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Photo by Lisa Macias

A firefighter from the 482nd Civil Engineering Squadron prepares to cap a simulated chlorine leak during an exercise here at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. on June 9. Members of the base fire department train several times a year while wearing chemical and biological protective suits.

Leadership has challenges, satisfaction, honor



Air Force Reserve photo

Introduction by Col. Randy Falcon 482nd Fighter Wing Commander

There's a reason you may see so much advice about becoming an effective leader. It simply takes time. We have to experience it; we have to nurture it within ourselves; and we have to learn from our successes and failures. This month I'd like to share with you an article written a few years ago with one officer's guidance. I encourage you to read it with a critical eye, and ask yourself how you could possibly put these lessons into everyday practice.

Editor's note: The following article was written by Lt. Col. Alan Vogel and originally published by the Hilltop Times, Hill AFB, Utah on July 8, 1999.

Two of the biggest rewards military members receive are the privilege of working with dedicated, caring professionals and the honor of being presented with a job critical to national security. One key ingredient that inspires our people to achieve is perhaps the greatest reward of all — the challenge, satisfaction and honor of leading others.

Some folks mistakenly believe they must wait until they are in a 'position' of leadership and this is simply not

true. In fact, most midlevel supervisors were given leadership opportunities because they demonstrated leadership in subordinate roles.

Realize early in your career that leadership is not just a position of authority, but a principle of authority. With this in mind, take advantage of every opportunity to exercise and develop it.

Every effective leader has spent many hours — which may be transparent to the rest of us — developing their leadership skills. There are many traits that each of us possess and develop depending on our personality. However, there are a few basic attributes that all great leaders grasp and develop throughout their career, such as obtaining and maintaining technical expertise, developing strong communication skills, being a positive role model and encouraging leadership.

Be a technical expert. It's impossible to earn the respect of your supervisors and subordinates without a thorough understanding of your own duties and responsibilities. Become the recognized ace. Accept that a minimum is established, but never accept this as your personal goal. Go the extra mile to ensure you can successfully perform when things don't go perfectly.

Great leaders must also be great communicators. While gathering information and counsel is vital to good decision making, don't stall in the gathering mode. Sometimes you'll need to make decisions with limited information or the opportunity will pass you by. Encourage the flow of information and aggressively seek

feedback on how things are perceived by the troops — perception is reality to the individual. Circumstances often exist that aren't ideal and negative feedback is a certainty — use those opportunities to collect information and develop a deliberate corrective plan.

Be a good example and a role model for others. Like it or not, each of us is a role model for someone. If not at home, be assured that your co-workers are watching you. What are they seeing? Be the first to make sacrifices — don't be the person who's perceived as out for themselves. Grasp opportunities to give credit to others.

Leaders must encourage subordinates to develop their leadership skills by giving them as much flexibility as the situation will allow. Provide clear "big picture" objectives while avoiding meddlesome policy or procedural direction. Provide constructive inputs while keeping those inputs to a minimum.

Delegate responsibility and allow individuals to fail — one first-hand exposure to failure is a far better teacher than ten lectures. Motivate and reward subordinates who possess the courage to seek improvement. A good leader recognizes that improvement will only be achieved by those willing to take chances and accept a degree of risk.

It's not the pay that makes military service worth the sacrifice; it's the satisfaction of completing difficult tasks that have an impact on our national defense and the honor of working with others who are willing to put their self-interest second to the needs of the team.

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Stolen VA records: Airman urged to be vigilant

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force officials are asking Airmen to stay extra vigilant in protecting their credit and themselves from identity theft in light of the recent theft of 26.5 million veteran's records from the home of a Department of Veterans Affairs employee in May.

The VA announced that the stolen records might include personal information of people currently in the military, according to a VA news release. Initial findings from the VA indicated the personal information on about 50,000 active duty, National Guard and Reserve Airmen may have been involved.

