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FROM THE TOP

Priorities within Leadership

LtCol. Peter Wojciechowski

94th Maintenance Squadron Commander

As we look forward to this New Year and all of its blessings, I wanted to pass onto you a short yet powerful message that I use as a guide in my life and career that I garnered from a fellow commander in the Air Force: I hope you find it hits home for you as it has for me over the years:

Throughout the years, I have put a great deal of thought into my priorities and values. They are best summed up in the word FAMILY. The first three letters in the word FAMILY describe my top three priorities and the last three letters describe things I value. This word means a great deal to me because I consider family the cornerstone of our society.

First, F stands for faith. My first priority is God. I am a Christian and have a strong belief in God and his presence in my life. I try to live my life every day in a manner pleasing to Him. I will fall short, but I will keep trying. We are very fortunate to live in a country where we are free to practice religion and it's important for you to know what guides me.

Secondly, A stands for affection. My second priority is my family. This priority is my loved ones, which extends from my immediate family to my friends, co-workers and wing partners. I place a high value on the people around me because people are what matter most. The Dobbins family is now our family!



The M stands for military. You might be a little surprised I ranked this third on my priority list, but I discovered many years ago if my first two priorities were not in check, my military effectiveness was diminished. The military is a calling and a way of life, but faith and family are my life.

Now let me turn to the three things I value.

The I stand's for integrity. I believe this to be a cornerstone of one's character. Simply put, integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is looking. Society looks at the military with an elevated sense of respect and admiration. With this respect comes responsibility to live to a higher standard. This is what makes us professional Airmen and I am proud to serve alongside each and every one of you!!

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HEADLINES

Dobbin's DEPpers show their stuff

94th Airlift Wing Recruiting

A very successful Center of Influence (COI) event was held here during the Dec. UTA at our Delayed Entrance Program Commander's Call (DEP CC).

"DEPpers" who are currently waiting to attend Basic Military Training were asked to invite everyone: family, friends, co-workers and the like who fall into one of two categories. The first group comprised members who played a role in the trainee's decision to become an Airman. The second group comprised those who, themselves, are interested in becoming a part of the Air Force Reserve.

The purpose of the event was to gain support of civilian influencers and



A very successful Center of Influence (COI) event was held here during the Dec. UTA at our Delayed Entrance Program Commander's Call. More than 130 people were in attendance at this COI event including the 78 DEPpers who visit monthly on the first period of the UTA. (U.S. Air Force photo/Don Peek)

to generate Get 1 Now leads for this base as well as the Air Force Reserve.

Col. Timothy E. Tarchick, commander of the 94th Airlift Wing stopped by to see the DEPpers in action. He shared his personal journey in the Air Force Reserve as he

spoke about the AF core values, opportunities, the value of education and the pride and valor in serving our country.

Command Chief John M. Anderson discussed and illustrated the importance of teamwork, being a part of something big-

ger than oneself and what it means to be an Airman.

Guests were able to witness the DEPpers performing drill movements led by Master Sgt. Johnny Vinson of the 94th AW/MXS who is a former Military Training Instructor. He taught the DEPpers training movements, proper sizing, how to salute and lessons on military bearing.

"I wouldn't be able to come out and do what I do without the support of the maintenance leadership including Chief Hogan, Master Sgt. Graham, Lt. Col. Wojciechowski and Col. Webb." Said Sergeant Vinson. "I am grateful they afford me this opportunity because I really enjoy working with the recruiters to prepare the DEPpers"

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Dobbins enhances 'Get 1 Now Program'

Col. Timothy E. Tarchick
94th Airlift Wing Commander

As your Wing Commander, I'd like to join forces with recruiting to promote the Get 1 Now program by implementing my own program exclusive to members for the 94th AW. In doing so, I will provide special incentives, in addition to the AFRC-provided incentives to the Wing member whose referrals lead to the most acces-

sions in FY11.

The best way to keep the 94 Airlift Wing strong is to recruit quality people... people like you. Our Wing benefits from your quality referrals because we best understand the requirements of the mission. You can help by sharing your story of how the Air Force Reserve has benefited you personally with your family and friends, finding those who

would be interested, and submitting their names to Get 1 Now.

