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A photograph of a female technician in a laboratory setting. She is wearing a grey lab coat with a name tag that reads 'C. N. DODD', safety glasses, and blue nitrile gloves. She is focused on a large, circular, metallic component that is part of a piece of equipment. The scene is illuminated with a strong blue light, creating a high-tech atmosphere. The technician is holding a tool or probe near the component. The background is dark, with some red and blue lights visible, suggesting a complex industrial or research environment.

NDI lab sifts through the cracks, ensures mission success

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Master Sgt. Aaron Albright, 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard superintendent, leads Ashley Vandiver of the Dobbins Hercules Council through a flag folding exercise here, Aug. 9. The council, comprised of area civic leaders, attended the last meeting of the fiscal year and received information on projected personnel and equipment changes, base construction projects and deployed Dobbins Service members. "Our honor guard participated in over 250 military funerals last year," said Albright. "We each deal with the feelings generated from the high volume of funerals differently. However, we all keep in mind the sacrifice of the service member and honor their memory. (photo by Brad Fallin)



Results!

By Lt Col Tim Martz
94th Security Forces Squadron

What is the bottom line? Results! So I ask you, are you and your fellow Airmen producing results? In Air Force terminology; are you getting the mission done on time, on target, in accordance with our values, doctrine, and instructions? Are you, quite simply, getting the job done right? Or, conversely, are you part of the problem and not the solution? Do you impede or delay mission results? Do you talk a good game but fail to produce? Are you just good at looking busy, but ineffective at getting the job done? Are you hiding in the weeds hoping not to be challenged? Well, I challenge you to ask those tough questions of yourself and your Airmen!

Not easy, I believe most of us want to work hard and want to feel good about “ourselves”

in our “efforts.” Not good enough! Our mission demands much better; it demands results! Earlier in my career I had a commander who always used to say, “Do not confuse effort with results.” That phrase has stuck with me for more years that I care to admit; results, getting the job done right. Not just moving the ball, but putting it in the end zone.

Now here comes the football analogy. Vince Lombardi, the famed coach of the Green Bay Packers knew a little bit about results. After all, the Super Bowl trophy is named after him. In seven seasons with Green Bay, he brought home five world championships to include the first two super bowls. Lombardi used to say “If it doesn’t matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?” Results! In his famous speech “What It Takes to be Number One”, the coach said,

“Winning is not a sometime thing; it’s an all-the-time thing. You don’t win once in a while; you don’t do things right once in a while; you do them right all the time.” He went on to say, “There is no room for second place. There is only one place in my game and that’s first place.” Results!

As cool as these words are and as much as I love football, I have to bring this back to reality in an effort to tie this all together. Our mission in the Air Force is not a game after all. It is to defend our nation’s freedom no matter what our status, job, or task at hand. We all took a sacred oath to do it right all the time. We have to win all of the time; the enemy has to win only once. The stakes are too high; therefore there is absolutely no room for second place in our Air Force. We have to be first in everything we do, our nation



Lt Col Tim Martz

depends on it. This requires us to produce results, to finish the job or task at hand; to put the ball in the end zone so to speak and to get the mission done right!

As American Airmen, we need to reevaluate and rededicate ourselves to our mission. To reinforce our values and standards while finishing the job. As we gear up for football season, I ask that all of you gear up for our Air Force mission and dedicate yourselves to getting the jobs done right – your results do matter!

Wanted: EET members for “Team Dobbins”

By Senior Airman Chelsea Smith
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Service members are susceptible to evaluations throughout their military careers. To ensure one is eligible for promotion or has acquired a required skill, evaluations are essential during our military transitions.

Keepers of the evaluation process may be unit commanders, supervisors or fellow Airmen, but few know of the Installation Exercise Program here that unifies a staff of Dobbins members who exhibit exceptional professionalism and are considered subject matter experts in their respective functional areas.

As part of recruitment efforts for members of the

exercise evaluation team, Lt. Col. David Smith, 94th Airlift Wing Combat Readiness chief, is searching for five, preferably local, qualified candidates to join the 94th Airlift Wing combat capabilities staff.

Interested traditional reservists must be nominated by their unit commander and will be asked to prepare a short resume highlighting their Air Force Specialty Code, breath of experience and desire to join the exercise evaluation team.

“Primary duties of the EET member is to assist in developing exercise scenarios and planning and carrying out exercise events within their area of expertise,” said Smith. “They also observe the exercise events in order to evaluate the ability

of the installation to respond to accidents, disasters, contingencies, increased states of readiness and deployments.”