As the two agencies compared electronic files, VA and the Department of Defense learned that personal information on as many as 1.1 million active-duty service members, 430,000

National Guardsmen, and 645,000 members of the Reserve may have been included in the data theft, according to the VA release June 7.

The VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes. However, the VA is asking all veterans to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions.

Several resources are available for people to go to for more information. The VA has set up a special Web site at www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo and a toll-free telephone number, 800-FED-INFO or 800-333-4636, that feature up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The site offers tips on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and whom to call

if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring using his or her personal information.

The Air Force and Department of Defense are working closely with the VA to determine how many Airmen and other service members may be affected by the compromise of records. Airmen whose information has been compromised will be notified by the VA so they can take the appropriate steps.

Also, all active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen can check the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil to see if their personal data was compromised.

Family Support Centers across the Air Force are prepared to assist anyone with questions regarding identity theft or similar financial concerns, Air Force officials said.

Wear of AFRC patch mandatory Oct. 1

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Air Force Reserve Command is in the process of making the wear of the AFRC patch mandatory on battle dress uniforms and flight suits for unit reservists and headquarters staffers.

These people, including those assigned to the AFRC headquarters and the Air Reserve Personnel Center, can start wearing the patch now. Oct. 1 is the mandatory wear date.

The new patch policy does not apply to mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and full-time members of the Active Guard and Reserve assigned outside the command.

The AFRC patch will go on the right breast pocket. Unit commanders may approve the wear of one sewn-on, subdued patch on the left breast pocket, either a numbered air force, wing or squadron organizational patch. That patch will be centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket.

People assigned to the area of responsibility will follow the guidance prescribed by that combatant command.

AFRC officials approved the purchase of the patches last year, and most units have already received funding to buy them. (AFRC News Service)



Photo by Master Sgt. Ray Sarracino

No Sweat

Senior Airman Michelle Santos, of the 482nd MXG Metals Technology Shop welds a steel plate for use in aerospace ground equipment maintenance during the wing's monthly unit training assembly on June 4 at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.

New commander at Maritime Safety and Security Team Miami

By Jake Shaw
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan D. Theel assumed command of the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Team Miami in a ceremony here at Homestead Air Reserve Base on May 26.

MSST's are highly specialized "SWAT" teams on the water that are highly mobile and world-wide deployable. Since its commissioning in 2005 MSST Miami has been deployed for over 300 days.

Coast Guard Capt. Bradley M. Jacobs, Chief of Response Enforcement for U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area, presided over the ceremony.

Lt. Cmdr. Theel takes over from Lt. Cmdr. Carlos Mercado, who is transferring to District Fourteen Incident Management Branch, Honolulu, Hawaii, after commanding MSST Miami since its commissioning on Jan 21, 2005.

As the commander of MSST Miami, Lt. Cmdr. Theel will oversee all functions of the team, which are



Photo by Lisa Macias

heavily focused on the deterrence, identification and interdiction of possible terrorist threats against our nation's waterways.

For the past three years, Lt. Cmdr. Theel was the Deputy Commander for Group Grand Haven, Michigan. He has also served previously as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the USCGC VALIANT in Miami and later as the Officer in Charge of the Law Enforcement Detachment 5F at

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. His primary duty at LED 5F was the pursuit of drug traffickers in the Caribbean.

Lt. Cmdr. Theel's deployment experience includes a three month stint in Bahrain where he served as the assistant Coast Guard liaison officer to the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Officer in Charge of the Law Enforcement Detachment in Bahrain. For his service in Bahrain he received the Navy Commendation Medal, which is not commonly awarded to personnel not in the Navy.

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Lt. Cmdr. Theel graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1996. He also holds a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

In his remarks to welcome the new MSST Commander, presiding official Capt. Jacobs said we must keep threats clear of our borders and manage our time, people and assets to make sure we do our best at every task, every day, in every way.

