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EDITOR'S NOTE: Two corrections need to be noted in the article "Ceremony scheduled for opening new ATC tower" from last month's edition. The new tower will be viable at Dobbins for the foreseeable future for at least the next 40-50 years. Also, the name of the construction company is Merrick & Company. The editorial staff apologizes for the oversight.

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ON THE COVER >> Staff Sgt. Chris Garey performs a pre-flight check to ensure aircraft systems are operating normally before a flight exercise in the C-130H Aug. 9. The aerial drops were conducted for currency training for the 700th Airlift Squadron here.



Photo by Senior Airman Spencer Gallien

Master Sgt. Greg Lee, 700th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, secures his night vision goggle equipment during blackout conditions for the training exercise held Aug. 10. Members from the 700th Airlift Squadron performed training in order to maintain their flight certifications.



Retaining Perspective

By Col. Lourdes Almonte
94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron
commander

It is easy in today's economic and political climate to see disaster just around the corner. The newspapers tell us that Congress is gridlocked, unemployment is still at 9 percent, the housing market is even worse than before and the latest scare is the possibility of carving out huge amounts of the military budget.

What comfort can we take as Reservists? Not only must we maintain our job and keep our family stable, but we must also cope with a huge "unfunded" training workload as we do computer-based training on the Air Force Portal at home in between unit training assemblies, because there's just not enough time for what is expected of us. And now we are to expect more funding cuts? Well, sometimes it's easy to lose perspective.

The greatness of our democracy resides in its broad base among the people. Nowhere is that base more relevant than in the Air Force Reserve. Increasingly, when so few in Congress have served, you are the critical link between our democratic heri-



Col. Lourdes J. Almonte

tage and the military that protects it. But today, you are important for an additional reason. As Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner has pointed out repeatedly, we can maintain a trained and ready Reserve force for a small fraction of the cost of an active-duty military. And as you have proven over the past decade, once deployed you are indistinguishable from your active-duty counterparts.

So don't lose hope! There is a critical

mission ahead, and it is a Reserve mission. If we are once again saddled with a civilian decision to downsize the military at the completion of active conflict, the Reserve will be more valuable than ever. You are the corporate memory of the military. You offer equal skill at less cost. You are more experienced. I believe you will be retained when the active force might be cut. It will be an ugly fight on the Hill. But though Congress may not fully understand the military, it does understand value and politics.

If you carry our military through its next fiscal crisis with your corporate memory and patriotism, you will have done a service that may yet save our nation. For the military will once again be called upon unexpectedly. The best and most experienced are called upon to lead during deployment, as officers and non-commissioned officers in charge. Increasingly, the best and most experienced is a Reservist. More important, the airman who best conveys our national resolve at the local level is a hometown Reservist. Your ability to respond is what guarantees the future security of our nation and the reputation of the Reserve. And as for those who have not had the honor of military service, take their gloomy predictions with a grain of salt.

Select NCO's graduate from leadership course

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

Seventeen Dobbins Staff and Tech. Sgts from various base units graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development course Aug. 5 at the Consolidated Club.

Servicemembers participated in a two-week course designed to provide college-level academic management and leadership instruction through practical, hands-on application.

"This course lays the foundation for these Airmen to continue to grow," said Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing commander. "I'm confident everyone has something to take back – whether in your military or civilian career. The goal is to produce more effective leaders."

The course also provided the only formal type of in-residence professional military education for reservists here, said Senior Master Sgt. Joy Hughes, 94th Airlift Wing chief of education of training.

"It's currently not a mandatory course," said Hughes. "But the course is beneficial in that it provides good interaction with other Reservists outside the shop."

Staff Sgt. Derek Thompson, 80th Aerial Port aerial porter, said he hopes completion of this course will help him with future promotions.

"I took the course for further knowledge, promotion possibilities, and a chance to stand-out amongst others," said Thompson. "I enjoyed the instruction from the military facilitators and interaction with the class."

Thompson and his fellow graduates at the ceremony received recognition for their

two-week commitment to undergo professional and personal development as a leader in their career fields.

