



# INNER *view*

*Tech. Sgt. Kelly Kruger*

**Hometown:** Buffalo, N.Y.

**Years in service:** 12 years with nine as a Reservist

**Unit:** 951st Combat Services Training Squadron

**Job title:** Services Combat Training Instructor

**What does your job entail?** "Instructing services Airmen on field operations. We train in a simulated deployed environment here on base. We also train to travel to other bases to instruct."

**What kind of teaching methods do you use?** We use lecture, hands-on, and classroom methods of teaching.

**What do students do for classes?** They do specific tasks related to Mortuary Affairs, Fitness and Recreation, Food Service, Command and Control, Lodging and running a Non-Appropriated Fund resale operation.

**What do you think about the people you work with?** "We're like a family; I love the people I work with."

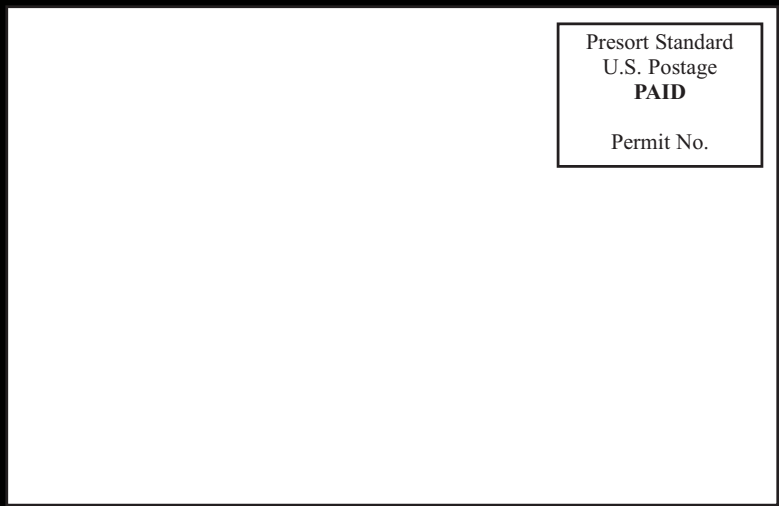
**What are some things you enjoy doing outside work?** "I enjoy reading (my favorite writer is Paulo Coelho), cooking,

working out, playing sports (especially basketball) and even watching them. I also love watching horror movies, especially every "Saw" movie. I can't wait until Oct. 26, when "Saw 5" comes out.

**What's your biggest fear?** "My biggest fear is if my parents were disappointed in me."

**Best part of being in the Air Force Reserve?** "The feedback we receive from students. It's very satisfying and rewarding ... training people."

**What is life's greatest joy?** "Making people smile."



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# Voting is another way to serve

By Chief Master Sgt. Tonia Savidge  
437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## Exercise your right

As military men and women, we have a deep commitment to the service of our nation. We've all taken oaths to "support and defend the constitution of the United States." In our Airmen's Creed, we each take our commitment even farther by vowing to "defend my country with my life."

It's this type of dedication to country that not only makes our nation great, but also makes us the most powerful military in the world. Yet how many of us are registered to vote in the upcoming presidential election?

So you say your one vote won't count? I beg to differ.

By not voting, you're basically saying everyone else's opinion is more important than

yours. Each of us can have a say in who will become our next commander in chief. Regardless of your political affiliation, as a U.S. military member you have a vested interest to let your voice be heard on issues affecting all of us. You don't have to be a political junkie like me, watching all the Sunday morning news shows and talking to the screen as if each candidate can hear me, but you should become familiar with the issues so you can cast an informed vote.

Let's face it, we may never get a personal invite to the oval office to engage the president on the economy, global warming or the two wars we are currently fighting, but we can speak to the political process which will elect the next person responsible for addressing these issues. When I vote, I'm basi-

cally having a dialog with our government. My vote, plus your vote, make up a body of citizens entitled to elect a representative that neither political party can afford to ignore if they hope to be successful. The "U.S." on your uniform says you represent America, which means your vote does count!

