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# Who are my heroes?

**By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane**  
*302nd AW commander*

As I pondered a press article that described a sports figure as a "hero," I began to think about the question, "Who are my heroes?"

I eliminated most current sports figures from my list. Certainly many deserve praise for their good works, while others deserve derision for their drug-enhanced performances. But with very few exceptions, the performance is self-serving. They are using tremendous gifts and enormous dedication to succeed and excel, but they don't meet my definition of hero.

I would put most movie stars in the same category. They are exceptionally gifted in their trade and many are generous with the money that comes with their success. Others turn to politics and stand up for causes

that are dear to them. I exclude these individuals from my list because I don't see political activism or charitable works as worthy of heroism.

So, what is a hero? Webster talks about a man "who is admired for courage, nobility and exploits." I would question the gender reference, as a vestige of our chauvinist language. The follow-up question is, what is nobility? Noble refers to showing high moral qualities and greatness of character. I would extend that to say there is an element of altruism, giving to others, that is a critical piece of nobility and hence, heroism.

There are plenty of people who meet that definition. However, most of the people cited on the TV news or in the press as heroes would not meet my definition.

I've selected the men and women of our

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# It's the little things that go a long way

**By Airman 1st Class Jessica E. Andrews**  
*302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron unit public affairs representative*

What I have to say about the upcoming year is nothing as eloquent or insightful as what Air Force senior leaders may write, but as a new Airman, with fresh eyes, I want to make a few observations.

I have my standard New Year's resolutions already planned – lose a few pounds, sort out my finances, take up a new hobby. But this year will be different. This year, unlike last, I am a member of the United States Air Force.

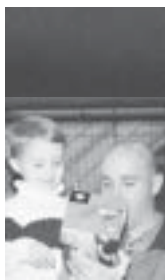
For 2006, I will be adding hopes of achievement goals in my unit, such as higher rank,

adding more duties, etc. Though I wear the airman first class chevron on my sleeves, I am bound with a college degree and five years of "real life" working experience. My enlistment was a little unconventional in that I joined later in life after college, and I did not become an officer. I joined, like most, for my own personal reasons. I don't know what the future holds for my civilian job, but I am compelled to be a part of what I think is the greatest branch of the military.

I am not telling you these things to make myself look better, if anything, quite the opposite. My civilian job is much different than my duties at the 302nd Aeromedical

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# On the cover



**Spreading holiday cheer**  
 Tech. Sgt. Aaron Thomas, 302nd Security Forces Squadron security forces technician, and his son, Ethan, check out the football Ethan received from Santa Claus at the 302nd Airlift Wing Holiday Party. For more on the event, see page 12. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

# UTA Schedule

**Next UTA: Jan. 7-8**

**Feb. 11-12**

**March 4-5**

**April 1-2**

The next UTA schedule is printed in more detail on page 10. The *Front Range Flyer* is mailed each month to all 302nd Airlift Wing members on file with Personnel Systems. If you are not receiving your magazine, check with your orderly room or administration section to ensure your address is correct.



# Forming the mold for a promising future

By Chief Master Sgt.

Eric P. Deylius

302nd AW Career Advisor

As we enter a new year, I can't help but reflect back on the past 23 years as a member of this unit ...

It was cold on that Jan. 9 day in 1983. There were still remnants of a past snow storm on the ground; but for all intent and purposes, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce was able to chalk that day up as a day of sunshine.

I walked onto the flight-line, which only had three C-130 B models parked on it, and was approached by an individual who

introduced himself as (Staff Sgt.) Ron Bebow, the hydraulic shop supervisor. As I asked him for directions to CBPO to do

to my in processing, I couldn't help but notice

the unusual "hominess look" of his tool box. When I asked him about the tools he was using, he clued me in that although we have airplanes assigned here, we don't have the facilities or the tools to maintain them – yet. "So, in the meantime, he said, the tools that you

have in the back of the trunk of your car are it." Not a problem, just a challenge, I thought.

This unit was started 23 1/2 years ago, in October 1982. It

started out as the 901st Tactical Airlift Group and became the 302nd Airlift Wing in 1985.

Building this unit from literally the ground up to where we are today took a lot of folks countless hours of dedication, hard work, time away from family, heartbreak, and frustration.