Graduates received two management credits towards their Community College of the Air Force degree along with certificates from Tarchick and Texas College.

Eligible servicemembers include fast-track senior airmen, staff and tech. sgts from any unit on base.

Classes are held three to four times per year. Interested members may contact their unit training manager or first sergeant to be considered for enrollment.

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

AROUND THE PATTERN



Photo by: Brad Fallin

Melvin Woods directs the arriving F-16C pilot into a parking space on the Dobbins Air Reserve Base ramp, Aug. 4. Mr. Woods is a member of the Transient Alert team responsible for guiding visiting aircraft arriving and departing Dobbins ARB. The F-16C block 30 fighter jets are being moved from Homestead ARB as a precautionary measure to avoid possible damage from tropical storm Emily.



Photo by: Don Peek

Col. Tim Tarchick joins Clarence Miller, airfield operations manager here, in welcoming Dobbins' new air traffic control tower in the ceremony held Aug. 9 to commemorate the opening.



Photo by Shaun Shenk

F-16C block 30 General Electric powered fighter aircraft from the 482nd Fighter Wing at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., arrive on the ramp at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., Aug. 4. Pilots from the 93rd Fighter Squadron flew the jets here as a precautionary measure to avoid possible damage from tropical storm Emily.



Photo by: Don Peek

Commanders, supervisors, friends and families gathered together to congratulate the recent graduates of the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Course at a ceremony held here Aug. 5.



Photo by Don Peek

(Left) A member from the Security Forces squadron looks on as a four-person flag detail performs a Retreat ceremony here Aug. 6. Retreat is a ceremony that serves to pay respect to the flag and signal the end of the duty day.

(Right) Maj. Gen Craig N. Gourley, vice commander, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command is briefed on equipment used by Civil Engineer teams by Senior Master Sgt. Morris L. Findley, instructor at the Air Force Reserve Command Expeditionary Combat Support Training and Certification Center here Aug. 2.



Photo by: Don Peek

Diving In: Ensuring air crew members are fit to survive

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

Bystanders gathered to witness the H-60 Black Hawk hovering over Lake Allatoona as air crew members from Dobbins participated in water survival training exercises held at the Navy lake site Saturday Aug. 6.

The joint training exercise with the 169th Charlie Company National Guard unit here included approximately 20 aircrew members who needed to satisfy their mandatory survival, evasion, resistance and escape, or SERE, water survival training. The day began with morning briefings, survival training on a 20-person life raft and a rescue training exercise involving helicopter extraction.

The refresher course is conducted in two phases beginning with two to three hours of safety and equipment briefings and a helicopter walk through. The second phase requires members to apply the skills acquired during the academic phase in a realistic scenario, said Staff Sgt. Sean Mcdermott, 94th Airlift Wing Life Support aircrew member.

“The course allows air crew members to receive realistic training in an environment that simulates a real-life scenario,” said Mcdermott. “Should they be faced with this situation, it gives them the confidence to work through life-threatening conditions.”

During the raft training, participants are familiarized with how to use safety equipment and stay afloat in the open water.

Members are trained on how to swim with life preservation units consisting of lightweight, inflatable flotation devices that are able to sustain up to 300 lbs of equipment, including a person, said Mcdermott.

Training began on the water raft where participants swam 30 to 40 feet with gear to reach the hook released from the helicopter, known as the forest penetrator. The person then must secure themselves with a strap, signal they’re ready for extraction and wait to be lifted up to 100 feet in the air. Once the member is secured, the helicopter takes a loop around the lake and then releases the member back into the lake, said Staff Sgt. Demetrius Brown, 94th Airlift Wing Life



Photo by Master Sgt. Travon Dennis

Members from the 169th Charlie Company Army National Guard assigned here provided helicopter support during the water survivor training exercise at Lake Allatoona in Cartersville, GA.

Support aircrew member.