Because the personal involvement is so important in this program, I will recognize our Wing member or civilian employee whose referrals lead to the most accessions in FY11 by offering them an incentive flight in one of our own C-130s, lunch with me (on my dime!), a plaque awarded

to you by me at a Wing Commander's Call, an official Air Force Reserve skateboard, and recognition in the Falcon Flyer.

My Get 1 Now incentive program will be from 1 October 2010 through 30 September 2011. A referral must be submitted to Get1Now.us in order to be credited and tracked. You must have at least three Get 1 Now accessions to qualify for this incentive.

THE ORGANIZATION



AFSO21, Not an old program but new process

LtCol. John Vallrugo

94th Airlift Wing Process Manager

As we begin a new year, what better way to introduce you to AFSO21 (Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century). As the Wing Process Manager, my job is help you in your efforts to improve the way we do things here at Dobbins by providing you AFSO21 tools, techniques and procedures to assist you in those efforts. I recently returned from an AFSO21 conference, reinvigorated, and ready to jumpstart the process here at Dobbins.

The formal explanation is that AFSO21 is designed to focus on generating efficiencies and improving combat capabilities across the Air Force. What it actually boils down to is Continu-

ous Process Improvement (CPI), or in other words – continually improving the way we do things. Bottom line, AFSO21 equals process improvements.

Still unsure of what AFSO21 is all about? Smart operations! Think CESS (Continuous Elimination of Stupid Stuff [you can use your own “S” word at the end]). There’s a lot of stupid stuff out there that needs to be fixed or improved. The problem is that people equate AFSO21 with the old, discredited Total Quality Management (TQM) program, but it’s not TQM redux. While it does use many of the same principles and techniques, AFSO21 is not a program; it’s a process, a new way of doing business.

Where and when do we use AFSO21? It’s a continuous process of improvement, so it happens all the time. Due to it being a process and not a program, it has no defined end state and it applies to everyone, at all levels, in all units within the Air Force.

An excellent example of AFSO21/CPI/CESS in operation occurred during this year’s air show. During the previous air show in ‘08, there was a problem with transportation off base after the event. Buses stopped running; people couldn’t get off-base in timely manner resulting in long lines and frustration. This year, it was the complete opposite. We learned from our mistakes and improved the way we got people on

and off-base. That’s what it’s all about – improving the process! Nothing fancy or “rocket science” – it’s just doing things better.

We do AFSO21 all the time without realizing it. Anytime you find a better way of doing something, you’re doing AFSO21. It’s a mindset, a better way of doing things and not a program unto itself. In future articles, we’ll look at the tools, techniques and procedures involved in improving the way we do things. Until then, continue to look for ways to do things better and eliminate stupid stuff. You can, and do, make the difference on the way we do things at Dobbins.

For more information, please contact me at 655-5050, or e-mail.

DUI: Let’s Talk About The Money

94th Airlift Wing Safety

As the new year approaches, this year’s toast to 2011 could cost you well over \$8,000 for driving under the influence (DUI). In Georgia, a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08 grams or more promises you jail time, fines, fees, and insurance-rate increases even if your actions did not harm anyone.

Here are some of the costs associated with DUI according to Georgia

Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities:

- Bail: \$150 - \$2,500.
- Towing: \$50 - \$200. The cost of impounding a car can add up daily. Some cities even auction your car if you cannot afford to get your car after 30 days.
- Insurance: \$4,500 or more. Rates can likely double, triple or even quadruple for three to five years after the DUI incident.
- Legal fees up to \$25,000.

- Fines: \$300 - \$5000.
- Alcohol evaluation: \$95 - \$300.
- Alcohol Education and treatment: \$500 - \$4,000 for basic treatment.
- Completion of a state-certified risk reduction program: \$290.
- License reinstatement fees: Cost \$210 - \$410.

In addition to the monetary costs, DUI arrests and convictions can cost you valuable time, can damage personal relations, and can lead to job loss or prevent future employment opportunities,

not to mention the possibility of killing/maiming yourself or someone else. If you plan to drink, plan to have a designated driver. If you have had too much to drink and don’t have a designated driver, take a cab or get a sober friend to drive you home.