Let's not forget that you and I are not the only Americans willing to fight for the freedoms we now enjoy. Women Suffragist of 1920 rallied and fought to give women the right to vote. In 1965 Civil Rights leaders marched, boycotted,

and even died to give African Americans and other minorities the right to vote. To date, more than 4,124 U.S. servicemembers have given the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and

Afghanistan to protect our American freedoms. Throughout our nation's history, these brave individuals gave their all to ensure each one of us has the opportunity to enjoy the democracy we live in. I, for one, refuse to allow their sacrifices to go in vain.

If you're not registered, there is still time! Contact your unit's voting representative to request an absentee ballot. Registering in your home state is simple, but there may be deadlines so don't delay.

This November, it will be my highest honor to participate in a process upon which our country was founded: the right to govern ourselves. Don't miss the chance to be a part of something you've already sworn to support and defend. Voting is just another way to serve.

**"The 'U.S.' on your uniform says you represent America, which means your vote does count!"**

## DOBBINS IN THE COMMUNITY



Col. Steven Clayton, 94th Operations Group commander, prepares to sign a proclamation during the Georgia Armed Forces Community Covenant signing ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol Sept. 9. The proclamation is a public recommitment between the Metro Atlanta community and local military units. (Air Force photo/Airman Chelsea Gitzen)

## New 'Get1Now' Incentives

Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service is adding bold new rewards for Reservists who bring people into the Air Force Reserve. From iPods to flat-panel televisions, the prizes make a statement about how important "Get 1 Now" is to ensuring AFRC meets its recruiting goals. Visit [www.Get1Now.us](http://www.Get1Now.us) and enter your referrals. Awards are based on who joins between 1 October 2008 and 30 September 2009.

## BX Extends Hours

The base exchange is extending its hours on UTA Fridays to 7 p.m. to accommodate Reservists arriving to base late in the day. The special time change is a result of a suggestion from the Enlisted Advisory Council. Retail sales will determine whether the extended schedule will remain in place indefinitely. Regular BX hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call 770-428-1274.

## Football Frenzy is back

Football Frenzy makes a touch down at Dobbins again. Visit the Consolidated Club on Fridays from September 2008 through February 2009 to enjoy food and fun while watching the games on TV. Sign up to win a trip to the Super Bowl, or a regular season NFL game. For more information, call Services marketing at 678-655-5417.

## In quotes

**"Leaders get commitment from others by being totally committed. Leaders never walk by a problem. If you do, you are now part of the problem. You must never miss the opportunity to provide feedback to our Airmen."**

**-- CMSAF on Leaders**

## New arrivals, new ranks

### Promotions

**Chief Master Sergeant**  
Kent I. Smith  
**Senior Master Sergeant**  
Elora E. Jackson  
Paula R. Jackson  
**Master Sergeant**  
Ricky E. Calhoon  
Shane C. Grizzle  
Rodney R. Washington  
**Technical Sergeant**  
Christopher A. Day  
Brad L. Large  
Jeanot Pierre

Daniel R. Wood  
**Staff Sergeant**  
Steven T. Harrell  
Yvette M. Nelson  
Geronte M. Watts  
**Senior Airman**  
Trumaine P. Johnson  
**Airman 1st Class**  
Maria D. Motley  
**Airman**  
Chelsea A. Gitzen  
Matthew B. Mohr  
Davita N. Williams

### Newcomers

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Chief Master Sgt. Kevin M. Davalos  
Tech. Sgt. Melanie V. Davis  
Staff Sgt. David A. Autenrieth  
Staff Sgt. Kenyatta M. Benson  
Staff Sgt. Laura R. Neill  
Staff Sgt. Michael R. Roper  
Staff Sgt. Kimberly K. Townsend  
Staff Sgt. Lance M. Wilson

Senior Airman Paul Hardy  
Senior Airman Jay Holt  
Senior Airman David Jolley  
Senior Airman Lindsey D. Morris  
Airman 1st Class April M. Hubbard  
Airman 1st Class Timothy Kijawski  
Airman LaDoris V. Goodin  
Airman Matthew B. Mohr  
Airman Davita N. Williams

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# Going off without a Explosive Ordnance Airmen

**Boom!**  
**Bang!**  
**Boom!**

Story and Photos By Airman Chelsea Gitzen  
Public Affairs

As you watch the action-packed movie, a scene begins to play out in which a motivated do-gooder starts to disengage an explosive that could go off at any minute.

