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## Condition Black



*Photo by Dan Galindo*

93rd Fighter Squadron pilots endure the heat during "Condition Black" here at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. on Mar 18., the final day of the operational readiness exercise. The base conducted the exercise from March 11 to 18.

# ORE complete, stay focused on training



*Air Force Reserve photo*

**By Col. Randy Falcon  
482nd Fighter Wing Commander**

There is a secret to succeeding in an inspection, or combat, or any other test of your fundamental war fighting skills; it's called practice.

For the past three months, many of you were busy catching up on everything you missed while you were deployed to Iraq. At the same time, you were busy preparing for an Operational Readiness Exercise.

Practice...training...preparation. These words have been repeated to you over and over again lately, but I know I'm not the first to tell you that all the practice and hard work will pay off when we have inspections.

More importantly, though, those of us called to combat in the future will be more lethal as a result of our diligence and dedication.

I saw a lot of you performing your duties with a great sense of urgency and efficiency during the ORE, and I commend you for that.

I witnessed Air Reserve Technicians, traditional reservists and civilians all working together to accomplish the mission. We flew 100 percent of the scheduled sorties under harsh conditions and you responded well when the base was under attack conditions while caring for your fellow Airmen.

Experienced Airmen used their expertise to train and mentor those of you who are new to the Air Force Reserve and this unit.

The professionalism you showed during the ORE is what makes our wing and this base stand out among reserve units, and the evaluators from 10th AF told me that we have raised the bar for all other units.

But no matter how well we perform, there is always room for improvement, so I want to pass on a

few important things to remember from this ORE, as we look forward to future deployments and inspections.

One of the most important things we must all do is communicate critical information. Commanders can't make smart decisions if you don't keep them informed of events considered critical to our operations.

Also, take the ORE as a learning experience and fix any problems you find. In other words, don't hide a problem; identify problems and fix them before they show up again during a future inspection or in combat.

Finally, a positive attitude goes a long way. It is never fun working in chemical gear, but let's not forget the reason why we train in such conditions; it is for our benefit.

As Air Force Reservists, you are all professionals, and I am confident in this wing and the abilities of the 482nd Airmen. Many people would like to do what we do, but not everyone can. That makes our job important.

Stay focused and thanks for a job well done during the ORE. I'm proud of you and you should all be proud of yourselves.

## Promotions

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# Airman Battle Uniform finalized

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The new Airman Battle Uniform is ready for production and will be available in fiscal 2007, said the Air Force deputy chief of staff of personnel.

Many factors were considered in developing the final uniform selection, with the concern for Airmen being at the top of the list, said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice.

“We were looking for a uniform that would be easier to maintain,” he said. “We wanted to provide a uniform that the Airman wouldn’t need to spend a lot of out-of-pocket expenses to maintain.”

Also, Airmen’s feedback throughout the process was beneficial in adding new pockets on the uniform.

“We listened to the Airmen’s request where they wanted pockets to hold small tools and when they wear body armor the existing shirt pockets are not accessible or usable,” General Allardice said. “It will have the four pockets on the front of the shirt, and also a small pencil pocket on the left forearm and two pockets on the lower legs. In addition, inside the side pockets and inside of the breast pockets there will be smaller sewn-in pockets to hold small tools, flashlights or cell phones.”

The new uniform design is a pixilated tiger stripe with four soft earth tones consisting of tan, grey, green and blue. The ABU will have a permanent crease and will be offered in 50-50 nylon-cotton blend permanent press fabric eliminating the need for winter and summer weight uniforms.

Will the new ABU need to be starched and pressed?

“Absolutely not,” he said. “Our uniform requirement is we want a uniform that you wash, pull it out of the dryer, and wear it. This requirement meets the ease and cost



U.S. Air Force photo illustration

**The new Airman Battle Uniform will be available fiscal year 2007 with a projected mandatory wear date of fiscal year 2011.**

effectiveness needs in maintaining a uniform.”

He speaks from personal experience and added that in the long run it will save Airmen money on dry cleaning costs.

“I tested this uniform. I wash it, take it right out of the dryer and wear it,” General Allardice said. “We don’t want people putting an iron to it.”

The fit of the uniform was also a concern for Airmen.

“Were making them available in more sizes to fit the body better,” he said. “We’ve taken the time to produce more sizes and tailored them for men and women.”