“The most challenging part of the exercise was trying to swim to the hook because the propeller wash generated from the helicopter is pushing against you,” said Technical Sgt. Tiffany Brown, 94th Airlift Wing Aeromedical Evacuation squadron technician. “Visibly, it made it hard to see where you were going.”

Challenges as such highlight the importance of being physically fit because you’re working in treacherous conditions in which you have to save yourself and possibly the lives of others, said Staff Sgt. Brown.

Approximately two hours after the start of the rescue exercise, participants drenched in flight suits emerged from the water understanding the importance of the survival training.

“I hope I never find myself in this type of situation, but this training is critical because of the uncertainty of my job,” said Technical Sgt. Brown.

“I’m scheduled to leave for Afghanistan in May,” said Lt. Col. Todd Copley, 700th

Aerial Support assistant operations officer. “It’s comforting to know someone is equipped and ready to rescue you in a time of need.”

Additionally, the exercise was mutually beneficial for both branches involved because it was an opportunity for the National Guard unit to train on effective approaches of rescue, said Copley.

Earlier this year, water survival training was conducted at the Cobb County aquatic center which allowed participants to undergo portions of the exercises in a controlled environment.

Annual training is held at Lake Allatoona for air crew members needing to obtain their life support certification every three years.

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



700TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON: PRACTICE MAKES PERF

Story by Senior Airman Spencer Gallien
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Michael Jordan, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Muhammad Ali were all known for being one of the best to grace their respective fields. Jordan's high-flying, acrobatic displays have become synonymous with greatness in basketball. Mozart's musical work is consistently played today, more than 200 years after his death. And, Ali's quote, "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee," is still used today to describe the legendary boxer's prowess in the ring.

However, many people don't realize, each of these figures had to train in order to become the legendary figures they've become. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school varsity basketball team, and trained hard to become the basketball player that people rever today. Many of Mozart's greatest symphonies, operas, and concertos weren't created until the last few years of his life after years of practice. And Ali's training program became famous af-

ter photographer Flip Schulke's 1961 underwater training portrait was published.

At Dobbins Air Reserve Base, there is another group that shares a similar dedication to greatness; the men and women of the 700th Airlift Squadron.

"We're required to practice to be good at what we do," said Lt. Col. Tom Moffatt, 700 AS director of operations. "A basketball player practices his shot, a track-star runs to train; and for us to be good at combat, must practice combat operation."

The 700 AS currently maintains eight C-130H Hercules aircraft capable of deploying in response to worldwide contingencies and emergencies. The aircrew members are tactically qualified to support air transportation for deployments, humanitarian airlift missions, and aeromedical evacuations.

In order for each of the aircrew members to be fully-qualified to support worldwide contingencies, they constantly train throughout the year to perform their best.

The most recent training mission was a three-and-a-half hour C-130 flight that dropped two consolidated delivery system

bundles over Richard B. Russell Airport located just north of Rome, Ga.

The typical C-130 training flight consists of at least two pilots, a flight navigator, a flight engineer, and at least two loadmasters. However, this mission consisted of 11 crewmembers training in order to maintain their flight certifications.

During the flight, the crew performed various threat maneuvers and countermeasures, dropped more than 4,000 lbs of equipment, and landed the aircraft during blackout conditions with night vision goggle equipment.

"The training allows for us to identify what we did right, and also what we did wrong," said Maj. Terence Green, 94th Operations Support Squadron instructor navigator.

After every flight, the aircrew debriefs directly after landing in order to discuss, and learn from their mission.

"We identified several strengths and several weaknesses that will all be tracked by our tactics officer," added Green. "We can then use this information for future flights



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to ensure that we are continually improving.”

Because of this training, and training like it, the 700 AS is prepared 365 days a year to deploy at a moment’s notice.

“We train because the job we do does not allow us a second chance,” said Moffatt. “The combat deployment and sustainment mission we fulfill cannot be accomplished any other way.”

The C-130 mission performs intra-theatre airlift, which includes combat mission flights over high-risk areas where crews must remain vigilant to combat operations.

