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ON THE COVER >> Maj. Christopher Gohlke, C-130 pilot, 700th Airlift Squadron, uses a compass to navigate to a rally point after a simulated failed engine landing Feb. 3. Members of the 700th AS and 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron participated in an training exercise facilitated by the 94th Operations Support Squadron, where they evaded enemy forces in a hostile environment. (photo by Don Peek)



Aircrew members from the 700th Airlift Squadron receive water survival training from 94th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment Continuation instructors at the Cobb Aquatic Center in Marietta, Ga. Feb. 4. This training is necessary for members to stay proficient on the use of water survival equipment and techniques, and ensures they have the best chance of survival if isolated in a maritime environment. (photo by Don Peek)



It's all about the people

By Lt. Col. Brian Farrell
94th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Without our Airmen, there is no mission! It's the role of our leadership (the supervisors, superintendents, non-commissioned officers-in-charge, officers-in-charge, chief master sergeants, first sergeants and ultimately, our commanders) to ensure our members are physically and mentally fit. Our members must be trained, disciplined, clear on expectations and of particular concern recently, resilient.

Easy-peesy-lemon-squeezy right? Not so much. This is a tough proposition to any organization, especially Reserve units.

As Reserve leaders, we have minimal contact with our members. When we have the opportunity to spend time with them, the time is often spread thin with various training requirements during our Unit Training Assemblies.

One of the best tools to be successful in the role of leadership is effective use of the squadron triad commander, first sergeant, and senior Air Reserve Technician.

I have been blessed with a great triad. The triad allows for good oversight throughout an organization. The first sergeant or "shirt" as many like to call them, spends time with the Airmen, assessing their morale and quality of life, not



Lt. Col. Brian Farrell

only during the UTA, but throughout the month.

The senior ART keeps day to day operations afloat. The key to this working well is for these individuals to be unafraid to speak the truth.

Commanders need to encourage, and be willing to hear both the good and the bad from this team. The member must provide feedback though, to ensure continuous improvement. If it's uncomfortable to approach your commander, individuals should communicate to the shirt or

supervisor and ensure their concern is channeled up the chain-of-command.

Another good tool for leadership to assess how things are going in the organization and with their Airmen is through a Climate Survey conducted by the base Equal Opportunity office. The 94th Logistics Readiness Squadron recently completed a survey and while I was certain that I would be exalted as a commander surpassed by only the likes of King Leonidas of Sparta, Alexander the Great and our own 94th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Tim Tarchick, I experienced a reality check.

From the survey, I learned that communication was an issue in our unit. Our "people" were telling leadership they felt they weren't getting enough information and detail from the top. This tool provided great feedback and we are addressing those issues and working on ways to improve our internal communication.

In closing, if your organization hasn't participated in a Climate Survey in a while, encourage your leadership to request one. At the same time, it requires the members to provide honest feedback to be effective. Remember, it's all about the people.

MXS, LRS and APS pass compliance assessment

By Senior Airman Danielle Campbell Purnell
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 94th Airlift Wing satisfactorily completed the Air Force Reserve Command Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection Feb. 7.

"I am ecstatic with this result and couldn't be more proud of all those in the 94th Maintenance Group, Logistics Readiness Squadron and 80th Aerial Port Squadron," said Col. Timothy Tarchick, commander of the 94th Airlift Wing. "[They] went through a brutally thorough six-day heavyweight boxing match."

The LCAP is conducted to

measure a unit's ability to perform key logistics functions in a safe, standardized, repeatable and technically compliant manner. LCAP inspectors performed evaluations and inspections across 10 squadrons and quality assurance flights. Out of 3,001 areas inspected, 2,742 passed.

"After more than 31 years in maintenance, this was one of the most stressful inspections I've been through," said Lt. Col. Augusto Casado, 94th MXG commander. "But I was very confident in the abilities of our Airmen. We have a great group of folks."

