



**STAFF SGT. CHARLIE F. BROWN**  
**MISSION: AIR TRANSPORTION SPECIALIST;**  
**NETWORK TECHNICIAN**

**ORIN MARSHALL**  
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# INNER *view*

**RESERVIST vs. EMPLOYER**  
94th Airlift Wing Employer's Day  
July 12, 2008

**Reservist:** Staff Sgt. Charlie F. Brown  
**Employer:** Orin Marshall

**Place of Employment:**  
Both: Georgia State University

**Position:**  
**Reservist:** Network Technician  
**Employer:** Director of Network Infrastructure

**Military Service:**  
**Reservist:** 80th Aerial Port Squadron  
**Employer:** Was once part of Guyana Military

**What are the benefits of being an Air Force Reservist and a civilian employee?**  
**Reservist:** I get the best of both worlds. I get military and corporate experience.  
**Employer:** Military members bring a certain level of balance and compassion to the organization.

**What challenges do you face being an Air Force Reservist?**  
**Reservist:** Sometimes it's difficult getting civilians to understand our military jobs and tasks. Events such as Employers' Day help bridge that gap.  
**Employer:** There are scheduling challenges, because being part of the military requires flexibility.

**If you're having a bad day, what music do you play to get you in a good mood?**  
**Reservist:** "These last two dollars," by Johnny Taylor  
**Employer:** I love oldies.

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Members of the 94th Airlift Wing participated in a re-enactment of the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France, and also visited the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in the village of Colleville-sur Mer, pictured here. The cemetery is the final resting place for more than 4,000 American soldiers who died in Europe during World War II. (Air Force photo/Maj. Todd M. Copley)

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A nation loses a hero this month as Lt. Col. Charles Dryden peacefully passes.

# Dobbins, nation now mourn a loved hero

## Remembering Lt. Col. Charles Dryden

"We met at Howard University, in the early '60's, when he became the head of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program, and I was a cadet. It was my fortune to have us form a 'Dad/Son' type relationship then, which endured until his death. I was proud to be among his protégé's just as I was proud and honored to call him 'Dad!' Colonel Dryden was a humble giant of a man who was as stern a taskmaster as he was a teddy bear!

The 'A-Train' has taken his final journey, and there are hundreds who knew him, like me, who thank God he passed our way. We are a grateful nation for his determination to excel, fly and fight for the freedoms enjoyed in this country. Freedoms, many of which, he and his fellow African-American warriors were denied." -- By Honorable Rodney A. Coleman, Former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force

"Are you sure that you have film in that camera?" That was the late retired Lt. Col. Charles 'Chuck' 'A-Train' Dryden's favorite greeting whenever I saw him at an Atlanta Tuskegee Airmen's Chapter meeting or at an event. I first met Colonel Dryden during an Unit Training Assembly at Dobbins where he spoke on his experiences as a Tuskegee Airman in the middle-1990s. He was dynamic, deliberate and to-the-point regarding the contributions and achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen as a fighting force and their success as an experiment by the War Department, now

known as the Department of Defense.

I remember my first interview with him, after the publishing of his autobiography 'A-Train: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman.' During that interview, I remember him expressing his sadness, disappointment and emotion with tears after recalling his anger towards the southern Army post he was stationed at after returning home from battle. That post allowed German prisoners of war to visit the post exchange and other areas restricted to its fellow African-American Airmen.

During his service in WWII and Korea, Colonel Dryden didn't know that in his later years he would be honored at local and national events. He didn't know that he would receive honorary degrees and be celebrated as a pioneer through standing ovations by both white and black Vietnam veterans, or American and International pilots. He did not know that he would be the grand marshal of Atlanta's Salute to America's Heritage parade in 2007. And he didn't know that he would be one of 300 original Tuskegee Airmen to receive the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor in March at a ceremony in Washington D.C. Colonel Dryden, I salute you. I will always remember you and work to keep the standards of achievement you and your fellow Tuskegee Airmen exemplified." -- By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman, 94th Public Affairs

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From staff reports  
and news service



### Football Frenzy

Football Frenzy is about to make a touch down at Dobbins once again. Stop by the Lakeside Lounge on Fridays after work beginning Sept. 5 and sign up to win an all expense paid trip to the Super Bowl and two regular season NFL games. The Frenzy runs through February, so stop by for prizes, good food and fun. Just what you need to unwind after a week at the office.