The clock ticks away dramatically as the protagonist moves his scissors along the cords, realizing the final question: red wire or blue wire?

Sweat pours down the character's face as they feel the pressure that comes with making a life or death decision. Thousands, even millions of people could be affected by this outcome. Many lives are at stake, including the aspiring hero's.

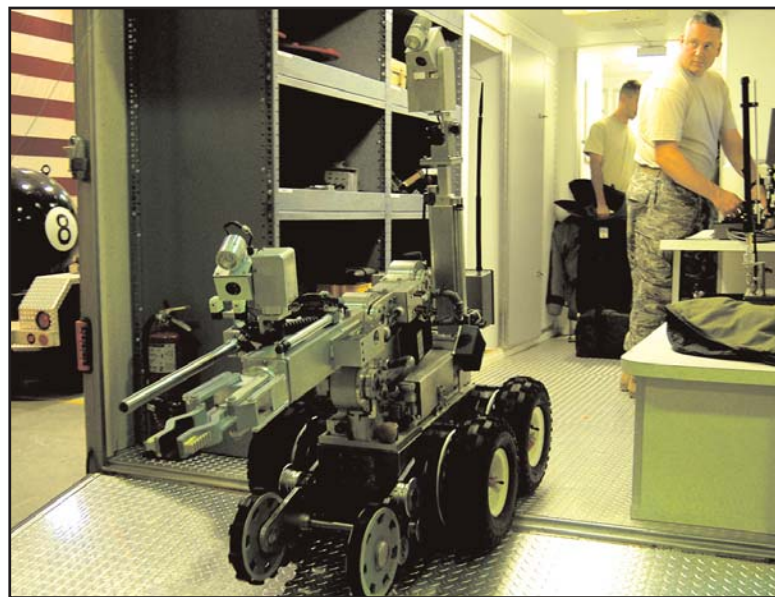
In reality, when the director yells "cut," everyone can walk away from this scene. No one is harmed, and no one had to make any real decision. But the situation, although uncommon, may be real to some. Imagine having to make that decision as part of your daily job. For the Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight, this make-believe scenario may be more real than just a movie scene.

Here, the 94th Civil Engineering Squadron's EOD flight's mission is to provide the utmost protection of personnel and property from explosive hazards, said Master Sgt. Brad J. McKinney, 94th EOD flight chief. They also train their reservists and other personnel as much as possible to prepare them for a deployment.



**Left:** Master Sgt. Brad McKinney of the 94th Explosive Ordnance Flight simulates responding to an un-identified container outside of a building.

**Right:** Sergeant McKinney operates a robot used to detonate explosive devices. Since 9/11, EOD Airmen have increased their deployments to Southwest Asia and as far away as Iceland and Korea.



"We're here to mitigate any explosive hazard from conventional threats to Improved Explosive Devices, and also to lend support to agencies such as the Secret Service and local law enforcement," said Sergeant McKinney.

Since the September 11th, 2001 attacks on the U.S., EOD Airmen have increased their deployments to Southwest Asia and as far away as Iceland and Korea.

"It's also made us a little more visible on the base and it's made the base populous more knowledgeable about what we do," said Sergeant McKinney.

To complete this mission, the flight is encouraged to pay strict attention to detail and situational awareness.

"Every situation is different, and these things are vital to complete the mission safely. Without training, however, both would do you no good," said Sergeant McKinney.

These vital values are only part of what sets the flight apart.

