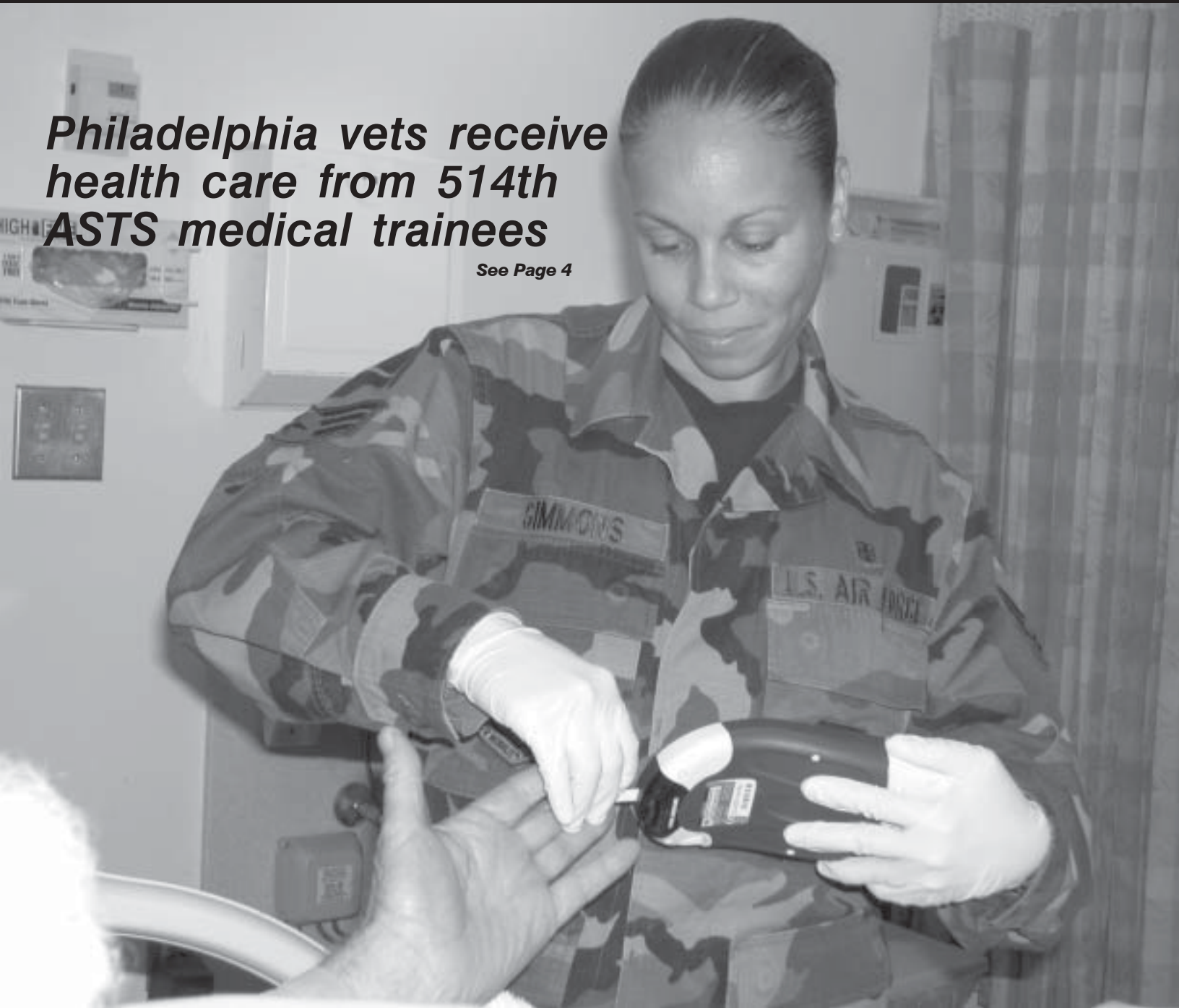


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To the Airmen of the US Air Force

NOTE: The following commentary is adapted from a Sept. 2 letter by Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff.

