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A group of approximately 15 Air Force personnel in camouflage uniforms are posed for a group photo. They are standing on a grassy area in front of a building with a covered walkway. The personnel are arranged in several rows, with some in the foreground looking directly at the camera. The background shows a clear blue sky, trees, and parts of the base infrastructure.

**New command chief focuses
on Dobbins' greatest asset:
it's Airmen**

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ON THE COVER >> Chief Master Sgt. Wendell L. Peacock, former manager of the 94th Security Forces Squadron, takes on the new role of the 94th Airlift Wing Command Chief, focusing on Dobbins' greatest asset, it's Airmen.



Photo by Brad Fallin

94th Maintenance Group personnel, along with Chief Master Sgt. Wendell Peacock, 94th Airlift Wing command chief, perform a foreign object damage (FOD) check on the Dobbins' ARB flightline July 10.



Mission first, people always

By **Capt. Jamison S. de la Peña**
94th Communications Flight commander

Four simple yet profound words... mission first, people always. The mission of the U.S. Air Force is to fly, fight and win, in air, space and cyberspace. That is our ultimate purpose and what we have been charged to accomplish as Airmen without fail. However, the other part of that equation is the people who make the mission happen. Without our Airmen, the mission does not happen.

We must strive to take care of the people that ultimately complete the mission.

I first heard the phrase “mission first, people always” when I was stationed at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. I was assigned to the 353rd Special Operations Group and learned, during my two years there, why my leadership emphasized that motto to our unit. Our unit had a special mission that covered a large area of the Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCPAC) area of responsibility, which spanned from the east of Africa to the open seas of the Pacific Ocean.

Our ops tempo was high and it was a “no nonsense” kind of environment, so stress could be intense at times. Even though we pushed hard, our leadership looked out for our best interest, both professionally and personally, and made sure we had avenues to relieve our stresses. They were genuinely involved and knew when things were not right and helped us get back on



Capt. de la Peña

track. Our leadership knew very well that the success of a mission hinged on the well-being of the personnel executing it.

Taking care of our Airmen, enlisted, officers and civilians, does not necessarily mean just keeping people happy. It means looking out for the things that keep us sound and grounded as a professional military force. Specifically, making sure our Airmen are stable mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially and professionally. We can do this through fitness, professional development, career field training, morale functions, mentorship, spiritual support and counseling. There are countless resources. Using them and making it count when needed is critical to the

morale and welfare of our fellow Airmen.

As a unit commander now, I see first-hand how the “mission first, people always” concept is important to the good order and discipline of an organization. First and foremost, we are here to do a job, a job that has direct and indirect impacts to how we affect the mission. When we drive through the front gates, we need to be focused and ready to handle our business to the best of our abilities. In order to do so, we need to cultivate an environment where we are set up to succeed. This involves everyone at all levels of an organization; junior enlisted, first-line supervisors, NCOICs, superintendents, branch chiefs, first sergeants, civilians and officers, to handle responsibilities that not only take care of the mission but also the people. Collectively, we can make this happen and posture an organization to excel to new levels.

We all have a vested interest in the support and defense of our country. When we are called upon to accomplish our mission, we need to be poised and ready to execute. As leaders, we need to understand those priorities and accomplish the things that help make that happen. I encourage every one of you to look at the things that make your organization successful. You will find that there is a human-factor to that success. Take care of them and they will take care of you and your mission. Mission first, people always.

Force support hosts fun run

By **Brad Fallin**
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 94th Force Support Squadron held a Fun Run July 25. Servicemembers stationed here participated in the two mile run on various forested trails and back roads of the base. “We held the run to promote and encourage fitness training here on Dobbins,” said Fred Engel, recreation and fitness

manager, 94th FSS. The run covered various types of terrain from natural forested trails to gravel surfaced roads with some hills thrown in. “I’m not a runner, but I saw the advertisement and just wanted to try it and running on a trail seemed interesting,” said Master Sgt. Steve Denton, 283rd Combat Communications Squadron. “The

weather was hot and humid which made the run a little more difficult,” said Engel. “We will have another one in October which should be better as far as the heat goes.”

Visit www.dobbins.afrc.af.mil for photos from this event.