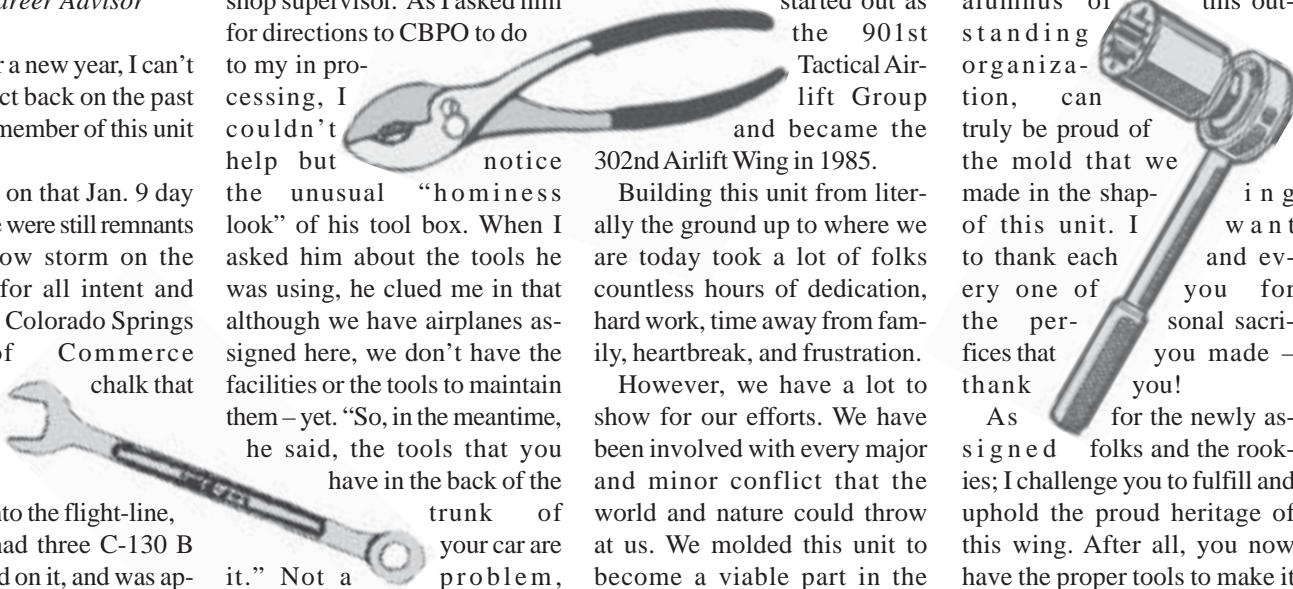
However, we have a lot to show for our efforts. We have been involved with every major and minor conflict that the world and nature could throw at us. We molded this unit to become a viable part in the world peace-keeping operation

that our country's democracy so heavily depends on. We, the

alumnus of this outstanding organization, can truly be proud of the mold that we

made in the shaping of this unit. I want to thank each and every one of you for the personal sacrifices that you made – thank you!

As for the newly assigned folks and the rookies; I challenge you to fulfill and uphold the proud heritage of this wing. After all, you now have the proper tools to make it happen.



## Heroes continued from page 2

military, both active and reserve, as my heroes. They voluntarily put themselves in harm's way to protect our nation and our way of life. The sacrifices they make are unquestionable, and are clearly intended to help others. Each time I see a grandmother kiss her grandbaby goodbye as she boards an airplane for Baghdad, or a father kisses his triplets goodbye, I get a

refresher on the sacrifices our people make.

I am reminded, when I see Tech. Sgt. Jamie Dana, a 21st Security Forces Squadron member, walking with her cane and her dog, Rex, of the sacrifices our men and women make. When I talk to an amputee who lost his leg to a landmine in Afghanistan, but who is ready to return because the job isn't done, I know I am talking to a hero. As I reflect on a young Marine's

proud but sad parents receiving his citizenship posthumously, because he died defending a country he was not yet a citizen of, I think I have found legitimate heroes.

Do any of these people think of themselves as heroes? Probably not, but maybe that makes them even better examples. I cannot think of any better group of people to consider heroes. Yes, you are all, every-one of you, my heroes!

## Little things continued from page 2

Staging Squadron.

Though I am older than many who wear higher rank on their sleeves, I am humbled by their helpfulness and experience. I deserve to be the rank I am at – I don't know what I am doing. You know that first day of school when you don't know anyone or where you're going? I felt like that in my new unit – for about five minutes – because of the friendly professionals who were there to help me.

If you're not sure what the

ASTS really is, it is comprised of nurses, doctors, medical technicians and diet therapy (my field). These people are consummate professionals. Chief Master Sgt. Stephanie Pauley, who has been in our unit the longest, informed me of our overall mission.

We provide the wing with medical support, such as physical exams and emergency medical services, not to mention the numerous training tasks we accomplish on our drill weekends, ensuring our personnel are war ready. I am honored to be a part of this unit, and knowing as little

as I do in the military sense, it's helpful when someone takes you under their wing.

So many military members are kind and treat me with respect. I have seen a few that are a little jaded, but, maybe I'm just wide-eyed and optimistic. If that's you, jaded, just know that you can make a difference for us "newbies." We watch what you do. We look up to you. And whether you realize it or not, it's the little things that count.

I can tell you of an incident, when my medical records were not in my charts for some reason. I had to do something I fear,

getting blood drawn. Two members of my unit, 1st Lt. Samuel Downs and Master Sgt. Tammy Gettman, literally held my hand through it. They made me laugh so hard that day and feel comfortable. They treated me as a human being with nothing to be ashamed of. It's an example of the immense appreciation I hold for many of my co-workers.

So, when you're adding to your laundry list of resolutions, maybe jot on there to pay special attention to us newcomers in the field. Maybe just one day, we'll be able to help you in return.

