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(photo by Don Peek)

Ready for take-off

An F-35 landed at Dobbins ARB for a stop at Lockheed Martin Air Force Plant #6 on Nov. 5 for employees to see some the capabilities the aircraft has, as a direct result of their work. The F-35 departed Dobbins on Nov. 8 bound for Patuxent River, Md., for test flights.



ON THE COVER

Members of the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron recently returned from a deployment ranging from Europe to Southwest Asia. In front, from left, Capt. Brittany Hemmer and Maj. Sharry Sexton. Back, from left, Master Sgt. Jonnell Wallace, Senior Airman Stephanie Lee and Maj. Bryan Hutcheson.

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Season's greetings

By Col. Timothy E. Tarchick
94th Airlift Wing Commander

As we enter the final days of 2012, Cindee and I and our children would like to wish you and your families the very best this holiday season.

We'd also like to thank you for your accomplishments this past year.

It has been a very busy year for us operationally at the 94th Airlift Wing. Over 250 Airmen have served in overseas deployments (17 are still currently deployed), where you exceeded expectations and completed the mission! Many members of our wing family have also found ways to serve the community at home, volunteering and sharing generously with those in need.

Next year will continue to be busy, as we prepare for more deployments (60 of you are deploying), our compliance inspection, health services inspection, aircrew stan/eval visit, and our first ORE wing fly-away in November with the 123rd Airlift Wing and 167th Airlift Wing. And that comes in addition to everything else we do day to day. I am confident you will meet next year's challenges with the same level of diligence and excellence as this past year.

I encourage you to take time and enjoy the holiday season. Spend some vacation time with family and friends, and above all, relax! Everyone requires downtime to reflect and recharge.

Thank you for all you do! I am proud to serve with you!



Col. Timothy E. Tarchick



(photos by Brad Fallin)

HCA provides thanksgiving dinner for SFS

By Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten
94th Airlift Wing

The 94th Security Forces Squadron is among those organizations that do not get a day off. The base is always protected, regardless of the season.

This Thanksgiving, members of the 94th SFS were honored by the Honorary Commanders Association who came to serve dinner to Airmen on duty on Nov. 21. This was the second year in a row the HCA has given back to the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Airmen during the holidays.

Seven HCA members at the dinner represented a 16-person steering committee within the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, who offered unanimous support of the dinner.

"This is to show our great appreciation and admiration for the men and women

who wear the uniform of the United States Air Force," said Travis Ellis, of Mobilized Fuels and member of the HCA.

The fare for the day included a traditional Thanksgiving buffet with all the trimmings.

"We are blessed to live in a country where we are free from fear of travelling to our churches and on our buses," said Ellis. "The blessings of liberty are guaranteed, first through the Constitution and from those of you in uniform. This is our thanks to you."

The HCA wasn't the only grateful agency at the dinner.

"On behalf of someone in your leadership chain," said Capt. Robert Mayes, 94th SFS operations officer. "I would like to thank you for what you do every day,"



(Top) Dobbins Air Reserve Base Honorary Commanders visit 94th Security Forces Squadron and provide a Thanksgiving meal in appreciation of their sacrifice and service to our nation. (Above) Airman 1st Class Shondrica Brooks and fellow security forces Airmen make their way down the buffet line during the HCA visit.

AROUND THE PATTERN



Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield, commander of the Air Force Sustainment Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., lands at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., and is greeted by Col. Tim Tarchick, 94th Airlift Wing, commander, Nov. 5. (photo by Don Peek)



Seabees from the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Miss., make a refueling stop at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., Nov. 1. The convoy traveled to the Manhattan area of New York City, N.Y., to assist with Hurricane Sandy relief. (photo by Don Peek)



Chief Master Sgt. Wendell L. Peacock, 94th Airlift Wing command chief, serves an Airman at the Thanksgiving Day lunch held at the Consolidated Club, during the Unit Training Assembly Nov. 4. (photo by Don Peek)



Fifteen Airmen from the Dobbins ARB Human Resource Development Council prepared over 700 entrees and 145 bag lunches on Oct. 27 at the Gateway Center in Atlanta. The meals were prepared to sustain more than 800 local homeless — of which more than half were veterans — that would visit over a three-day period. (photo by Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten)



Col. Marshall Irvin, 94th Mission Support Group commander, provides details of the 94th Airlift Wing mission to members of the Goshen Valley Boys Ranch during a base visit Nov. 20. The group later toured a C-130 aircraft, with demonstrations from the 700 Airlift Squadron and 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and had lunch at the Dobbins Consolidated Club. (photo by Don Peek)