Casado said the stringent

assessment confirmed that the MXG is safe, efficient compliant and mission ready.

In addition to the overall grades, Master Sgt. Valerie Bass, 94th Maintenance Operation Flight, Staff Sgt. Lorena Blount, 80th APS and Airman 1st Class Robert Hepburn, 94th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, were all noted as outstanding performers.

All received coins from the wing commander and the inspection team chief. The inspectors also singled out oneout standing team.

"I want to thank you all," said Tarchick. "Many people

put in a lot of work to prepare for this assessment. Our MXG, APS and LRS are doing great work and are doing it safely," said Tarchick. "I am proud of you all"

The wing will now have 60 days to address unfavorable findings and present a detailed plan of how it will correct them.

"I am confident we can correct the items that were found and move forward from here," said Tarchick.

Although an arduous process, the inspection was extremely helpful in evaluating and assessing our overall unit readiness, said Casado.

AROUND THE PATTERN



John Hicks, retired fire chief from the Dobbins Fire Emergency Services, honors Eric L. McDaniel, Dobbins Fire Emergency Services deputy chief, during his retirement ceremony at the Dobbins Consolidated Club Jan. 17. McDaniel coordinated and executed various patient transport and emergency services during his 33 year career. (photo by Don Peek)



Chief Master Sgt. DeMaine Milbach is promoted on and introduced as the newest chief of the 94th Security Forces Squadron by Lt. Col. Tim Martz, 94th SFS commander. He succeeds the current Command Chief Master Sergeant of Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Chief Master Sgt. Wendell Peacock. (photo by Senior Airman Spencer Gallien)



Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing commander, renders a salute after passing the flag to Lt. Col. (Chaplain) William B. Ferrell during his retirement ceremony at the base chapel Feb. 4. (photo by Don Peek)



Col. Timothy E. Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing commander, Chief Master Sgt. Wendell L. Peacock, Command Chief of the 94th Airlift Wing are joined by group and unit commanders, 1st Sergeants and supervisors honoring the wings Noncommissioned officer Leadership and Development course graduates at a ceremony Feb. 3. (photo by Don Peek)



Master Sgt. Rosalyn L. Williams, Headquarters 22nd Air Force Tasker Division superintendent is recognized for 30 years of service by Maj. Gen. James T. Rubeor, special assistant to the commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command for Reserve Matters, Headquarters U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. Williams, retired Feb. 4 at a ceremony held in the 22nd AF Conference Center here. (photo by Master Sgt. James Branch)



Mike Medford, chef, 94th Force Support Squadron, won first place in the Air Force Reserve Command Top Chef Competition at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. Feb. 19. Medford received a monetary prize, professional knife set and a \$5000 grant for the Dobbins Consolidated Club. (photo by Brad Fallin)

FSS offers variety of ways to relax

By Senior Airman Spencer Gallien
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

As Airmen deal with the stresses of life, agencies at the 94th Airlift Wing continue to provide different ways for us to relax throughout the year.

In March, the 94th Force Support Squadron will begin its monthly "Come hang in the Lakeside Lounge," or CHILL, events, kicking off with a Mardi Gras party.

Chill events are hosted on the Saturday of each Unit Training Assembly and are free for Reservists and club members.

"We know how stressful a UTA can be, and we just want to invite servicemembers out to the (Lakeside) lounge to enjoy a meal and relax with friends," said Missy Boze-

man, 94 FSS event coordinator. "More and more Airmen have been enjoying the events, and we really just want to give them a way to relax."

On top of the CHILL events, the 94th FSS offers a variety of other events during the months for Airmen such as bingo, bus trips and gourmet dinners to enjoy an evening out.

The 94 FSS also supports an Individual Tickets and Travel office, where servicemembers can purchase discounted tickets and plan vacations.

"Our most popular travel destination right now is Disney World," said Sue Short, 94th FSS ITT manager. "Although, right now we have various destinations throughout the Southeast region that are offering discounted ticket prices for servicemembers."