EET members will develop exercise scenarios for the numbered Air Force, as well as the wing, in which examples may include deployed unit, major accident response and natural disaster response exercises, said Smith. EET members are required to conduct at least one exercise per quarter.

To interconnect pieces of the puzzle, training is an integral component to the success of a new EET member.

“The requirements don’t mandate a lot of experience in evaluation,” said Lt. Col. Richard Alexandersen, 22nd Air Force chief of operations.

“New members are trained to observe and elicit responses, but also trained to participate.”

Air force guidance has placed emphasis on the importance of an EET’s duties so that members are competent in the preparation for an attack, said Alexandersen. EET members must also train members on how to respond and recover from an attack and evaluate the unit’s response, he said.

Opportunities are available in logistics readiness, aerospace maintenance, air transportation and emergency management and will be accepted until Sept. 30.

For more information, please contact your unit commander or the Combat Capabilities office at 678-655-2649.

AROUND THE PATTERN



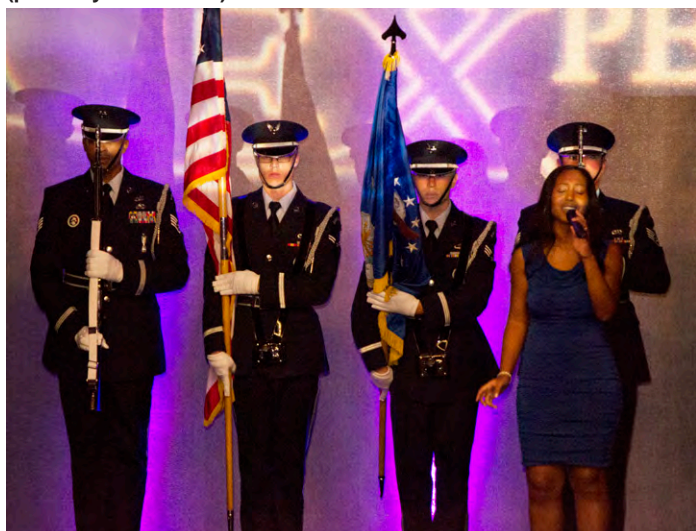
Lt. Col. James P. Palmisano assumes command of the 94th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron during a ceremony Aug. 5. Palmisano is the former readiness officer of the 36th AES at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. (photo by Don Peek)



Travis Ellis, chairman of the Dobbins Honorary Commanders Association, presents Col. (Ret.) Lee Ellis with a token of appreciation during a POW/MIA ceremony Aug. 16. Ellis, former Vietnam POW and author of "Leading with Honor - Lessons learned from the Hanoi Hilton" served as the key note speaker for the event. The HCA visited various organizations on base as part of their annual "Dobbins Day." (photo by Brad Fallin)



Col. Marshall S. Irvin Jr., 94th Mission Support Group commander greets Gen. William M. Fraser III, U.S. Transportation Command, commander, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., during a two-day Atlanta, Ga. Aug. 28. Fraser is manager of global air, land and sea transportation for the Department of Defense. (photo by Don Peek)



