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Reflecting on Air Force evolution

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

Change is constant and embracing change is your challenge.

As I approach the end of a great run with the Air Force I have had the opportunity to look back on the past 37 years and reflect on how the Air Force has evolved and what that means for the future.

As we face the results of the Base Realignment and Closure and the findings of the Quadrennial Defense Review we are seeing very rapid evolution of capabilities and a rapid de-emphasis of older technologies.

In World War II, it took 600 bombers plus a couple hundred escorts to bomb a single ball bearing plant. Today, a single B-2 can do it, unseen by the enemy, and still have most of its precision weapons left unused.

In Vietnam our ability to conduct post-attack damage assessment involved an RF-100 or an RF-4 at low altitude over the target. Today, what we can't get from satellites, we can get from Global Hawk or Predator. It is only fair to note that the U-2 was available in the '70s and its derivative is still in use today.

In Vietnam, very high value targets could be attacked with TV-guided weapons. Today, the planners can choose between incredibly cruise missiles, Joint Direct Attack Munitions Systems or Hellfire missiles fired from Predators.

Today, an F-22 can essentially replace nearly a squadron of F-15s. In a recent speech, then-Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper described a test mission in

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America truly is melting pot of diversity

By Staff Sgt. Richard W. Normandie
302nd AW Military Equal Opportunity

How many of you have heard the phrase "America is a melting pot"? What does that mean to you? It often conjures up the idea that the United States is a nation of diverse groups that somehow meld into a larger homogenous society. Is that reality, or even desirable? Thinking of the United States as devoid of diversity or as a society that forgets its identity denies what gives this nation strength. During the designated history months, we are reminded of what the identity of America is. We are given a unique opportunity to explore and be educated of the differences that help weave the colorful fabric of America.

Recently, I attended an MEO conference in Georgia. The conference focused on how

we as MEO advisors can help educate our fellow service members on diversity. The featured speaker at this conference was a gentleman that served his country during an era when his country did not serve him. He was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African-American pilots and ground crew that helped break down the color barrier in the military while at the same time helping to dispel the myth that black men lacked the skill and intelligence of their white counterparts.

Listening to the story of this courageous American helped me understand the very real struggles that he went through just to be accepted as an equal citizen. This was the first time in my life that I had heard these stories first-hand, and it helped me under-

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Shocking

Staff Sgt. J.D. Hilliard, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical service journeyman, practices on a mannequin with the automated external defibrillator during training in January. See pages 6-7. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

UTA Schedule

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March 4-5

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Civil rights ideals ingrained long before King era

By Staff Sgt.
Leandrea Rodriguez
*302nd AW Education
 and Training*

The Civil Rights movement did a great deal to advance the struggles of minorities' pursuits for freedom and equality.

However, long before Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, there were minorities paving the way and making marks in society and government, showing us that those ideals framed in the Declaration of Independence are not just rights that should be endowed to us as men and women, but deserving as a right of character despite our

color. This was never as evident as in 1944 when the descendant of a slave and a French-Canadian Indian was nominated by a bipartisan vote of 218 to 5 as state representative to Vermont.

When the question was posed as to whether or not the small town of Shoreham was, "... running short of men," a question stemming from the basis of his racial heritage, the simple reply was, "No, sir, we just pick our best brains for representin' us." He was an avid public speaker and bilingual besides. Most important, as his neighbors often quoted, "He's a man." When re-elected in 1946, there was only a single vote against him. An ar-

ticle written in 1947 and featured in a local publication entitled *Pride of Vermont* highlights many of William John Anderson's accomplishments of the time. Color did not dictate his ability to represent his constituents and his political competence became revered throughout Vermont and abroad.

This was only a small excerpt of accomplishments from the life of a little-known African-American leader, but shows that black history reaches far and wide into our past and touches our future.

Black History Month is often seen as a time to bear tribute to the leaders of the Civil Rights movement, but I would urge all

to remember and honor all leaders who strove to break through the barriers and served as a source of inspiration to the leaders of the movement; those leaders who gave us the courage and confidence to seek equality and instilled within us the pride to continue the traditions in an ever-changing world where diversity will play a key role in the success of this nation.

Special thanks to Senior Master Sgt. George Anderson for sharing his grandfather's story.