“One of our goals is to drop consolidated delivery system bundles, with equipment that couldn’t be delivered any other way, to our forces on the ground,” added Moffatt. “Our other priority is that we bring everyone home safely. When we accomplish that, we have accomplished our mission.”

Colonel Moffatt attributes their success to the training they accomplish every day.

“What separates us (U.S. Air Force) from every other air force is the way we train,” Moffatt said. “They have C-130s, they

even have our books, but what sets us apart is how we train. Nobody trains as hard as we do.”

(Left)

Tech. Sgt. Sam Farmer, 94th Airlift Wing aerial delivery flight, pushes a load of consolidated delivery systems (CDS) into the exterior of the C-130H aircraft. CDS bundles are used as a means of delivering equipment too heavy for the individual jumper to carry. Additionally, they can be utilized to supply airborne units or re-supply units on the ground.

(Center)

A bundle of container delivery systems is released above the north Georgia Mountains from a C-130H aircraft for training held on Aug. 10. The four-hour training held Aug. 9 included aerial drops and touch-and-go currency training for the 700th Airlift Squadron.

(Right)

Maj. John Monahan (left) and Maj. Chris Gohlke of the 700th Airlift Squadron, perform pre-flight checks before a training mission held Aug. 9. The pilots performed six touch-and-go landings in the C-130 for currency training.

(Below)

A consolidated delivery bundle weighing more than 4,000 lbs. is dropped over Richard B. Russell airport in Rome, Ga. The nearly four-hour flight was conducted to ensure aircrew members are tactically qualified to support air transportation for deployments, humanitarian airlift missions, and aeromedical evacuations.



Courtesy photo

*Photos by Airman 1st Class Chelsea Smith
Graphic illustration by Master Sgt. James Branch*

"Airmen enrich Airmen," during lunch and learn

Story by Senior Airman Spencer Gallien
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Airmen Enriching Airmen program, hosted by the 94th Airlift Wing Human Resource Development Council, recently began holding luncheon briefings for Airmen to learn about various topics including financial investments and reading credit scores.

The program began in February, as part of the HRDCs in-reach program, which was created to provide support to Airmen about issues that may arise during their career.

"Airmen Enriching Airmen is a concept that allows servicemembers to learn about issues that could affect their daily lives," said Master Sgt. Renee Cooper, 94 AW HRDC co-chair of in-reach program.

"The program also gives Airmen, who are experts in a particular field, the opportunity to educate others on their respective fields."

The most recent briefings have been on financial investments and credit scores; however, Cooper is currently looking for volunteers who can speak on a variety of subjects.

"We would love to discuss a broader range of topics during the luncheons," she



Photo by Senior Airman Spencer Gallien

Master Sgt. Renee Cooper, 94th Airlift Wing Human Resource Development Council, teaches a lunch-time class on reading credit scores at the Consolidated Club on August 6. The class was held as part of the HRDC's Airmen Enriching Airmen program, which allows Airmen with expertise in a given subject to host a class to help educate others.

added. "We're looking for Airmen who can speak about a variety of issues including healthy living, personal fitness, real estate, and car buying."

The Aug. 6 class discussed credit

scores. During the class, Cooper instructed Airmen on how to raise credit, how to avoid lowering credit, how credit scores are equated, and how credit scores affect individuals.

Staff Sgt. Jasmine Ewing, Base Honor Guard member, attended the most recent credit score class.

"I came to the class to learn more about my credit score and how it affects me," she said. "There were quite a few tips during the class that I didn't know about; like keeping your balance on your credit card to no more than 35 percent of your max limit."

Before the class, Airmen can get lunch at the Consolidated Club and bring it to the course. "It's a very laid back atmosphere, but we still gain knowledge," said Sergeant Ewing.

"More young adults should come out and learn about credit," she added. "Especially when their credit score could directly impact their life."

For more information on attending a class or volunteering to instruct a course, contact Cooper at Renee.Cooper.1@us.af.mil.

In Memory of...