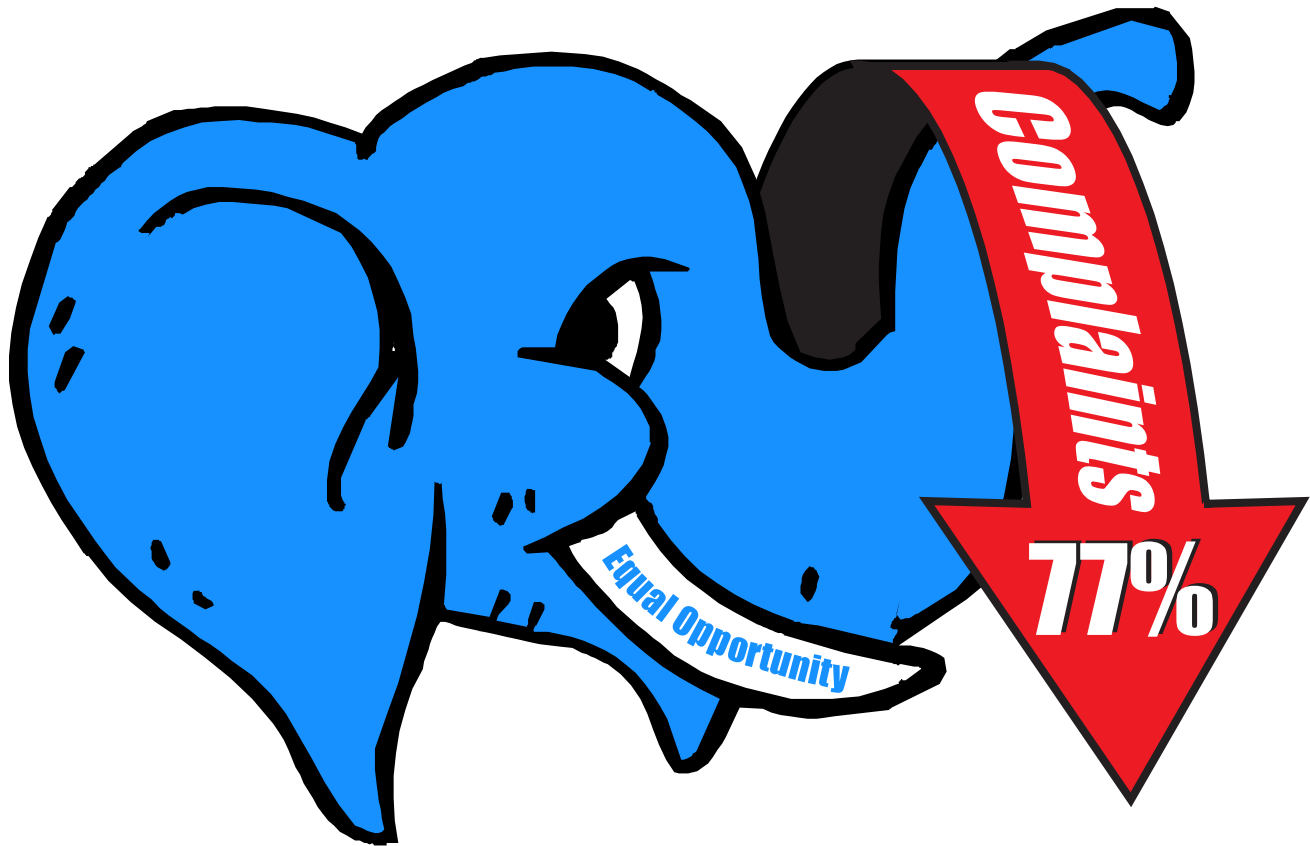
Members of the Base Honor Guard present the colors as Mryna Dabel sings the National Anthem during a fashion gala benefitting the American Homeless Veterans Foundation Sept. 1. (photo by Damon Peebles)



Col. Steven R. Clayton, 94th Operations Group commander, discusses the base operational tempo, wing flying missions and upcoming events to congressional staff members during a breakfast meeting Aug. 23. (photo by Don Peek)



Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing commander, and volunteers from the Dobbins Thrift Store, 94th Airlift Wing Safety, and Logistics Readiness Squadron present Angela Pedersen, Airmen Family Readiness Office director, \$1,613 on raised from the annual Corn and Sausage Roast Aug. 23. (photo by Don Peek)



EO complaints down; members resolve issues at lowest level

*By Tech. Sgt. Richard Conyers
94th Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity*

Has the elephant left the room? Of course not, but at least now everyone is talking about it. In Jan. 2011, The 94th Airlift Wing held a series of training sessions coined the “Big Elephant Brief” that addressed cross cultural communications.

The Big Elephant Brief was intended to address the high number of equal opportunity complaints being filed on base. To give an idea of the amount of complaints filed here, the 934th Airlift Wing at Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, Minn received two EO complaints during a four-year period. In contrast, the 94th AW saw four EO complaints filed in a four month period.

Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th AW commander, tasked the EO office to give a mass briefing to all wing members.

Over a year after the mass training, members are wondering if the training was successful and how the statistics compare now to then. Compared to fiscal year 2011, EO complaints have dropped by 77 percent and

EO contacts by 68 percent.

EO contacts are contacts made by personnel to the EO office with concerns that may or may not result in complaints. Additionally, fiscal year 2012 saw a four-month period without a complaint being filed, which has not happened since 2006.