Some other ABU accessory items: A tan T-shirt will be worn; Airmen will be required to maintain one tan T-shirt with an Air Force logo on the front and Air Force written on the back.

Suede cowhide boots in matching green-gray color; like the desert boot these will be polish-free and available in men’s and women’s sizes.

The word color for the name, U.S. Air Force, and rank is midnight blue; nametapes and rank insignia background will be tan and will be sewn on using a matching tan color thread.

The ABU adopts the battle dress uniform hat style for primary use and the floppy hat design will be used in some deployed areas.

“This is the uniform of the future,” General Allardice said. “Eventually when enough of these uniforms are manufactured, we will phase out the BDU and desert combat uniforms.”

The current projected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is fiscal 2011.

The only thing that needs to be determined is if patches will be worn and the Air Force chief of staff will make that determination soon, General Allardice said.

# Davis takes command of Maintenance Group



Photo by Lt. Col. Tom Davis

**482nd Maintenance Group Commander Col. T. Glenn Davis has experience commanding three maintenance groups prior to accepting the assignment here at Homestead.**

*By Jake Shaw  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Col. T. Glenn Davis assumed command of the 482nd Maintenance Group in a ceremony here at Homestead Air Reserve Base on March 11.

Col. Randall G. Falcon, 482nd Fighter Wing Commander, presided over the ceremony.

Col. Davis takes over from Col. Herbert L. Brown, who is retiring later this year after commanding the Maintenance Group for the past six years.

As the commander of the 482nd Maintenance Group, the colonel will oversee the 482nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the 482nd Maintenance Squadron and the 482nd Maintenance Operations Flight. The three organizations provide direct support to the 93rd Fighter Squadron's F-16 "Mako" fighter jets.

For the past 18 months, Col. Davis commanded the 919th Special Operations Wing's Maintenance Group at Duke Field, Fla. He also commanded aerial refueling and strategic airlift maintenance groups in the past.

Col. Davis, originally from Columbia, S.C., received his commission in the Air Force in 1984 as the top graduate of the University of South Carolina Reserve Officer Training Corps program, graduating with a bachelor's degree in foreign language studies.

He also holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from Troy State University as well as a Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University. Additionally, Col. Davis is a graduate of the Capitol Hill Air Command and Staff College Seminar Program and the National Security Program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

In his remarks to welcome the new commander, Col. Falcon said it's always good when you get a new commander who injects a unit with new and different ideas.

And the new maintenance group commander is known for his award-winning ideas.

Col. Davis's F-15 aircraft maintenance unit won the Air Force Daedalian Award for Maintenance Excellence in 1989 and maintenance squadrons under his command have won the Air Force Reserve Maintenance Effectiveness Award on four occasions.

Col. Davis's major military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak-leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak-leaf clusters.

During a short speech to the maintenance Airmen, Col. Davis made it clear that the 482nd Fighter Wing is an organization to be respected.

"If you look at our aircraft, fly our aircraft or fall victim to our aircraft, you'll know they're the best in the world," he said.

Col. Brown also had some advice and encouragement for the troops. "The past six years have been fun. I've enjoyed it. Just continue what you've been doing. I salute you," he said.



Photo by Lt. Col. Tom Davis

**Airmen from the 482nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron present arms during the 482nd Maintenance Group's change of command ceremony. The maintainers provide direct support to the 93rd Fighter Squadron's 17 F-16s.**

# Testing terror response skills

By Jake Shaw

482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Reservists from the 482nd Fighter Wing held a mass casualty exercise here March 14 based on a simulated suicide car-bombing near the main entrance to the base.

The mass casualty exercise was just one part of a week-long training event called an Operational Readiness Exercise, which acts as a self-assessment of the wing's ability to go to war.

During the exercise, a 'terrorist' detonated a car bomb, killing himself and killing or injuring several civilian and military bystanders.

Amid the panic and bloodshed, first responders relied on their training to sort out the mess.

"When something like this happens, there's no time to think," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Loria, 482nd Security Forces Squadron. "You have to rely on your training," he said.

As they arrived on scene to assess the situation, 'intelligence reports' informed security personnel that another terrorist with a car bomb was in the area, waiting for the opportunity to do more damage to the base.

"The first thing we had to do was make sure the area was safe enough for our medical responders to go out and treat the wounded," said Master Sgt. John Frank, 482nd Security Forces Squadron shift supervisor.