Disney World is currently offering a 4-day Park Hopper pass at a discount price through Sept. 30 for \$135.

Wet 'n' Wild Water Park in Orlando is currently offering free passes through March 31 as part of their Military Appreciation Days.

"We're not currently a leisure travel office, but we do have

something for everyone," said Short. "We're here to assist you, and we love to hear everything about your experiences, so please stop by and share with us."

For more information on 94 FSS activities contact Missy Bozeman at 678-655-4594 or for ITT information contact Sue Short at 678-655-4797.



Former club manager remembered for being a "Great American"

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

Gerald A. Marshall, retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant and civil servant, was honored at memorial services Feb. 13 at the Chapel of West Cobb Funeral home and an inurnment at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga.

Born in Corning, N.Y., Marshall spent 21 years in the U.S. Air Force. He began another 26 year career as a civil servant, spending his last seven managing the Dobbins Consolidated Club. He died at age 67 on Feb. 8.

"We all remember (Jerry) Marshall for what he truly was, a great American," said Chaplain James A. Withers, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel. "Our service and country has lost a dedicated worker, husband, son, father and brother."

Friends and family poured out to celebrate and honor Marshall's life at the west Cobb chapel. Many joined the funeral mo-

torcade to the national cemetery, escorted by members of the Patriot Guard Riders.

Firing three volleys from the 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard rang during TAPS. Attendees were silenced as honor guard members performed military honors, including a flag-folding ceremony.

"On behalf of the President of the United States, the Department of the Air Force, and a grateful nation; Our country's flag is presented to you as a token of appreciation for years of honorable and faithful service by your loved one," said Master Sgt. Lena Tamplin, 94th AW Honor Guard, as she presented the U.S. Flag to Marshall's wife, Sandra.

Marshall's family thanks the members of Dobbins' for the support shown during their loss.


"We miss Jerry so much," said Withers. "We take comfort in having the chance to know and work with him, and having him touch our lives."



Gerald A. Marshall, retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. and Civil Servant, served 21 years active duty U.S. Air Force. He dedicated another 26 years of his life to the Department of Defense as a civil servant, spending his last seven managing the Dobbins Consolidated Club. He died Feb. 8. (photo by Priscilla Levister)

RETURN WITH HONOR

SENIOR AIRMAN DANIELLE CAMPBELL PURNELL
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A man in a military uniform is crouching in a forest, looking off to the side. He is wearing a dark green uniform with a patch on the chest. The forest floor is covered in pine needles and a fallen log is visible in the foreground.

Staff Sgt. Danny Purcell, flight engineer, 700th Airlift Squadron, after a simulated aircraft forced landing, attempts to evade enemy forces, and by the use of a map and Global Positioning System, join his squadron members at a designated rally-point. Flyers from the 700th Airlift Squadron and the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron participated in this simulated exercise facilitated by the 94th Operations Support Squadron Feb. 3-5. The field training exercise was part of group's expeditionary combat skills training. (photo by Don Peek)

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-Staff Sgt. Sean McDermott, 94th Operations Support Squadron

The team stayed low and moved slowly as they crept through the woods. They were cautious to step lightly to ensure no twigs were broken or leaves were moved out of place. Just a few hours earlier, they were part of an emergency landing after the engine of their C-130 went down. They were expecting a “virtual meeting” signal to come through their survival radio in less than 30 minutes. In the interim, their job was to use the Global Positioning System, or GPS, to locate anything... anyone.

Members from the 700th Airlift Squadron and the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron participated in a simulated exercise facilitated by the 94th Operations Support Squadron where they had to evade the enemy in a non-permissive environment at a training field here Feb. 3-5.

The field training exercise was part of the group's expeditionary combat skills training.

“This is basically a refresher of survival

school,” said Tech. Sgt. Preston Caldwell from the 94th Operations Support Squadron. “We teach evading the enemy, radio procedures and how to properly approach rescue, among other things.”