“Overall, the Big Elephant Brief was a success because it brought awareness to everyone, which hopefully empowered them to ‘approach the barking dog’, as Col. Tarchick says,” said Capt. Darrell Bogan, EO director. “The majority of EO complaints can be resolved at the lowest level through seeking clarification. Seeking clarification requires one party to simply ask the question, ‘Why is this happening,’ and the other party to give an honest answer. The drop in the number of EO complaints and contacts can be attributed to an increase in open communication and a greater trust in using the chain of command.”

Though the wing has made significant progress in reducing its EO complaints,

we still have more ground to cover. Another round of training will be rolled out in fiscal year 2013 to keep the focus on resolving issues at the lowest level.

“Resolving issues before they become complaints allows personnel involved and leadership to focus on what we all are here to do, accomplishing the mission,” said Bogan.

In order to continue evaluating the human relations climate on base, the wing has increased its equal opportunity staff to include Bogan, Capt. Rebecca Brown, EO deputy director, Tech. Sgt. Richard Conyers, NCO-IC, and EO specialists, Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Nix, Staff Sgt. Dalia Nesmith and Staff Sgt. Jessica Coleman. The staff will continue to conduct human relations education training and operate as a neutral party while resolving issues through alternative dispute resolution and processing complaints through appropriate channels. The EO staff is located in building 838, room 1128 and may be contacted at 678-655-5042.

SIFTING *through the* CRACKS

By Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When Staff Sgt. Kim Leslie introduces herself as a non-destructive inspection specialist, she often clarifies that she is a “crack finder.” While the term is accurate, it does not capture the depth of her mission.

The 94th Airlift Wing NDI lab uses high-tech equipment to perform operations on aircraft to ensure Airman safety, cost-effectiveness and mission success. Finding structural flaws, no matter how minor, can have a major impact.

NDI specialists can be proud of what they do. The lab is a preventative maintenance shop that keeps accidents from happening – accidents that could cause loss of life.

Using specialized techniques and equipment, crack finders have also been able to save the Air Force millions of dollars in damage and countless unscheduled maintenance man hours, according to Leslie. Additionally, without the NDI Lab, aircraft parts would need to be sent off for inspection, causing an unnecessary delay in the mission.

“We do check for cracks,” said Leslie. “We check all over the aircraft, for structural integrity. Some of the inspections we do are on the aircraft, and some are done after other maintainers take the parts off and bring them in. It just depends on the

technical orders.”

Technical orders are used across the Air Force to standardize aircraft inspection.

We use their schedules to routinely inspect the aircraft, said Leslie. That’s where the bulk of the work comes from, but extra inspections may be scheduled as needed.

The NDI lab uses magnetic particle and eddy current equipment, ultrasonic detectors and portable X-Ray devices to peer into the aircraft and components without having to take them apart. Also used is a liquid dye sprayed on a component, which seeps into any cracks so the defect can be seen under black light.

NDI specialists attend a ten-week technical school, where they learn the theory of each procedure used in the lab, followed by extensive on-the-job training.

Airman 1st Class Dylan Brown, 94th AW NDI specialist, gets hands-on training from the NDI superintendent, and fellow specialists, such as Leslie.

“During tech school, I learned to operate all the machines we use, how to calibrate them and keep them in working order,” said Brown. “We also learned all the theory behind what we do and why it works.”

Brown now applies what he learned in tech school about visual inspection, eddy current inspection, ultrasonic inspection,

radiography, inspections using penetrants and magnetic particles.

This is all done under the supervision of his qualified wingmen.

Once Brown finishes his upgrade training, he will be a fully qualified and capable NDI specialist. He will be well versed in not only the theory behind the inspection techniques, but also in the specialized equipment needed to perform each type of inspection.

Those inspections occur on every airframe the Air Force operates.

“TOs are being written to prepare for the new C-130 J-models,” said Leslie. “The newer aircraft will have a lot more advanced types of materials on it, which will require more advanced types of inspection procedures. The amount of work will likely not change, but the type of work will change. It does help that the overall theory across the two models are very similar.”

Inspections occur over the total lifespan of an aircraft. Once the new J-models arrive on base, the NDI specialists will have only a little time to adapt to the new airframes, but it is expected that there will be no decrease in quality or quantity of inspections.

The eventual force restructure implementation will only be more proof that the 94th Airlift Wing, and its NDI Lab, will adapt.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Kim Leslie, 94th Airlift Wing non-destructive inspection specialist, calibrates an eddy current machine, which will be used to detect cracks in metal parts of airframes. NDI specialists use eddy current machines, magnetic particle machines, ultrasonic detectors and portable X-Ray devices to peer into the aircraft and components without having to take them apart.