Bottom line: DO NOT drive while under the influence of alcohol. The consequences of a DUI are sobering! We wish everyone a peaceful holiday season and a safe new year!

Chaplains bring vital tools to benefit mission

Chaplain LtCol. William Ferrell
94th Airlift Wing Chaplain

Chaplains have been a part of the military in this country since colonial militias first gathered to go into battle. The local minister was nearly always a part of this group. When Gen George Washington took command of the Continental Army in July 1775 there were 15 chaplains serving within the 23 regiments that made up the army. The chaplaincy would develop and become more formal through the US Civil War until its current structure which was created during World War I.

Through my 26 years as a military chaplain I have frequently been asked questions about the nature of the chaplaincy. One of the more common questions has to do with the issue of separation of church and state when chaplains are essentially ministers who are government employees. It is a valid question, and there is a good answer. The concept of separation of church and state comes from the first clause of the first amendment to the Constitution which states, Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion. That

means the government cannot establish a state religion or promote one religion over another. The first amendment goes on to say, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. This is known as the free exercise clause and it guarantees each American the right to practice the faith of his or her choice,

or no faith at all, without fear of interference from the government. The chaplaincy in the US military is set up to fulfill and protect both of these clauses.

First of all, a chaplain is a commissioned officer in the US military and must meet all the requirements that any other officer must meet to maintain that commission. Sec-

ondly, a chaplain must be a fully qualified minister, priest, rabbi, imam, etc. and be endorsed by their faith group to serve in the military as a chaplain. In order to keep the endorsement a chaplain must remain faithful to the faith beliefs and practices of his or her particular faith group. If the en-

dorsement is lost due to behavior that is contrary to the beliefs and practices of the faith group, the chaplain is very quickly removed from the military. So chaplains are responsible to the endorsing agency, not the government, when it comes to their faith beliefs and practices.

Accommodating the free exercise of religion

for all military personnel is one of the primary functions of chaplains. In carrying out this function a chaplain has the dual responsibility to provide direct religious support to those of his own faith group and to facilitate the religious practice of those faith groups who do not have a chaplain available. Because I am a Christian minister the worship services or Bible studies I lead will be specifically Christian in nature. But I also have the responsibility to make sure that personnel of any other faith group have the facilities, resources, or leadership needed to practice their faith. I take my responsibility to facilitate the free exercise of religion for all service members very seriously.

The bottom line is this. Chaplains are here for all personnel regardless of religious faith or lack of it. We are able to provide direct religious support to those of our own faith group. We have a responsibility to facilitate religious support for those whose beliefs are different from our own. And we are here to offer care, counsel and support to all.



AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Application deadline approaching for Warrior Games

Maj. Joel Harper

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The application deadline for the 2011 Warrior Games is Jan. 11. With the holidays approaching, Air Force officials encourage qualifying Airmen to submit applications as soon as possible.

Warrior Games is an Olympic-style competition open to wounded, ill and injured military members and veterans

"The application process can take some time, so don't wait until the last minute," said Capt. Courtnee Cruz, the Air Force Warrior and Survivor Care policy chief. "We encourage those interested in the games to apply now."

Air Force officials participants are seeking 25 wounded warriors to

compete in next year's games that will feature seven events: archery, cycling, basketball, shooting, swimming, track and field, and volleyball.

Approximately 200 warriors from all services will compete in the event that takes place May 16 through 21 in Colorado Springs, Colo., with training camps scheduled in February and May, Captain Cruz said.

Warrior Games challenges wounded warriors to prove to themselves that they have abilities within them that they can carry over into everyday life, said Captain Cruz.

"The goal of these games isn't necessarily to determine the best athletes or to win medals," Capt Cruz said.



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"The goal is to maximize our wounded, ill and injured veteran's abilities, and to contribute to their rehabilitation and recover through competitive sports."

The Warrior Games is developed through the partnership between the United States Olympic Committee and the De-

fense Department.

People interested in applying can send an e-mail to Captain Cruz at courtnee.cruz@pentagon.af.mil, their recovery care coordinator or caseworker.