AROUND THE PATTERN



Photo by Don Peek

Lt. Col. Scott P. D'Antoni receives the guidon from Col. George H. Ross III, commander, Civil Air Patrol, Maxwell Air Force Base, officially taking command of the Detachment 4, South Eastern Region Civil Air Patrol, here at a ceremony July 18.



Photo by Don Peek

"Wright" Staff campers are briefed on the C-130 cargo area by Airman 1st Class Andrew A. Powell, 700th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, during a base tour July 15.



Photo by Brad Fallin

Staff Sgt. Barbara Denisi, 94th Security Forces Squadron, fires the M-4 carbine for qualification at Dobbins Air Reserve Base during the monthly Unit Training Assembly, July 9. 94th Security Forces Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructors conduct the training with several hours of classroom and firing range instruction ending with a qualification course of fire.



Courtesy photo

One hundred sixty members of the Inactive Ready Reserve assembled here during an IRR Muster July 23. Members received personnel and medical evaluations, attended Q & A sessions and spoke with recruiters if interested in returning to the active reserves.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chelsea Smith

Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing commander, speaks at the 8th annual Corn and Sausage Roast July 20 to support fundraising efforts for the Dobbins emergency assistance fund, benefiting reservists in financial need. This year's event raised a total of \$631, along with a \$1,000 donation made by the Dobbins Thrift Store.



Ceremony scheduled for opening new ATC tower

By Airman 1st Class Chelsea Smith
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The newly constructed air traffic control tower opened here Aug. 1. To commemorate the opening, a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled to be held Aug. 9 at 9 a.m. at base operations.

According to the New South Construction website, the \$7.5 million, nine-story tower will encompass 7,000 square feet of land and include state-of-the-art restroom facilities, shower and locker areas, administrative areas, a training and break room for air traffic controllers beginning Aug. 1.

“Our old tower reached the end of its serviceable life,” said Clancy Miller, airfield operations manager, Dobbins Air Reserve Base. “This new tower will be adequate for our requirements and viable for at least the next 40 to 50 years.”

“With the new tower, we can service any mission and won’t have to worry about any points of failure,” said Miller.

“With its new 21st century design, the new tower provides space for more enhanced equipment which the old tower could not sustain,” said Dave Seal, air traffic control manager, Dobbins Air Reserve Base. “The new tower also allows easier access to maintenance workers, cleaning crews and various other workers who need to service the tower.”

Construction began on the tower in July 2010 as a joint project between Merrick & Company and New South Construction Company after receiving approval by Congress. The contract was awarded Sept. 29, 2009, said Ken Williams, 94th Airlift Wing base civil engineer.

Towering 100 feet into the Marietta sky, the environmentally-friendly building built using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design specifications stands 40 feet taller than its predecessor, allowing better visibility and more efficient and sustainable space to maintain equipment, said Williams.

In addition to its larger size and enhanced functionalities, the high-rise tower will also include an elevator, an amenity not found in the old tower, preventing workers from climbing over 150 stairs to reach work each day, said Miller.