By Gen. T. Michael Moseley
Air Force chief of staff

WASHINGTON - We are a Nation at war. Sept. 2 marked the 1,426th day we've been fighting Operation Enduring Freedom. World War II lasted 1,347 days.

We've now been fighting the Global War on Terror for 2 ½ months longer than World War II. From the day Desert Storm kicked off, Jan. 17, 1991, the Air Force has been in continuous combat. For 14 years our enemies have shot at us and for 14 years we've returned the favor.

But no matter how long the road, we must never lose our focus on winning this fight.

Today, we are engaged more than ever ... from across the globe to here at home.

From taking the fight to the enemy in Iraq; to rebuilding lives in the wake of Hurricane Katrina; to controlling satellites on the other side of the world; to fighting forest fires in the Rockies; to patrolling the skies over America - you can be proud of the work your Air Force is doing to protect our country.

I'm incredibly proud to be a member of an Air Force family that has more than 106,000 Airmen assigned or deployed in 64 countries, on every continent, and in every time zone throughout the world.

We have handled each and every task brought before us with lethal efficiency because of you. It is an honor to work and fight alongside you in service to our republic.

The 684,000 active-duty, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard

members and civilians of the United States Air Force are truly a total force. We stand alongside our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine brethren ready to answer the nation's call. We fight together. We triumph together. Our promise to the joint team is that as Airmen we will always be the best in the world at what we do: dominating Air and Space from 1 inch above the ground to 100,000 miles above the earth.



Gen. T. Michael Moseley
Air Force Chief of Staff

Today, we have three major challenges facing our Air Force. First and foremost is accomplishing the combatant tasks the president and secretary of defense assign. The tasks will be ones we've done before and ones we've never undertaken. Second, we must preserve that which makes us the most feared air force in the world - our people. Our culture of excellence must continue to develop Airmen ... Airmen who are the most adaptable, most skilled, most professional and most lethal the world has ever known. Third, we face the difficult task of operating the oldest inventory in the history of the United States Air Force. My senior leadership will work to break this vicious cycle. I need you, our Airmen on the line, to continue making the mission happen.

As we work towards a more secure, more peaceful tomorrow ... look around. Behind us you'll see a proud, rich heritage. And in front of us is a limitless horizon. So let's push it up, go to work and make the mission happen.

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"...no matter how long the road, we must never lose our focus on winning this fight"

— *Gen. T. Michael Moseley*
Air Force Chief of Staff



514 Air Mobility Wing Commander's Call

Dates: Nov. 6 and 20
Location: Base Theater
Time: 2:30 p.m.

ORI operating hours



Artwork by MSgt. Bill Dowell

The 514th Air Mobility Wing Military Personnel Flight customer service office and the 514th Aerospace Medical Squadron clinic is extending its hours of operations to accommodate operational readiness inspection items. MPF customer service will be open for the following dates and times:

Friday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. and

Sunday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Normal operating hours will resume Monday, Oct. 24.

The clinic is extending its operating hours Friday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

PROMOTIONS

The following 514th Air Mobility Wing members were recently promoted.

Airman First Class

Nancy Cardenales, 514th AMW
Kervin R. Joseph, 88th APS

Senior Airman

Jamie M. Buchan, 514th CES
Hector A. Coll, 514th CS
Gonzalo H. Cousin, 514th OSS
Alexandra A. Diaz, 514th CS
O'Neil B. Foster, 514th CES
Nakena L. Garcia, 514th CS
Eric M. Groller, 514th MXS
Richard A. Hanratty, 88th APS
Edgar A. Liranzo, 514th CES
James A. Ogburn, 514th CS
Thomas M. Petrizzo, 88th APS
Joshua T. Singer, 514th CS
Yvette M. Starling, 514th CES