A signal came through their radios, informing the group to seek out a cache, a piece of hidden information marked by coordinates. The group continued through the woods guided by a compass, a GPS and intuition. They were determined to find the container of pertinent information that would help lead them out of the wilderness.

As the cache indicated, the team was nearing crossroads, a dirt road intersecting a concrete road.

As they approached the road, a few members of the crew set up a perimeter, while others carefully proceeded to the designated target.

Once given the signal, the remaining crewmembers advanced to the target.

“We have several plans in place,” said Staff Sgt. Sean McDermott, aircrew flight equipment craftsman from the 94th OSS. “The aircrew is trained to be ready for a

number of situations that may occur should they find themselves in a compromising situation such as this.”

Upon arrival at the rally point, all members of the aircrew were rescued successfully.

“We train the war-fighter to return home with honor,” said McDermott. “We go through a lot of pre-planning to combat the ‘what-ifs’.”

The flight crew also accomplished Water Survival training, Advanced Composite Cargo Aircraft training and Chemical Egress training during this field training exercise which they must complete every three years to stay compliant.

McDermott said the aircrew here are trained by a Survival Evading Rescue and Escape specialist and one of the best, Master Sgt. Jeff Reagan from the 94th OSS.

“In real life situations, nothing is 100 percent guaranteed,” said McDermott. “But this training has proven to reduce the risk of our members being captured.”

Dobbins chapel needs renovations and new location

By Master Sergeant James Branch
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

“Since post World War II through operation Enduring Freedom, this sacred white colored building has greeted people during the best times, and not-so-best times of their lives,” said Retired Chief Master Sgt. Dick Roberts, member of the Dobbins Chapel Foundation.

Roberts retired from the Air National Guard in 1985. He was stationed here, then known as Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga.

In May 2005, Air Force Reserve Command approved and funded the demolition of the base chapel, because as a host Reserve base, Dobbins is not authorized a chapel and would not provide renovation funds to make major repairs and bring the facility up to current building codes. The chapel at that time had stood on Dobbins’ soil for 56 years.

“This chapel has been used for numerous weddings, funerals, retirements and promotion ceremonies, inductions and meetings,” said Roberts. “Religious services are held there regularly during Unit Training Assemblies.”

Officials at Dobbins have made it clear they don’t want to see this storied building fade away.

“The Dobbins Chapel holds a special place on our base and in our hearts,” said Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing commander. “Unfortunately, we simply can’t keep the current arrangement in place anymore based on guidance we’ve received from headquarters. We also have to consider a number of force protection issues based on the facility’s current location.”

Tarchick believes the current collaborative approach between the unit and chapel foundation will lead to a favorable conclusion this summer.

“It’s a sensitive issue,” he said. “Hopefully, enough money can be raised by the foundation to achieve an outcome that is a win-win for all.”

The Dobbins Chapel was built in 1942, but didn’t arrive to Dobbins until 1949. It, along with 602 others was manufactured by contractor Kent’s Furniture Company and dispersed to military bases around the country.

Maj. Gen. George Finch, chief of Air Division, National Guard initially requested the chapel for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. In 1949, the chapel was delivered to Dobbins on a flat-bed truck and dedicated in 1950 as a memorial for fallen soldiers of WWII.

Chaplain (Col.) James H. O’Neil, writer of General George S. Patton, Jr.’s prayer for good weather, dedicated the chapel.

Seven years ago, the foundation began work toward relocating the chapel.

With many options exhausted, the foundation set its sights on the Gen. Lucius D. Clay National Guard Center, formally the Naval Air Station Atlanta.

“The cost to renovate and relocate the chapel will cost the foundation \$300,000,” said Roberts. “The State Adjutant General agreed to take the chapel into the National Guard Center’s inventory once it’s up to code.”