"I don't think that I know of any other group of people that are more dedicated than the people I work with," said Sergeant McKinney, "Another strong point in the flight and the unit is our diverse backgrounds; we have prior-Marine, prior-Army, prior-civilian, etc., and this really brings a lot of diverse perspectives to the table."

The flight carries all of these values and strong points with them into the field as well. On a wall in their break area, a plaque recalls all of the deployments the flight has faced, listing as far back as 2003, and to places not only restricted to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Also inscribed here are the words "If it was easy, anyone could do it," reminding the flight members that they could be called upon at any time for duty, state-side or to distant country.

Sergeant McKinney knows this first-hand, serving a deployment to Baghdad in 2003.

"It was exciting and fun, as odd as that sounds," said Sergeant McKinney, who wants to deploy again, "And what really helps is that my family has remained very supportive as always."

For the flight chief, the most important lesson EOD has to offer is "Despite the political and social diversity we have in the military, we still come together as a team in the end."

Although this flight may not ever end up in a movie, and may never be a main character or an overpaid actor, they still take a copious amount of pride from their jobs, supporting the lives of the people of their country, as well as others.

# 94th AW hosts first air show since 2001

Graphic by Tech. Sgt. James Branch

By Master Sgt. Angelita Colón-Francia and Erin Tindell  
Public Affairs

What's significant about the number 162,000?

That's how many pounds of thrust six F-16 Fighting Falcons produce. It may also represent the number of goose bumps visitors will have when they fly over their heads at several hundred miles per hour during the Wings Over Marietta Air Show Oct. 18-19.

The 94th Airlift Wing has teamed up with the Georgia Air Force Association to host the first air show hosted by Air Force reservists at Dobbins since 2001.

The featured act will be the renowned USAF Thunderbirds flying their tandem of F-16's.

The Thunderbirds "use a mix of precision formation and solo routines that demonstrate the great capabilities of Air Force pilots and the F-16 Fighting Falcon," said Major Robert 'Flash' Light, air show director of operations.

Other acts include an F-15E Strike Eagle demo, the USAF Academy Wings of Blue Parachute Team, the Air Force

Reserve Jet Car and various civilian aerobatic acts such as Red Eagle Air Sports and Jill "Raggz" Long. A special demo will be performed by the F-22 Raptor demo team.

"Military air power will be the focus of the 2008 air show," said Maj. Terence Green, air show director. "Where can you come see a large variety of premiere U.S. military and civilian aircraft including the astonishing F-22 Raptor, built right here in Marietta, that will demonstrate it's fascinating next generation fighter capabilities?"

There will be dozens of aircraft static displays, simulators and fun activities for people of all ages. Food, water, soft drinks, and souvenirs will be available for sale throughout the flight line.

Lockheed Martin's main gate and parking lots will open at 9 a.m. while entry to the show area starts at 10 a.m.

For up-to-date information about the show, including performers, displays, directions and prohibited items visit, <http://www.dobbins.schultzairshows.com/index.html> or call the air show hotline at 678-655-2333.

Airman Terence Abercrombie  
94th Maintenance Supply



I've never been to an air show but ... I've heard they're very cool. I like watching air-planes fly and would like to learn more about them.

## What do you love most about air shows?

Tech. Sgt. Deborah McLean  
94th Mission Support Squadron



The camaraderie is the best thing to me, from the people working at the air shows, to those organizing it. Air shows are huge deals and everybody's blood, sweat and tears go into making sure that it all comes together

Master Sgt. Xavier Sanford  
94th Honor Guard



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Master Sgt. Sirta Williams  
94th Mission Support Squadron



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# Tinky Teaches Tranquility

By Airman Chelsea Gitzen  
Public Affairs

As you hold the thick rope connecting your hand to the bottom of the horse's straps that run along her nose, she follows your every movement.

You realize she is eager to take your next step, and in a sinuous motion, you walk with her, and as you do, your agenda starts to slip away. This majestic beast doesn't care about how much money you make in the military, or what you do between your UTA visits.