**Major General
Sloan R. Gill**

b. 1929- d. 2011

Served Honorably 1952-1989



Courtesy Photo

Friends, family, and members from Robins Air Reserve Base lost an outstanding gentleman and Airman, retired Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill Aug. 22. Gill joined the 700th Troop Carrier Squadron here in 1956 as a reservist serving as a flight commander in the 700th Troop Carrier Squadron.

He spent several years in the Air Force Reserve accumulating more than 10,000 hours military flying time, eventually retiring in 1989 as chief of the Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and commander, Headquarters Air Force Reserve, a separate operating agency located at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal with service star, Vietnam Service Medal with service star, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass device, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.



The 9/11 aftermath: Memoirs from airmen who remember 10 years

Master Sgt. Harold Johnson
94th Security Forces Squadron

The numbers 9-1-1 took on a new meaning for me on Sept. 11, 2001. Before that dreaded day, 9-1-1 was a number people dialed to reach emergency services in a time of need. Being that I'm a law enforcement officer for an agency in the Metro Atlanta area, it was a number that kept me busy helping and protecting the community.

However, on Sept. 11, 2001, I was serving in a different capacity. I was in Security Forces tech school at Lackland Air Force Base. It was like any other day in tech school including a lot of running, classroom work and a whole bunch of "instruction." If you've been to Security Forces tech school, you know exactly what I mean by "instruction." While we were in class, a voice came over the intercom advising everyone that there had been an incident.

At first, I thought the training instructors were going to be doing some kind of reaction drill for the class being that we were having a base defense class. Then the voice over the intercom advised everyone to go back to their rooms. That's when I knew this wasn't a drill. The training instructors advised us the World Trade Center had been struck by a plane, and it could be an act of terrorism. The training instructors advised us not to come out of our rooms until instructed.

Upon arriving at my room, I immediately turned on CNN and the very next sight I saw changed my entire mindset about security. When I turned on the television, I observed the second plane crash into the tower. I thought it was a recapitulation of the first plane, but then I heard the horror in the voice of the news announcer.

As I said, that day changed my mind-

set about security. It really drove home the point why Security Forces and local police agencies have so many checks and balances to ensure the security of assets. It definitely made me change my vigilance level and not take what we might think is a small minute incident for granted.

I plan to say a prayer for all of the people who lost their lives and a special prayer for the brave individuals with emergency services who lost their lives. True enough it's been 10 years, but we should never forget and 9-1-1 should've taken on a new meaning for everyone in America, especially those in emergency services and the military.

Staff Sgt. Dominique James
94th Security Forces Squadron

In Feb. 2001, I joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve and from that moment on, my life was altered. Military life was new to me and on its way to becoming my best friend. When I returned home from tech school in August of that year, I was getting acquainted with military life, but little did I, or anyone else, know what was to come a month later.

On Sept. 11, 2001, my new life hit me like a ton of bricks. What began as a normal day changed in an instant. I was at home watching television when a special news alert appeared on the screen, and before I knew it I was overwhelmed with emotion. The World Trade Centers were under attack. America was under attack. Reports

of hijacked planes were shown repeatedly, and that was only the beginning. I couldn't imagine what else was to come, but there was more. I saw images of explosions accompanied by sounds of screams and sirens everywhere. What happened next was unimaginable. The South Tower collapsed. I couldn't believe my eyes, and I had no idea what this event would truly mean to me. I signed a contract to serve, honor and protect and that is what I was going to do.

As a result of the attacks, my unit was mobilized. During the mobilization, I was selected to deploy to Afghanistan. My tour there was a learning experience. My attitude about security changed. My awareness increased as I maintained a watchful eye about my surroundings.

Now as I embark on the 10th Anniversary of Sept. 11th, I often think about the

aftermath of that day. Husband, wives, sons and daughters were lost. While recovering is in sight, pain is still near. I will never forget the events that occurred that day. The emotional damage is eternally embedded in my heart. In honor of those that lost their lives, I will continue to aim high, fly, fight and win.



