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RECALLS BATTLES,
ON AND OFF DUTY**

**AIRMEN GET 'JUICED'
IN NATIONWIDE EXERCISE**



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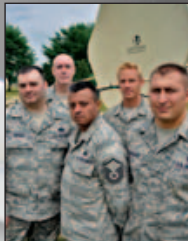
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ON THE COVER

Communications specialists participated in a nationwide exercise throughout June. Pictured here are reservists from the 42nd Combat Communications Squadron and active-duty Airmen from the 87th Communications Squadron. Senior Master Sgt. Stephen O'Brien (back left), Tech. Sgt. Robert Morey (center left) and Master Sgt. Alvaro Bonilla (center) belong to the 42nd CBCS, and Tech. Sgt. Kosta Eliopoulos (front right) and Staff Sgt. Antone Leonard are from the 87th CS. *Photo by Mr. Shawn J. Jones*



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Master Sgt. Errol Senior, a communications specialist with the 42nd Combat Communications Squadron, routes cables through a networking equipment rack while participating in a nationwide training exercise here June 23. The purpose of the Joint Users Interoperability Communications Exercise, known as JUICE, is practice interagency communications to improve cohesiveness during emergencies or national security threats. *Photo by Mr. Shawn J. Jones*

Historic documents still resonate, inspire

By Col. Oreste Varela

514th Maintenance Group commander

As you read this, the 4th of July will have come and gone. Many of us will have participated in various events in our local communities and beyond.

John Adams, who would go on to become the second president of the United States, predicted the historical impact of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In a letter to his wife Abigail, he wrote, “I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.”

John Adams was not a prognosticator but he was one of America’s founding fathers who recognized a great moment in our history. This moment in time, which literally changed the world, was but the signing of a piece of paper.

On this document, words so eloquently penned, yet powerful in their meaning, have defined our nation, and in doing so, defined us as a people.

Please read these first two paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence slowly, and please reflect on them.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should



Painting by John Trumbull

The painting depicts the presentation of the Declaration of Independence to the Second Continental Congress. The document’s drafting committee consisted of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston and Roger Sherman. It was painted in 1817 and has hung in the U.S. Capitol since 1826.

declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Entire libraries could be devoted to the academic works related to the

Declaration. I can add little to the volumes of research and analysis. I offer you a quote from Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense” which was read aloud to the Colonial Army at Valley Forge December 1776 by order of General George Washington, who believed it would inspire his soldiers. I hope it inspires you as it has me.

“Heaven knows how to put a price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated. The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind. Where, say some, is the king of America? I’ll tell you, friend, He reigns above The Almighty implanted in us these inextinguishable feelings for good and wise purposes. They are the guardians of His image in our heart. They distinguish us from the herd of common animals.”

Tuskegee Airman recalls fighting enemies, discrimination

By Tech. Sgt. Monica Dalberg

When young Floyd Carter left the line for “race” blank on a college application in 1941, he ultimately helped fill in and cross lines, making history as one of 16,000 African-Americans who became Tuskegee Airmen and paved the way for others to follow their lead.

Lt. Col. (retired) Carter, 88, visited members of the 732nd Airlift Squadron here June 12 along with his wife of 65 years, Artherine, 86, who repaired airplanes with an all-female crew at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama where the couple met.

Colonel Carter shared tales of his 30-year career that began in 1944. As a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, he went on to become a navigator, pilot and instructor pilot, and took part in the Berlin Airlift and the Korean Conflict.

After fighting battles overseas, Colonel Carter returned to another battle – that of African-Americans coming home to discrimination and



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Monica Dalberg

Lt. Col. (retired) Floyd J. Carter, a documented Tuskegee Airman, visited the 732nd Airlift Squadron, here, Saturday. He was commander of the squadron from 1971 to 1974. He spoke to Airmen about his 30-year military career and the barriers he and others encountered as they built the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

exclusion from victory parades.