Staff Sergeant

Jeffrey D. Badger, 514th SFS
Heather D. Casper, 514th ASTS
Anthony E. Davis, 514th AES
Erin I. Dere, 514th ASTS
Amber L. Gibbs, 514th ASTS
Carmelo Gonzalez Jr., 514th AMXS
Andre L. McGuire II, 514th CS
Sinia L. Mejiaquiroz, 514th CES
Eric L. Mitchell, 88th APS
Ragini Patel, 514th MSG
Vishal M. Rana, 88th APS
Claude M. Rhone, 514th SFS
Virma Salazar, 514th AMDS
Soo H. Song, 514th MXS
Martha Ulloa, 722nd ASTS
Shelia C. Williams, 514th CES

Technical Sergeant

Teresa S. Carter, 722nd ASTS
Hilberto Andujar, 35th APS
Mallory D. Baker, 514th CS
Delva W. Brown, 514th MXS
David A. Cleveland, 514th ASTS
Ramona L. Crawford, 514th CS
Laura A. Hampton, 514th MXS
Jennifer Harris, 514th OSS
Edward B. Humphrey, 514th MXS
Phillip R. Keeter, 76th ARS
Eamon Lawlor, 514th SFS
Edward A. Mura, 35th APS
Stephanie M. Peterson, 514th ASTS
Steven A. Potts, 88th APS
Michael J. Timmins, 35th APS
Scott F. Wilkes, 514th AES
Wei H. Ye, 714th AMXS

Master Sergeant

Benjamin Baez Jr., 714th AMXS
Dave Behlin, 35th APS
Henderson Cummins, 714th AMXS
Joseph Dilorenzo, 732nd AS
David S. Goldsmith, 35th APS
Angel L. Gonzalez, 514th CS
Erskine I. Jones, 514th AMXS
Victor A. Kennedy, 35th APS
James J. Lanigan, 35th APS
Joseph P. Shannon, 88th APS

Senior Master Sergeant

Scott Anders, 514th MXS
Ronald A. Colaninno, 514th SFS
Clarence H. Cooper, 514th AES
FlorMaria Grant, 514th AMDS
Lloyd Knight, 78th ARS

Chief Master Sergeant

Paul G. Havery, 78th ARS
Doris D. Sullivan, 514th AMDS



Photo by TSgt. Sean Smith

SSgts. Douglas W. Brier and Brandi L. Hines are the first 514th Maintenance Operations Flight members to receive an NCO Induction Ceremony held Sept. 11.

Maintenance flight holds first-ever NCO Induction Ceremony

**By SMSgt. MaryJane Flammer
514th Maintenance Operations Flight**

The members of the 514th Military Operations Flight witnessed unit history Sep. 11 when two newly promoted sergeants were inducted in the unit's first NCO Induction Ceremony.

SSgts. Brandi L. Hines and Douglas W. Brier took the Oath of the Noncommissioned Officer during the unit's September unit training assembly formation. The ceremony was in the planning stages for a few months and was kept a surprise from the entire unit according to event coordinators.

The inductees received a Certificate of Induction, a copy of the Oath, the NCO Creed and a staff sergeant promotion coin.

When asked how they felt about the ceremony, SSgt. Hines replied, "I feel that having this type of ceremony to recognize the hard work and the step up is an inspiration. It made me feel as if there is a transition from Airmen to NCO other than just getting another stripe and extra pay."

The new sergeant added, "It helped to inform me about what is now expected of me as a noncommissioned officer. It made me feel a part of a group that I used to aspire to be a part of. When I was presented with the certificate of induction I was proud and ready to take on all this new responsibility. This is something I hope we continue here in the 514th Air Mobility Wing."

SSgt. Brier agreed.

"It felt good to be recognized in front of your peers," he said.

514th MOF senior NCOs assisted with the ceremony details.

On site training

Philadelphia vets receive monthly medical care from 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Story and photos by MSgt. Donna T. Jeffries
514th AMW Public Affairs

The request to stay longer or not to leave at all is a request members of the 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron say they are getting used to hearing from patients at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

In a program that began in late November 2003, the 514th ASTS sends a group to the medical center once a month to work hands-on with real patients. At the same time care is given the 514th medical crew receive experience that enables them to accomplish required skill-level areas on their career field education and training plan for upgrade training.