### Historical Visits

The Dobbins Outdoor Recreation Program is offering a historical visit package including the Jarrell Plantation Historic Site, the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. All three visits are included in one trip on Aug. 9. Adult tickets are \$39 and tickets for children of the ages 4 to 16 are just \$26. Transportation is included. Sign up by contacting the Rental Center at (678) 655-4870.

### Health is Wealth

As part of the "Health is Wealth" program, Dobbins Services invites everyone to a dynamic health seminar with Dr. Esposito at the Fitness Center on Aug. 21 starting at 11:30 a.m. Don't miss this health-inspiring seminar!

### Flag Football

A mandatory coaches meeting will be held Aug. 25, and the season begins with the first games on Sept. 7. The league includes a seven-on-seven standard for each game and is open to all military members, DOD civilians and contractors working on base. All interested participants must have a valid DOD-issued ID card. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at (678) 655-4872.

### North Ga. Car and Air Show

The North Georgia Transportation Expo, a car and air show, will be at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport in Rome, Ga., Sept. 14 - 16. Admission is free for military in uniform and discounted for their families -- \$10 for adults (regularly \$15) and \$6 for children 6-12 years old (regularly \$8).

### New arrivals, new ranks

	Promotions		Newcomers
<b>Senior Master Sergeant</b>	Phillip R. Gagnon	Aaron G. Harrington	Staff Sgt. Alton L. Owen
	Christopher M. Greene	Robbie L. Hill	Staff Sgt. Devontay N. Williams
	Shylah D. Kirch	Kevin M. Holloway	Senior Airman Robert L. Adams
George D. King	Matthew Ripley	Chanika N. Kincaid	Senior Airman Tammie K. Burgoon
Demaine Milbach	Deblair F. Tate	Nathaniel Merchant	Senior Airman Robert H. Colbert
	Curtis L. Wilson III		Senior Airman Freddy E. Yarbrough
<b>Master Sergeant</b>		<b>Senior Airman</b>	Airman 1st Class Mekeya L. Edge
			Airman 1st Class Shantavia D. Peters
	<b>Staff Sergeant</b>		Airman 1st Class Christopher J. Smith
Carlton H. Mayo	Anthius Q. Bruno	Ashley T. Hanshaw	Airman Chelsea A. Gitzen
Johnny R. Vinson Jr.	Victor D. Foster		Airman Sandrick M. Reese
	William M. Fufts Jr.	<b>Airman</b>	Airman Jessica A. Steele
	Candy L. Griffin	Terrence D. Abercrombie	Airman Matthew L. Whaley

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Air Force graphic/Tech. Sgt. Nick Ontiveros

### Wings Over Marietta Air Show

The 2008 "Wings Over Marietta Air Show" is coming to Dobbins Air Reserve Base Oct. 18 - 19. Come see the world-renowned U.S. Air Force Thunderbird aerial demonstration team in action. Other acts slated for this air show include the United States Air Force Academy "Wings of Blue" parachute jump team, an F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft demonstration and an F-22 Raptor aircraft demonstration, both also accompanied by other static displays. Admission is FREE for military members, civilians, and their families! Gates for this event open promptly at 10 a.m. For more information, call (678) 655-2333.



# 700th celebrates Allied Invasion

By Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman  
Public Affairs

It's been more than 60 years since the smoke cleared and the gratitude is still there. The citizens of the region of Normandy, France, both young and old, still remember the liberation of their villages from the occupation of the Nazis in World War II.

For the past three years, the 700th Airlift Squadron has participated in the re-enactment of the D-Day Invasion and the initiation of the Allied liberation of mainland Europe from Germany.

Other Air Force participants included air and ground crews from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Royal Air Force Mildenhall in England.

"The people of the region of Normandy approached us, said thank you and shared their personal stories or their relatives' stories of the World War II D-Day invasion and the freeing of their towns," said Col. Heath Nuckolls, 94th Airlift Wing commander, who traveled with the 700th AS for the re-enactment.

The June 6th invasion involved 160,000 Allied troops landing along a 50-mile French coastline that was heavily guarded by the Nazi Soldiers of Germany. More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the invasion. By the day's end, more than 9,000 Allied soldiers were either killed or wounded.