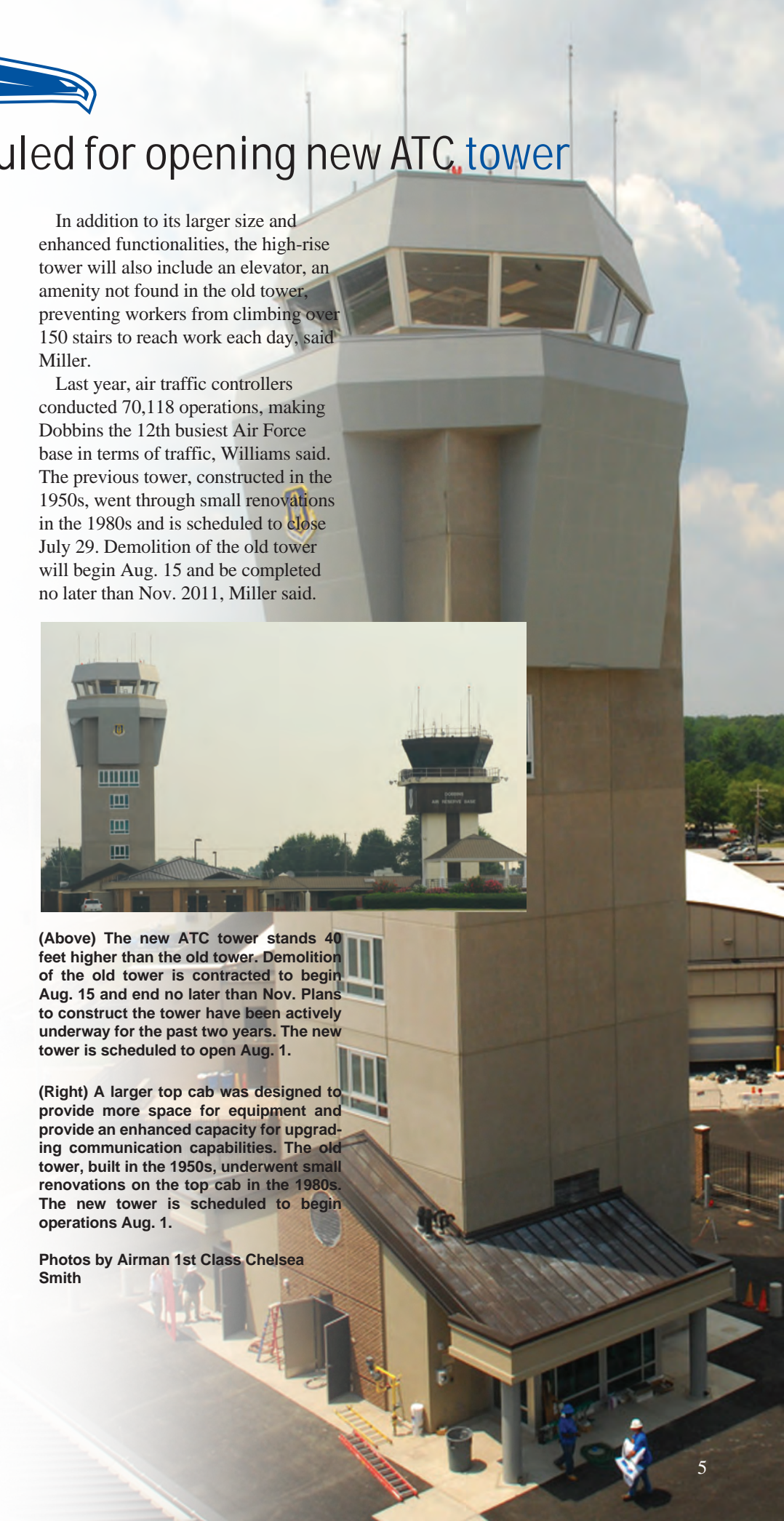
Last year, air traffic controllers conducted 70,118 operations, making Dobbins the 12th busiest Air Force base in terms of traffic, Williams said. The previous tower, constructed in the 1950s, went through small renovations in the 1980s and is scheduled to close July 29. Demolition of the old tower will begin Aug. 15 and be completed no later than Nov. 2011, Miller said.



(Above) The new ATC tower stands 40 feet higher than the old tower. Demolition of the old tower is contracted to begin Aug. 15 and end no later than Nov. Plans to construct the tower have been actively underway for the past two years. The new tower is scheduled to open Aug. 1.

(Right) A larger top cab was designed to provide more space for equipment and provide an enhanced capacity for upgrading communication capabilities. The old tower, built in the 1950s, underwent small renovations on the top cab in the 1980s. The new tower is scheduled to begin operations Aug. 1.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Chelsea Smith



NEW COMMAND CHIEF

FOCUSES ON DOBBINS' GREATEST ASSET: IT'S AIRMEN

By Master Sgt. James Branch
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The former manager of the 94th Security Forces Squadron became the Command Chief Master Sgt. for the 94th Airlift Wing May 1.

Chief Master Sgt. Wendell L. Peacock will succeed Chief Master Sgt. John M. Anderson, who retired in April as the top enlisted member of the wing.

"There are over 1400 enlisted members, and 18 chief master sergeants in the wing," said Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing commander. "Being selected for this position is a rewarding, but a difficult process. The command chief's job requires being the eyes and ears of the entire enlisted force. My immediate goals for him are to enhance leadership development for our enlisted members and ensure that they are upholding the Air Force's standards of conduct."