"It's a good educational exchange for our troops and the veterans and medical staff looks forward to them coming," said Maj. Eric C. Szillus, 514th ASTS, program coordinator.

"Their level of competency is right on target," agreed Carla Clement, director of medical center education for the VA facility and co-coordinator of the program. "This is an awesome collaboration and as I've watched the program grow, I've seen the VA staff here, who were initially wary, begin to look to the

Reservists as experts. Trust is there."

Reserve medical trainees also felt a bit guarded in the beginning. "At first I was nervous about going," said medical technician, SSgt. Tanya Anderson, whose duty is to assist the attending nurse. But after spending her annual tour there in August, she's singing another tune.

"I've enjoy my experience. The patients appreciate the smallest thing you do. They can tell if you're there to do a job and if you are sincere in doing it," she said.

A typical day at the VA medical center for the visiting reservist begins with a 40-minute bus ride from McGuire Air Force Base, NJ to the facility. Upon arrival the crew gets their assignments for the day as well as a clinical topic to apply to their day's training. The medical technicians are sent to the fifth or sixth floor where the severely ill patients are roomed. Their duties mainly consist of providing basic medical care such as changing wound dressings, taking vital signs, performing glucose tests, helping the vets to move around and walk and teaching self care.

The dietary technicians are assigned to the hospital kitchen to plan and prepare meals. The mental health technicians are assigned to the behavioral health area and pharmacy techni-

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Cover photo: SrA Ursula Simmons, a medical technician assigned to the 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, performs a diabetes blood test on veteran George A. Fenton Sept. 10 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pa.



Dietary technician SrA Carla Clement is seen in a close-up view of SrA Carla Clement, identifying her 5-level

taging Squadron members

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is to get upgraded as soon as possible," said Maj.
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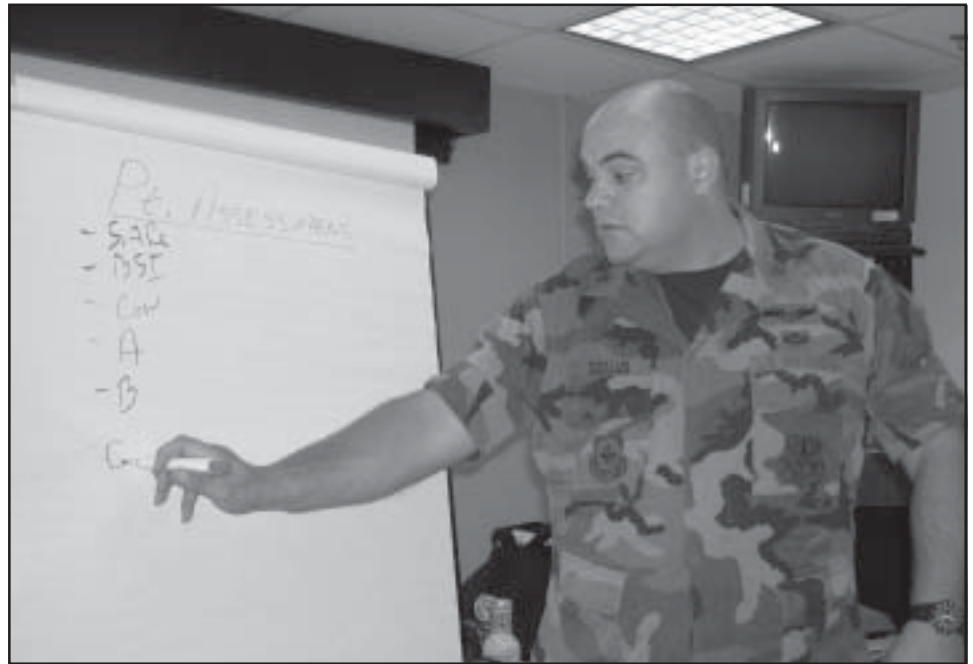
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d. It feels like you are doing your job," she said.

ibilities of this program are endless. I can see it
the VA's community-based outpatient clinic,"
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re to say the reservist feel that this (VA facility) is
home," she said.

ption is not far from the truth said SSgt. Anderson.
e walk in now you see the smile on the veterans'
say, Ohhh! The Air Force is in the house!