# Readiness flight captures AFRC award

By Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner  
*Front Range Flyer*

After winning the award four years ago, the 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight has again received top honors.

Air Force Reserve Command has named the unit the winner of the 2005 Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight Award.

The command nominated 23 civil engineers and eight units to compete for 35 Air Force CE awards.

The 302nd CES Readiness Flight competed against 16 other CE units for this award. Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Vorce, 302nd CES chief of readiness during 2005, said several key contributors included Senior Master Sgt. John Coutee, readiness flight superintendent; Tech. Sgt. Mike Mabbitt, NCO in charge of readiness

training; Staff Sgts. Nicholas Jones and Kristin Normandie, readiness journeymen; and Airman 1st Class Dana Payne, readiness apprentice.



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Jones (back), 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight readiness journeyman, talks with Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Vorce, 302nd CES operations, during gas mask fit testing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

The readiness flight is responsible for training all wing members in chemical, biological and nuclear warfare, conducts gas mask fit testing and

maintains the wing's Full Spectrum Threat Response program.

"We also play a large part in all the exercises for the wing," said Sergeant Jones.

"We are one of the top readiness flights in 22nd Air Force and are consistently requested for assistance from numbered Air Force and other units," said Sergeant Vorce. "Our flight also received the 2004 Unit Compliance Inspection Superior Performance Award."

He is grateful for the help and support his unit received from the Full Spectrum Threat Response representatives from the 302nd AW, 731st Airlift Squadron and 39th Aerial Port Squadron.

"It was a nice closure to my tenure as the air reserve technician," said Sergeant Vorce, who moved from readiness to CE operations and is now in a traditional reservist position.

## 310th Space Group to activate new unit Jan. 7

By Maj. David Rice

*310th Space Group liaison to National Security Space Institute*

The 310th Space Group will activate a new unit, the Headquarters Reserve National Security Space Institute, on Jan. 7.

The RNSSI will be the reserve associate unit to active duty's National Security Space Institute, located here in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The NSSI is the Department of Defense's focal point for educating space power application in Joint Warfighting.

Col. Jeff Ansted, 310th SG vice commander, who will become the commander on Jan. 7, noted, "The 310th Space Group is uniquely qualified in performing this mission" as the sole space unit in Air Force Reserve Command. "Our group is made up of units that run the gamut in space missions. We have space aggressors, testers, security forces, and communications units

in addition to our traditional roles as space operators executing missile warning, navigation, weather, and Joint Space Operations Center missions."

Utilizing 11 full-time and 44 traditional reservists, the RNSSI will support the active duty joint mission school which instructs courses in Space Professional Education, Warfighter Training (space mission areas), Advanced Space Training, and space familiarization as part of the Air Force and National Space Professional Strategy. The RNSSI reserve instructors will further enhance NSSI skill sets by bringing additional, unique civilian and military experience to course research and development.

Lt. Col. Frank Gallagher, NSSI commandant, looks forward to bringing in a Reserve unit to support his mission.

"Standing up the RAU will give us the right expertise to further the development of our advanced courses," he said. "Most

active duty (space operators) have only three years experience in a particular mission area. With the RAU that number could triple."

Col. Susan Rhodes, the first commandant for the Reserve NSSI, agreed with Colonel Gallagher.

"Our new unit," she said, "will bring unique capabilities to Air Force Space Command and the NSSI: a surge capacity to complete a lot of course development across a drill weekend; additional space expertise from the civilian sector; long-term continuity and a firm knowledge base." These are recognized capabilities, she added, that the Reserve brings to any mission area.

After a formal activation ceremony in February, the addition of the RNSSI brings the total number of 310th SG units to 10, located at Schriever Air Force Base, Peterson AFB, Buckley AFB and Vandenberg AFB, Calif., with over 500 members.

# 302nd AW proposes snow call policy for UTAs

**By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor**  
*Front Range Flyer*

Peterson Air Force Base currently has a policy in place for handling late reporting, early release and base closure due to inclement weather. However, that policy focuses on weekdays and currently does not take into consideration 302nd Airlift Wing unit training assemblies.

On Dec. 19, Senior Master Sgt. Randy Robson, 302nd AW Command Post superintendent, and Lt. Col. Martin Reff, 21st Space Wing officer in charge of the wing operations center, met to discuss a policy

for notifying reservists if the base closes or if there is late reporting during a UTA.

The proposed “snow call” policy, if approved, would give the 302nd AW commander authority to delay reporting times during UTAs or to cancel a UTA.

Under the proposed policy, the 302nd AW commander would notify the 302nd AW Command Post of any delay or cancellation during a UTA by 5 a.m. that day. The command post will notify the 21st SW wing operations center of the commander’s instructions. The WOC will either relay the information to the 21st SW Public Affairs office on-call individual or would patch the com-

mand post through to public affairs. Public affairs would update the snow call line and notify appropriate news agencies of the delay or closure.