Patrons wishing to donate to the Dobbins Chapel Foundation can contact them at (770) 455-3094 or (404)-558-0155



photo by Brad Fallin

Celebrating Women's History Month

By Senior Airman Chelsea Smith
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

March signifies the commemoration of Women's History Month, in which Americans pay tribute to the historical contributions of women in the endeavors of arts, social equality, politics, military and numerous other fields. Many decades passed before the inauguration of the month-long recognition, which began in 1987, after the National Women's History Project or the NWHP made a petition to Congress.

"It's important to celebrate history as a whole," said Master Sgt. Elena Lund from the 94th Airlift Wing legal office. "So women's history should be celebrated by males and females alike."

The goal of the NWHP was to establish a month to recognize the achievement of women who've impacted the role of women in society.

Honorees range from Amelia Earhart, who surpassed expectations for women in aviation, to Eleanor Roosevelt, our nation's former first lady who left a dynamic legacy for succeeding first ladies to follow, to groups such as the influential women who marched in Washington for suffrage in the early 20th century, and musical legends such as Madonna, who is still making waves in the music industry today.

Master Sgt. Paula Stokeling, 94th AW Mission Support Group career advisor, has a prominent history of her own, as she's been serving the Dobbins community for more than 26 years and currently serves as co-chair on the Human Resource Development Council.

Enlisting shortly after high school, Stokeling said she's proud to have worn three different uniforms over the years in a heavily male-dominated military.

"It's been a journey," she said. "When I was a young Airman, you would see more males filling higher ranking positions, but to-

day, top positions are opening up to provide more and more opportunities for our female population."

Lund, also a member of HRDC, said she served the Air Force completing both active duty and reserve time. She eventually cross-trained from a male dominated work scene to the complete opposite.

"The JAG Corps is unique in that the attorneys are mostly male while the paralegals are mostly female," said Lund. "Cross-training from a personnelist in a maintenance squadron into the paralegal field provided the opportunity for me to see females in leadership."

Lund said she has always sought the guidance of mentors for help with making big decisions, for leadership models and for support in career advancement.

"My current mentor is Chief Master Sgt. Imelda Johnson, Air Force Reserve Command paralegal manager," said Lund. "I haven't followed her exact footsteps however, I frequently filter my thoughts through her which, in turn, I now have a better sense of leadership."

Likewise, Stokeling said she is inspired to work alongside female chiefs and officers who have reached respectable heights in their military career; however she draws the most inspiration from the woman who raised her.

"My mother raised eight kids and made sure we were provided for," she said. "She instilled in me that hard work pays off and I celebrate her every day of the year."

Stokeling and Lund, along with the Dobbins community, salute history's most influential and progressive women in honor of Women's History month.





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Wing Family Day June 3

The 94th Airlift Wing Family Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 3. 94th AW and 22nd Air Force members and their families are welcomed to come a out and enjoy food, fun and demonstrations from various wing organizations. Parking will not be available at the lakeside facility. Buses will run continuously throughout the day from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to pick up and drop off attendees at the following locations:

- * Parking lot of Bldg 922 (ASTS)
- * Parking lot of Bldg 838 (HQ/OG/MXG)
- * Corner of Hercules Way & Atlantic Ave. (Billing)
- * Parking lot of Bldg 744/819 (AES/EOD)
- * Parking lot of Bldg 812 (TMO)
- * Parking lot of Bldg 732 (700th AS/Fuel Cell/80th APS)
- * Parking lot of Bldg 729 (22nd AF)
- * Parking lot of Bldg 727 (Services)
- * Parking lot of Bldg 501/516 (CE/LRS)



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Newcomers

The following Airmen were welcomed to the 94th Airlift Wing in February:

Lt. Col. Harlan South, 94 ASTS
 Capt. Roswell Atkinson, 700 AS
 2nd Lt. Carl Konieczka, 94 AES
 Master Sgt. Clarence Tosh III, 94 OG
 Tech. Sgt. Edward Mullis, 80 APS
 Tech. Sgt. Nicole Smith, 94 LRS
 Staff Sgt. Lindsey Black, 94 AW
 Staff Sgt. Krystal Carson, 94 LRS
 Staff Sgt. Michael Gilliam, 94 MXS
 Staff Sgt. Samantha Pleasant, 700 AS
 Staff Sgt. Arture Riveraquinones, 94 CES
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 Senior Airman Wynia-Kia Craddock, 94 ASTS
 Senior Airman William Hutchins, 94 AMXS
 Senior Airman Paul Jacobs, 80 APS
 Senior Airman Andrew Quiron, 94 MXS
 Senior Airman Timothy Robison, 94 MXS
 Airman 1st Class Gregory Handley, 94 MXS
 Airman 1st Class Delvecchio Jones, 94 AMXF
 Airman 1st Class Keonna Shaw, 94 MXS
 Airman 1st Class Andrew Mailman, 94 CES
 Airman 1st Class Andrea Stith, 94 ASTS
 Airman 1st Class Adam Langley, 94 AMXS
 Airman Joshua Hester, 80 APS

Airman Basic Robert Cupp, 94 MXS
 Airman Basic Marvelly Fuentes, 94 OSS
 Airman Basic Taylor Gwyn, 94 AMXF
 Airman Basic Corey Hampton, 94 AMXF
 Airman Basic Joseph Hunter, 94 FSS
 Airman Basic Satika Johnson, 700 AS
 Airman Basic William Mack, 94MXS
 Airman Basic Ian McKibben, 94 CES

Retirements

The following retired in February:

Lt. Col. (Chaplain) William B. Ferrell
 Master Sgt. Rosalyn L. Williams
 Deputy Fire Chief Eric L. McDaniel

Promotions

The following Airmen were promoted in February:

Master Sergeant:
 John Besselman, III, 94 FSS
 Jerry Carroll, 94 AES
 Ricky Ford, 94 CES
 Dallas Howard, 80 APS
 Jeanot Pierre, 80 APS
 Steven Reynolds, 80 APS

Tech Sergeant:

Malika Charles, 94 ASTS
 James Crawford, 700 AS
 Justin Krautkremer, 94 CES
 Daniel Neglia, 94 CES

Staff Sergeant:

Malia Butler, 94 AES
 Justin Marshburn, 94 MXS

Senior Airman:

Amber Davis, 94 ASTS
 Trez Jenkins, 94 AMXS
 Stephen McDowell, 94 MXS
 DiAndre Williams, 94 MXS

Airman First Class:

Kendra Chunn, 94 FSS
 Brandon Davis, 94 MXS
 Christopher Friend 94 FSS
 Gabriel Getchell, 94 MXS
 Ricardo Hernandez, 94 MXS

Airman:

Marvelly Fuentes, 94 OSS
 Constance Hall, 94 FSS
 Michael Murray, 94 MXS

Civilian developmental education applications accepted in March

Air Force civilians interested in developmental education should work on their nomination packages now. The call for nominations will be in March. A variety of CDE programs are available for civilians at every level, including Civilian Acculturation and Leadership Training, Defense Civilian Emerging Leader Program, Squadron Officer School, Education with Industry, and intermediate and senior developmental education. All interested employees must submit an AF IMT 4059 to their supervisor. Options vary by grade, so AFPC has scheduled several March webcasts that will focus on opportunities available to civilians in each grade. Webcasts will be held at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central standard time March 1 for GS 14 and 15; March 8 for GS 12 and 13; and March 15, 21 and 29 for GS-7 through 11. For information, visit <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>. Dobbins personnel interested in CDE can contact Andrea Lard at (678) 655-4978 or email andrea.lard@us.af.mil.