After flying missions that supported the Vietnam War, Colonel Carter served as squadron commander of the

732nd Military Airlift Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base from 1971 to 1974, when the squadron flew C-141 Starlifters. He retired in 1974.

Decades after they triumphed over foreign enemies and domestic prejudice, some 300 of the original 16,000 aircrew and ground crew members that are Tuskegee Airmen were honored with a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony in 2007.

The medal is the highest civilian award bestowed by the United States Congress. At the time, United States Senator Barack Obama issued a statement crediting the trail-blazing Tuskegee Airmen for making possible his career as a public servant. Nearly two years later, the Tuskegee Airmen were again invited to Washington to the swearing in of the country’s first black president, President Barack Obama.

Colonel Carter is also a retired New York City Police Department detective. He and his wife live in the Bronx, N.Y.

PULSE CHECK: *What do you look forward to when reporting to a unit training assembly?*



**Airman Basic
Angel Oquendo**

35th

Aerial Port Squadron

“I look forward to working with new Airmen and expanding my knowledge in my career.”

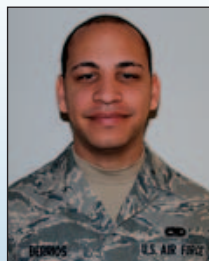


**Maj.
Michael Capodicasa**

78th

Air Refueling Squadron

“Coming to a UTA allows us a chance to train as a unit and to solidify positive relationships with one another.”

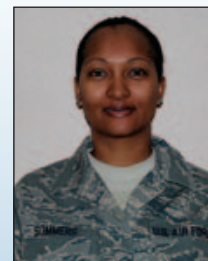


**Senior Airman
Joshua Berrios**

514th

Maintenance Squadron

“I look forward to working on aircraft.”

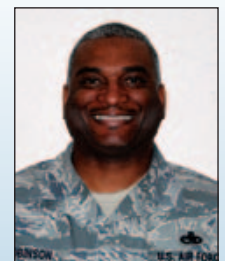


**Staff Sgt.
Tomika Sommers**

35th

Aerial Port Squadron

“I look forward to meeting my Air Force colleagues and working toward fulfilling my military obligations.”



**Master Sgt.
Fred Robinson**

514th

Maintenance Squadron

“Spending time with my fellow Airmen.”

AIRMEN GET LESSON ON PICKING



NG UP LITTER

Photos by Mr. Shawn J. Jones



Left: Master Sgt. Mark Hiller, 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, demonstrates how to properly strap down a patient to a litter during a training session here June 10.

Top: During the training session, Master Sgt. Anton Williams (left), 514th AMDS, describes how a four-person team should communicate to lift and move a patient on a litter. The person to the right of the patient's head should call preparatory commands, such as "prepare to lift" before issuing movement commands, such as "lift."

Above: Master Sgt. Ricky McClean, 514th AMDS, plays the role of an injured servicemember lying on a litter. Prior to lifting, a four-person team should distribute their manpower evenly on both sides of the litter.





UNTANGLING THE WEB OF INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Story and photos by Mr. Shawn J. Jones

More than 30 Reserve Airmen from the 42nd Combat Communications Squadron participated in a nation-wide communications training exercise throughout the month of June.

The Airmen were divided into two groups, one here and the other at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

The purpose of the Joint Users Interoperability Communications Exercise, known as JUICE, is to evaluate interagency communications to improve cohesiveness during emergencies.

The current emergency-response and national defense climate requires continuous communication among multiple agencies with distinct, but often overlapping, missions. The response to a major emergency - such as Hurricane Katrina or the September 11th terrorist attacks - typically involve active-duty and reservists from each military branch, multiple police and firefighting forces, and many other state and local public safety agencies. The exercise aims to reduce the inefficiencies of integrating these agencies' communications systems.

During the exercise, the Airmen here provided around-the-clock expeditionary communications, including public and defense telephone switching networks, regular and secure networking lines, and voice-over internet capabilities.

"Our Airmen had a unique opportunity to build the entire network from the ground up," said

Master Sgt. Donovan Cameron, 42nd CBCS unit deployment manager and exercise coordinator.