During a short speech to the plank owners of MSST Miami, Lt. Cmdr. Theel said, "Each of you has your own reason for being a member of this unit." Later he added, "We have a lot



Photo by Lisa Macias

(Top) Incoming commander Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Theel, seated-right, listens to outgoing commander Lt. Cmdr. Carlos Mercado during the MSST 9114 change of command ceremony on May 26. Coast Guard Capt. Bradley Jacobs, seated-left, presided over the ceremony. (Left) Lt. Cmdr. Mercado makes a final review of his unit.

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Success accumulates, but fuels flight strives for more

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE, Fla. – The trophy awarded May 4 to the 482nd Fighter Wing Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight is the latest in a long string of accomplishments for the unit.

The American Petroleum Institute's annual Golden Derrick Award recognizes the flight as the best Air Force Reserve Command fuels

section from a group of 39 units, said Mr. Jim Weldon, chief, fuels management systems, Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command, here to present the trophy. The 482nd FW LRS Fuels Flight also earned the Golden Derrick Award in 1998, 1999 and 2001.

"This is a continuance of the level of excellence we expect of ourselves in this section," said unit fuels officer Maj. Luis Millares. "We start everything with the expectation that we are going to be the best at whatever we do," he said.

"[The award] is the ultimate accomplishment of the team effort we have here," said flight superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Al Butler. "We stay focused on earning the respect of our peers: locally, in the [fuels] community and across the country," he said.

Areas of rating considered during the evaluation process include training, equipment, safety, mobility and

facilities. And to be good just isn't enough, said Don "Mac" McNeal, the 482nd FW's civilian fuels chief. The evaluation comes down to how aggressively each unit surpasses the standards; to what degree a unit goes above and beyond expectations.

A large part of the grading prior to 2002 considered the fuels teams as a whole: the day-to-day operations managed by civilians, and the traditional reservist part of the operation. But the

"Outstanding" ratings on the 2002 Unit Compliance Inspection, 2004 Operational Readiness Inspection, unit coins from the 10th Air Force Commander and 10th Air Force Inspector General and has been cited for best practices in quality control matrixes and training plan milestones.

Several procedures and processes developed by 482nd LRS Fuels Flight are used as models AFRC-wide, said Sergeant Butler.



Members of the 482nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight pose proudly with their 2005 AFRC Golden Derrick award. 482nd FW Commander Col. Randy Falcon, right, LRS Commander Lt. Col. Robert Mood, second to right, and MSG Commander Col. Dennis Daley, left, were on hand to thank the troops for all their hard work.

Golden Derrick is now an award directed at identifying excellence in the reservist component of the fuels operation solely. Civilian and military portions of the operation often overlap, but the criteria are weighted to militarized parts of the job.

"However you look at it, we still have a great team of civilians and military working together here," said Sergeant Butler.

The 482nd LRS Fuels Flight has been on the road to success for several years now, which undoubtedly helped in their preparedness for the AFRC/API rating team's visit. The flight earned

"They've had one heck of a year," said Lt. Col. Chuck Mood, 482nd FW LRS commander. "In fact the entire squadron has. I'm proud of each and every one of my troops," he said.

And Col. Mood has much to be proud of. The 482nd LRS also earned top honors with the 2005 AFRC Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren C. Carter Logistics Effectiveness Award for a best

logistics readiness squadron in support of a flying mission.

"If anything, it was the people here that gave the team the edge," said Mr. Weldon of the 482nd's win. "The quality of the people, the professionalism, technical experience, the dedication... their overall performance," he added.

An award similar to the Golden Derrick is presented in the active duty and Air National Guard categories. 80 graded areas considered in the selection process for this year's Air Force Reserve component award.

Air Force Reserve Band spreads goodwill

By Jake Shaw

482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Band of the Air Force Reserve performed a Band Strike Package at Homestead Air Reserve Base from 18-20 May as part of the Air Force Reserve's Community Outreach program.

The Band – comprised of three separate ensembles – performed at nine separate venues around Miami-Dade County, focused on thanking the local community and employers for continually supporting Homestead ARB and the Air Force Reserve.