Delays and cancellations will be broadcast on the following Colorado Springs TV stations: KOAA 5/30 (NBC), KKTV 11 (CBS) and KRDO 13 (ABC). They will also air on the following Colorado Springs radio stations: KRDO (FM, 95.1), KRDO (AM, 1240), KSKX (FM, 105.5), KVOR (AM, 740), KKMGM (FM, 98.9) and KKFM (FM, 98.1).

In the event of an early release, the 302nd AW commander will initiate notification to the wing through the command post.

## 302nd Airlift Wing becomes frequent flier in November

November turned out to be a busy travel month for the 302nd Airlift Wing.

About 100 maintainers and aircrew members deployed in three waves to Site 3 between Nov. 17 and 20. Meanwhile, approximately 100 other wing members returned home from Site 3 Nov. 26, 29 and 30.

The role for the deployers and returnees was and still is the same as that which has been familiar to the wing since late August – supporting U.S. Central Command operations in the Middle East.

The wing was activated in August and joined the 913th AW, Willow Grove, Pa.; and the 914th

AW, Niagara Falls, N.Y., to support CENTCOM. That activation, and another in October, put more than 400 302nd AW members into active duty status.

In addition to CENTCOM support, nearly 50 members of the 39th Aerial Port Squadron concluded their 10-month deployment in support of Opera-

tion Iraqi Freedom, returning to Colorado Nov. 5 and 9.

They were activated in December 2004 and deployed in two groups in early January.

During their deployment they rotated between Baghdad International Airport, Iraq; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

## Native American receives medal for heritage, service to country

**By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor**  
*Front Range Flyer*

The people of the Navajo Nation are a proud group of Native Americans. Master Sgt. Melvin Joe, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron, assistant supervisor and NCO in charge of heavy equipment, is no exception.



Recently, his pride was beaming as he became one of the first to accept the Navajo Nation Service Medal “for service in defense of our land and people.”

Sergeant Joe

was one of five Airmen to receive the prestigious honor. Twenty-five members of the Navajo Nation currently serving in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy received their medals from Joe Shirley, president of the Navajo Nation, at a recent ceremony. The group included 10 Marines, six Soldiers and four Seamen.

“It’s a great honor to be recognized by the Navajo Nation,” Sergeant Joe said. “This medal honors those people who are serving right now.” The medal bears the official seal of the Navajo Nation, adopted in 1868.

A full-blooded Navajo, he has been a member of the 302nd Airlift Wing for almost nine years and has been with the military since 1989.

The Navajo Nation extends into the states of Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, covering over 27,000 square miles of land. The Navajo Nation has an ever-increasing population that now surpasses 250,000.



**Master Sgt. Melvin Joe**



## 2005 - year of the deployment

In light of several deployments in support of the war on terrorism, it was still business as usual for the 302nd Airlift Wing during 2005.

Wing members continued to fly their missions, fix their aircraft, monitor Mother Nature's fury in the southeastern United States, handle their administrative duties, hone their medical skills, fight wildland fires, maintain their readiness status and more.

On top of it all, more than 400 wing members activated and more than 200 deployed to far away places. Some have returned home while others continue to defend this country's honor and values.

The 39th Aerial Port Squadron deployed 48 members in January in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The majority of them returned to Colorado in November.

The wing was activated in August to support U.S. Central Command operations in the Middle East and conducted six deployments by year's end. There have also been four redeployments back to Colorado.

Whatever the task at hand, the wing continued to meet each and every challenge with dedication and determination.

Yes, 2005 was clearly a year when the 302nd proved it is one of the elite units in the Air Force Reserve.



Left to right, Staff Sgt. Esta Jane Schmidt, Senior Master Sgt. Brian Pinsky, Tech. Sgt. Helga Hermes and Staff Sgt. Daniel Erives were among 48 members of the 39th Aerial Port Squadron who deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in January. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)



Maj. Dave Condit, 731st Airlift Squadron navigator, embraces his son, Douglas, upon returning from Qatar in October. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative)

Right, Senior Master Sgt. Pete LaBarre Jr., 302nd Airlift Control Flight loadmaster, sits at the Modular Airborne Firefighting System control module panel during MAFFS certification and training in May. The wing's role in aerial firefighting was limited in 2005, due to activation, but was called into action briefly so that an Air National Guard unit could be relieved to perform Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Chief Master Sgt. James D. Riley, 731st Airlift Squadron unit public affairs representative)



# Airman meets doctor who saved her

by 1st Lt. Tracy Giles  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

*Editor's note – Tech Sgt. Jamie Dana and her military working dog, Rex, frequently performed checks of 302nd Airlift Wing buildings before she was deployed to Iraq.*

More than five months, 8,000 miles and countless prayers led to an unlikely reunion at a Colorado animal sanctuary.

Tech. Sgt. Jamie Dana and Maj. (Dr.) Paul Morton first met June 25 in Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq – a hot summer day the major described simply as chaotic. They met again Dec. 2 on a cold winter day in the relative calm of the Black Forest Animal Sanctuary in Monument, Colo.

At Kirkuk, Sergeant Dana, a former 21st Security Forces Squadron dog handler, hovered near death. An improvised explosive device detonated right underneath her Humvee seat during a convoy patrol near the base.