The horse is simply there to follow, giving you herself and her trust. And in this therapeutic dance of leader, lead line and horse, your mind is only in the serene moment; all else fades.

Back at his 12-horse ranch near the Appalachian Trail, Senior Master Sgt. Jimmie Mizell lives with this therapy. He has a very close relationship with his horses, and even shows one of his mares in the arena, who took home two first-place titles and one second-place title in the American Ranch Horse World Championship Show in June.

This world champion horse, "Tinky," short for "Tinkerbell," is a Palamino Sergeant Mizell raised on his ranch. But to Tinky's judges and competitors, this glistening, copper-toned animal is "Design by Nicky," a show name only used in the show arena, after his wife.

Showing Tinky is a family affair. Both of Sergeant Mizell's teenage children get involved, walking the horse and even showing her occasionally in the arena.

Outside of the arena, "It's a daily process," Sergeant Mizell explains. The children also help take care of Tinky's daily needs, keeping her groomed, fed and the stables cleaned. "They work hard," Sergeant Mizell adds.

In the ring, this 15-month old mare took home two World Champion and one Reserve World Champion title at the American Ranch Horse Association World Championship Show in June, said Sergeant Mizell. Tinky won these titles in her age group of mares two-years-old and younger. Not an easy task when you're competing against up to 30 of the world's best competitors.

And just how did Tinky pull it off? Judges observed the horses first from a

distance while they walked and trotted around the ring, led by their handlers, said Sergeant Mizell. During this time they were judged on poise and general appearance, stopping on a dime to pose for the judges. Next, the horses were judged more personally, as individual features such as teeth and other bodily form factors were examined.

This was not the first time Tinky and the Mizell family had stepped into the spotlight of the show ring, however.

"We've shown in North Carolina quite a bit," said Sergeant Mizell. But the horses the Mizells own have not all been for show. They are therapeutic to the family, and as for the reasons behind showing Tinky, you'll have to ask the friends of the family, who introduced this competitive horse-showing world to the Mizells.

Although Tinky is currently the only horse that the Mizells have brought into the arena, their showing future does not end with her. They also breed horses on their ranch and plan to show more of them in the future, said Sergeant Mizell.

As for a future for any prospective horse handler, Sergeant Mizell lends this advice. "Be dedicated to it, it's a 24/7 event; horses have to be cared for just like a child would; they need to be protected, fed, groomed, and trained."

It's obvious that to Sergeant Mizell, the rewards are nearly indescribable. Each horse has its own personality, and just to know them is very fulfilling, said Sergeant Mizell.

You feel as if you not only know the horse, but you're almost one with the animal as you lead your champion into their respective stall. You feel their heartbeat begin to slow as you gently place your hand on their side, guiding their mass into the pen.

The riding and showing day is now over, and it's time for this grandiose animal to rest. As the horse slows its mind and drifts into a place unfamiliar to you, you can feel your own mind begin to wander back to your reality as you feel your connection with the animal fade.

Again, you have found that this beast that you have worked to tame and to train has trained and tamed you, and has taught you what it means to be in the midst of pure tranquility.

# Reservists meet Braves at game

By Erin Tindell  
Public Affairs

ATLANTA, Ga. – Military members from Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Naval Air Station Atlanta and nearby Army units got a special treat when they were invited to attend a Braves game Sept. 10 at Turner Field against the Colorado Rockies.

Nearly 50 servicemembers from the Navy, Army and the 94th Airlift Wing were invited near the field to meet and greet Braves' general manager Bobby Cox and players like Jeff Francoeur and Jeff Bennett.

The 94th Honor Guard was also invited to present the colors during the National Anthem.

The game was an annual event coordinated by Carol Sonnenfeld, member of the Marietta Kiwanis Club and the wife of a retired Air Force colonel.

Ms. Sonnenfeld has spearheaded the military appreciation game for several years in an effort to give back to the troops.