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. – Maya Angelou

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which an F-22 flew past a flight of F-15s unseen due to its low radar cross-section. It bombed its target; then it tracked, targeted and destroyed (simulated) all four F-15s as it left the area. That's a far cry from the one-on-one dogfights between F-4s and MiG-21s over North Vietnam.

In my early years in the Air Force our command and control efforts were labor intensive and very slow. It took days to effectively plan a mission, either airlift or air attack.

Today, the Air Operations Center can control space assets, as well as retarget missions already en route to the target. Time to retarget is measured in minutes, not in hours, let alone days.

When I was a lieutenant, the C-5 made its maiden flight and the C-141 was nearly new. Today, the C-141 is gone, and we have the C-17. It's an incredible machine that has nearly unbelievable reliability and capability.

Two other changes probably highlight

the most profound improvements in our business. The first is the benign Global Positioning System. It has become an element in nearly everything we do in the military. It enables a tank commander and the pilots of a B-2 to know exactly where they are. In conjunction with other satellites it allows the Joint Surveillance Target Acquisition Radar and Air Operations Center to have a nearly complete picture of the location of the friendly forces, and a nearly complete picture of the battle space. Knowing and controlling the battle space in real time is probably the biggest change in how the Air Force has evolved its means of waging war.

The second change is the lowly desktop computer. When I was the pilot scheduler I actually had a grease pencil and a pencil with an eraser. Today, I suspect most functions would stop without the computing power that sits on our desk. In 1969 we had huge numbers of 702s (administrative specialists) to type and retype OPRs and EPRs (some things never change). We actually did business by sending letters to each other and we used carbon paper to make

copies. Our ability to achieve nearly all of the advances cited above is a by-product advances in computing, but at the same time it has allowed us to improve our tooth to tail ratio. The Air Force is much smaller than the one I joined in 1969 but it has substantially more capability.

I think it is hard to visualize the scale of these changes. In the end if you can try to imagine a world with no iPods, no BlackBerrys, no desktop computers, no Internet, no e-mail, no Excel spreadsheets, no cell phones, no GPS, and no CDs, DVDs or VCRs then you begin to imagine the evolution in the Air Force over the past three decades.

Can you begin to imagine what will change over the next 30 years? If we do not embrace change, if we do not strive to make the new ideas work, we will unwittingly be part of the group that holds back the progress that has made the USAF the premiere air and space force in the world. Embracing change is perhaps the most important doctrine within the Air Force and is the key to our future.

302nd Airlift Wing Annual Enlisted Awards Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 11, Antlers Hilton, Colorado Springs.

Social hour – 5:30 p.m. Dinner – 6:15 p.m.

Tickets – \$10 for Airmen (E-6 and below), \$15 for all other ranks. See any first sergeant.

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310th SG gives outgoing commander final salute

By 2nd Lt. Jeremy Cotton
6th Space Operations Squadron

Col. Jeffrey Ansted assumed command of the 310th Space Group at a change-of-command ceremony held at the Joint National Integration Center at Schriever Air Force Base Jan. 7.

Colonel Ansted succeeds Col. Roscoe Griffin, who is now director of Reserve forces at Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB.

Colonel Ansted was a charter member of the 1st Satellite Control Squadron, now the 1st Space Operations Squadron. His duties included satellite planner and analyst, crew commander and program lead. He directed hundreds of satellite mission contact, including the first four satellites controlled from Falcon AFB upon launch.

Soon after assuming command of the 310th, Colonel Ansted made a pledge to 20th Air Force mobilization assistant Brig. Gen. Frank Casserino, Colonel Griffin and the members of 310thSG.

“My pledge ... is that I will build on your



Outgoing 310th Space Group commander Col. Roscoe Griffin (left) receives applause from his successor, Col. Jeffrey Ansted. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kim Kruis-Johnson)

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39th APS welcomes new commander

By Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner
Front Range Flyer

The 39th Aerial Port Squadron change of command ushered in a new commander during the January unit training assembly.

Lt. Col. James L. Gregory II took command of the 39th APS in a change-of-command ceremony officiated by Lt. Col. Michael J. McCully, 302nd Mission Support Group commander.