The Allied Force consisted of American, British, Canadian, French and Polish soldiers. The invasion, also known as "Operation Overlord" was conducted in two phases: a midnight air assault of American and British airborne troops and an amphibious landing of infantry and armored divisions later that morning on the beaches of Normandy.

The name of the operation for this year's re-enactment is "Operation Airdrop Warrior," said Senior Master Sgt. John Grutzmacher, 700th AS senior loadmaster.

The operation occurred in two phases. Phase one

was conducted at Royal Air Force Lyneham, England. Joint airdrops were conducted with the RAF paratroopers May 31 through June 1. On June 2, all Airdrop Warrior troops deployed to Cerbourg, France for the second phase.

The paratroopers included international troops from France, Germany, United States and Great Britain.

"We were very impressed with the generosity and hospitality of the French," said Maj. Todd Copley, 700th AS assistant operations officer. "It was a memorable experience to re-enact the history I've read in books and see how big the operation was."

The 700th's participation also provided a travel back into history for World War II veteran, Lt. Col. E.C. "Hap" Chandler, who served as a B-24 aircraft navigator and now lives in Sandy Springs, Ga. Mr. Chandler remembers flying humanitarian missions with the Eighth Air Force, dropping sacks of flour to feed the French.

Mr. Chandler was the guest of honor at a dinner hosted by Picauville city officials in Southern France.

"It was an honor to have Hap Chandler join us on this year's celebration of the Invasion of Normandy," said Major Copley. "It was also a humbling experience when Mr. Chandler and I visited his cousin's gravesite at the the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in the village of Colleville-sur Mer, Normandy, France. The cemetery is the final resting place for more than 4,000 American soldiers who died in Europe during World War II.

"Seeing all of the crosses at the cemetery makes you realize the sacrifice and the great number of casualties that occurred there," said Major Copley.

"The French youth of the Normandy region know about the Normandy invasion and liberation of their towns," said Colonel Nuckolls. "The sacrifices Americans made during that World War II invasion have been taught to them generation after generation. I consider my attendance at the celebration a once-in-a-lifetime experience," added Colonel Nuckolls. "It's very moving to hear the stories from people who lived through the German occupation of France."

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## Dryden (continued from page 2)

“How will I remember Lt. Col. Chuck ‘A-Train’ Dryden? Most of all, I will remember him with deep appreciation. Throughout his career he exemplified, duty, honor and patriotism. But more importantly, his life has reflected the social changes that have taken place in the United States over the last 60 years.

I only knew Colonel Dryden for nearly three years before his passing. But I’ve been blessed to talk with him many times at local events and also as an Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airman.

From day one he has been an inspiration to me and to all those who have followed and served under him.

He will continue to be, for as long as people can remember, the ‘A-Train.’ He gave more than he was given. He leaves this world better and more beautiful than when he arrived.

Colonel Dryden once said, ‘I am one of the torch bearers of the Tuskegee Airmen. The original Tuskegee Airmen have made history. You must take the torch today and continue the legacy to give to the next generation of Americans. I believe that the energy, the faith and the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will help light the way for others in the future.’”

— By Master Sgt. Michael Varnado, 94th Operations Support Squadron

“In July 2004, retired and active military members of the Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen were privileged to travel to Newfoundland, Canada for an air show in connection with the 94th Airlift Wing C-130H static display.

When we arrived at the base club that Friday night, word spread like wildfire among the airshow pilots and crewmembers that the Tuskegee Airmen had arrived.

The following night Canadian and British WWII military veterans asked us to join them in their VIP tent to watch the air show. The British Red Arrows and the Canadian Snowbirds aerial demonstration teams put on a fantastic display of air power for us.

I remember Chuck Dryden telling the Canadian World War II heroes ‘We flew in tight formation in combat during World War II, but

we never flew that tight—those pilots are damn good, no, they are damn great!’

That brought everyone to their feet with toasts bestowed to the Tuskegee Airmen, and returned to the Canadian and British WWII veterans and even to the air show performers and their aircrews, the Queen of England, The Prime minister of Canada and to President Bush. These were genuine toasts of admiration from heartfelt WWII Allies who fought next to each other in combat.

Lt. Col. Chuck ‘A-Train’ Dryden had a charismatic smile and twinkle in his eyes as if to say, ‘I am a proud American military World War II veteran.’ He made me equally proud to say, ‘I am a proud American Vietnam War veteran.’ Thank you Chuck for allowing me to be your brother.”