One of two Marine MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft makes a vertical landing on the Dobbins runway Nov. 16. The Osprey is a multi-mission aircraft and has vertical landing and take-off as well as short take-off and landing capability. The Osprey has been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya in both combat and rescue missions. (photo by Don Peek)

PHAP offers tips for managing holiday stress

By Senior Airman Christina Bozeman
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Monetary stress is common for most people during the holidays. However, when it's coupled with routine holiday visits from friends and family, it may also lend to additional psychological stress and a not-so-festive feeling.

The initial step to regaining a jolly outlook is to admit that you're not happy.

"You should acknowledge your feelings," said Ernest Farmer, outreach specialist at the Psychological Health Advocacy Program. "It's ok to express how you feel."

Being depressed during this time of year isn't surprising with all the added stresses and demands like buying gifts, entertaining and feeding.

"Talk to someone and find support," Farmer said.

Whether it's a chaplain or a good friend, talking it out can relieve stress.

"Setting differences aside during the holidays is a good way to lower your stress," Farmer said. "Let this time be about family and leave discussions about disagreements for a later time."

During the holidays the pressure for deadlines and commitments seem to double.

"Learn to say no to friends and co-workers if you're already overwhelmed with obligations," said Farmer. "Just take some quiet time to be alone and gather your thoughts."

If you've tried your best to overcome sad or anxious feelings, ask for help.

"Seeking professional help is ok," Farmer said. "Your health is the most important thing for you and your family."

Don't fear the holidays, embrace them, which for most of us means dealing with long lines at the register, overcrowded mall parking lots and ringing doorbells.

Take time to organize and mentally warm-up for the holidays, and you too can have those care-free dancing sugarplum-filled dreams.

Happy Holidays, Dobbins!



Budget for the holidays; leave credit cards at home

By Senior Airman Christina Bozeman
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Every year the holidays seem to come around with a pressing force that is faster than the year before. Just when you've fiscally recovered from last season, preparing for the next seems like an unrealistic anxiety-filled goal.

"I'm a single mom, and I have three kids, so I know how to save money," said Senior Master Sgt. Kathleen Petridis, financial management superintendent.

Remember when you were little and all you had to worry about was if you had been good enough to warrant a visit from Santa? If you want the cockles of your heart warmed as they once were, here are some simple tips to follow for a stress-free holiday season.

As this time of year tiptoes closer, prepare for what's to come.

"Start saving money months ahead of time," Petridis said. "It makes for a happier holiday."

Staying within the set budget is also critical. Don't let credit card bills accumulate. If you do accrue bills, pay them off as soon as possible.

"Leave the credit cards at home," said Petridis. "If you don't have it with you, you won't use it."

And if you're really trying to curb spending, homemade gifts are another great option.

"Making friends and family members coupons for taking out the trash or washing the dishes is a great idea for an inexpensive gift," Petridis said. "Since it's homemade and from the heart, it will also mean more."

"No matter what you do, decide on a budget and stick to it," said Petridis. "You'll be glad you did."

Instead of trying to outdo or outspend last year, just sit back and enjoy the festivities.

"Christmas isn't about the stuff you get," Petridis said. "It's about spending time with family and loved ones."



DEPLOYMENT

UPDATE

94TH AES

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

Aeromedical evacuation crews bridge the gap between care in the field and care provided once a patient arrives at a hospital. These “Flying Samaritans” make flights from forward bases in Southwest Asia to the larger bases in Europe or state-side to transport wounded warriors from the battlefield and return those who have received care back to their duty locations.

Although an aeromedical evacuation team usually flies with a C-130 aircrew, they can also fly on C-17 Globemaster IIIs, KC-135 Stratotankers or other aircraft, if there is a need. The aircraft are reconfigured into flying hospitals with cardiac monitors, defibrillators, intubation devices, litters and various supplies to sustain many types of patients.

The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard provide 85 percent of the total Air Force aeromedical evacuation capability. Sixteen men and women from the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron were recently welcomed home after their 120-day deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Officer flight nurses and enlisted medical technicians deploy and fly together. To the casual observer, the crews work seamlessly as a team.