Previously the unit deployment officer for the 39th APS, Colonel Gregory succeeds Lt. Col. James E. Tully, who is now the 302nd Airlift Wing inspector general.



Lt. Col. James Gregory II, 39th Aerial Port Squadron commander, thanks his family and troops. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff. Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner)

Colonel Gregory served as the 39th APS unit deployment officer from 2003 until taking his new position. After a 5-year break in service to pursue a civil aviation career, his previous positions included T-1 aircraft instructor trainer, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and KC-135 instructor evaluator and flight commander, Minot AFB, N.D.

Colonel Tully, a member of the 302nd AW since 1989, succeeds Col. Michael J. Marques, who moved on to become the inspector general at Youngstown Air Reserve Base, Ohio.




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foundation and take it to the next level," Colonel Ansted said.

"I can't say enough how proud I am to be your commander. When I left active duty in 1992, I thought my time in the military was done, but (General Casserino and Colonel Griffin) brought me back in," he said.

"To the active-duty folks: we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you. Just keep us pointed in the right direction, and we'll do all we can to help you," Colonel Ansted added.

After the ceremony, members

of the 310th lined up along the JNIC's entrance to give Colonel Griffin and his wife, Shannon, a salute as they departed.

General Casserino expressed faith in Colonel Ansted's ability to lead the 310th SG into the future.

"You have a good young man who's taking control of the 310th ... and we have a good old man who's leaving," the general said with a grin.

"You've served this commander well," the general said. "Please treat the new commander just as well."

Colonel Griffin shared General Casserino's sentiments and shared a quote from former presi-

dent Theodore Roosevelt.

"There is more to be feared from an army of deer led by a lion than from an army of lions led by a deer.' We have some real lions in our leadership," he said.

Colonel Ansted was the 310th SG deputy commander from 2003 to 2005. His other previous assignments include Future Systems operations officer, Aerospace Fusion Center staff officer at the Space Warfare Center, Schriever AFB, and 8th Space Warning Squadron commander, Buckley AFB, Colo.

He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1985 with a bachelor of science degree. His other degrees include a master of

arts degree in space systems management from Webster University in St. Louis.

Colonel Ansted's awards and decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Force Commendation Medals, a Combat Readiness Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. He also wears a Master Space Badge.

The 310th SG has won three Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards since it activated Sept. 4, 1997.

The group will stand up a unit at Patrick AFB, Fla., later this year. By October, the group will have approximately 1,000 new Airmen.

Reservists receive ann

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

“Charging, CLEAR, shocking!”

It sounded like a scene out of the hit TV show *ER*, but it wasn't. Staff Sgt. J.D. Hilliard, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical service journeyman, was training nurses for real life and death situations during the squadron's annual sustainment training. Through the use of state-of-the-art simulation mannequins, the nurses were able to conduct realistic defibrillations and intubations.

For some, this was nothing new. Many reservists actually practice these skills day in and day out in their civilian jobs. For others, such as new Airmen, it was brand new information.

Capt. Teresa Gaebler, officer in charge of nursing education and training, and Tech. Sgt. Nicole Boesch, NCO in charge of nursing sustainment, coordinated the annual training, held at Pikes Peak Community College, Rampart Range Campus. Chief Master Sgt. Stephanie Pauley arranged for the unit to train there, since she runs the science lab for her civilian job. Captain Gaebler says each Air Force Specialty Code has 10 sustainment items they need checked off, and this gives them an opportunity to go over those skills.

Six stations for the training consisted of learning about suturing, patient assessment, Foley catheters, intravenous placement, nasal gastric tubes and chest tubing.

Tech. Sgt. Bryan Lee, 302nd ASTS medical service craftsman, and a civilian paramedic, recognizes the need many have for this training as reservists. He showed a group how to start an IV at one of the six stations.

“If you work at a hospital or are deployed, you're going to have to know how to do this. This annual training will make up the bulk of the wartime paramedics job,” he told his group.

Tech. Sgt. Adrian Villarreal, 302nd ASTS medical service craftsman, demonstrated nasal gastric tubes. He works as an emergency medical technician at a trauma center in Denver. He said the nasal gastric

tubes serve two purposes - or put things in. He has known the importance of res training.