(Left) Staff Sgt. Dominique James (center behind the flag) show patriotism with members from her unit at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. James was deployed to Afghanistan shortly following the 9/11 at-



TOUCH AND GO'S



Cardio Kickboxing

Are you looking for a different kind of cardio? A free cardio kickboxing class will be held at the Dobbins Air Reserve base gym Sept. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cardio kickboxing is a fun and fast-paced fitness class that combines elements of boxing, martial arts, and aerobics to provide overall physical conditioning and toning. Have fun and get fit!

Students must attend sexual assault training

Members from the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program will be conducting mandatory Bystander Intervention training for all military and civilian personnel who supervise military personnel. The training must be completed by June 30, 2012. To sign up for seats in the training classes, go to <https://sharepoint.afrc.af.mil/22AF/94AW/training/default.aspx> and choose the appropriate session on your day of choice: Men's class, Women's class, or Leader's class and click on that class title. If there are available seats, click on My Registration to register for that session. Classes will be held during every UTA throughout the coming year.

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.

Welcome newcomers

Maj. Bryan Hutcheson
Capt. Eric Grieser
1st Lt. Keyana Crossley
Master Sgt. Conway Eastman
Tech. Sgt. Sheneka Bell
Tech. Sgt. Brent Mason
Tech. Sgt. Rodney McFadden
Tech. Sgt. Bryan Reeves
Tech. Sgt. Rocky Sutton
Tech. Sgt. Chanika Walters
Staff Sgt. Cody Cox
Staff Sgt. David Garner
Staff Sgt. Nehemiah Harvard
Senior Airman Tiera Cousins
Senior Airman Antonio Dillihay
Senior Airman Jonikka Harada
Senior Airman Kimisha Johnson
Senior Airman Katherine Jones-Pool
Senior Airman Rebecca Lawrence
Senior Airman Calvin Williams
Airman 1st Class Terrance Baldwin
Airman 1st Class Shwana King
Airman 1st Class Stephen McDowell
Airman 1st Class Kennesia Nelson
Airman 1st Class Denis Vashuk
Airman Eric Morton
Airman Malcolm Tindall
Airman Basic Brittany Calkins

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Travis Moilanen

Staff Sgt.

Michael Hayden
Ricky Jarrell

Senior Airman

Montrell Coleman
Dewayne McDaniel
Andrew Powell
Michael Roman

Dobbins intramural softball team WORLD'S BEST

Dobbins ARB is the home of the new world military champions in intramural softball. Soldiers and airmen here competed in the USSSA Military World Softball Championship held Aug. 18-21 at Frank Brown Park Sports Complex in Panama City Beach, Fla. The team competed against active-duty and Reserve teams from all branches of the military, including a team consisting of reservists located at Warner Robins AFB. Due to the team's big win, the intramural team is scheduled to advance to varsity B, one skill-level above the intramural class. The team ended their season with a 9-1 record. Anyone interested in an individual tryout, please contact Ronald George at 770-313-3732. You may also contact Larry Dudley to become involved in intramural sports at 678-655-4872.

Base Gym Roof Replacement

Please be advised that the gym roof is being replaced at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Fitness Center. These repairs will not affect the operations or the customers of the fitness center and it shall remain open during the repairs. Work began Tuesday, Aug. 23 and is scheduled to last about two weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



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As part of the Airmen Enriching Airmen program the 94th Airlift Wing Human Resource Development Council will host Hispanic Heritage Month Lunch and Learn Sunday, Sept. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dobbins Consolidated Club, Marietta Room. For information, contact Master Sgt. Elena Lund at (678) 655-5199.

NEWS BRIEFS



Dobbins remembers 9/11 with memorial

Plans to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks are scheduled Sept. 10-11 to pay tribute to our nation's fallen heroes, military servicemembers and victims of the attacks. A memorial display will be set up at the Dobbins POW/MIA Memorial Park Sept. 10, allowing Dobbins servicemembers to pay respects beginning at 12 p.m. lasting throughout the day. Sept. 11 is scheduled to begin with the ringing of four bells coinciding with each individual attack. To conclude the remembrance events, a retreat ceremony is scheduled to be held at the POW/MIA Memorial Park and will include a performance by the Dobbins Honor Guard. Please visit www.dobbins.afrc.af.mil for the itinerary outlining the weekend's events.