Once the area was secured, the emergency medical responders from the base fire department set up a triage area and began evacuating the wounded to a safe area and treating those with critical injuries.

While the wounded were receiving initial treatment, security personnel remained vigilant, searching for the second terrorist reportedly in the area.

Meanwhile, local law enforcement



Photo by Lisa Macias

**Deana Jacobs and Master Sgt. Frederick Dawson act as injured bystanders during a mass casualty exercise at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. on March 14. The exercise scenario involved a suicide car bombing just outside the main entrance to the base**



Photo by Lisa Macias

**Smoke fills the air as a simulated car bombing just outside the main gate of Homestead Air Reserve Base begins a mass casualty exercise on March 14. The exercise tested the 482nd Fighter Wing's ability to respond to a terrorist attack on the base**

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# Elected leaders inspect HARB combat training

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Tom Davis  
Chief, 482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Several community leaders inspected combat training here during the 482nd Fighter Wing's Operational Readiness Exercise here at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

The Operational Readiness Exercise tests the 482nd Fighter Wing in a number of areas including its ability to deploy to combat, Nuclear, Chemical and Biological attack and combat flight operations.

"An ORE examines everything we do. It's a real test of our preparedness to go to war" said Col. Herbert Brown, former Maintenance Group commander.

While on HARB the group visited the flight line where Airmen dressed in chemical protective uniform labored to recover F-16's from flight operations and prepare them for their next mission.

"They only have 30 minutes to turn the jets around for the next mission" said Brown. That includes refueling, loading practice missiles and practice bombs and a maintenance check.

"It's a remarkable effort," said Suzette Rice, South Dade Community Adviser for Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez. While touring the flight line, Airmen working there were working in simulated chemical attack. "I can't image how difficult it is to work on the jets while under these conditions," said Rice.

The group also visited training at



**Above: South Dade Community Advisor to the Mayor's office Suzette Rice, left, City of Homestead Commissioner Lynda Bell, center, and Col. Herbert Brown tour the "Mako" ramp to get a first-hand view of Airmen training during the ORE.**

the bivouac site, ammunition storage area and Survival and Recovery Center (SRC).

"We're delighted to witness firsthand the training of the fighter wing. They've always made Homestead and our nation proud," said Lynda Bell, City of Homestead commissioner.

Both Bell and Rice expressed appreciation for the base and its mission.

"These reservists all volunteer to help protect our freedoms. This difficult training is proof of their remarkable dedication," said Bell.

# Post-Attack Recon teams clear the way

## Training provides valuable experience

By Jake Shaw  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

BOOM – you hear an explosion and people scatter amid cries from wounded Airmen.

Your first instinct is to help, but you have to wait until someone gives you the ‘all clear’ to go outside.

It can be confusing in the aftermath of a chemical, biological, or missile attack, so the Air Force Reserve uses post-attack reconnaissance teams to let you know when it’s safe to venture outside.

Post-attack reconnaissance is a base-wide effort that manages the flow of information up and down the chain of command after an attack, and the PAR teams are among the first teams released after an attack.

Together with airfield damage assessment teams, explosive ordnance disposal teams, readiness reconnaissance teams and security forces personnel, the PAR teams become the eyes and ears for commanders. All initial recovery decisions after an attack are based on the valuable information these teams provide.

That’s what makes PAR teams important, according to Tech Sgt. Karen McDonald-Payne, a PAR team member from the 482nd Maintenance Operations Flight.



Photo by Jake Shaw

**Aftermath: Members of the 482nd Fighter Wing played “victim” as Post-Attack Recon teams evacuated the wounded for triage while wearing biological and chemical agent protective gear.**

“When you’re attacked you only have seconds to get your gas mask on. It’s intense,” said Sgt. McDonald-Payne.

“Sweat runs into your eyes and it burns and you get uncomfortable, but you have to move quickly and keep going if you’re on a PAR team, because everyone is counting on you to clear the way, she said.

After an attack PAR teams begin checking for casualties, marking unexploded ordnance, evacuating individuals who surround the area, performing self-aid and buddy care and reporting facility and equipment damage, said Sgt. McDonald-Payne.

But PAR teams do more than provide information to commanders. They also provide valuable training to Airmen from a variety of career fields.

PAR teams are heavily involved in exercise scenarios, so they see a lot more action and gain valuable experience from being on the team, according to Sgt. McDonald-Payne.