From their initial performance on the NBC morning show to the final note of their show at the Homestead Armed Forces Day celebration, the band was magnificent, said Col. Randall Falcon, 482nd Fighter Wing Commander.

We wanted the band to help us reach out into the community and interact with our neighbors, and they did that flawlessly, he said.

The most popular ensemble of the band that played here in South Florida was the BlueNotes, which features a blend of jazz and blues with a touch of Latin spice.

"The Blue Notes were fabulous! When will they be coming back to visit again?" said City of Homestead Councilwoman Lynda Bell.

The BlueNotes played concerts at WTVJ-NBC6 and the East Ridge Retirement Village before concluding their visit at the Armed Forces Day celebration on Homestead's Main Street, where hundreds sat in Losner Park as the band played for nearly three hours.

Another unique ensemble from the band was Southern Aire, which performs Celtic music on a variety of Irish and Scottish instruments such as bagpipes, Irish flutes, bodhrans, and much more.

Southern Aire started the long weekend of performances at the Homestead ARB Falcon's Nest Club, where lunchtime customers were treated to something out of the ordinary.

"The band played mostly folk music. This was the first time we've had a band at lunch and several people asked when the band would be coming back," said Scott Ibarra, 482nd Services Club Manager.

Southern Aire also visited the Miami Children's Museum and the Homestead Art Club as part of the outreach program.

The Brass Quintet was the more traditional of the three band ensembles that visited Homestead ARB. They play a repertoire spanning five centuries, including everything from Renaissance and Baroque music all the way to jazz, popular music, marches and patriotic selections.

The Brass Quintet began Thursday evening with a

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Photo by Lisa Macias

Senior Airman Mike Henrie, a member of the Band of the Air Force Reserve's Celtic ensemble Southern Aire, shows two little girls how to use of his percussion instruments during a performance at Miami Children's Museum on May 19.



Photo by Lisa Macias

Tech. Sgt. Charles Anderson hits a high note at Losner Park in downtown Homestead, Fla. on May 20. The Blue Notes ensemble of the AFRC Band capped off their trip with a show for hundreds of Homesteaders on Armed Forces Day.

Local teen awarded trip to Air Force Space Camp

By Lisa Macias

482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After going through a competitive selection process, local teen Christina Ortiz, 16, has been selected to attend the Air Force Advanced Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. from July 30 to Aug. 4.

Daughter of Manny Ortiz, a civilian with the 482nd Fighter Wing's Communication Squadron, she was in contention for the award among 50 other youths.

Christina had to prepare a portfolio, which consisted of recommendations, school grade point average and leadership activities.

Sponsored by the Air Force Services Family Membership Program, this opportunity is open to family of active duty assigned to or living on an Air Force installation, Air Force retirees, Air Force civilians, Air National Guardsmen and Air Force reservists.

"This is a great example of how the Air Force continually strives to support its families and create opportunities for them," Jeff Carney, 482nd Service Squadron marketing director said.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany while her father was in the Army, Christina is familiar with military life.

"I moved a lot and basically lived the life of an Army brat," she said.

According to her father, Christina did not become interested in flying or anything military related until high school, when upon entering Felix Varela High School, she joined the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and Civil Air Patrol.

"It was a total surprise to me," Manny said. "We never pushed her into it. On the contrary, we tried Girl Scouts and soccer."

Christina remembers always being in planes and telling her mom she wanted to be a stewardess. Her mom responded by telling her she could be the one to fly the plane instead.

Christina believes being in CAP and her dedication to JROTC definitely helped her get selected for space camp.

Staying busy this summer, she is currently attending the National Flight Academy, Power Track in Ashland, Neb., to begin introductory pilot lessons with CAP. She has already completed two touch-and-go landings in a Cessna



Courtesy photo

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"It's amazing. It's a whole different world up there," Christina said. "However, it's definitely not a vacation, but more like basic training."

Shortly after this, she will head to space camp to see what it is like to be an astronaut. She says she doesn't know what she has gotten herself into, but want experience at little of it.