Congressional staffers visit Dobbins

Staff members from various Georgia congressional offices visited Dobbins Air Reserve Base Aug. 12 for breakfast and a look at the new base control tower which recently opened here. The state of the art control tower helps handle air traffic in one of the busiest sectors of air traffic in the world.

Change of command for 94th MXG/CC

Lt. Col. Augie Casado, deputy commander, 94th Airlift Wing Maintenance Group will be the new 94th Airlift Wing Maintenance Group commander effective Sept. 25. The current commander, Col. Patrick Webb, will become the 419th Maintenance Group commander at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. A replacement will be made after the list of names have been submitted to Col. Tim Tarchick. A senior air reserve technician is scheduled to be selected by the end of Sept.

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 website, 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.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Peace amidst the STORMS

By Maj. Olga Westfall

94th Airlift Wing Chaplain's Office

What comes to your mind when you hear the word, "peace?" Is it a place at a quiet lake, a solitary place at a beach or somewhere in a beautiful garden? Do you picture yourself somewhere where it's quiet, safe and pleasant? Sometimes life throws us in all kinds of troubles, storms and challenging situations. How do you maintain your peace then? What helps to maintain peace no matter what might go wrong in your life?

When I go through difficult times, I like to read the book of Psalms. I identify with the writers of the book in their emotional and spiritual situations, struggles and feelings of "ups" and "downs."

One of the psalms that has been an inspiration for millions of people through generations is Psalm 23. The first part paints a beautiful and peaceful picture: we read about green pastures and still waters.

But suddenly the picture changes in vol. 4, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear

no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Do you find yourself sometimes going through your "valleys of the shadow of death?"

It is pretty scary if you are alone in that valley. However, the psalmist says that he is not afraid because God Himself is with him. You see, God did not promise to take us out of the storms of life but he promised his presence with us when we are in a midst of them. Life might be hard and storms might be furious, but there is no need to be afraid if we trust God to be with us.

We find true peace not when everything is easy and "smooth sailing." It might be quite the opposite. You might be going through rough times and hardships but in the midst of them you can have that inner peace that only God can give.

There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The King looked at all the pictures, but there were only two he really liked; he had to choose between them.

One picture was of a calm lake. The

lake was a perfect mirror. Peaceful towering mountains were all around it.

Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had mountains too, but these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell and in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all. But when the King looked, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest in perfect peace.

Which picture do you think won the prize? The King chose the second picture. Do you know why? Because, explained the King, peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of "peace."



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Kathleen Welsch

Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.

Job title: Cyber Transport Technician

Years of service: Six years active-duty and three years as an Air Force Reservist.

What does your job entail? As a cyber transport technician, it is my responsibility to ensure the backbone of the network is operational 24/7.

What is a recent accomplishment in your job? I feel that everything I do during the day at Dobbins is an accomplishment. When I can help a customer with an issue and know that they are happy and satisfied with the services we provide, then it's a good day for me.

What's most rewarding about being in the Air Force Reserves? I enjoy the camaraderie of my Air Force team and serving my community.

What is the most difficult part about being in the Air Force Reserves? I don't find any part of being in the Reserves to be difficult.

What do you do for recreation? I enjoy gardening, reading, playing with LINUX and mentoring a middle school robotics team.

What is your favorite movie? Star Wars

What were your previous assignments? I was previously stationed with the 5th Mobile Communications Group in Warner Robins and Boerfink MTK in Germany.

What is your most memorable assignment? A deployment to Cairo, Egypt. The local Egyptians were a kind people. They invited me over to eat and share our cultures. I realized after being with these families that happiness comes from within and the moments you share with others don't come from material possessions.

What advice would you give to someone looking to become a Cyber Transport Technician? Be prepared to study for your entire career because technology is ever-changing. Also, be patient with your customers.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself. I was on the United States Air Force Europe ski team for two years.

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