“You have all this training deployed, things are different, or the vehicle you're in you're working on the patient adapt,” said Sergeant Villarreal.

Airmen concentrated on while at the suturing station commonly known as “getting wound care to close an open patient comes in with an numb it, then irrigate it with centimeters of saline which (debris) sand and dirt. Then up, you perform wound closure practiced on the hot dogs, the time they practice on because they say it's almost skin. Staff Sgt. Ruben Foster, ASTS medical service technician it's important to be up on because you never know when get called into a mass casualty. He's been pulled to do such as domestic bus crash and deployed in Iraq. Foster is a medical technician in the room.

Sergeant Hilliard works as a civilian in Cripple Creek.

up the patient assessment. “The reason we do assessments is because you if you don't know what's explained. If the patient is he says you talk to the patient their history. If they're up you focus on airway breathing stabilize to sustain life.

The chest tubing area will show when lungs collapse, is placed into the pleural space between two membranes surrounding You may need to use a chest there's a gunshot wound build up or an infection. It to re-inflate lungs by creating between the membranes.

Finally, everyone gets Foley catheterization on the so they can collect urine



Senior Airman Carolina D. Atoche, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical service journeyman, takes proper health precautions before performing her medical duties. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)



Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Schwartz (left), 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical service technician, and senior Airman Antawn Q. Keller, 302nd ASTS aerospace medical service journeyman, practice suturing a forearm. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

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The professionals that make up this unit are an invaluable resource in teaching experienced and inexperienced airmen alike. Senior Master Sgt. Shannon Snare, 302nd ASTS superintendent of medical services, says, "Having personnel in our unit who are able to train the members of the 302d ASTS is vital. These members are paramedics and nurses who, unlike most of our personnel, do this job every day. It is a privilege to have them on board. I know that if I were called to duty I would feel secure in my abilities to care for any member of any force. When we train together as a unit we learn cohesiveness and it makes for being a better team member. This training makes us confident and qualified medical personnel."



Suturing was just one of several skills members of the 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron practiced during training at Pikes Peak Community College Jan. 8. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)



Senior Airman Carolina D. Atoche (left), 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical service journeyman and Staff Sgt. Jason Matus, 302nd ASTS aerospace medical service helper, perform a catheterization on a mannequin. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

Don't overlook next wing ORI

**By Lt. Col.
Melinda E. Clearwater**
302nd AW
performance planner

Do you remember *Water World*, December 1998? It doesn't seem that long ago, but that was the last time we were inspected as a Wing Operational Readiness Inspection.

Typically, an inspection frequency is every five years. However, after 9/11, the increased operations tempo forced Headquarters Air Mobility Command to reshape the inspection system to complement the Global War on Terrorism efforts. This brought the implementation of a two-cycle Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection.

Cycle I requirements consisted of Unit Type Code credit

for documented real world accomplishments, graded inspectable UTCs at Inspector General Exercises and Ability To Survive and Operate eyes-on evaluation. We completed Cycle I as of Dec. 31, 2005, which reset our inspection clock to March 2002 based on our primary graded package during Cycle I. Doing the math, that would mean our next ORI should be March 2007; however, AMC had to move us to the closest tactical airlift IGX opening of Oct. 14-21, 2006.

Obviously, this creates a problem with our current activation of 449 wing members and limited aircraft available at home station. Therefore, we have submitted a request to delay our ORI until December 2007, which is currently pending approval by the AMC inspector general.

So, what does this mean to

you? Whether October 2006 or December 2007, an ORI is just around the corner! But you are not alone; you will get to play with 350 of your closest friends and integrate with three other wings. As we get closer, you will have opportunities to practice via home station field exercises and participate in a Combat Readiness Training Center exercise with the other participating wings.

Look for upcoming articles in the Front Range Flyer covering such subjects as tips on how to pass an ORI, knowing your mission essential tasks lists, 10 ways to dazzle the IG, ORI terminology, and webpage



Second Lt. Benton Enomoto, 302nd Services Flight officer in charge of readiness, prepares for a tabletop exercise during the January unit training assembly. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

links to access the best practice procedures and other units' inspection reports.