"Our Airmen gained valuable experience troubleshooting live circuits across multiple links. They also learned how effective communication between the sites was essential for mission success."

The exercise provided an opportunity to practice some of the expeditionary functions inherent to a combat communications squadron.

The reservists were joined by seven active-duty Airman from the 87th Communications Squadron.

Years of sharing a common building had led to a strong relationship between the communications specialists from each squadron, but since the 42nd CBCS moved to their own facility, there has been less interaction. Sergeant Cameron said the exercise helped rejuvenate the relationship.

"It was a perfect opportunity for us to train together again," he said.

Since much of the 42nd CBCS's expeditionary equipment was being used by the Airmen at Aberdeen Proving Ground, the 87th CS supplied their own satellite and communications systems.

"We would not have been able to accomplish JUICE at McGuire without the support of the 87th Communications Squadron," Sergeant Cameron said.



Above: Senior Airman Evan Nota (left), 87th Communications squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Robert Morey, 42nd Combat Communications Squadron, maintain a satellite dish during the Joint Users Interoperability Communications Exercise here June 23.

Opposite Page: Master Sgt. Alvaro Bonilla (left), 42nd CBCS, and Tech. Sgt. Kosta Eliopoulos, 87th CS, repair a cable on a satellite dish during the exercise.

Inset: Master Sgt. Errol Senior and Senior Airman Huor Ong assemble a cable bundle for an equipment rack for communications systems.

Spotlight: Airman 1st Class Silvio Ng III

Unit: 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Position: Health Management Assistant

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.

Place he'd like to visit: Japan. "I love the culture, everything from the fashion to the fast-pace lifestyle. I also would love to learn more about the advances in technology that Japan has to offer."

The best thing about having a military parent: "Being in a military family prepared me for the challenges of basic training and what to expect here at JB MDL."

Favorite movie: I am Legend

Favorite musician: Jay-Z

Favorite book: Catcher in the Rye

Pet Peeve: Littering

Favorite video game: Angry Birds

Little known fact: I'm an auxiliary officer for the New York Police Department. I volunteer with the 77th Precinct for 12 hours a month, doing patrol and administrative work. I've seen lots of stuff, from deaths to robberies to working at the Wingate Park summer concert series in Brooklyn.

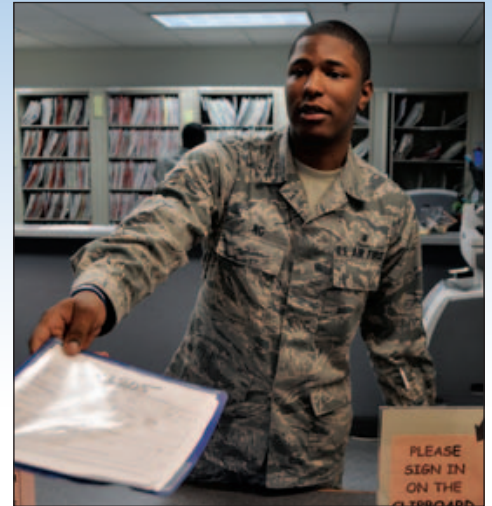


Photo by Master Sgt. Donna Jeffries



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Throw your boss in jail

A Jail & Bail fundraiser is scheduled for Aug. 6 and Aug. 20. Airmen can pay to have their boss or a coworker "arrested" and thrown into a makeshift jail. Those who are arrested can buy their way out or serve their time. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to defray the cost of tickets to the Combat Dining-In event which is scheduled for Sept. 24. **Left:** Lt. Col. Raymond Douglas, 514th Air Mobility Wing executive officer, spends some time behind bars during the last Jail & Bail fundraiser here June 5, 2010. **Above:** Chief Master Sgt. Linda Menser, 514th Maintenance Group, and Master Sgt. James Kana, 514th Maintenance Operations Flight, clown around during the 2010 fundraiser.