With 30 years of service in the Air Force, eight active duty and 22 reserve, Peacock served as the 94th SFS commander's principal advisor on all enlisted personnel issues, ensuring their readiness, welfare and training.

"In my years of service, I've been blessed to have good supervisors and mentors that helped me develop my talents and abilities," said Peacock. "I felt, as the command chief, I would be in a great position to ensure today's Airmen are offered the same benefits of counsel and mentorship that I enjoyed."

Peacock attributes his experience in dealing with operational and life situations to his time spent in the 94th SFS.

"I've learned to evaluate each situation based on its merit," Peacock said. "No two situations are the same. People see things differently so you

always have to factor that in when making a decision. I think anyone in my former squadron would tell you that I've always treated them with respect no matter what the circumstances."

Master Sgt. John C. Peden, 94th SFS standardization and evaluation manager, has known and worked for Peacock for eight years.

"Peacock worked with a diverse group of people with all levels of rank, and led and encouraged them to be creative in their conflict and problem solving," said Peden. "Being a member of a 24-hour operational unit is no easy task. He answered calls at all times of the day and night, no matter the situation."

Peacock admits that while the future of the 94th Airlift Wing is bright, there are many challenges that lay ahead.

"The reserve force of today is demanding and those demands are going to increase," said Peacock. "Our Airmen must join arm in arm and face them together. We must all check our commitment level. We should constantly ask ourselves why we serve. Hopefully, we can come up with good, sound reasons. If not, we have a tough decision to make. We have to be committed at every level."

Peacock has two fundamental priorities for the 94th Airlift Wing.

"As a wing, we must maintain our mission capability," said Peacock. "We must sustain the morale and well being of our Airmen. We must ensure adherence to all standards. Standards are not arbitrary rules that are negotiable, but are requirements that must be met and maintained at every level for us to realize full mission capability. We must ensure that our Airmen are getting proper supervision in their profession as well as being good wingmen. They can't perform at

the highest level if they're distracted."

With an award winning year for the 94th Airlift Wing, there are many expectations in the years moving forward.

"My expectations for the enlisted force begin with our core values- Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do," said Peacock. "If we embrace those values and live by them, we will follow the standards and meet the requirements, both on and off duty. I expect our officers to be capable, effective and engaged leaders who lead by example and hold themselves and their subordinates accountable. We should always perform at the highest level of Excellence!"

The command chief insists that execution of his initiatives requires a cooperative relationship with the wing commander, Tarchick and states that they are in what is called the "honeymoon phase."

"The wing commander and I both believe in the reserve triad-the service-member, family and employer," said Peacock. "We must find and maintain a balance between all three to be successful. He expects me to keep him informed of all enlisted issues and ensure that Air Force policies, guidance and directives are followed. Most of all, he expects me to lead by example."

Moving forward, the wing faces many challenges, and has a leader who accepts those challenges.

"When selecting a Command Chief Master Sergeant to lead our wing, I rely on the whole person concept," said Tarchick. "I explore their character, background and trust the recommendations from their former commanders and the outgoing Command Chief [Master Sergeant]. When it's all said

and done, I go with my gut feeling. Peacock met those expectations."

Peden insists that Peacock commands the respect of all, because of his professionalism, and his devotion to duty.

"A leader must be willing to serve," he said. "Peacock possesses wisdom, discernment, fairness, bravery and compassion. He's a leader who leads by example. Always!"



STRENGTH IN RESERVE

WELCOME TO DOBBINS AIR RESERVE BASE

Chief Master Sgt. Wendell L. Peacock, former manager of the 94th Security Forces Squadron here became the Command Chief Master Sgt. for the 94th Airlift Wing May 1. Command Chief Peacock will succeed Chief Master Sgt. John M. Anderson, who retired in April as the top enlisted member of the wing.

Photos by: Mr. Brad Fallin, Don Peek and Master Sgt. James Branch.

Graphic Illustration by: Master Sgt. James Branch



Get One Now program offers reservists 'Idol' experience

By Airman 1st Class Chelsea Smith
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Lines extending from the box office included fans and familiar faces from Dobbins, as reservists gathered July 26 to attend the American Idols Live concert at the Gwinnet Arena in Duluth, Ga.