Guard, Reserve benefit from 2006 defense authorization bill

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - The 2006 National Defense Authorization Act signed into law recently provides new or enhanced benefits for National Guard and Reserve members, a senior defense official said.

President George W. Bush signed the legislation Jan. 6, providing a variety of benefits designed to bring reserve-component compensation more on par with what the active component receives, Chuck Witschonke, the DOD's deputy director for compensation, said.

The package provides other benefits that affect all forces, both active and reserve, including better overall compensation and improved quality of life, while promoting overall recruiting and retention, he said.

The law also provides a variety of benefits specifically targeting members of the reserve components. These include:

- Full housing allowance payments for reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days, versus the previous 140-day requirement;

- Income replacement benefits to help offset the pay loss some reservists and guardsmen experience when called to active duty, based on specific guidelines to be established within the next six months;

- Accession and affiliation bonuses of up to \$20,000 for enlistment in the Selected Reserve, and an increase for officers for service in the Selected Reserve, from \$6,000 to \$10,000;

- A bonus of up to \$100,000 for members with a designated critical skill or who volunteer to serve in a designated high-pri-

ority unit; and

- Extension of eligibility for a prior service enlistment bonus to include Selected Reserve members who previously received one.

Mr. Witschonke emphasized the new law does not guarantee that all servicemembers will qualify for these pays and benefits, or that those who do will receive the highest amounts authorized. Rather, the law gives defense and service leaders the flexibility they need to tailor the force to meet operational, recruiting and retention goals.

One big change in the new law is a provision that shortens the duty time before a reserve-component member qualifies for the full housing allowance. Reserve and Guard members called to active duty for more than 30 days will now get the full allowance, just as active-component

troops do, Mr. Witschonke said.

Another benefit, the critical-skills retention bonus, will be "a very good tool" in helping keep members with important experience and training in the force and in maintaining readiness in high-priority units, Mr. Witschonke said.

For reserve-component members who experience pay cuts when called to active duty, the new provision for income replacement will help reduce the strain military service places on the family, he said.

The income-replacement program won't be instituted for six months, in accordance with the law. At that time, specific guidelines and qualifications will be issued.

More information is posted on the DOD's military compensation Web site at www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/.

Air Force sets physical training uniform wear date of Oct. 1

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – The Air Force Uniform Board established an Oct. 1 mandatory wear date of the physical training uniform, or PTU, for unit fitness activities.

The board also released additional guidance for Airmen wearing the uniform for personal workouts.

Airmen may wear the PTU during personal workouts given the following conditions: T-shirts may be worn out or tucked in; jackets may be zipped, unzipped and worn with civilian clothes; black or navy blue leggings or stretch shorts may be worn under the uniform shorts; white socks of

any length and small conservative trademarks are authorized; any athletic shoes may be worn; safety items such as reflective belts, camelbacks and fanny packs are authorized; hats or knit caps are authorized provided they meet military image requirements; headphones are authorized; bandanas and other similar head scarves are not authorized except with a medical waiver; and saluting is not required.

All Airmen must comply with tattoo and jewelry standards as stated in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

Female Airmen exercising in the PTU may

wear their hair free of pins or other accessories normally required to meet uniform standards. Also, there is no mandated maternity uniform while participating in formations or unit activities.

The Air Force created the PTU to support unit cohesion and present a professional, standardized image.

Commanders will determine what uniform items will be worn during unit fitness events.

For more information, Airmen should contact their commander's support staff, military personnel flight or personnel office at deployed locations. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

News to Use



Have your child car seats checked free

Feb. 12-18 is National Child Passenger Safety Week. Free car seat checks will be performed Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Academy School District 20 transportation facility, 7408 Duryea Drive, Colorado Springs.

For more information on car seat checks, contact Christine

Simosky, RN, Child Passenger Safety Instructor, at (719) 495-0325 or email: HSTAPESTRY@msn.com.

USO opens facility at Denver International Airport

The Rocky Mountain USO has a new facility at Denver International Airport inside the Continental Airlines Presidents Club in Concourse A. The USO is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Call (303) 342-6876 or e-mail hmargolis@uso.org for information.

Free Turbo Tax Online available

TurboTax service is available through Military OneSource. The TurboTax(r) benefit has been activated and will remain

accessible throughout the tax season.