On a warm, late Summer evening, servicemembers dressed in crisp short-sleeved blues, BDU's and all white Sailor uniforms piled into seats of a front row section just right of home plate.

Minutes later, Bobby Cox came out to an enthusiastic applause from the crowd. Soon after, Col. Steven Clayton, 94th Operations Group commander, presented Mr. Cox with an engraved plaque that contained patches from all military service branched stationed at Dobbins.

Afterward, Mr. Cox graciously spent nearly 30 minutes to make sure he signed a baseball for everybody in the stands and take pictures.

While the Braves players warmed up in the field, some of them took turns to take a break and say hello and sign baseballs, jerseys and even a bat that one Sailor brought with him.



**Maj. Marcus Smith and Capt. Donna Smith joke with Braves' right fielder Jeff Francoeur before a game Sept. 10. Military members from Dobbins were invited out to the game to show appreciation for their service. (Air Force photo/Airman Chelsea Gitzen)**

"The Marietta Kiwanis Club took care of us not only through giving us tickets, but during the game they offered more money to make sure all the troops had enough refreshments," said Major Smith, 94th Logistics Readiness. "They were first class in their support for all the troops."

# Runway gets needed 'facelift'

By Master Sgt. P.N. Brown  
Public Affairs

Dobbins runway received a fresh makeover Aug. 18 through Sept. 19 as construction workers installed new improvements to the runway featuring a new lighting system.

During the time the runway was closed for renovations, Dobbins' C-130's were moved to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. and some to Ft. Worth, TX so the work could be done.

During the 32-day period, contractors replaced the airfield lighting for the runway, installed new airfield arresting systems at each end of the runways and paved the runway shoulders for the entire length of the runway for the new lighting system.

The monthlong project was initiated several years ago when the 94th Airfield Operations office realized that there was a problem with the airfield lighting system that was in use at runway.

"The system was deteriorating rapidly due to its age, and the way the lighting cables were installed," said Clarence Miller, airfield manager. "Dobbins' airfield was experiencing numerous lighting outages that were beginning to affect operations."

Partnering with the 94th Mission Support Group Civil Engineering, it was determined that the best course of action would be to replace the airfield lighting system entirely.

According to officials, engineers determined that this was going to be a very expensive project and that it would be difficult getting it funded all at once.

They decided to break the project into three parts: one part for the West End of the airfield, one for the East End and one to replace the control system located in the center field airfield lighting vault.



**A construction crew member drills into the runway to remove a segment of concrete required to replace aging runway lighting. The runway was closed Aug. 18 through Sept. 19 during the renovation. (Air Force photo/Don Peek)**

The West End project was funded first and, new approach lights for that end of the runway was the first project completed.

In 2007, CE proposed to Air Force Reserve Command that the remaining two phases of the project be completed at the same time and requested end of year funding to complete this project. Because of the design work that had already been completed through the initiative of the 94th CE, this project successfully competed for end-of-year funding and was awarded the money.

Once a contractor was selected, it was determined that the project would require a full runway closure to complete the work required on the runway.

In the meantime, Naval Air Station Atlanta was scheduled for closure through the Base Realignment and Closure committee which posed a problem for Lockheed's F-22 Raptor operations that also use the Dobbins runway.

Part of the problem was with NAS Atlanta closing, the airfield arresting system was wholly owned by the Navy and they had plans to use it at one of their other installations.

Air Force Materiel Command had to become involved in the process and made the determination that a new airfield arresting system would have to be procured and installed at Dobbins to support the Lockheed F-22 program. The project, to include installation and maintenance, was funded.

Through close coordination between the 94th CE and the 94th Airfield Operations, this installation project was able to be scheduled.

"If it weren't for the efforts of the 94th CE working with us every inch of the way and helping to get the multiple projects funded and completed Dobbins would still be suffering with an airfield lighting system that was failing rapidly," said Mr. Miller.

## Runway Improvements

- New lights for runway
- Airfield arresting system
- Paved shoulders on runway