As a military parent who served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, Manny feels blessed and very proud of Christina.

Christina's advice to others who want to fly, "If they look up and reach out with their hands, they will realize there is no limit. We can all do anything if we want it."

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concert at Community Partnership for Homeless, where the band brought smiles to children who seem to have gained a sense of hope and happiness after seeing the band perform.

Daniel Vincent, CHPI Executive Director, said everyone had been looking forward to hearing the band.

"This is wonderful. I'm grateful to Col Randy Falcon of Homestead Air Reserve Base for bringing these guys out here. It means a lot to the residents for the band to take the time to share their talents and educate the children and entertain the families here."

The Brass Quintet continued their weekend of performances at The South Dade High School's Homestead Center for the Arts before visiting the Miami Veteran's Administration Hospital on May 20.

This was the first time the Band of the Air Force Reserve has performed a strike package in Homestead. (Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia, 301st FW/PA contributed to this article)



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia

Staff Sgt. John Caputo, a trombone player with the Band of the Air Force Reserve, belts out a James Brown tune during a concert at Community Partnership for Homeless in Homestead, Fla., on May 18.

Deployed security forces dedicate children's playground

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Candy Knight
376th AEW Public Affairs

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan -- With the whack of a hammer and the cut from scissors, the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron formally completed and dedicated a new children's playground at an Oktobersky Village school on June 22.

The ceremony was attended by Col. Joel "Scott" Reese, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, village leaders and members from the 376th AEW.

The ceremony began with Ms. Galina Tereshyuk, Oktobersky Village mayor, and Colonel Reese, thanking the servicemembers for using their rare days off to plan and construct the playground.

"We thank you and hope we can continue our friendship in the future," May Tereshyuk said.

"To Major (Mark) Anarumo and your crew, great job. Way to stay safe while working hard to make this a better place for the children to learn and develop their physical abilities, and have fun while they're at it," Colonel Reese said.

Servicemembers also received thanks from Mr. Kerimkulov, head of the Alamudun district.

"Job well done," he said. "I hope



JUST RIGHT: Tech. Sgt. William Gordon, 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, shows an Oktobersky Village School student how to level a wood plank. (Below) Tech. Sgt. Edward Sileo drills a hole to attach a rope ladder for the playground. Sergeants Gordon and Sileo are deployed from the 482nd Security Forces Squadron, Homestead ARB, Fla.

that you will have more time to do this type of peaceful work, and less fighting."

Amid the cheers of "Spasiba! Spasiba! Spasiba!," which means

thank you, Maj. Anarumo thanked the village leaders, the servicemembers who volunteered, and most importantly, the children.

"Take care of your playground and enjoy," he said.

The project began in May.

Volunteers spent their off-duty time sawing, painting and mixing cement, completing the project in just one month.

The village children assisted the volunteers throughout the construction.

Hammering nails and screwing screws, the children's constant presence reminded the volunteers why they were there.

"I know that as (the children) watched you build, they've been able to learn from your example of work ethic, sacrifice and community service," Colonel Reese told the Airmen.





Photo by Lisa Macias

The Honorable William C. Anderson (center), Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, visited Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., 26-27 June. His stay included visits to all major areas of the base and roundtable discussions with Airmen from various squadrons. As Assistant Secretary, he heads three division departments that deal at the policy level with Air Force facility and logistical issues.

Six members of the 482nd Medical Squadron retired together in an informal ceremony here on June 3. As friends and colleagues (and in one case husband and wife), they chose to end their careers together. The six were joined by well-wishers and squadron colleagues, as well as by a large contingent of family members. Collectively, the retirees take with them more than 160 years of service and experience in Air Force medicine. (Left to right) Master Sgt. Iris Tirado, left, Master Sgt. Jose Davila, Tech. Sgt. Dora Betancourt, Senior Master Sgt. Juan Betancourt, Tech. Sgt. Lanas Dorch and Tech. Sgt. Larry Fear moments before their retirement ceremony.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ray Sarracino



Photo by Jake Shaw

Vice Wing Commander Col. Rob Pumbo, right, and Operations Group Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Tracy Hunt, left, join Homestead ARB's first quarter award winners at the Falcon's Nest on June 1. The winners, from left to right, are Dawn Smith, Civilian of the Quarter, Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Addison, Senior NCO of the Quarter, Senior Airman Oscar Manzilla, Airman of the Quarter and 2nd Lt. Katherine Easevoli, Junior Officer of the Quarter. Staff Sgt. Linda Thrasher, not pictured, won NCO of the Quarter.