Major Morton, a 10th Medical Group emergency room physician at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., was one of the more than 20 members of the Kirkuk medical trauma team that helped save her life that day.

Major Morton said Sergeant Dana's lungs were severely injured and she had massive internal bleeding. She needed 19 blood transfusions to keep her alive.

"Our entire team thought she was going to die," Major Morton said.

A Black Hawk helicopter evacuated Sergeant Dana to Balad Air Base, Iraq. Major Morton and a team of medics went with her.

"The helicopter ride was the scariest 45 minutes of my life – and career," Major Morton said. "Jamie almost died multiple times, and I remember myself vividly praying. I'm amazed to see her alive today."

Major Morton and Sergeant Dana have been in touch via e-mail for the past month.

But this was the first time since Iraq they had been able to meet in person. They embraced when they met again.

Major Morton said, "You look a lot better than the last time we met."

Sergeant Dana doesn't remember much from the first meeting other than a split second of confusion and asking to see her mili-

Today, the Web site has received more than 360 heartfelt messages of encouragement and support from family, military and civilian friends around the world.

The support remained constant throughout her critical days at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, and into the painful months of recovery and surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Md. It was also there through her homecoming.

"Jamie's recovery was nothing short of miraculous," said Maj. Paul Cairney, the 21st Security Forces Squadron commander. "She is very blessed to be alive."

Sergeant Dana is by no means fully recovered, but hopes remain high for her continued improvement. She walks with a cane and takes medication daily for pain. Her life has been forever altered.

Many have been inspired by her true, fighting spirit. Her strong will is clearly evident. She is determined to live life to the fullest: attend veterinary school and pursue her dream of becoming a veterinarian. She also plans to volunteer, much as she did before the attack, to care for the horses and animals of the Black Forest Animal Sanctuary.

"I love working with animals," she said. "They are

a major part of my life, and I don't want to give it up."

The sergeant says she has no regrets. "I wanted to be a part of it, and I would go back to Iraq in a heartbeat if I could," she said.

Sergeant Dana said she wants to support the troops and recognize "the men and women who are putting their lives on the line every day and dying for our country."

"And I want to thank my family, friends and the Air Force who have all been behind me every step of the way," she said.



MONUMENT (AFP) — Tech. Sgt. Jamie Dana and her former military working dog, Rex, met Maj. (Dr.) Paul Morton at an animal sanctuary where the sergeant volunteers. Major Morton helped save Sergeant Dana's life after an improvised explosive device detonated under her Humvee near Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Major Morton is with the 10th Medical Group at the U.S. Air Force Academy. (U.S. Air Force photo)

tary working dog, Rex, who also survived the blast.

During the helicopter flight, Major Morton noticed something about the young woman.

"She had an inner strength – and something deep inside of her to stay alive – that was outside of this world," he said.

Word of the attack quickly reached her family, friends and coworkers here. They set up a Web site dedicated to supporting Sergeant Dana, took donations and offered many prayers on her behalf.



# Air Force releases new mission statement

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - The realities of the world have changed dramatically since the creation of the Air Force in 1947 and continue to change almost daily.

With these changes in mind, Air Force leaders released a new mission statement Dec. 7 that defines the current and future direction of the Air Force.

"Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting and filled with a wide range of challenges," Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a joint Letter to Airmen. "Our mission is our guiding compass, and it must be clearer than ever before."

The mission statement defines the "where and what" the Air Force accomplishes on a daily basis:

The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and

its global interests – to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

The statement includes two new concepts, "sovereign options" and "cyberspace," which the secretary and chief defined. They said having sovereign options is the essence of being a superpower.

"Our task is to provide the National Command Authority and the combatant commanders with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy's defenses," they said. "With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world."

The term cyberspace includes network security, data transmission and the sharing

of information.

"We have quite a few of our Airmen dedicated to cyberspace ... from security awareness, making sure the networks can't be penetrated, as well as figuring out countermeasures," Secretary Wynne said. "The Air Force is a natural leader in the cyber world and we thought it would be best to recognize that talent."

Adversaries of the United States will use any method or venue necessary to contest America, and it is an Airman's calling to dominate air, space and cyberspace, the leaders said.

"If we can decisively and consistently dominate our assigned commons, then we will deter countless conflicts," the leaders said. "If our enemies are foolish and underestimate our resolve, then we will fly, fight, and destroy them."

Using past air power pioneers as examples of understanding the mission, the leaders said, "Our new mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do."



# Joint enlisted Professional Military Education becomes reality

By Tech. Sgt. Sean P. Houlihan  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The enlisted force will now have the same opportunity as the officer corps to receive joint professional military education throughout their careers.

"Senior leadership across the (defense) department and services know the backbone of the military is the enlisted corps, and they must be properly educated in the joint environment for the nation to be successful," said Army Command Sgt. Maj. William Joseph Gainey.

The command sergeant major is the senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Senior leaders rely on the senior enlisted leadership to take care of enlisted servicemembers," he said. "Enlisted joint

PME is a priority for all leaders that needs to be done now, because waiting isn't an option."