News Briefs

Earn free tickets through Get One Now program

Keep the Freedom Wing strong by referring good people to become Airmen. By participating in the Get One Now/Refer A Friend program, Airmen can earn iPods, laptops and free tickets to upcoming events. Just referring someone can earn free tickets, even if the referral doesn't join. Visit www.GetOneNow.us to register for Kid Rock concert, the Street League Grand Finals and the American Idol tour.

Free Blake Shelton concert

Reserve recruiting is sponsoring a "Tour for the Troops" concert at Doughboy Field here Aug. 29. The concert features country music singer Blake Shelton and is free to those with a military ID and their guests. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with pre-concert set-up, tear down, maintenance during the concert and clean-up details. For more information contact Master Sgt. Ricky Young at 754-5103 or Master Sgt. Donna Jeffries at 754-3487.

Employer Appreciation Day

Airmen can give their civilian employers a first-hand look at their Air Force in action during Employer Appreciation Day, which is scheduled for Oct. 22. The event will include an orientation flight on a KC-10 Extender, a ground tour of a C-17 Globemaster II, and an overall exposure to the many missions carried out by Airmen of the 514th Air Mobility Wing. Employer nomination forms can be delivered to the public affairs office, e-mailed to 514amw.pa@us.af.mil or faxed to 754-3734. The forms can be found at www.514amw.afrc.af.mil, in the next issue of Freedom Flyer or picked up at the August commander's call.

Combat Dining-In

A combat dining-in is scheduled for Sept. 24. A combat dining-in is an informal social event that in which Airmen typically wear Airman Battledress Uniforms or flight suits. To get involved with the planning of the event, call Chief Master Sgt. Danica Dejanovic at 754-2491.

Combat stress workshops

The Trenton Vet Center is offering a series of combat related stress workshops and individual counseling sessions on two Saturdays each month through November. Classes include Sleep Hygiene, Family Reintegration, Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention and Goal Setting. For more information contact the 514th Airmen and Family Readiness Office at 754-8229.

Freedom Flyer seeks contributions, ideas

The wing's magazine is ready and willing to accept submissions from its readers. If you would like to submit a news article, feature story, commentary or photo, contact the public affairs office at (609) 754-3487 or 514amw.pa@us.af.mil. Also, the staff of Freedom Flyer is always looking for story ideas and reader feedback.



Photo by Maj. Kelly Ann Smyth

Congressman Jon Runyan reads the first issue of Freedom Flyer in his office on Capitol Hill during a congressional visit by Col. Michael Underkofler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander, June 13-16. Mr. Runyan, a former offensive tackle for the Philadelphia Eagles, represents New Jersey's 3rd District.



The following enlisted Airmen were promoted in June.

Airman

Margaret Brown, 714 AMXS
Christopher Gordon, 714 AMXS
Robert Konopka III, 42 CBCS
David Sebra, 76 ARS

Airman 1st Class

Theodore Brooks, 514 AMXS
Lauren Dawson, 514 FSS
Maria Goris, 514 FSS
Jacob Phillips, 714 AMXS

Senior Airmen

Christopher Oderifero, 88 APS
Latriece Parks, 514 AMXS
Tianna Sims, 514 FSS

Staff Sergeant

Shane Clayton, 732 AS
Carlos Diaz, 42 CBCS
Kevin Jenkins, 714 AMXS
Stephen Mills, 514 MXS

Technical Sergeant

Michael Blair, 514 CES
Patrick Callahan, 732 AS
Antonio Jennings, 42 CBCS
Arthur Jones, 42 CBCS
Ian Salcedo, 514 MXS
Candice Smith, 714 AMXS
Sonya Williams, 42 CBCS

Master Sergeant

Mozette Timmons, 514 AMXS
Edwin Tirado, 88 APS

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For the family of:

Pictured: The sun sets on the static display of a P-38 Lightning at Pudgy Circle here June 25. Thomas McGuire, the base's namesake, flew P-38's while becoming the second leading American Ace of World War II. He routinely named his aircraft after his wife's nickname, Pudgy, though she was known to be rather slim. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Monica Dalberg*