Sgt. McDonald-Payne says she’s not an expert at many of the tasks the PAR teams perform, so she relies on her Airman’s Manual to make sure she does things correctly.

“It’s my bible, and if you use it you’ll learn to do things the right way,” she said.



Photo by Jake Shaw

**Left/Right: Airmen assigned to the post-attack recon teams had to search for the wounded, perform first aid and evacuate the “victims” wearing a full ensemble of protective equipment.**



Photo by Lisa Macias

# OPSEC helps prevent identity theft

By Maj. Joseph Matchette  
482nd FW OPSEC Program Manager

Operational Security is not just about critical information at work; its concepts apply to your personal life as well. To use OPSEC to your advantage, you must know the proper steps to take.

The first step of the OPSEC process is to identify critical information. Any information about your identity and finances falls into the critical information category.

This is especially important in modern times because of identity theft and financial data theft.

The odds are strong that someone you work with has been a victim of either full-blown identity theft or some form of financial data theft, like stolen credit card numbers and false credit card charges.

Identity theft is in the news almost every day, and if you fall victim to an

identity thief it may take years to recover. While there is no 100 percent certain way of protecting yourself, there are some safeguards you can take, again using OPSEC procedures as a guide.

The OPSEC process trains you to 'Apply Countermeasures.' Some of the easiest countermeasures that will help you avoid identity and financial data theft are available at no cost to you.

First, limit the amount of data you post on public websites. Second, limit the amount of data you provide to marketers through product registration cards, drawings for 'free gym memberships', etc.

Another very effective countermeasure is to buy and use a shredder. You don't need to shred *everything*, but if it has any personal identifying information . . . SHRED, SHRED, SHRED.

Also, the Treasury Department has a DVD with advise on how people can protect themselves should they fall victim to an identity attack.

It has a special segment for military personnel with tips on preventing identity theft for servicemembers who are often in unique situations. The video is available online at <http://treas.gov/offices/domestic-finance/financial-institution/cip/identity-theft.shtml>.

Instructions for initiating an alert may be obtained from the Federal Trade Commission's Website at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/alerts/dutyalrt.htm>.

Additionally, for general information on identity theft, you can refer to <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>

If you have any questions about OPSEC either at work or at home, call me at (305) 224-6705.

## 'Phishing' scam targets TSP participants

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a "phishing" scam, an official with the board administering the program said here on March 21.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an "attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information."

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Mr. Trabucco said.

"Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through) unsolicited

e-mails," he said.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board alerted Thrift Savings Plan coordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after the scam was discovered. The memo described it as an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and Thrift Savings Plan personal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, he said, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual's identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their

accounts have not been compromised, investment board officials wrote in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance. They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-3778 and ask to have their account access blocked, according to the memo.

Phishing e-mails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June 2005. It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail, according to the memo. Only by



# Environmental stewardship every unit's responsibility

## New program online at Homestead ARB

By Dan Galindo  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In December, the environmental flight implemented a program that makes environmental stewardship an active part of every unit's overall mission.

The environmental management system program, mandated by Presidential Executive order and Air Force directives, aims to ensure that units on base are aware of their responsibilities and their environmental status. Basically, it puts more responsibility in each unit's court.

"The reality is that no matter how good [the environmental flight] is at meeting legal requirements and preventing pollution, we cannot be everywhere all the time to answer questions, ensure compliance and protect the environment," said EMS program coordinator Molly Long.

"Therefore, it's critical that personnel at all levels understand how their activities impact the environment and have access to information about minimizing those impacts so we can assure good environmental stewardship 24-7."

Now everyone on base has 'round the clock access to that information through the civil engineering intranet website.

"We've always had some form of an environmental management program at the base," said Long. "However, the EMS provides a more systemic way for units to communicate with us."

"It's a proactive approach. Instead of reacting to an issue, we want to identify possible hazards and prevent a

problem to begin with," she said.

EMS is a permanent program that coordinates, manages, tracks and improves environmental issues that

**H**  
help mission

**E**  
environmental compliance

**A**  
always improve

**T**  
tackle pollution

**The full wording of the base environmental policy and details of the environmental management system program can be found at**

**[\\232-137server/hstweb/P2/EMS.htm](http://232-137server/hstweb/P2/EMS.htm)**

each unit faces. Once organizations identify all the ways they impact the environment, both positively and negatively, they monitor and control those issues.