Command Sergeant Major Gainey said joint enlisted training has been one of his top priorities. He said it is also directly tied to Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Peter Pace's second-priority transformation of the force, and the priorities of the combatant commands' and the services' senior enlisted advisors.

The policy calls for the services to incorporate joint topics into their existing enlisted PME programs, and also establishes two chairman-sponsored joint PME programs for enlisted servicemembers assigned or slated for joint billets.

"While not mandated by law, as is the case for officers, this policy is a recognition that operating in joint, interagency, multinational and coalition warfighting organizations and

staffs requires that joint learning objectives must be made available to all enlisted personnel," said Army Col. Lawrence Smith. He is chief of the Joint Education Branch at J-7 Operational Plans and Joint Force Development at the Joint Staff.

Colonel Smith said the Joint Staff, services and combatant commands have been working on this policy for more than two years. The aim is to ensure the policy put into place will help the armed forces continually transform to meet the uncertain future and the unfolding challenges of the 21st century.

He said the goal is to expand future senior enlisted leaders' knowledge of individual, service and joint core competencies, while broadening their understanding of uncertain strategic and operational requirements.

"Senior enlisted leaders of the future must be well-versed in

both the art and science of joint operations," the colonel said. He noted that a "joint" context will be embedded into existing PME courses for all the services.

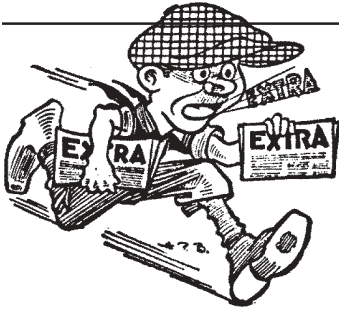
Smith said the working group had to look at the existing PME programs and break them into logical educational levels:

- Introductory, E-1 through E-3
- Primary, E-4 through E-6
- Intermediate, E-7
- Senior, E-8 and E-9
- Executive, E-9 command senior enlisted leaders serving as SEL slots in general- or flag-officer-led organizations

Then the group incorporated relevant joint topics into the respective systems to develop future leaders. The consensus was to include two educational levels that span an enlisted member's career and apply to all. A third level applies to senior

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**Finance offers pay assistance e-mail addresses**

302nd Airlift Wing Financial Management offers e-mail addresses to help you address military and travel pay issues.

Reserve pay issues can be addressed to 302FM.ReservePay@302.peterson.af.mil. For travel pay assistance, send e-

mails to 302FM.TravelPay@302.peterson.af.mil.

Provide a good e-mail address for finance to respond to. You may also visit the pay office in Bldg. 895, Room 130.

**Sexual assault training to be held every month**

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response training will be held on Sundays of unit training assemblies through June in the wing conference room in Bldg. 893. Training will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for women and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for men.

Schedule updates can be viewed at <https://wwwmil>

[.af.mil/302aw/SAPR/SAPR.htm](https://www.af.mil/302aw/SAPR/SAPR.htm).

The training is mandatory for all members of the wing. Training must be completed by the end of the June UTA.

**TRICARE Reserve Select monthly premiums to increase**

TRICARE Reserve Select monthly premiums for calendar year 2006 shall be \$81 for TRS member-only coverage and \$253 for TRS member and family coverage.

This represents an 8.5 percent monthly increase of \$6 per month and \$20 per month respectively over the rates for cal-

endar year 2005.

**Website informs you of weather warnings, advisories**

Peterson Air Force Base has a website that will alert you with any weather warnings or advisories that are forecast for the base. This website can be left open on your computer (minimized) and whenever a warning or advisory happens, it will pop up on your screen, give you an alarm, and asking you to acknowledge it before it will go away.

The website address is <http://131.15.144.231:82/pv/frames.htm>.

# Online process simplifies tuition assistance

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Airmen are only a few mouse clicks away from financial support for their college education, thanks to the tuition assistance feature on the Air Force's virtual education center.

Online since early 2003, the center helps active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen pursue an off-duty education from a computer.

"It's a continual process to make (the site) a one-stop shop for an Airman's educational needs," said Kendall McAree, Air Force education systems manager at the Pentagon. "We're very excited to be able to now make tuition assistance available online."

Air Force tuition assistance is a quality of life program that provides tuition assis-

tance and fees for college courses taken by active duty Airmen during off-duty hours. It's capped at \$250 per semester hour - \$166 per quarter hour - and is one of the most frequent reasons Airmen give for enlisting and reenlisting in the Air Force, according to the Web site.

Now that all application paperwork is online, Mrs. McAree hopes more Airmen will take advantage of the program.

"Airmen can now access the information anywhere at any time, whether they are at home or deployed somewhere," she said. "With the online signature, all the paperwork can be routed through the appropriate channels faster and more efficiently."

That means Airmen do not visit an education center, which is good, "because some

Airmen are in places where there are no education centers," she said.