Twelve reservists, who brought friends and family members, won a pair of tickets through the Get One Now program which serves as a tool for reservists to refer candidates who may be interested in joining the Air Force Reserve.

Amongst the crowd, Staff Sgt. Alexis Sellers, 94th Airlift Wing financial management specialist, said she heard about the tickets offered through the Get One Now program and concurrently knew of a person interested in joining, whom she referred using the program.

"I find it beneficial to get someone to join because with the state of the economy, the current war, and the benefits offered to reservists," said Sellers. "It's a win-win situation."

Sellers, along with other reservists, met the top 11 finalists during a meet and greet which included receiving an autographed poster and photograph with the finalists.

"It was great meeting them and seeing them in person," said Amya Hudson, daughter of Capt. Hudson, protocol officer, 94th Airlift Wing. "I went to the American Idol tour in 2007, but this was my first time meeting the idols backstage."

Wing members are encouraged to use the Get One Now program as a recruiting tool not only for the incentives, but for the mutual benefit of the Air Force Reserve and candidates.

"Who would best serve with you than someone you know," said Master Sgt. Robert Dunn, Air Force Reserve recruiter. "The program is designed so that reservists don't have to talk to recruiters directly. It's simple in that they can go refer people through the system, which filters their information and sends it directly to us."

It is with this ease that Senior Airman Keith Hood, 94th Civil Engineering Squadron, has submitted over ten people using the website.

"It's a great opportunity to assist others that want to join, but it's more helpful to the Air Force Reserve," said Hood. "I received positive feedback from my unit and it motivates me to keep referring people."

The program offers incentives as a form of motivation to procure more referrals. Depending on the amount of accessions, incentives include free concert tickets, laptops, portable DVD players, amongst other electronics.

But many reservists in attendance

were not concerned with the tangible rewards, but rather the impact they have on the recruitment process.

"Material things don't matter," said Hood. "It's nice to be of assistance and I enjoy the recognition I receive from my fellow airmen." To support its recruiting efforts, the Blaine Warren Agency manages the Get One Now program, primarily focusing on events and marketing to provide highly qualified candidates, often with job specific backgrounds, said Gina Ioffee, account manager.

"We did our first Get One Now event in 2010," said Ioffee. "This year we chose the American Idol tour based on its popularity with the target demographic and strong interest from reservists."

The Get One Now program was first implemented in 2005 to support recruiting efforts through one of the Air Force's greatest assets, its people. Six years later, it's still going strong.



Photo by Don Peek

Family members of Air Force Reserve personnel meet and greet James Durbin from American Idol season 10 before their live show July 26.

Women's Equality Day

“NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION”

By Staff Sgt. Kim D. Leslie
94th Maintenance Squadron

No taxation without representation is probably the most well recognized phrase from the American Revolutionary War. The phrase has recently been expanded by scholars, to include the women's suffrage movement.

Recognized on Aug. 26, Women's Equality Day was first enacted in 1971 to acknowledge the 1920 passage of the nineteenth amendment, giving women the right to vote, also known as suffrage.

As far back as the 1850s, women were starting to promote women's suffrage.

“Shouldn't all women, living in states where they have a right to hold property, refuse to pay taxes, so long as she is unrepresented in the government of that State,” asked Elizabeth Cady Stanton, an American social activist.

The first movement towards women's equality was in 1848 with a conference in Seneca Falls, NY. By With its only advertising being a small article in the local newspaper, the event attracted over 300 people.

On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the amendment, and two weeks later, the Senate followed. When Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment on August 18, 1920, the amendment passed its final hurdle of obtaining the agreement of three-fourths of the states. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby certified the ratification on August 26, 1920, changing the face of the American electorate forever.

Former Congresswomen Bella Abzug, from New York is the reason why we celebrate Women's Equality Day. She was the first woman elected to Congress on a women's rights/peace platform.

Abzug initiated the congressional caucus on women's issues, helped organize the National Women's Political Caucus, and served as chief strategist for the Democratic Women's Committee.

Because women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Bella Abzug were not afraid to stand up for their beliefs, women throughout the country have the freedom to live their lives as they choose, and exercise the same political rights as any man in this country.

To test your knowledge of the women's equality movement, take this short 10 question quiz courtesy of the National Women's History Project.