Under the program, people learn what laws apply to their situations and how to make sure they follow it. Unit environmental coordinators and cross functional team members continuously monitor the issues and report their findings so that senior leadership can provide the resources and training to lessen the impact of environmental hazards.

This method of tracking environmental issues on base is a marked change for the Air Force, which used to deal with environmental improvement issues separately. Now units manage those considerations as part of their mission goals.

Long said that the ultimate goal is for all operations to be "sustainable."

"It means more than accepting and managing environmental liabilities, and more than just improving our activities to minimize them," she said.

"Sustainability means that by our presence and our activities we actually improve our surrounding environment beyond its current status."

Another aspect of the EMS program is to spread the word about the base environmental policy, outlined through a simple acronym – H.E.A.T.

"All permanent base personnel [including tenant units and contractors] are required to know the key points of the environmental policy," she said.

"I heard one person put it very simply [at an environmental conference]," said Long. "If we accomplish all our mission goals, but ruin the environment, we have failed our mission."

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opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web

site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal

civilians and servicemembers, Mr. Trabucco said. Officials don't know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating.



Photo by Lisa Macias

**Firefighters and Security Forces Airmen from Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., care for Master Sgt. Frederick Dawson during a mass casualty exercise held here on March 14. The exercise scenario involved a suicide car bombing near the main entrance to the base.**

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agencies set up roadblocks at all streets leading to the base to stop the secondary attack that intelligence reports had warned of.

According to 482nd Fighter Wing Commander Col. Randy Falcon, the training was important because it tested Homestead Air Reserve Base's ability to react to a scenario that the military currently faces overseas.

Participants in the scenario included Air Force Reserve first responders such as security forces, the base fire department and medical personnel as well as local civilian law enforcement officials.

482nd Security Forces Airmen planned the exercise to prepare themselves for the possibility of a domestic terrorist incident, but it also furthered their working relationship with local law enforcement agencies.

We have agreements with many local, state and federal agencies off base that tell us all exactly what role we all play in any given emergency situation, but it's critical to practice and be proactive in case something like this really happens, said Col. Falcon.

"In a real emergency, we won't get a second chance to do this the right way," said Col. Falcon.

## Services Notes

The club will be hosting an Easter Buffet at the Falcon's Nest Club on April 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The buffet includes: Salad bar, carved steamship round, cornish game hen, whole salmon, honey baked ham, cornbread stuffing, rice, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, buttered corn, green beans, peel-and-eat shrimp, and assorted desserts. Member's price is \$16.95, while the non-member's price is \$19.95.

RSVP: Call Tarin or Sheree to make reservations at (305) 224-7167 or (305) 224-6784. The buffet is by reservation only.

The Falcon's Nest Club is now serving an "All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet", Monday through Friday from 6:00am to 9:00am. Members' price is \$5.95, while non-members pay \$6.95.

With spring on the way, don't forget that the Outdoor Recreation center has a large variety of equipment for rent. Grills, sleeping gear, trailers, and both sports and water equipment are readily available. For those who wish to enjoy the area's local theme parks, Outdoor Recreation can provide tickets to Sea World, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios, Island Adventure, and Disney World. Don't forget that jet skis are available for rent, too. For more information, please call (305) 224-7092

# Nighthawks roost atop basketball league

## Base team faces off against U.S. Southern Command



Felix Flores, a guard for the Homestead Air Reserve Base Nighthawks, steps to the free throw line in a game against Southern Command's A team on March 7. The Nighthawks shot 100-percent from the stripe in the 4th quarter to narrowly defeat Southern Command by a final score of 44-37.

Story and photo by Jake Shaw  
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Homestead ARB's Nighthawks got off to a sluggish start, but eventually wiggled their way back into the lead against U.S. Southern Command's "A" team in a showdown at the base fitness center on Mar 8.

For the top-ranked Nighthawks, sloppy passes and a lack of energy crashing the boards had them down 20-19 at the end of the first half.

"We started out cold and didn't get our rhythm going for a while," said Dexter Porrata, a forward for the Nighthawks.

Starting out cold is one thing, but being out-rebounded, out-passed and out-hustled is another story.

Southern Command's A team had great ball movement, and aggressive offensive rebounding led to second, third and fourth shot opportunities for them throughout the first half.