(Left) Airman 1st Class Dylan Brown, 94th Airlift Wing non-destructive inspection specialist, cleans liquid dye penetrant off of metal test pieces that were used in a magnetic particle machine.

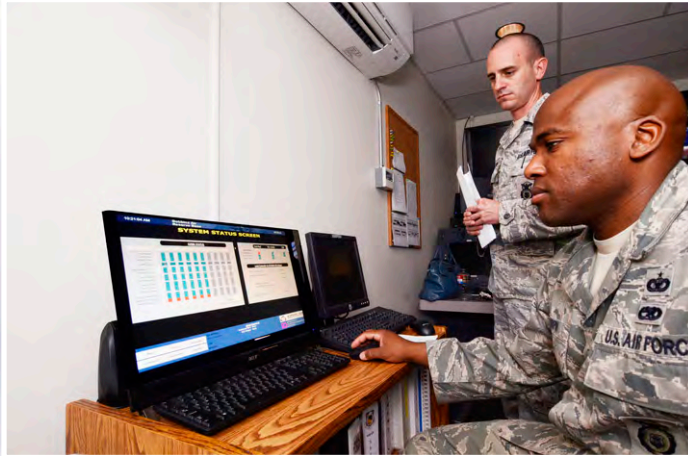
(Below) Airman 1st Class Dylan Brown, 94th Airlift Wing non-destructive inspection specialist, uses a magnetic particle machine to detect cracks on a metal test piece. Cracks on the test piece appear bright green under black light, due to liquid dye penetrant.



photos by Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten

New and improved giant voice resurfaces

By Senior Airman Chelsea Smith
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



(Above) First responders from the 94th Security Forces Squadron and the Base Fire Department demonstrate the use of the Dobbins "Giant Voice" Aug 7. The notification system alerts installation personnel of emergency situations. (Below) Contractors install and program the giant voice speaker systems at various locations around Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. July 26. (photos by Don Peek)

The wing's newly upgraded giant voice system is scheduled to reemerge in the approaching weeks as part of a two-phase mass notification system launch. The new system will replace the antiquated version which is scheduled to be fully operational by Sept. 30.

Phase one includes completion of the outdoor notification system while phase two will involve establishing an indoor notification system, said Capt. Jamison De La Peña, 94th Airlift Wing Communications Squadron commander.

The system will be controlled primarily by the 94th AW Command Post and the 911 Emergency Center serving as a secondary command center said David Felix, 94th Communications Flight personal wireless communications manager.

As referenced by the name, the system will function to disseminate messages for base exercises, real world events, weather alerts, canned training messages, alarm condition changes and other pertinent information, said Felix. In addition, traditional military music such as Reveille and Taps will be

Six voice stack systems affixed to a pole or a building will be located at the Fire Department, Hangar five, buildings 922 and 501, and the base track and munitions areas, said De La Peña. Each stack holds eight loud speakers, reminiscent of bullhorns, interconnected at the top of a circular pole facing four directions.

"We're currently undergoing preliminary testing," said De La Peña. "This system will have the ability to utilize certain zones so that notifications can be pushed for that zone only to minimize confusion."

As part of the upgrades,

the system is more user friendly due to the enhanced user interface that has touch screen capability, virtual base maps and the ability to isolate speakers to broadcast messages in select locations, said De La Peña.

Towering approximately 40 to 60 feet into the skyline, the giant voice system was a joint venture by contractors American Signal Corporation, General Dynamics and Motorola in compliance with a long-standing requirement derived by Air Force Reserve Command. The cost by the end of phase two is projected to total more than half a million dollars, said De La Peña.

Careful considerations were given to the positioning of the speakers in response to a rising concern for the heightened noise level in areas outside of the base.

"Positioning is such that the speakers are not projected into the residential areas surrounding the base," said De La Peña. "Hangar five has two less speakers to prevent the sound from blasting into the building."

Dobbins' members can expect to hear notifications from the Giant Voice soon, but will still receive mass notifications via desktop, or the purple globe, generated through the Ad Hoc system which is operated by the 94th AW Command Post, said De La Peña.

With origins dating back to World War II, the giant voice, a Civil Defense siren, was developed as a solution to new security concerns such as the attack at Pearl Harbor in 1942. It was created to send warning tones, military music such as Reveille, voice messages that are prerecorded and live public addresses.