1. August 26th is celebrated as Women's Equality Day to commemorate

- work women did during World War II
- the anniversary of women winning the right to vote
- the flappers of the 1920's
- the contemporary women's rights movement

2. In what year did Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduce legislation to ensure that this important American anniversary would be celebrated?

- 1992
- 1984
- 1971
- 1965

3. In what year did women in the United States win the right to vote?

- 1776
- 1848
- 1920
- 1946

4. How many years did it take for women to win the right to vote in the United States?

- 72 years
- 120 years
- 20 years
- 51 years

5. Two states that will celebrate the 100th anniversary women's suffrage in 2012 are Oregon and _____.

- New York
- Florida
- Maine
- Arizona

6. What was the name given to the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which guaranteed women's right to vote in the United States?

- Abigail Adams Amendment
- Sojourner Truth Amendment
- Susan B. Anthony Amendment
- Gloria Steinem Amendment

7. Women who worked for women's right to vote were called

- radical
- immoral
- suffragist
- all of the above

8. The term suffragist is derived from

- one who suffers
- a voting tablet in ancient times
- the Constitution
- the Bill of Rights

9. How many other countries had already guaranteed women's right to vote before the campaign was won in the United States?

- 6
- 2
- 1
- 16

10. What was the first country that granted women the right to vote?

- Canada
- Germany
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom

Visit www.dobbins.af.mil for quiz answers.

I.D. card section relocating

The Dobbins ARB Customer Service department (I.D. Cards) and Military Personnel Section (MPS) are closing while they relocate to building 727 July 29. Both agencies will re-open Aug. 2. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On UTA weekends, the MPS is open to military members only. UTA hours of operation are Saturday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MPS is closed Saturday mornings of each UTA for newcomer's orientation. To receive a military, dependent or retiree I.D. card, two forms of identification must be presented. Please call (678) 655-3835 or visit www.dobbins.afrc.af.mil for further information.

Donate to "Feds Feeds Families"

The 2011 "Feds Feeds Families" and the Dobbins Human Resources Development Council food drive will continue here until Aug. 27. The goal for Dobbins ARB is to collect 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food. Collection points are marked by blue Must Ministries bins located in the 94th Airlift Wing Headquarters building, the Dobbins Inn, the Dobbins Consolidated Club and the base Exchange.

Get your dining out tickets

Dobbins is hosting a dining-out at The Ritz Carlton in Buckhead Oct. 1 from 5:30 – 11:30 p.m. The attire for military members is mess dress or semi-formal dress uniform. The attire for civilian attendees is formal evening attire, retired military members may wear either. Lt. Col. and higher, Chief Master Sgt., GS-11 and higher pay \$75. Maj., Staff Sgt. and higher, GS-7 and higher pay \$50. Airman Basic and higher, GS-5 and higher pay \$25. Call Senior Master Sgt. Joy Hughes at 678-655-4000 for tickets.

Falcon Flyer submission deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Falcon Flyer is the 15th of the month prior to the following month's issue. Public affairs welcomes articles and photos for the base web site, www.dobbins.afrc.af.mil as well. For more information call the editor at (678) 655-5005 or e-mail the PA office at 94aw.pav3@us.af.mil.

Freedom and responsibility

By Lt. Col. William Ferrell
94th Airlift Wing Chaplains Office

Personal freedom is highly valued in our society. Americans generally dislike anyone telling them they can't do something. We can barely tolerate being told what to do even when it is for our own good.

For example, so many people disregard the posted speed limit that it is almost unsafe to try to keep your speed under 55 mph in Atlanta traffic. We also know we need to eat a healthy diet and stay active to maintain our health, however, obesity is an epidemic in our society.

We just really like doing what we want to do. Freedom is a wonderful and precious gift, but freedom is never going to be absolute. We must use our freedom responsibly if we want to keep it.

The Air Force core values are great examples of ways we choose to limit our personal freedom for the benefit of others. To live out the core value of "Integrity First" you must choose to do the right thing in every circumstance,

even when nobody's watching. One practicing "Integrity First" is limiting their own personal freedom by choosing to treat others with honesty and respect even when it is not to their advantage. That is freedom with responsibility.