Sexual assault response coordinator focused on victim care

By Dan Galindo
482nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Ms. Lucy Hazeur became the permanent coordinator of the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program here at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. in early May.

The base Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, SARC, is the single point of contact for integrating and coordinating sexual assault victim care from initial report of sexual assault through disposition and resolution of issues related to the victim's health and well-being. She's responsible for supporting victims through the entire reporting process and helping access military and community services.

"This program was mandated in June of 2005. It's a victim-oriented program," Ms. Hazeur said. "When a victim of sexual assault makes a report, the victim is the priority."

Last year DOD and Congress revised its sexual assault policy and implemented the SARC program. All military installations have program response coordinators to assist victims.

In addition to emphasis on prevention and response training, the policy provides a restricted reporting option, more victim support and a detailed definition of sexual assault.

Restricted reporting is confidential. Victims can report an assault and receive all of the medical and counseling support he or she needs without starting an investigation or notifying the commander.

"This is about putting control back in the hands of the victim," she said. "When someone is assaulted they may not be comfortable with a stressful investigation. They'll have time to decide if or when to pursue charges against an alleged perpetrator."

Under restricted reporting, evidence collected in a sexual assault forensic exam, known as a rape assault kit, will be stored and preserved

up to a year by a military investigative agency with only a case number to maintain confidentiality.

People will still have the option of initiating an investigation by making an unrestricted report to the SARC, even after using the restricted reporting option or after the one-year preservation limit of forensic evidence.

"Victims can initiate an investigation after one year, but forensic evidence will have been destroyed by then," Ms. Hazeur said. "Victims have the option to have a forensic exam as soon as possible after an assault so this evidence is available if a victim determines to make an unrestricted report."

Since its introduction in June 2005, restricted reporting accounted for 435 of the 2,374 allegations of sexual assault involving servicemembers as either victim or perpetrator. Twenty-five percent later changed to unrestricted reporting, according to the DOD Sexual Assault Report for last calendar year.

"People seem less fearful about coming forward, and they don't have to suffer in silence," Ms. Hazeur said. "Because victims have a safe haven, military and community leaders have a

better picture of the situation, and we can focus on prevention and awareness."

The SARC, victim advocate or health care provider are the only ones that can give restricted reporting.

"Chaplains are not considered part of the restricted reporting chain, but what you tell them is privileged," she said.

DOD defines sexual assault as "intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim."

Despite the type of report, all victims will have access to a victim advocate that will provide personal support and information during the reporting or investigative process.

"A SARC will always help," Ms. Hazeur said. "Whatever we can do, we will find a way."

Know the Differences

Restricted

- Contact SARC
- Command not notified
- Victim Advocate attends to needs, provides supportive services
- Get medical care
- Get counseling
- Can make unrestricted report later

Unrestricted

- Contact SARC
- Command is notified
- Victim Advocate attends to needs, provides supportive services
- Investigation initiated
- Get medical care
- Get counseling

If anyone other than the SARC, Victim Advocate or medical provider has information about the assault and notifies command, then an investigation is launched. Restricted reporting cannot continue after an independent report.

SARC Hotline

To report a sexual assault, call one of the following:

DSN 791-SARC (7272)

Commercial (305) 224-7272

All Air Force installations now use extension 7272 for SARC Hotlines

Club breakfast changes

Breakfast at the Falcons Nest Club now has a new look. At the request of many members, it will no longer be a buffet. There will be an à la carte menu with many of your breakfast favorites available. Breakfast will still be served from 6 – 9 a.m., Mon-Fri.