“The medical crew on an aircraft is made up of five people: two nurses and three aeromedical evacuation technicians,” said Maj. Bryan Hutcheson, 94th AES flight nurse instructor. “A lot of the roles and responsibilities are rank-neutral, in terms of need to be accomplished by the first person available. There is a certain sense of teamwork, and we all see similar training.”

In addition to the flying teams deployed, there were non-flying members of the squadron who act as go-to people when crews want to fly, such as Senior Airman Stephanie Lee, 94th AES squadron aviation resource technician.

For Lee, this was her first deployment. She worked closely with members of the 700th AS.

“When the flyers want to fly, they come to me, and I make sure they are flight qualified,” said Lee. “They have to be up to date on their training to fly.”

Lee also operates as a scheduler, where she verifies that the right people are doing the right job on each crew and gives each individual the go or no-go for flight.

Also deployed for the first time was Capt. Brittany Hemmer, 94th AES flight nurse.

“We all train constantly, but until you go and do the real thing, you just don’t grasp all of it,” said Hemmer. “It reinvigorated me and helped me understand why I came into the Air Force. It makes me respect the people who have gone over on multiple deployments before me. At the end of the day, when you fly the wounded, you forget all the little problems you might be having because you look at the guy in the stretcher. That is the mission.”

Lee and Hemmer were deployed to Qatar and Afghanistan, respectively.

The 94th AES had crews deployed along the multiple stages that need to be covered when bring wounded warriors out of combat, back to hospitals where sometimes severe injuries must be treated for extensive amounts of time. These legs include contingency locations within the Middle East, larger bases in Germany, and state-side bases such as Andrews Air Force Base. From Andrews patients are flown to specialty hospitals.

“Patients with burns will be flown to burn centers,” said Maj. Sherry Sexton, 94th AES clinical flight commander. “We

disperse them to the specialty center that will most likely be able to deal with their injury. We have the best job in the military — we take the patients home.”

This was Sexton’s first deployment. In addition to the adjustment to deployment and her intense flying schedule, she was also given great responsibility as a chief nurse.

The mission wouldn’t be possible without the various airframes and Airmen within the AES. Additionally, there is still a constant need for Airmen to man the necessary career fields, as they are currently stretched thin.

“Many times crews could arrive in Germany after a several hour mission and have to turn around and fly right back down range,” said Master Sgt. Jonnell Wallace, flight medical technician. “They fly back down and come back again.”

Members of the 94th AES typically work from a C-130, which is known for flying into austere, hostile locations. Aircrews are expected to operate with the same amount professionalism and poise under fire —not only preserving their own lives, but the lives of those they pick up and bring home.

It is estimated that members of the 94th AES helped save over 440 lives during the four months they were deployed.

“We don’t really like to focus on the numbers because it’s a reminder,” said Hutcheson. “It says that everyday someone is trying to kill you, and they are successful every day. The numbers are still high enough that you don’t get an opportunity to forget.”

DEPLOYMENT ROSTER

Lt. Col. David Rodberg
Maj. Bryan Hutcheson
Maj. Sherry Sexton
Maj. Stacy Smith
Maj. Stephen Taylor
Capt. Brittany Hemmer
Senior Master Sgt.
Stephanie Gillis
Master Sgt. Jerry Carroll
Master Sgt. Jameria Doyle
Master Sgt. Marva Jacobs
Master Sgt. Jonnell Wallace
Tech Sgt. Joshua Albertin
Staff Sgt. Maila Butler
Staff Sgt. Candice Hunter
Senior Airman Stephanie Lee
Senior Airman Carl Mathews

Dobbins' own honored as Ultimate Wingman

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

MARIETTA, Ga. -- The 94th Airlift Wing director of Airman and Family Readiness was honored on Nov. 15 at the Cobb Energy Center for her dedication to the Dobbins community and giving freely her time to any Airmen, or their families, who are in need.

Angela Pedersen, the only civilian honored thus far, was recognized along with several Service members of varying rank and career fields for being ultimate wingmen to those around them.

Twin brothers, David Waldman and Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Waldman, co-founders of the Wingman Foundation, hosted the dinner ceremony which also featured songs by country artist Ansel Brown and stories of

our military's heroes.

"Tonight is about honoring these special honorees that are receiving this award," said Robert "Waldo" Waldman. "It's more about honoring our military. It's about strengthening the ties that exist between the military and civilian and business communities. Together as one, united, we can better serve each other and the United States of America."