The core value of "Service Before Self" is an even more obvious example of putting the needs and benefit of others ahead of our own. Again, making sure others are taken care of before us is choosing to temper our freedom with responsibility. "Excellence In All We Do", which means giving each task our best effort, not just enough to get by. Real freedom is using our liberty for something more than our gratification.

Dr. Viktor Frankl was an Austrian psychiatrist who lived through the horror of the Nazi concentration camps during World War II. After the war, he wrote a book about his experiences titled "Man's Search for Meaning". Through his experiences in the camps and his observation of both the guards and the prisoners he came to the conclusion that there are ultimately two types of people found in all classes, ethnicities and

in the world: decent and unprincipled ones. Not all the guards were unprincipled and not all the prisoners were decent.

He became so convinced that freedom and responsibility must go together, he recommended that the Statue of Liberty on our east coast be complemented by a Statue of Responsibility on our west coast. There is currently a foundation that has been formed to implement that suggestion. If you google "Statue of Responsibility" you will find their website.

The freedom to make our own choices is a precious gift. But freedom without responsibility is anarchy, not freedom. None of us live in a vacuum. What I choose to do has an impact on those around me. If I lose touch with the need to be responsible with my freedom I will end up hurting others, and ultimately, myself. Celebrate and enjoy the freedoms we are blessed with in this country. Don't take them for granted because not everyone has them. But use your freedom with responsibility, for the benefit of all, not just yourself.



HRDC lunch and learn

The 94th Airlift Wing's Human Resources Development Center is hosting an Airmen Enriching Airmen Lunch and Learn titled "Understanding Your Credit report" in the base Consolidated Club's Marietta Room Aug. 6 at 11:15 a.m. For more information contact Master Sgt. Renee Cooper at 655-5851.

Conversational Bible Study

Every Unit Training Assembly Saturday, a Conversational Bible Study will be held at building 727 (chaplain's office) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The study will include light snacks; however, attendees must bring their own lunch.

Zumba class

A free Zumba class will be held at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Gym Aug. 6 starting at 4:30 p.m. Zumba is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning fitness party. The class will be instructed by Patti Roberts.

Welcome newcomers

Maj. Patrick Lowe
 Capt. Blair Brockinton
 Capt. Vincent Pair
 2nd Lt. Lynita Bridges
 Tech. Sgt. John Besselman
 Tech. Sgt. Duane Spears
 Staff Sgt. Matthew Bonnacci
 Staff Sgt. Bruckner Gibson
 Senior Airman Kenneth Beck
 Senior Airman Jessica Butterworth
 Senior Airman Kyle Cook
 Senior Airman Vincent Lopez
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 Airman 1st Class Michelle Dubose
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INNERview

Patrina Sheffield

Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyo.

Job title(s): Contracting Specialist and Air Force Reservist

Years of service: 14 years civilian/16 years military

What does your civilian job entail? I administer construction contracts for Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

What's the most recent project you've worked on? The installation of the canopy at the Dobbins' main entrance. The project began in Sept. 2010. This was a collaborative effort between Base Civil Engineering and Contracting. I could not have administered the contract on my own. [Senior Contract Administrator] Michael Friedman and [Contract Specialist] Jake Jacob assisted me in these efforts, along side the [Project Inspector] Dewayne Ivory and [Project Manager] Bijan Raouf. We did not interrupt daily operations during the installation. Our Security Forces personnel are very appreciative of the canopy. We hope Dobbins enjoys it as well.

What does your military job entail? I am the First Sergeant for the 94th Maintenance Squadron.

What's most rewarding about being in the Air Force Reserve? I have the opportunity to meet new people, travel, and assist in the development of our Airmen.

What is the most difficult part? Dealing with issues that may result in the adverse or disciplinary action of an Airmen.

What advice would you give an individual looking to become a First Sergeant? Being a First Sergeant requires patience. You must be willing to get involved.

What do you do for recreation? I like to exercise, cook/bake, dance, read and watch movies.

Are you married? Yes.

Do you have any children? Yes. One daughter.

What were some of your previous assignments? I've worked for the 94th Maintenance Squadron, 94th Maintenance Operations Flight, 94th Logistics Readiness Squadron, the 94th Mission Support Squadron and the 80th Aerial Port Squadron.

What did you enjoy most about them? The people I worked with, along with the new experiences and new challenges.

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