Maj. Eric Szillus, program coordinator, facilitates the learning process of the ASTS participants in the VA medical training program. About 25 members receive hands-on medical training at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Philadelphia each month.



an, TSgt. Calvin Littlejohn does a final review of Prescod's training records prior to certification upgrade training.



Above, SrA Jorge Viera, medical technician, changes bed linens for a patient at the VA medical center. Medical technicians handle all basic patient care to include taking vitals and assisting in patient comfort needs. Right, SSgt. Michael Sexton, dietary technician, prepares trays of food for the sick and injured veterans getting treatment at the medical center.



Emergency Leave Transfer Program

McGuire Air Force Base employees can donate a minimum of one hour to a maximum of 104 hours of annual leave in a leave year to an emergency leave transfer program to assist federal employees adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina. Employees wishing to donate annual leave should submit an Office of Personnel Management Form 1638, Request to Donate Annual Leave Under the Emergency Leave Transfer Program. Additionally, McGuire AFB employees who have family members adversely impacted by Hurricane Katrina may also submit a request for leave donations by submitting an OPM Form 1637, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Emergency Leave Transfer Program. Both forms are available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/opm.asp> and must be submitted to the Civilian Personnel Flight, Building 2903, Room 32. If you have any questions, please call Bill Barnes at (609) 754-2554.

FEMA Federal Employee Volunteer Program

McGuire AFB federal employees can volunteer to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Homeland Security estimates that FEMA will need up to 2000 volunteers. Volunteers must obtain written permission from their supervisor releasing them from their normal duty station and will be deployed for a minimum of 14-30 days. Volunteers must understand the extremely arduous conditions they will be working under, including the potential dangers to their health and well-being, must be physically fit, and must possess a government travel card in good standing. Volunteers will be trained by FEMA prior to actual deployment. If you have any questions, please call Pat Schmidt at (609) 754-5721.

New agency replaces Rodgers Travel

As of Oct. 1 AIRTRAK Travel System now handles all government travel arrangements for McGuire Air Force Base members. The new agency replaces Rodgers Travel whose government contract has expired. To make travel reservations call (609) 723-1322 or request arrangements through the AIRTRAK government Website at AIRTRAK.com. Login and password are McGuire. Hours of operations at the 305th Passenger Terminal is 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Club dues waived for some deployed members

According to Air Force Instruction 34-272, dues are waived for Air Force club members who are deployed to a contingency location for 30 days or more where there is no Air Force club. Deployed members must bring a copy of their orders to their base check cashing/customer service area prior to departing.

Transitions

Col. Frederick "Rick" Martin replaced Brig. Gen. Jimmie "JJ" Jackson as the 305th Air Mobility Wing Commander Oct. 1 in a change of command ceremony held at Dock 11. Brig. Gen. Jackson is now the deputy commander, Combined Air Operations Center 7th Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in Larissa, Greece. Col. Martin comes to McGuire from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., where he was the vice commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing.



Col. Rick Martin

Col. Edward J. Callaghan, former commander of the 732nd Airlift Squadron relinquished his duties to Lt. Col. James Fryer Oct. 2. The following day Col. Callaghan became the new vice commander of the 514th Air Mobility Wing, replacing Col. Steven Lesniewski who is now assigned to the Pentagon.

Dec. 4 Col. Camille Phillips will replace Col. Louis Wetstein as commander of the 514th Aerospace Medical Squadron. The new commander, Col. Phillips is coming from the 22nd Air Force, Chief, Dental Services Branch.

The 88th Aerial Port Squadron will transition command from Lt. Col. Frank Dooher to Maj. Joseph L. Dell'Arciprete on Nov. 5.