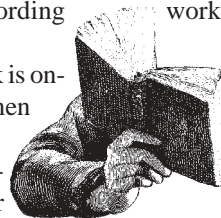
Mrs. McAree said the new online capability also frees up education center workers, who spent a lot of time doing the paperwork involved with tuition assistance.

Now they can devote more time to face-to-face counseling and assisting customers, she said.

Along with tuition assistance, Airmen can use the Web site to check their Community

College of the Air Force progress, request transcript and civilian course conversion tables, distance learning information, DANTES and CLEP test results and more.

The Air Force Virtual Education Center link is available through the Air Force Portal at [www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil).



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enlisted members assigned to joint billets.

The first phase addresses progressive guidelines for completion by E-6s. Learning areas will include national military capabilities and organization, and an armed forces overview.

Knowledge will be acquired through formal schooling, job aids, promotion guides and

Web-based courses.

Career enlisted joint PME for E-7s and above, or E-6s and above in the Marine Corps, will build on the basic skills and incorporate foundations of joint operations and a national security overview.

Senior enlisted joint PME will have two chairman-sponsored, assignment-oriented educational opportunities beginning with the senior enlisted leaders.

The first is a senior enlisted joint PME stand-alone Web-

based course for those slated to serve or currently serving in joint organizations. This education consists of the same learning areas as the career enlisted joint PME, but provides more in-depth learning objectives applicable to severing in a joint organization and environment.

The second tier of the senior enlisted joint PME course is the Keystone course that will prepare command-level SELs for service in a flag- or general-officer joint headquarters. It em-

phasizes national military capabilities and organization; joint doctrine; service, joint, inter-agency and multinational capabilities; and defense acquisition and resourcing.

Command Sergeant Major Gainey said now that the policy is in place, it is up to the services to educate their enlisted force for joint challenges.

"With the chairman signing the policy, the challenge is up to the services to get EJPME done for our enlisted force," he said.

# Unit Training Assembly Schedule

## Jan. 7-8

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
<b>S A T U R D A Y</b>	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 1600	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0745 – 1630	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, First Floor	DPMSC/6-8185
	0800 – 1030	Spouse/Family Meeting	Leadership development center	DPMFR/6-6505
	0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Meeting	Bldg. 895, Room 203	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg. 1466	LSM/6- 3227
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1100 – 1300	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
	1200 – 1630	Customer Service Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 121	DPMSC/6-8185
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 625	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428	
1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180	
2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180	
<b>S U N D A Y</b>	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 0830	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCC/6-8132
	0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0900 – 1000	First Sergeants Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCF/6-8307
	1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
	1200 – 1300	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	731st AS/6-7371
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but you made lodging reservations?**  
**Contact Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at (719) 556-4001 or 1-800-446-9624 to cancel.**

✓ **Want an event on next month's schedule? Contact the 302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.**

## Traumatic injury coverage available to members covered under SGLI

Traumatic Injury Protection Under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is a program that provides automatic traumatic injury coverage to all servicemembers covered under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program. Every member who has SGLI now has TSGLI.

This coverage will apply to active duty, reservists, funeral honors duty and one-day muster duty. This benefit is also provided retroactively for members traumatically injured between Oct. 7, 2001 and Dec. 1, 2005 if the injury was the direct result of injuries incurred in Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

TSGLI coverage cannot be declined unless the member also declines basic SGLI coverage. This coverage will not apply to spouses and children covered under Family SGLI or to members who don't carry SGLI coverage. TSGLI payments will range from \$25,000 to a maximum of \$100,000 after suffering a traumatic injury.

TSGLI covers a range of traumatic injuries, including, but not limited to: total and permanent loss of sight in one or both eyes; loss of hand or foot by severance at or above the wrist or ankle; total and permanent loss of hearing in one or both ears; loss of thumb and index finger on the same hand by severance at or above the metacarpophalangeal joints; quadriplegia, paraplegia, or hemiplegia; third degree or worse burns covering 30 percent of the body or 30 percent of the face.

The premium for TSGLI will be a flat rate, regardless of coverage level. The table below outlines current rates for various categories of SGLI coverage.

<b>Duty status</b>	<b>Premium</b>
Active duty	\$1 per month
Reservists with full-time coverage	\$1 per month
Reservists with part-time coverage	\$1 per year
Funeral honors duty	no charge
One-day muster duty	no charge

Note: These rates are determined by the Veterans Administration and are subject to change based on claims experience.

For more information, the toll-free telephone number is 1-800-419-1473. The toll-free fax numbers are 1-877-832-4943 for death and accelerated benefits claims only. All other fax inquiries should be directed to 1-800-236-6142. Overseas, the phone number is 973-548-5699 and the fax number is 973-548-5300.

General correspondence should be sent to Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039. For new VGLI applications and VGLI reinstatements write to OSGLI, P.O. Box 5000, Millville, NJ 08332-9928.

Send e-mails to [osgli.claims@prudential.com](mailto:osgli.claims@prudential.com) for death and accelerated benefits claims. For all other inquiries, send e-mails to [osgli@prudential.com](mailto:osgli@prudential.com).