Comm Squadron members are moved to run

By Senior Airman Christina Bozeman
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

On an early, overcast Saturday morning, members from the 94th Communications Squadron showed their support by taking part in the Run for Wounded Warriors Aug. 4.

A sea of more than 1,900 Wounded Warrior supporters and alumni covered the lawn and street in front of Kennesaw First Baptist Church in downtown Kennesaw, Ga.

The purpose of the Wounded Warriors Project is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members. The organization also helps the service members aid and assist each other, providing various unique and direct programs.

It was Staff Sgt. Kelli Miller's first time running in the Run for Wounded Warriors.

"I've done 5k's in my hometown," said Miller, 94th Communications Squadron cyber transport technician. "I thought it would be interesting to get our unit involved."

Miller wasn't the only Dobbins

member to run. Five other wingmen from the squadron also strapped on their sneakers to show support.

"We got six of us to come out to support our comrades," said Miller. "I thought it would be perfect for a unit event."

It was the first time the squadron has run for this foundation as a group. Senior Airmen Sonja Brooks, 94th CS radio frequency transmission technician, was the first of the six members to cross the finish line.

"I've never ran a 5k or any kind of race before," said Brooks.

Senior Airman Joseph Moore, dental assistant from Hurlburt Field, Fla., was in Kennesaw visiting family.

"Since I was in town, I thought I would run and show my support," Moore said.

The vision of WWP is to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history, and the day's turnout aided in their goal.



Master Sgt. Michael Boshears, Tech Sgt. Stephen Athey, Staff Sgts. Kelli Miller and Kathleen Welsch and Senior Airmen Sonja Brooks and Cynthia Carson from the 94th Communications Squadron participate a 5k run in support of the Wounded Warrior Project in Kennesaw, Ga. Aug 4. (photo by Senior Airman Christina Bozeman)

Past, present, future Airmen come together to inspire



Staff Sgts. Candice Johnson and Dalia Nesmith, both of the 94th Airlift Wing, attend the Tuskegee Airmen Inc.'s 2012 National Convention in Las Vegas July 31 – Aug. 3. Both attended various panel discussions and workshops focusing on diversity and different aspects of Airmanship and wingmanship. (photo by Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten)

By Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgts. Candice Johnson and Dalia Nesmith, both of the 94th Airlift Wing, attended the 41st Annual Tuskegee Airmen Inc. National Convention in Las Vegas July 31 - Aug 3.

History was made when George Lucas was honored at the convention and the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. made him an honorary member, complete with a red blazer.

"I haven't seen Red Tails yet, but I am definitely going to go home and check it, and the documentary, out," said Johnson. "Meeting Tuskegee Airmen and seeing George Lucas was definitely a great experience. I now know more of the history and saw some of that history in the making."

Participating in the breakout sessions and luncheons and seeing the exhibits offered a unique perspective on the history of the Air Force, said Nesmith. We were able to hear their stories, remember the Tuskegee Airmen who are no longer with us and see

exactly how their piece fit into the overall Air Force puzzle.

Johnson and Nesmith were able to take part in history this year and help by ensuring the future.

How did they help ensure the future?

Throughout the convention, attendees were joined by children of all ages and backgrounds. The things the children had in common were their goals and interests: to serve their country through an interest in aviation.

Airmen were invited to attend various panel discussions and workshops.

Between feature film, Red Tails, and companion documentary, Double Victory, and the focus of the TAI convention on the nation's youth, the legend and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen have been honored.

This year's convention held true to the goals that were set for it by Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and actually took steps toward "Honoring our past and ensuring our future."



Newcomers

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

Lt. Col

Michele Fletcher, 94 ASTS
Erin Manning, 94 MSG
James Palmisano, 94 AES

Maj.

Robert Mehan, 94 MXS
Jamey Wright, 700 AS

Capt.

William Dickenson, 80 APS
Bernadine Ford, 94 FSS
Keri Matwick, 94 FSS
James Morgan, 700 AS
Andrew Smith, 700 AS
Katurah Windham, 94 ASTS

1st. Lt.

Harry Gatewood, 94 AW

Senior Master Sgt.

Tina Carlson, 94 ASTS

Master Sgt.

Christine Jerde, ART

Tech. Sgt.

John Halliday, 94 MXS

Staff Sgt.