Air Force works to update disability hiring records

Disability hiring initiatives are ongoing as federal agencies work to meet the president's challenge to hire 100,000 people with disabilities over the next five years. The categories of disabilities have been expanded as the result of a change in the law. In addition, the president has issued an executive order requiring all federal agencies to recruit, hire, and retain individuals with all types of disabilities, not just the severe disabilities covered by the previous rules and form. To ensure equitable hiring practices, all federal agencies are working to update disability records, and to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities, said Michael Brosnan, AFPC Workforce Planning and Enterprise Recruiting chief. To help the Air Force achieve its goal, civilian Airmen are asked to review and update their disability codes in the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System. To update disability status, visit the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System Portal (<https://compo.dcpds.cpms.osd.mil>).

Dobbins 56 Group elections March 4

The Dobbins 56 group will hold officer elections March 4. Nominations will be accepted by e-mail to Staff Sgt. Erica Shelton (erica.shelton@us.af.mil) until 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3. Electable positions are for president, vice president, administrator and treasurer. All nominees must be present at the March 4 meeting, 12 noon, at the Transportation Proficiency Center to acknowledge/accept or decline the nomination. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. Tanisha Lofton at (678) 655-3124 or Staff Sgt. Erica Shelton at (678) 655-3226.

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) 655-5055 or e-mail the PA office at 94aw.pav3@us.af.mil.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Don't let "garbage trucks" ruin your day

*By Chaplain (Maj.) Olga Westfall
94th Airlift Wing Chaplain Office*

My full time employment is with the Atlanta Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, where I serve as a Chaplain. I'm assigned to a psychiatric floor and lead numerous spirituality groups. I love working with veterans who go through difficult times, suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), substance abuse, homelessness and many other issues.

As I lead spirituality groups, I look for various recourses and materials to help me get my point across. When I run across a good story that can make one think, I use it in my spirituality groups and encourage attendees to discuss them and add their thoughts.

Someone shared a story with me titled, "Law of the Garbage Truck." I've used it during numerous substance abuse spirituality groups and other groups, and I would like to share it in this article:

"One day I hopped in a taxi and took

off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. He was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? That guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take

their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so, love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Remember, life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it! Don't become a "garbage truck" and don't let other garbage trucks ruin your day and your life.

We are hurt the most by people who are the closest to us when they don't understand us, or say or do something painful to us. God will never give us more than we can bear. He will give you all you need to overcome. Although you might be bumped by a garbage truck you don't need to become one.

Have a blessed, garbage-free day!



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Staff Sgt. Barbara Denisi

Job title: Security Forces Apprentice

Years of service: 6

What does your job entail? Since Security Forces is the foundation of integrated base defense, our primary mission is the defense of the installation, on or off post. The job entails securing and protecting all personnel and property.

Tell us a recent accomplishment you've made in your job. I have recently completed Combat Arms Training. The knowledge I retained not only better me as an Airman, but it's also an incredible opportunity to assist others with the betterment of combat tactics.

What's the most difficult part about being in the Air Force Reserves? Before I joined, my recruiter told me "One weekend a month, two weeks a year." Being a Reservist is more than that. It is balancing two careers, and balancing it well. It requires dedication and commitment: two incredible principles a reservist should portray in all military and civilian aspects.

What do you do for recreation? During the little time I have between the civilian career, military career, and graduate school, I use all my available time planning my wedding to the most incredible man God could have ever chosen for me!

What's your favorite movie? The Book of Eli, a rebellious piety.

Before coming to Dobbins, what was your previous assignment? I have been assigned to Dobbins my entire career.

What advice would you give someone looking to join in Security Forces? A quick lesson in linguistics: the literal translation for the Japanese word samurai is "one who serves." If you are someone who wants to serve -- to serve your country, your God and your people, then serving as a Security Forces member may be appropriate for you. SFS members are the warriors of the Air Force. In ancient Japan, you could not be a samurai warrior if you were not willing to serve. So it is with SFS. You cannot be an SFS warrior if you are not willing to serve.

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