A/V training comes first

In order to use the audio-visual equipment in the meeting rooms of Heritage Hall, Bldg. 404, personnel must be trained by a Service Squadron member prior to meetings. Trained SVS personnel are not available at all times. Therefore you must schedule an appointment for training, which takes no longer than 15 minutes. Contact Sheree Chandler at (305) 224-7684 or by e-mail at sheree.chandler@homestead.af.mil to make an appointment.

MEO advisor position

The Military Equal Opportunity office is looking to interview a Staff Sgt. or Tech Sgt. interested in joining the MEO team. If you have briefing and computer skills with a genuine desire to help all members of the 482nd Fighter Wing community, this may be the job for you. You will be required to attend a four week school at Patrick AFB, Fla. Contact Lt. Col. Robert Delgado at (305) 224-7821 for details.

Perks of membership

Now's the time to join the Falcon's Nest Club! From the AFRC level, a total of three prizes will be awarded randomly to club members, including: one \$1,000 gas gift card to a current member; one \$1,000 gas gift card to a member that joins in June or July; and one Bose Wave Music System to a member that fills out a comment card during the months of June or July 2006. Winners of the gift card will be randomly selected from the Club Works membership database. The winner of the Music System will be randomly selected from the Interactive

Customer Evaluation (ICE) database. For members to fill out the survey and become eligible for the Bose system, visit:

http://ice.disa.mil/survey_library/go.cfm?InsideOut2006Survey Be sure to input the Keyword: InsideOut2006.

Leadership seminar

The 482nd Fighter Wing will be holding a leadership seminar on Aug. 4 at 12:30 p.m. in building 360, room 131. This training is for NCO's that have or will have leadership positions in the future. All interested Master Sgts, Tech Sgts and Staff Sgts, including current or prospective supervisors from any squadron may participate. Contact your First Sergeant with your intent to participate and with your commander's approval, you will be on your way to improving your leadership abilities. The class will fill up quickly with accommodations for only 24 members. This is very informative and you will receive three briefings from both senior officers and enlisted leaders in our Wing with ways to be an effective leader.

Retiree Appreciation Day

Military retirees and family members are invited to attend the 2006 Florida Retiree Appreciation Day on July 8. The event will be held at the Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel, 711 NW 72nd Ave. in Miami, and is hosted by the Fort Stewart Retirement Services Office and the 3rd Inf. Div. The morning speakers program will begin at 9:15 a.m. The keynote speaker will be retired Lt. Gen. Fredrick E. Vollrath, co-chairman, Chief of Staff Army Retiree Council. Additional speakers will be from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and the National Association of Uniformed Services. Information will be provided on legislative issues affecting military retiree benefits and pay and many other issues. A "county fair" event will be held from noon until 3 p.m.

Representatives from the Fort Stewart retirement services and casualty offices, AAFES, the commissary, veteran's services, Tricare, AUSA, Delta Dental, the ID card section (DEERS), and others will be available to provide information, individual counseling and personal assistance. Identification cards will be issued throughout the day. Retirees and family members will need to bring supporting documentation with them. For more information contact Mr. Martin Rosen by e-mail at martin.rosen@wachoviasec.com

4th of July celebration

Come out to Coast Guard Base Miami Beach with your family and guests to celebrate Independence Day at South Florida's Eighth Annual July 4th Picnic, BBQ, and Fireworks display. The event runs from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and is free for all military members, DOD civilian employees and everyone's guests. There will be free hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. Bring your favorite salad, vegetable, entrée or dessert to share! Enjoy swimming, games and fireworks in the evening. The base is located off of MacArthur Causeway at Causeway Island. For security reasons and to help organizers provide enough food/refreshments for everyone, RSVP for yourself and your guests. Volunteers are also needed. Call (305) 274-5619 or (305) 856-0528.