Angela Fox, 94 ASTS
Jeffrey Robbins, 94 AES
Sarah Rooks, 80 APS
Shannon Sylvester, 94 FSS

Senior Airman

Patrick Fischer, 80 APS
Krista Jackson, 94 ASTS
Bobbie Jones, 94 ASTS
Katia Maddox, 94 LRS
Anthony Moore, 94 ASTS
Natasha Queen, 80 APS
Melinda Sheldon, 80 APS
Jason Young, 94 MXS
Travis Young, 94 CES

Airman 1st Class

Christy Appiah, 94 CES
Erica Blue, 94 ASTS
Ebony Lewis, 94 LRS
Derrick Mountain, 94 ASTS
Daniel Showalter, 94 MXS

Malcolm Young, 94 MXS

Airman

Corey Robinson, 94 MXS

Airman Basic

Marlo Bolles, 94 SFS
Ashton Cuttino, 94 LRS
Shawn Kalmbach, 80 APS
Ashleigh McNair, 94 MXS
Kenzley Ramos, 94 LRS
Corey Rhodes, 94 MXS
Briana Robinson, 94 LRS
Shawn Wilder, 94 ASTS

Promotions

The following were promoted in Aug.:

Lt. Col.

Brian E. Ferguson, 94 OSS
Christopher M. Gohlke, 700 AS
Mark A. Jordan, 94 OG
Selina L. Karter, 94 ASTS
Jess W. Keel, 700 AS
Michael J. McFadden, 94 AW
Michael R. Moebes, 94 AES
Frank R. Pascarelli, 94 ASTS
Mary R. Wrighton, 94 ASTS

Master Sgt.

Charles Burgoon, 94 CES

Staff Sgt.

Jemichael Manora, 80 APS
Mark Hanson, 700 AS
Christopher Hess, 94 SFS

Senior Airman

Brittany Cost, 94 ASTS
Patrick McGuire, 94 MXS
Joel Putnam, 94 AMXS
Jasmin Woodham, 94 SFS

Airman 1st Class

Ashley Lanhorne, 94 LRS
Michael Murray, 94 MXS

Airman

Richard Nguyen

Retirements

Lt Col Catherine Smith, 94 ASTS
Chief Master Sgt. Israel Rosado, 22 AF
Chief Master Sgt. Darrell Welch, 22 AF
Clint Whitehead, 94 CS

Base Honor Guard accepting applications

The 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard is accepting applications for prospective members. While there are currently no open positions available, Master Sgt. Aaron Albright, honor guard superintendent, is always looking for stellar, duty-driven Airmen to fill future openings.

Candidates must hold the rank of Tech. Sgt. or below and be willing to work weekends and holidays.

A five-level in the candidate's Air Force Specialty Code is highly preferred, although applicants holding a three-level and completed seasoning training may be accepted.

Candidates must have an exemplary appearance in uniform, a current and passing Fit-to-Fight score and must be able to lift at least 50 pounds.

Medical profiles or injuries may disqualify applicants.

Preferred applicants live in the local area, have reliable transportation and not have been on any MPA/RPA orders within the last three years.

Submission of an application does not guarantee selection. Please visit Master Sgt. Albright in building 838, suite 1309, call (678) 655-5272 or email aaron.albright@us.af.mil if interested.

Fire department offers space heater safety tips

Space heaters operate with electric motors and air moving equipment, which require periodic maintenance. Scheduled maintenance will ensure the unit has a longer life-span, increase safety in the home, and ultimately save money. Non proper use can result in property damage, or worse, loss of life.

As a general rule, extension cords are not recommended with space heaters. Use space heaters only on solid, firm surfaces and make sure heaters are not in the traffic flow of the room.

For more information on using space heaters around your home, please contact the Dobbins ARB Fire Department by phone at 678-655-4840 or visit the Dobbins ARB website at www.dobbins.afrc.af.mil.

Knowing where to request records saves time, money

In an effort to save time and money, the master personnel records branch staff at the Air Force Personnel Center wants retirees and former Airmen to know the correct procedures for requesting medical and personnel record information.

For Airmen who retired on or after Oct. 1, 2004 they can request copies of records such as a DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), performance reports and other information by writing to AFPC/DPSIRP, 550 C St. West, Suite 19, Randolph AFB TX, 78150; faxing 210-565-4021; or visiting the eBenefits website at www.eBenefits.va.gov.

Veterans who retired before Oct. 1, 2004 must visit the National Personnel Records Center website at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> for record request instructions. People requesting the record of a deceased relative who retired before Oct. 1, 2004 may now use the NPRC website to order a copy of the military records.