— Dick Howard, Vietnam veteran and retired 94th AW performance planner

“Lt. Col. Dryden was a true inspiration and mentor. I met him a year ago. I designed a poster for the Tuskegee Airmen for the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force Heritage celebration at Six Flags Over Georgia.

He asked if I was the artist and gave me a great compliment. The things that stick out to me the most about this great hero was that he was very sharp at 86 years old. He was always sneaking in jokes in between his stories of WWII.

‘A-Train’ told me if I do something amazing then there is nothing wrong with letting the world know you made history. History was very important to Colonel Dryden, Chuck never got tired of talking about the history of the Tuskegee Airmen.

When I started speaking to kids about the history of the Tuskegee Airmen Colonel Dryden would say, ‘Make us proud.’ I took that statement to heart because I knew I was representing a legacy.

It was an honor that I had the chance to talk to a legend and receive so much insight from him. As long as I am a member of the Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, I will make our chapter proud.”

— By Tech. Sgt. Travon Dennis, 94th Services Squadron



Air Force photo/ Don Peek

Employers stand by and watch as Tech. Sgt. Russell A. Jones of the 94th Security Forces Squadron explains the static display of weapons equipment that reservists may encounter on a deployment or emergency situation.



Air Force photo/ Don Peek

Senior Airman Justin Krautkremer from the explosive ordnance disposal section of the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron demonstrates some of the abilities of the F6A Hazardous Duty Unmanned (heavy duty) Vehicle for a group of employers visiting July 12, in recognition of Employers Day.

# Employers experience day in the life of Air Force reservist

By Tech. Sgt. James Branch  
Public Affairs

Thirty employers got a glimpse and better understanding of the Air Force Reserve during Employers Day July 12.

While the visit highlighted the mission of the wing, it also served as an opportunity for Airmen to thank employers for their support while they protect and serve.

The employers then went on a base tour that included a briefing and hands-on demonstration by security forces and an explosive ordnance disposal demonstration that showed how little ammo it takes to shred a watermelon to pieces.

The highlight of the day was an orientation flight aboard a C-130 Hercules, which included an in-flight aeromedical evacuation demonstration.

Lt. Col. Jean Specht, from the Georgia Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), was there to present information to employers and explain the significance of the program.

ESGR promotes cooperation and understanding between Guard and Reserve component members and their civilian employers, she explained. ESGR also assists in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee’s military commitment. It is the lead Department of Defense organization for this mission and operates thru thousands of volunteers.

“Our goal in the ESGR is to build and nurture relationships between the employer and service member,” said Colonel Specht. “We have a ‘5 Star Program’ that recognizes employers who support

reservists and their families during times of peace, crisis and war.”

When Maj. Rafael Clark, a pilot with the 700th Airlift Squadron, isn’t flying, he works as a firefighter for Richard A. Jordan, assistant chief of the Ball Ground Fire Department.

“This was an enlightening experience and I would love to visit again,” Mr. Jordan said. “I really enjoyed the medical demonstration. I actually was familiar with some of the terminology the medics were using.”

Lacey Southerland, early childhood professor for Atlanta Christian College, jumped at the opportunity to spend the day with her student and 94th AW command post controller, Staff Sgt. Viki Bloemker, for Employers Day. Sergeant Bloemker works for the college and is studying to become a teacher.

“I was curious and wanted to see what Viki does when she performs her weekend drills,” Ms. Southerland said. “The idea of so many people coming together to accomplish a mission is really amazing.”

Employers admitted that there are challenges and benefits to employing a member of the reserves.

“Our challenges usually lie in scheduling,” Mr. Jordan said. “It cuts our manpower when the member has to perform military duty, or deploy and sometimes others have to fill in and take up the slack. On the other hand, the benefits are that reservists are disciplined and tactful, and most of them come in with prior training,” he said.

“This was a successful event and time well spent,” Colonel Specht said. “We must remember that the Global War on Terrorism takes a toll on our reservist, their families and employers. It requires a huge commitment from everyone.”



Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman

## Big Lake Dam as good as new thanks to base engineers

Big Lake, also known as the Lakeside, was drained for nearly six months and refilled in June after repairs managed by the 94th Mission Support Group’s base civil engineer office were completed.