VIBES: *What coping methods do you use to relieve the stress you encounter on a daily basis?*



Col. L. Josephine Almonte
514th AMDS

No matter how tired I am, I always feel better after exercising. The endorphins kick in and rejuvenate me. I also read inspirational passages.



SrA Jessica Osmer
78th ARS

I try not to let daily stress get to me. I just take a deep breath and move on. There are bigger things to worry about and I deal with those situations when the time comes.



MSgt. Victor Valentin
714th AMXS

I go to the gym and workout. It helps relieve stress and tension built up during the course of the day.



MSgt. Ainsley McIntyre
714th AES

I relieve daily stress by exercising and thinking about other people who are not so fortunate. I also focus on why I'm so lucky.



A1C Thalha Choudhury
732nd AS

I am a humble person, so I appreciate where I am. A lot of people have it worse than me, so I can't complain. I feel I have been blessed.

Military dependents and survivors over age 75 receive permanent ID cards

A permanent United States Uniformed Services Identification (ID) card is now available for all eligible Uniformed Services family members and survivors of deceased personnel, who are age 75 and over. Currently, Uniformed Services retirees are the only persons who receive a permanent ID card.

Beneficiaries currently in possession of a valid ID card should obtain the new permanent ID card within 90 days of expiration. If beneficiaries' cards are not due to expire for at least another year, they do not need to apply for the new ID card until their existing card is within 90 days of expiring.

The Military Health System requires all eligible beneficiaries to have an ID card in order to receive health care. Beneficiaries will continue to receive health care benefits and their claims will be processed with their current ID card until they receive the permanent ID card as long as their personal information is current in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Even though active duty and retired service members are automatically registered in DEERS, their family members are not. It is the sponsors' responsibility to register their family members into DEERS. Sponsors must also make any necessary updates in DEERS for themselves and their family members to ensure TRICARE benefits and claims processing will continue without interruption. Changes to sponsor's status, home address and family status (marriage, divorce, birth and adoption) are examples of information that needs to be properly maintained in DEERS.

It is important for surviving family members to update their personal information in DEERS when the active duty or retired sponsor dies. The DEERS Support Office can be reached by telephone at 1-800-538-9552, or information can be found online at www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS.

For more information about the permanent retiree ID card or DEERS enrollment, beneficiaries may visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/deers or call the TRICARE Regional Office (TRI) North (1-877-874-2273), the (TRI) South (1-800-444-5445), or (TRI) West (1-888-874-9378). Overseas beneficiaries can call 1-888-777-8343. Beneficiaries can also find the nearest ID card issuing facility at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home.

Command seeks greater climate survey participation

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command leaders want everyone in the command - military and civilian - to participate in the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey runs from Oct. 1 to Nov. 23.

"Last year was the first time AFRC participated in the survey, and the results were tremendous," said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander. "The 33-percent participation rate sent a clear message that our people are committed to improving the Air Force.

"This year our goal is 100-percent participation across the command," he said.

The purpose of the survey is to make things better for people and their organizations. The survey measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recogni-

tion and other aspects of the Air Force. This year's survey also covers enduring competencies such as effective communication, teamwork, judgment and adaptation under pressure.

"Since the survey software protects one's identity, I encourage everyone to be honest and straightforward in their responses," said Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett, AFRC command chief master sergeant. "The survey data will be as good as the respondents make it. It's our opportunity to stand up and be counted."

The survey can be completed online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer.

Results of the survey will be released in February to unit leaders.

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Avenues of support for deployed troops

With the holidays approaching, thousands of Americans are again asking what they can do to show their support for servicemembers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war. Below are Web sites for several organizations that are sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas. While it would be inappropriate for the Department to endorse any specifically, servicemembers do value and appreciate such expressions of support:

- Donate a calling card to help keep servicemembers in touch with their families at Operation Uplink at <http://www.operationuplink.org/>

- Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/> or www.OperationDearAbby.net

- Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America Web site at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>

- Make a donation to one of the military relief societies:

- Army Emergency Relief at <http://www.aerhq.org/>

- Navy/Marine Relief Society at <http://www.nmcrs.org/>

- Air Force Aid Society at <http://www.afas.org/>

- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at <http://www.cgmahq.org/>

- Donate to "Operation USO Care Package" at <http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html>

- Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/0,1082,0_321_,00.html

- Volunteer at a VA Hospital to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.