Base Customer Support can help initiate DD 214s for Reservists returning from active duty, but do not maintain the records.

CE equips base with power surge protection

The last thing anyone one wants is the inconvenience of their electronics not working, or worse, having to be replaced. This is exactly what the civil engineers here are trying to prevent.

Eugene Rusiecki, electrical project engineer at Base Civil Engineering, headed the base power surge protection project. The project involved making sure every electronic device is plugged into a surge protector power strip.

Installing surge protectors will save Dobbins money and damage, and it's required by code, Rusiecki said.

"Air Force Reserve Command Electronic Engineering approved the project," confirmed Rusiecki. The estimated cost of the project is \$165,000.

This installation of surge protection may be costly and could be a minor inconvenience to Dobbins members, but it will prove to be efficient in the long run.

We're on our way to getting the entire base up to standards, said Rusiecki.

Scholarship aid available for eligible Reservists, families

Dobbins Service members and family are eligible to receive one of 20 available \$500 scholarships as part of the annual Total Force Top 3/USAA scholarship.

Eligible applicants may submit packages if they are the rank of E-9 or below or an immediate family member of an E-9 or below (i.e., daughter, son, etc.).

The military member must be an Air Force Reservist and the applicant must currently be enrolled in an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree program at a regionally accredited college or university. Visit <http://www.dobbins.afrc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120821-027.pdf> and complete by the Oct. 31.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The secret to life in September

94th Airlift Wing Chaplain Office

Time is priceless. How do you invest yours? The year is nearly over. As September approaches, I encourage you to take the necessary time, to rest and to reflect on how you have spent your year.

At the 94th Airlift Wing, an increasing amount of our country's total defense is becoming dependent on, "us to get the job done, anytime, anywhere."

Personal and professional goals challenge us to methodically strive towards excellence. In all that we do balance is required. A holistic approach allows peaceful integration of life and its demands.

Do you have balance in your life? Has your tongue become numb by consuming countless energy drinks? Is a chaotic existence reflected in the circles beneath your eyes? Are you sleepwalking through life's stark realities?

Both rest and reflection are required to be fit to fight through life's obstacles. A lack of rest can negatively impact your morality, your health, and your job performance. Also, it may lead to a dire increase in harm to others and harm to yourself.

You may ask, "what is the importance of rest and reflection. What is its correlation to September?" Originally, the Roman calendar only had ten months starting in March and ending in December.

Although our modern calendar depicts September as the ninth month, its literal translation means "seventh month." On the account of the Caesars, Julius (July) and Augustus (August), two additional months were added to honor each individual for their contributions to the Roman Empire.

As I recollect upon the creation stories in the Torah, Quran and the Bible, they inform us that on the seventh day God rested and reflected.

If the Holy One found it imperative to rest and reflect who are we not to?

With Airman facing thoughts of suicide, marital problems, and a myriad of career challenges, rest and reflection have been proven to be beneficial.

God rested. God understands its holy and blessed benefits. Check out Genesis 2:3.

This month we encounter, two major holidays, Labor Day on September 2nd, created to give the working man a day of rest, and Patriots Day on September 11th, a day to reflect on those who lost their lives at the hands of terrorists. Please take full advantage of your time to rest and your time to reflect; so, you will be restored and fit to fight.

Remember you only live once. This September, take the necessary time to care for yourself. Rest, reflect and be restored.

God bless you and God bless America.



INNERview

Mr. James Flounory

Hometown: Newark, N.J.

Job Title: Security Specialist Clerk

Years of service: 5 months

What does your job entail? I ensure military, dependants, civilian employees and contractors with proper identification, are authorized entrance to our installation. I also ensure all military and other common access card holders are register in the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) and issue the Restricted Area Badges, contractor badges, Geneva Conventions Cards and visitor passes.

What do you enjoy most about your job? The most enjoyment I get from my job is helping retirees and wounded vets; whether if it's just listening to "war" stories, giving them directions or assisting them with their needs here at Pass & ID.

Are you prior military? Yes. I retired from the Army with 20 years of service as a Sergeant First Class.

What did you do over the summer? I relaxed, hiked Kennesaw Mountain, caught up on some movies and enjoyed family & friends.

What's your favorite movie? My favorite movies are Armageddon & Enter The Dragon.

Have you ever been deployed? Yes. I deployed to Iraq, and served in Operations Desert Shield/Storm.

What do you do for recreation? Roller skate, bowl, and Karate.