Pedersen and Airman and family readiness supports the 94th AW mission directly by offering pre-deployment, deployment, & reunion support to Airmen and their families. Pedersen also manages the Key Spouse Program and the Dobbins Emergency Fund.

For more information on what the Airman and Family Readiness Office can do for you or your wingman, please contact Pedersen at (678) 655-5004.



Photo by Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten

Angela Pedersen, airman and family readiness director, offers Dobbins wingmen words of encouragement about serving each other, their families and gratitude for the award.

Keep safety your top priority this season

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

The Dobbins Fire Department encourages all service members to remember fire safety basics while celebrating this season.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, the number of cooking fires that occur during holidays can be three times more than the average of any other time during the year.

"This can be a whirlwind of cooking and entertaining guests," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "With so much multitasking taking place, fire hazards around the oven or stovetop can easily be overlooked. Cooks should be conscious of fire safety this year whether the menu is meant to serve two or 20."

Cooking fires are the primary cause of home fires, which can cause death, injuries and property damage. To reduce the likelihood of causing a cooking fire, the Dobbins Fire Dept. offers the following safety tips.

- Keep flammables from the stove top or open flames.
- Do not leave what you are cooking unattended at any time.
- If you are using the oven, be sure to

check it regularly and use a timer to remind you to do so.

- If using a turkey fryer, use it outdoors only, on a flat surface safely away from your house or anything that can catch fire. Also, do not overfill the fryer with oil that can spill over and combust.
- Keep children and pets away from hot items and remember some things will remain hot hours after use.
- Thaw out your turkey before you cook it.
- Stay alert and keep a fire extinguisher handy.

The kitchen is not the only place a fire can bring holiday plans to a halt. Each year thousands suffer injury, burns and death due to holiday decorations and carelessness. Trees, lights and ornaments produce extra hazards at a time when the hectic season may distract us from fire safety.

Live trees should be checked for freshness. Fresh needles won't break when bent. Shedding needles are a sign of a dry tree and a serious hazard. Place it in a stable holder

and keep the holder filled with water. Keep the tree away from direct heat sources.

Decorations should not obstruct corridors, exits or be hung from fire detection devices — smoke detectors/sprinkler. Check all lighting for safety. Look for frayed or broken areas where wires are exposed. Damaged lights should be discarded.

No more than three sets of lights should be on an extension cord. Keep connections away from the water base and cords of the correct size.

Unplug all lights before leaving the home. Do not use

real candles; electric candles are a safer option. Keep all ornaments and cords away from children and pets.

"Holiday seasons are meant to be festive and rewarding," said Michael Hodson, Dobbins Fire Department chief of fire safety. "Just be conscientious and alert of the dangers. We want to see everybody safe after the holidays."

For more info on safety tips during your holiday, contact the Dobbins ARB Fire Department at (678) 655-4840.





Dobbins Airmen judge local JROTC drill meet



Top, volunteers from Dobbins assisted with judging a local drill meet at East Paulding High School, Nov. 3, featuring thirteen local high schools. Above, judges compare notes after one event.

Stories and photos by
Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten
94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Almost 30 service members from Dobbins Air Reserve Base volunteered to judge a local drill meet on Nov. 3 at East Paulding High School.

The drill meet featured local high school Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs from around the state, and offered Dobbins Airmen a chance to interact with the students who could potentially be the future of the Air Force.

“The purpose of junior ROTC is to make good citizens, with some going on to join the military,” said Lt. Col. John Vallrugo, 94th Airlift Wing process manager. “There is a lot of good competition. These cadets march well, and scores have all been a matter of a few points.”

Winning the day as the unarmed di-

vision champion was Jefferson High School Air Force JROTC from Jefferson, Ga. East Paulding High School AFJROTC took second place.

“We, at East Paulding, like doing this type of thing to increase morale,” said retired Lt. Col. Paul Neihiezel, East Paulding High School senior aerospace science instructor. “The teams are showing that they have put in a lot of hard work and getting to be more cohesive units. We can’t thank Dobbins enough. They’ve always been great supporters of the local programs.”

Total, thirteen schools competed at the drill meet.

Dobbins Airmen will be called on to judge the Georgia State Championship Drill Competition in March.

For more information on upcoming local area drill meets, or to volunteer to judge a drill meet, please contact Vallrugo at (678) 655-5050.

NCOA course suspension

All testing for U.S. Air Force Non-commissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course 00015 is suspended due to course rewriting and revalidation. Course testing is set to resume Jan. 1. For further info, e-mail 94mss.dpmt@us.af.mil.