- Support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the Fisher House at www.fisherhouse.org.

- Reach out to military families in your community, especially those with a loved one overseas.

Please do not flood the military mail system with letters, cards, and gifts. Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the Department cannot accept items to be mailed to "Any Servicemember." Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's address, which however well intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays.

The support and generosity of the American people has touched the lives of many servicemembers, over 300,000 of whom are deployed overseas.

This article is a reprint of a December 2002 DoD News Release.

On the wings of a storm

514th SFS joins Katrina relief efforts

By SMSgt. Victor Dempsey
514th Security Forces Squadron

Seventeen members of the 514th Security Force Squadron left New Jersey Sept. 21 on a short-notice, 60-day deployment to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, as part of Joint Task Force Katrina.

Answering an urgent tasking from Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command to relieve the in-place active duty Air Expeditionary Force by September 23rd, the 514th Security group joined with eight other security force teams to form a 91-person Reserve Joint Task Force whose mission is to provide a safe haven for fellow Americans displaced by both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The other bases include: Grissom AFB, Ohio; Homestead Air Reserve Base, FL; Lackland AFB; Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mo.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Travis AFB, Calif.; Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa. and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The 514th SFS synchronized the military airflow, weapons and equipment, and training documentation for the entire 91-person AEF within three days.

Once on the ground at Lackland AFB, the Reserve Task Force received their orders and was billeted in a former basic military training station dormitory, complete with open bays and "gang" latrines. Additionally, after touring the posts and facilities on Kelly with their active duty counterparts, the cops learned that their command and control center would be housed in the former base mortuary. Together with the police, fire, and human services of the City of San Antonio, the deployed security forces joined the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross, and 184 members of the Mexican army.

The second day, Lackland AFB's host 37th Security Force Squadron provided localized training to their new guests. Capt. Michael Gibbs, element commander of the 514th SFS was welcomed by Lt. Col. Robert Roth, commander, 37th SFS and his staff. Together, the security force leaders met with the agency representatives of Task Force Katrina and a mission brief was finalized.

After only a day and a half on the ground, the McGuire AFB-led reservists assumed total operational control of Kelly Field security.

With operational control in hand, MSgt. John Heinemann, in his acting role as first sergeant, worked to improve the living and



Photo by MSgt. John Heinemann

TSgt. Michael Fletcher, flight sergeant, checks on SSgt. Miriam Carpio-Hospedales during their first duty shift, Sept. 23 at Kelly Field, Texas. Both are 514th security force volunteers on a two-month deployment in support of Hurricane Katrina.

working conditions at the deployed site. Through MSgt. Heinemann's efforts, the dormitory's air conditioning was repaired providing needed relief from the 100 degree weather. He also obtained essential office equipment, established postal correspondence and secured local area network drops and media equipment for the dormitory.

"In his first-ever performance as first sergeant, MSgt. Heinemann surely proved his 'moxy'" said Capt. Gibbs.

The Reserve security forces, who are from all walks of life, continue to perform their duties despite the heat that halted basic military training. Performing security and law enforcement duties in a combination of mobile and walking patrols, the Reserve AEF provides entry control and patrol coverage to Base Operations, Billy Mitchell Housing, and other sensitive fixed sites. Additionally, as Hurricane Rita battered the south Texas coast, Joint Task Force Katrina continues to provide support and services to a growing number of evacuees.

"Our rapid response to this tragic situation clearly demonstrates the Reserve's expanded capabilities to reliably engage in emergency humanitarian missions while maintaining our traditional support of the active duty force," said Capt. Gibbs, summing up to the precedent-setting mission.



*Pay dates are subject to change. For information, contact your unit pay monitor.

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