Meanwhile the Nighthawks struggled to get open shots and missed 60 percent of their foul shots in the first half.

"I'm surprised we weren't down by more than one [point] at the end of the first half," said Virgil Scott, a

center for the Nighthawks.

We played their game instead of ours in the first half, but in the second half we crashed the boards harder and got the passing game going, said Scott.

But the key to the second half was the number of fouls committed by the team from Southern Command.

With less than ten minutes left in the game, Southern Command had stretched the lead to 33-23, but the Nighthawks went on a 13-3 run, tying the game at 36 with only 1:24 left in the game.

As precious seconds disappeared from the game clock, Southern Command missed their last three shots, and committed costly fouls against the Nighthawks each trip down the court.

The Nighthawks capitalized, making five out of five free throws when they needed them most, and finished the game up 44-37. Free throws were the difference in the game, with the Nighthawks making 15 of 23 while Southern Command's team made only eight of their 13 foul shots.

"We're definitely a second-half team," said Rodriguez, "and we're also the oldest team in the league, with several players over 30 years old."

The Nighthawks need to find a way to warm up before the playoffs start in mid-April, because other teams in the league are gunning for the top seed.

"We've already beat the Nighthawks once this season" said Anthony Abate who plays for the Homestead ARB Services basketball team.

### Basketball league standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins-Losses</u>
Nighthawks	6-1
Services	4-3
Southern Command A	3-4
Southern Command B	1-6

Playoffs are scheduled to begin April 11. Games are played every Tuesday night at 6 and 7 p.m. at the base fitness center

# Share the Air Force Reserve way of life

*By Lt Col Robert Delgado  
482nd Fighter Wing MEO*

“Share the Passion” is an Human Resource Development Council initiative where both Air Reserve Technicians and Traditional Reservists have a golden opportunity to share with high school juniors, seniors, college students and young adults the tremendous opportunity they will have serving their country and have a rich, rewarding and challenging career in the Air Force Reserve.

You can do this by bringing someone who you feel would like to know more about the Reserve program to the Saturday, May 6 UTA.

They will see first-hand the many career fields that we have and will learn about the Air Reserve Technician civil service program and the Traditional Reserve program where they can have a civilian career and reserve career at the same time.

They’ll spend the entire Saturday of the UTA shadowing the member who invited them, receive briefings from outstanding role models from different areas of the Wing, eat a tasty lunch served by the Services Squadron, take a tour of our many outstanding work areas, have a question and answer period with our recruiters and fill out a lead card. At

the end of the day, they can go home to think about what could be the best decision they could make in their lives by joining the Air Force Reserve.

Military members need to register the guest or student they wish to sponsor. Simply contact Master Sgt. Tina Davis at (305) 224-7359 or Lt. Col. Robert Delgado at (305) 224-7821 and provide her or him with your name, squadron, phone number, and your guest’s name and grade. The military member will be responsible for paying for his or her guest’s lunch. The deadline to register is Wednesday, May 3, and the space is limited to the first 40 guests registered.

## Family Care Plans - be prepared for the unknown

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As Airmen, it is important for all of us to be in the right place at the right time, ready to do our job.

If you were suddenly called away on a no-notice deployment or temporary duty, would you have a problem finding someone to care for your remaining family members?

During Desert Shield/Storm there were many cases of children left to

fend for themselves after their parent or parents deployed. That situation, left undetected could have resulted in tragedy.

It is our responsibility as Airmen to ensure adequate care arrangements are made for our family members in the event we are selected for permanent change of station (PCS) or temporary duty (TDY) including short notice and no-notice deployment, alert, recall, extended tour of duty, shift work or other similar military

obligation.

Failure to make such arrangements may not only cause unnecessary problems for your family, but could result in disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Some military members must put their plan in writing. If you fall into one of the three categories in the box below, you must file a family care plan with your unit. See your unit’s first sergeant or commander for more information on family care programs.

### Do you fall into one of these categories?

1. **Single member sponsor:** An Airman who has no spouse but who has family members residing in their household who are incapable of self-care.
2. **Military couples with family members:** Service members who are married to each other who are jointly responsible for non-military family members must physically reside in the household with the military member.
3. **Other:** People determined by the commander who have special circumstances that would necessitate a family care plan in the absence of the military sponsor.

**If so, you need to file a family care plan with your unit.**