Reservists may save, carry leave from year to year

Air Force officials have a new program for Reservists to save and carryover leave time from year to year. Reservists performing duty under the Reserve Personnel Appropriation or RPA orders may now "save" their leave for future use. Prior to this change, Reservists were required to use or sell leave earned on orders of 30 days or more. RPA is a pay account specifically designed to pay reservists who are on a training tour of duty.

Any Airman serving a month of duty garners 2.5 days of leave. Previously, only Airmen in the Regular Air Force were allowed to save and carry up to 60 days of leave on the books as they cross the "use or lose" deadline on Oct. 1, each year.

Reservists cannot save their leave for next year if they are working on active duty

under Military Personnel Appropriation orders, or MPA; as well as, in direct support of war taskings under Overseas Contingency Operations funds, or OCO. No action is required by Reservists since the military's computer software automatically sells the leave and pays it to the service member.

Local military personnel flights can provide more information about the AFR Leave Carryover Program.

Dobbins First Four

94th Airlift Wing junior enlisted are invited to attend our next meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 11:30 a.m. in building 838 (ATN room). For more info, call Senior Airman Elizabeth Van Patten (678) 655-5055.

56 Group

Staff and tech sergeants are invited to attend our next meeting at noon Sunday, Dec. 2, in building 838, Heritage Hall. For more info, contact Tech. Sgt. Tanisha Lofton (678) 655-5002.

Top 3 Meeting

The Top 3 meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Lakeside Lounge.

Nominate your employer for the ESGR Freedom Award

Has your civilian employer's support made it easy for you to serve in the military? If so, nominate them for the 2013 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is DoD's highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members. Nomination form can be found at www.FreedomAward.mil. Click Nominate Employer. Email ESGR-PA@osd.mil if you have any questions about the nomination form or the Freedom Award.

UTA Chapel Services

Chapel services are held each Sunday of the Unit Training Assembly at 7:15 a.m. at the Dobbins Chapel and 8 a.m. at the 80th Aerial Portal Squadron classroom. Chaplains are also available for pastoral counseling during UTA weekends. For more information, contact the Chaplain's office at (678) 655-4956.

Keep your DTS up to date

Travelers should ensure their Electronic Funds Transfer, home address, and Government Travel Charge Card information are current in their DTS profile. If this information is not kept up to date, travel reimbursements may be affected. In addition to the information above, travelers should periodically check their profiles in order to update other information such as rank, organization, phone number, emergency contact and other traveler information.

When should I update my profile?

- GTCC expires or is reissued
- Moving/Permanent Change of Station
- Promotion/New job

To update your DTS profile, from your DTS homepage (after login), mouse over to Traveler Setup on the top menu bar and select Update Personal Profile. Next, on the My Profile screen, click on each section to verify your information (My Preferences, My Additional Information, My TSA Information, My Account Information). Lastly, save changes, select the Update Personal Information button at the bottom of the screen. For more info, contact Michael A. Carnahan at 655-2029.

Newcomers

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

Airman Basic
Nicholaus James MXS

Airman 1st Class
Keira Bass SFS
David Hamilton CES
Micah Hudgins MXS
Stephanie N Zi CES

Senior Airman
Sean Flynn CES

Staff Sergeant
Kyle Baldwin AW
Chari Woodrum 80 APS

Master Sergeant
Oscar Rivera AW

Promotions

Promoted in November

Master Sergeant
David Bostic 80 APS
Scott Burris 80 APS
Todd Belcher 80 APS

Technical Sergeant
Mark Heath 80 APS
Czerney Martin CES
Guy Smith CES
George Walton CES

Staff Sergeant
Scott Heathchcoat AW
Ericka Weller 80 APS

Senior Airman
Carmilleo Baldwin ASTS
Natalie Banks CES
Scott Laffler CES
Kavin Davenport CES
Adam Langley AMXS

Ebony Lewis LRS
Jennifer Peterson ASTS
Ricardo Hernandez MXS
Anthony Sigman MXS
Latarg Strickland ASTS
Angelina Wilson ASTS
Tyvaughn McCullor SFS
Emily Reiner AES
Donova Williamson SFS

Airman 1st Class
Jordan Brady Johnson MXS
Brenden Flannigan MXS
Alexcia King FSS
Corey Rhodes MXS

Retirements

Colonel
Malcom Scott 22AF

Chief Master Sergeant
Howard Lee 22AF

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Never give up!

