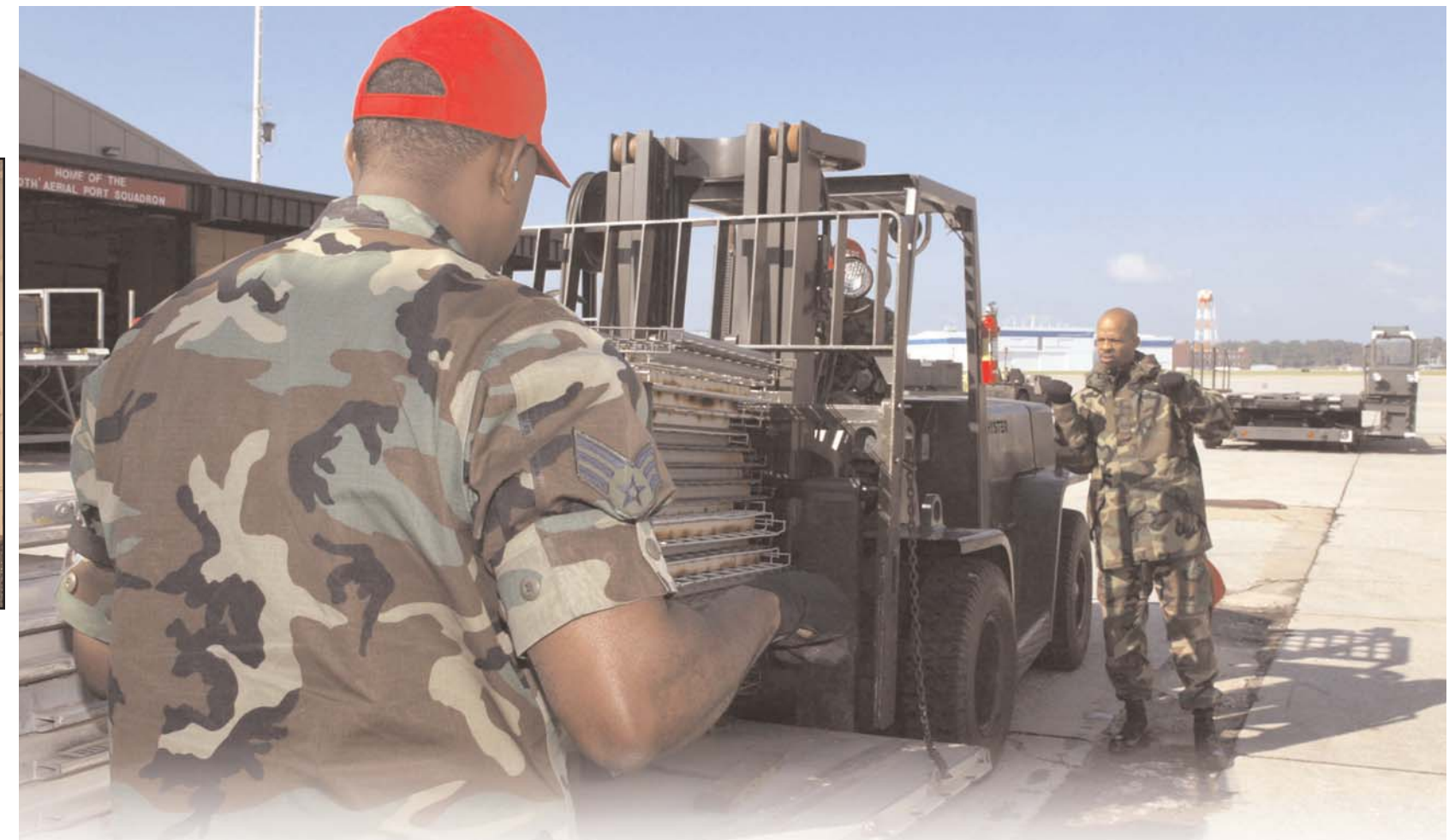
SNCO of the Quarter - Master Sgt. Deborah A. Laviolette

Master Sgt. Deborah A. Laviolette is the computer systems manager for the 94th Mission Support Group.

Sergeant Laviolette currently oversees the 94th Airlift Wing's largest computer operation by far. She configured and upgraded over 300 computers with the latest software for 94th MSG staff and units. She manages all customer service calls for the 94th MSG, ensuring customer satisfaction, and is continuously sought after by wing personnel for exceptional technical knowledge and expertise. She is a member of the Atlantic Track Club, a youth basketball coach for Cherokee City Recreation Department and is an active member of the United Church of Christ.

First Sergeant of the Quarter – Master Sgt. Andretta M. Williams

Master Sgt. Andretta M. Williams serves as First Sergeant of the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Her intense dedication and cheerful enthusiasm are cornerstones to the success of the 94th AES. She is a vigorous coordinator, constantly improving the efficiency of unit programs and letters. Sergeant Williams developed and manages the "Flying Samaritan Financial Assistance Program" which members can contribute to anonymously to assist 94th AES junior members who are in temporary financial difficulty. She is heavily involved with "Hands to the Homeless and Hospitality" ministries at World Changers Church, and donates one night weekly to serving meals to homeless families.



Members of the 80th Aerial Port Squadron practice moving palletized cargo with a forklift during training. The 80th APS has served more man days in support of the Global War on Terror than any other aerial port. (Air Force photo/Don Peek)

80th Aerial Port Squadron: dedication, teamwork, success

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia
Public Affairs

Making sure cargo is delivered in a timely and safe manner to any location in the world is central to what the men and women of the 80th Aerial Port Squadron here do very well. But what sets them apart from any other Air Force aerial port is their commitment to their work and to each other.

"Everyone here is like family," said Staff Sgt. Tamara Franklin, an aerial porter and passenger service representative who joined the squadron in 2003. "We call it a team but we're more like a family."

Made up of several entities, the squadron is comprised of a joint inspection section, an air terminal section, an operation center, a passenger services section, a ramp section, a cargo section, a fleet services section and a load planning section.

Together they provide aerial support of air-land operations in high threat areas, augment aerial ports of embarkation/debarkation, and operate unit moves as

well as on-load and off-load locations.

It's definitely a team effort said Sergeant Franklin.

"Everyone pitches in," said Sergeant Franklin. "We can clown around with each other but when it's time to get the job done, it's all business. It feels great knowing when it's time to get the job done; we get it done in the safest way, the best way."

Master Sgt. Xavier Sanford, assistant non-commissioned officer in charge of cargo, said collaboration is primary to mission accomplishment.

"Every job ties in to the other," said Sergeant Sanford. "We need each other to make the process work. I've seen a lot of positive change happen over the years. The focus is on being mission ready. That's good."

Helping to make them a stronger, more professional organization is the squadron's steady contribution to the global war on terrorism.

In 2005, 88 Airmen were put on active duty under the presidential authorization to call up members

of Air Force Reserve Command in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They were deployed to several countries including: Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Germany, Turkey and Afghanistan.

Both Sergeant Franklin and Sergeant Sanford were among the squadron's initial 88 Airmen to deploy.

Twenty aerial port Airmen are currently preparing for a deployment rotation. Since 2006, 80th APS has earned the distinction of having served the most man-days in support of The Global War on Terror of any aerial port in the Air Force Reserve Command according to their commander, Lt. Col. Todd Laughman.

"We're incredibly proud of that distinction," said Colonel Laughman. "Our mission is very important to the Air Force, unloading, loading and tracking everything coming in and out. Everything runs through aerial port."

"We're also really proud of our sister units who constantly help us do our jobs," he said. "Without their hard work we wouldn't be as effective as we are."