Members may obtain additional information from the base casualty affairs office. (Courtesy of Veterans Administration)



## Newcomers

### 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Senior Airman Angela M. Conaway  
Staff Sgt. Rosa O. Le

### 302nd Operations Support Flight

Capt. Dawn M. Beyer

### 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman Jasmine R. Mims

### 302nd Maintenance Operations Flight

Airman 1st Class Jean M. Godwin  
Staff Sgt. Christopher Jenkins

### 302nd Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Robert E. Butterfield

Airman 1st Class Katherine E. Jones

### 731st Airlift Squadron

Second Lt. Melissa L. Emmett

### 302nd Communications Flight

Staff Sgt. Troy A. Massey

### 302nd Mission Support Flight

Airman 1st Class Cindy Martinez

Airman Basic Mi-asha Pittman

### 8th Space Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Gayla A. Romanowsky

### 26th Space Aggressor Squadron

Capt. Jeffrey Akin



### Servin' it up!

Maj. Lynn Jui, 39th Aerial Port Squadron officer in charge of terminal services, was among several wing leaders who served lunch to reservists in December. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

## Sharp Troop of the Month



**Name:** Akira S. N. Johnson

**Rank:** Senior Airman

**Section:** 302nd Military Operations Flight, plans and scheduling office

**Date assigned:** April 2004

**Hometown:** Houston, Texas

**Hobbies:** Reading, making floral arrangements, spending time with the family.

**Favorite thing about the job:** "Building

new schedules and learning how much more there is to know about my job and paperwork."

*Supervisors – Nominate a Sharp Troop. Contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.*

## Annual awards dinner set for Feb. 11

The 302nd Airlift Wing Annual Enlisted Awards Dinner will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Antlers Hilton in Colorado Springs.

Sponsored by the 302nd AW First Sergeants Group, the evening's highlight will be the recognition of the Airman, Noncommissioned Officer, Senior NCO, First Sergeant and Company Grade Officer of the Year.

The winners for 2005 are: Airman, Staff Sgt. Isaiah Lechowit, 302nd Maintenance Squadron crew chief; NCO, Tech. Sgt. Jorge Talamantes, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron transportation journeyman; Senior NCO, Master Sgt. Michael Gettman, 302nd Security Forces Squadron; First Sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Michael Jahner, 39th Aerial Port

Squadron chief of aerial port; and Company Grade Officer, Capt. Cynthia Marcello, 302nd AW chief of Military Equal Opportunity.

The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:15 p.m. Dress for military members is white shirt with service dress or mess dress. Guests may wear formal or semi-formal attire. The cost of the dinner is \$10 for Airmen in the grade of E-6 and below and \$15 for all other ranks.

Antler Hilton is offering overnight stays for \$78 per room. There are a limited amount of rooms available. Reservations can be made by calling (719) 473-5600.

Tickets for the dinner are available from any first sergeant.

## Promotions

### Colonel

George F. Brewer II

Guy H. Morley Jr.

Karl A. Schmitkors

James E. Tully

### Senior Master Sergeant

James W. Crain

### Master Sergeant

Ruben C. Reyes

### Technical Sergeant

Cody J. Ingemansen

### Staff Sergeant

Mealinda M. Aguirre

Andrew H. Denning

Scott R. Gordon

### Senior Airman

Timothy M. Brunson

## Retirees

Chief Master Sgt. Raymond G. Baggett, 19th SOPS

Master Sgt. Eric C. Harriel, 6th SOPS

## Wing to receive new commander

The 302nd Airlift Wing will receive a new commander March 4 when Col. James J. Muscatell Jr. assumes command of the wing from Brig. Gen. William P. Kane. General Kane is retiring March 30.

Colonel Muscatell is currently commander the 934th AW, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Colonel Muscatell earned his bachelor's degree in humanities from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1979.



**Col. James J. Muscatell Jr.**

Colonel Muscatell is expected to begin his role as commander of the 302nd in early April.



## SnoFest!!!

Jan. 27-29

Keystone Resort

[www.usafaservices.com/snofest2.htm](http://www.usafaservices.com/snofest2.htm)





## *Wing thrills members, families with holiday party*

**By Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner**  
*Front Range Flyer*

The December unit training assembly weekend was marked by the 302nd Airlift

Wing Holiday Party bringing to a close another year of blessings and tidings as well as thoughts of fellow comrades who are currently deployed far from home.

Bay 1 in Bldg. 210 was filled with the

hustle and bustle of feasting reservists, their loved ones and friends.

The party was enveloped

with the tunes of seasonal cheer from Stellar Brass, one of the U.S. Air Force Academy bands.

Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW commander, with microphone in hand, sang in chorus with the children to summon Santa, a.k.a. Ken Haskin of the 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, with presents in hand.

Despite a trying year with tsunamis, hurricanes, fires and war, the 302nd joined together once more to remind themselves just what and who this is done for.



Top of page, Santa Claus watches as a youngster unwraps a gift. Above, Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd Airlift Wing commander, leads the children in a rendition of Jingle Bells. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

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