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

During the holiday season, finding the right gift for the right person is important. In a small way, a gift conveys the how the giver feels about the recipient. Gifts are given to strengthen relationships, mend



broken ones, and are symbols of good will.

There's a story about a young father who scolded his young daughter for wasting a roll of expensive wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became angry when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. The next morning, she brought the box to him. Embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, his anger flared still again when he found the box empty. He yelled at her that there must be something in the box to be a gift. The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it is not empty. I blew kisses into the box; all for you, Daddy."

God has blessed me with many "gifts" in my life. Some made me happy, some were necessary for my and spiritual growth. This quote helps me keep things in perspective: "Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like an algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime."

As we search for gifts for others, ask yourself what gift you would want to receive? I hope amidst of all the holiday stress, you can reflect on the most important gift — God's unconditional love. It is free and available to everybody who opens their heart to embrace it. Regardless of cost, everything else we give is temporary. Everything will pass in time.

But the Bible reminds us that God's gift last forever. His gift is eternal. When receiving this gift, we "unwrap" many other blessings that he has in store for us through the remaining journey of life.



Base safety hosts Distracted Driving "Boot Camp" for D&TF

By Lt. Col. Walt Koelln
94th Airlift Wing Safety Office

Since the inception of the Development and Training Flight eight months ago, 150 new recruits have successfully completed its program prior to attending Air Force Basic Military Training. Trainees complete a rigorous "prep school" with special emphasis on physical training, familiarization with Air Force programs, and introductory briefings by various Dobbins commanders.

Unfortunately, a recent depper graduation was marred by a trainee being arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) before reporting to basic training and is being discharged from the Air Force before participating even one day as an active member of our military. Although this is sad, the potential catastrophic results of this young person's decision to get behind the wheel inebriated could have been even worse.

In an effort to prevent future such incidents and, more importantly, make our young enlistees much more aware, the 94th Airlift Wing Safety Office, in collaboration with Dobbins Recruiting and D&TF will "shock & awe" the future Airmen each Unit Training Assembly with a high intensity immersion into the perils of driving distracted or under the influence.

Following a graphic peer-related video, members of the safety office will facilitate an open round-table discussion with the trainees. Members of the D&TF will be made aware of the risks involved, and the negative impact on lives, resources, and careers that poor judgment and decisions can have.

"Alive at 25 is the motto," said Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Schexnayder, 94th Recruiting Squadron senior recruiter. "Saving even one life makes this program worth it."

FEDERAL BENEFITS
OPEN SEASON

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A man in a military uniform is sitting in front of a bookshelf. The bookshelf is filled with books. The man is wearing a camouflage uniform with "AIR FORCE" visible on the chest. The title "INNERView" is overlaid on the image in a large, white, serif font. A horizontal line is drawn across the image, starting from the end of the title and extending to the right edge.

INNERView

Tech. Sgt. Jason Passeur

Years of service: 13
Hometown: LaFayette, Ga.

What does your job entail? My primary duty is to complete an annual wing history report. Additional duties include housing and archiving historical documents and photographs related to the wing and base. Also, I provide research assistance and satisfy most requests for historical base information.

What do you enjoy most about your job? Sorting through old photographs and documents related to Dobbin Air Reserve Base.

Tell us a recent accomplishment you've made in your job. It isn't mine, but Master Sgt. James Holmes, my predecessor, has worked very hard the past few years and has written several annual histories to bring our program current. In the near future, I want to create and maintain a reference room that will contain everything from books, newsletters and photographs.

What is your civilian occupation? I teach World History, Government and Southern Studies at Trion High School.

What do you do for recreation? I have a wife, Leigh, and three children, so there is never a dull moment! We like to go camping, hunting and fishing.

What's your favorite movie? It is a tie between *The Gladiator* and *Smokey and the Bandit*

What advice would give someone who is interested in joining the military or junior enlisted? I believe the military is a great opportunity. I always encourage my students to join and serve their country. I may be a bit biased towards to the Air Force Reserve because I serve in it. If I could give any advice to junior enlisted, it would be to stay actively involved in their unit through their primary job as well as additional duties.

What do you have planned for the holidays? To spend some quality family time and of course, quality time in a deer stand.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself. While serving active duty Air Force, I participated in the final Strategic Air Command IG inspection at Barksdale, Air Force Base, before the MAJCOM was eliminated in 1992.

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