Dolphins home opener

Want to go to the Miami Dolphins first home game of the season for free? Volunteers will help unfurl a large flag during pre-game activities and will get free tickets to watch the game. Volunteers will be in a no-pay status. Uniform for the event is Battle Dress Uniform. Look for an upcoming announcement in the Outlook public folder or contact Jake Shaw at (305) 224-7263 or email at jacob.shaw@homestead.af.mil

Deadlines near for officer education opportunities

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Sept. 15 is the deadline for Air Force Reserve Command officers to apply for next year's in-residence intermediate and senior developmental education courses.

Intermediate courses include the Air Command and Staff College, and the Joint Military Intelligence College. Senior courses include the Air, Army, Naval and National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Harvard National Security Fellowship.

"Candidates will compete for all the programs which they are eligible for," said Sylvia Rutland, manager of AFRC A1 Manpower and Personnel's officer developmental education program. "Selection is not automatic."

Instructions for submitting packages are on the Air Reserve Personnel Center's Web site under Air Force Reserve Developmental Education Designation Board at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/forcedevelopment/training/rdedb.asp>

The board will decide in November who has been selected for a course.

In addition to regular continuing developmental education courses, AFRC has the opportunity to select two Reserve officers to attend the Canadian Forces College Joint Reserve Command and Staff Course.

Candidates must be a major or lieutenant colonel and be able to complete the course's four terms of study. The first three terms will be distance learning and require about 85

hours of course work.

The course ends in a two-week in-residence program July 7-20, 2007, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The purpose of the course is "to prepare selected senior reserve officers for tactical level command and staff appointments within operational level joint and combined headquarters."

The course does not fulfill any mandatory professional military education requirements. All nominations are due to AFRC A1TS by July 14.

Ms. Rutland can provide more information about these courses at 478-327-1291 or at DSN 497-1291, or via e-mail at sylvia.rutland@afrc.af.mil (AFRC News Service)

Citizen Airman, employer awards recognize contributions

WASHINGTON — Air Force Reserve Command is seeking nominees for its Citizen Airman and Employer of the Year Awards. Deadline is July 31.

The awards recognize an enlisted reservist and an officer who deployed in support of current operations from Jan. 1, 2005, to Dec. 31, 2005, and their respective employers for supporting their activation and deployment.

Unit reservists give their nominations to their wing commanders for endorsement and submission to the number air force commanders.

Individual mobilization augmentees assigned to the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver submit their nominations through their chain of command to the ARPC commander. Other IMAs submit their nominations to their unit commander who sends them to the Readiness Management Group at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Air reserve technicians and members of the Active Guard and Reserve cannot enter because the

awards are for reservists who are not employed full time by the federal government.

Reservists type their nominations on an Air Force Form 1206; employer nominations are typed on a single 8 1/2- by 11-inch bond paper. Both use point paper or talking paper format – bulleted short statements or key points.

The packages should explain the reservists' contributions to the Air and Space Expeditionary Force or contingency, and the employer's support of military members and the Air Force Reserve.

In addition to nominee's name, job title, organization, mailing address, commercial phone number, fax number and e-mail address, each nomination should include the same information on the nominator.

Other requirements are a one-page biography on each nominee and a 70- to 80-word citation that captures the essences of the achievement.

Commanders have until Aug. 21 to submit the nominations to HQ USAF/

REI, 1150 Air Force Pentagon, Room 5D712, Attention : Chief Master Sgt. Valerie Barnes, Washington, D.C., 20330-1150.

A panel in the Office of Air Force Reserve will review the nominations and submit them to the commander of AFRC for approval.

The Air Force Association will recognize the selected reservists and employers at its annual convention in Washington in September. (AFRC News Service)

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of specialized skills in our unit, and we need to work on getting them integrated into the entire Coast Guard."

For his part, outgoing commander Lt. Cmdr. Carlos Mercado had this to say to the MSST Miami plank owners; "One word describes this unit – resilient. Continue to give Lt. Cmdr. Theel the same support and dedication you have afforded me and you will continue to be successful."