For an application, www.woundedwarrior.af.mil.

COMMENTARY

Priorities within Leadership

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The L stands for loyalty. I believe loyalty means total support, but it does not mean being a yes-person or just upward directed loyalty. It is important to exhibit loyalty in all directions, vertically and

horizontally. We need to trust one another and loyalty is a key ingredient. In our daily pursuits, we need to be loyal to each other and the cause of freedom.

Finally, the Y stands for you. I appreciate

each and every one of you and I greatly value your selfless service. Thank you for what you do each and every day to serve our country. Day in and day out, you make the U.S. flourish as the world's only true super power. The one thing that makes the Air

Force a wonderful career is the people we get to serve with. As a commander, I will do everything in my power to ensure you are properly cared for because I have a fundamental belief if I take care of you, you will take care of the mission.

FEATURE

Dobbins, Emergency Services partners for training

Don Peck
Public Affairs

The Dobbins Fire and Emergency Services Team join forces with local fire fighters and emergency response personnel to train and at the same time assist the City of Marietta, Ga., in their efforts to demolish and clear out an aging apartment complex. Training consisted of firefighter safety and survival, forcible entry techniques (doors, windows, non-load bearing wall breaching) and vertical ventilation evolutions, RIT team activation, calling the mayday and firefighter removal. Live fire dynamics, room and content fires and defensive operations all lead up to the final live fire demolition.

Numerous precautions and extensive planning took place prior to training ensuring no detail was overlooked. An operational Risk Management plan was developed and covered everything from equipment required to identifying load bearing and non-load bearing walls as well as no risks of electrically energized areas were found prior to forcible entry training. Specific site control measures were put into place. Safety was priority one.

James "Jay" Kula Sr., 94th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services Chief of Training said, "the training was a success and extremely valuable. Realistic training scenarios like those that occurred at Preston Chase Apartments are crucial for firefighter skill development and experience, and I am proud to announce that no injuries of any type occurred". The chief went on to express his thanks to its partners; Marietta Fire Department, City of Marietta and Steve Williamson from Paratech, Inc for their assistance.



TOUCH AND GO'S

Can't Afford Health Insurance, Unemployed! Did You Know?

Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) offers Humana Military Health Insurance to all members of Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and their families. This does not qualify if you are enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program. To qualify, log on to the <https://www.tricare.mil> to review the three major steps to get started. You must confirm or establish your eligibility in DEERS via website: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/login/SelectLogin.do> or call 1-800-538-9552. To use the Web site, you will need to use your CAC or DoD Self-Service Logon.

The monthly premiums are adjusted annually, effective January 1 as follows:

	2010	2011
TRS Member-Only	\$49.62	\$53.16
TRS Member-and-Family	\$197.65	\$197.76

You may also pick up brochures in the MPF Customer Service.
Remember: Your health is first priority to accomplish the Mission!

UTA Child Care

Military childcare is available for those service members who fall into such a category that there is a hardship to providing quality childcare during UTA. The program is sponsored through the Air Force Reserve Command and implemented via the local Family Readiness Center. To be clear, this program is only for those who lack regular childcare arrangements for their children.

Call Angela Pederson for more details at (678) 655-5004

CC Access Line

A direct link to Col. Timothy E. Tarchick has been created to express points of view and to give input. Col. Tarchick wants your input after coordinating properly through your chain of command.

Access this line at (678) 655-94CC or
email 94aw.cc.accessline@us.af.mil



Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga – The best way to keep the 94th Airlift Wing and Air Force Reserve strong is to recruit good people- people like you. You can help by talking about the benefits of joining the Air Force Reserve with family and friends, then submitting their names to Get1Now. The people you care about will benefit, and so will you.

Deserving Airman Commissioning



Deserving Airman Commissioning flight nurse applications are now being accepted for a DAC opportunity within the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Dobbins.

The selection board will convene on Saturday, 5 Mar 11. Interview location and time slots will be determined by the 94 AW/CC. Applicants should provide their email address and a phone number for contact.

All members who wish to apply, must submit a DAC package to the MPF not later than 1400 hours, 6 Feb 11. Specific requirements are outlined in the attachments.