To access this service without fees, filers must access TurboTax(r) through the Military OneSource Web site. Free Turbo Tax Online can be found at www.militaryonesource.com.

Military officers association offers scholarship grants

The Military Officers Association of America announces the Base/Post Scholarship program will once again be giving scholarship grants of \$1,000 to 25 dependent children of military personnel. Students will be selected by random drawing to receive the grant for the 2006-2007 school year.

Membership in MOAA is not

required and there are no need-based criteria, grade point average minimum, essays or fees.

Deadline for students to apply on-line at www.moaa.org is 10 a.m. March 1.

Air Force Aid Society education grants now available

The 21st Space Wing Family Support Center has brochures for the Air Force Aid Society's General Hap Arnold Education Grant Program. For the 2006-2007 school year, the society will award \$2,000 to recipients.

To determine grant eligibility, go to www.afas.org. You can pick up an application at the family support center, Bldg. 350, Room 1016, or go the website.

The deadline is March 10.

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stand that these individuals truly embodied those core values I hold so dear. Throughout their history in the United States, African-American men and women have stood tall in the face of adversity. Despite overwhelming resistance, these trailblazers opened up the doors of opportunity that their descendants enjoy today. While there is still much work to be done, few can argue that without these individuals' commitment to integrity, service, and excellence, opportunity may still be limited.

We celebrate our diversity as a nation through monthly observances. These celebrations are not primarily for those groups being observed. They are for the remainder of our society that may not be aware of how these groups have contributed and continue to contribute to our national identity. During this African-American/Black History Month, take time to learn about the positive influence that African-Americans have had on American culture. This month, several television channels are showing documentaries, films, and exposés. Make the time to watch some of these amazing pieces of art. I suggest Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letter*

from a Birmingham Jail if you prefer to read. Better yet, if you have children, educate them about the achievements of all of these great Americans.

By taking the time to truly learn about the nation we live in, we can realize that we are far from being a melting pot. Rather, we resemble a salad bowl – the more ingredients, the more dynamic the flavor. A bowl of lettuce won't satisfy anyone, and croutons or dressing by themselves barely qualify as food. Through the blending of these ingredients, like our ideas, we can create a pretty good meal. Take time to take a bite of that salad – this and every month.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Feb. 11-12

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
S A T U R D A Y	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
S U N D A Y	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
	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.**

Peterson Air Force Base to curb cell phone use while driving

By Jeff Adcox

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Drivers on the streets of Peterson Air Force Base will no longer be able to talk on hand-held cell phones after a new Department of Defense regulation takes effect.

Air Force Instruction 31-218, Joint Traffic Regulation, will reinforce one of the first rules drivers learn when they get their learner's permit: Keep your hands at ten and two.

The DOD is close to finalizing this new road rule, which will limit the use of cell phones for everyone operating a vehicle on a military installation, regardless of duty status or classification. The new regulation will also prohibit DOD vehicle drivers from using a hand-held cell phone no matter where they travel.

The United States Army is already operating under similar restrictions.

Safety is obviously a main concern inspiring this change in policy.

"Have you ever been driving down the road and seen a guy in a dump truck try to make a turn with a cell phone in his hand?" asked Sandra Mock, 21st Space Wing ground safety manager. "It is not a pretty sight.

"When you are operating a hand-held phone your mind is distracted," Ms. Mock said. "You are not watching the road. Basically, you're not being a good defensive driver."

According to the soon-to-be published AFI, using a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device, such as a headset or speaker phone, will be restricted.

Violation of this policy will be a primary offense, which means drivers can be stopped solely for this reason. The offense will carry a 3-point penalty on the drivers' license for any offender, from the 21st SW commander down to the occasional on-base pizza delivery person.

The new regulation does not prohibit all communication, but it will keep drivers from

using the hand-held features of a cell phone, including text messaging, playing video games and taking pictures, all of which affect the driver's concentration.

"When drivers are using a hand-held cell phone they display a lack of attention on what they are supposed to be doing, which is guiding a three-thousand-pound missile down the road," said Master Sgt. Michael Zimmerman, 21st SW safety superintendent.

Security forces will be in charge of enforcing this regulation once it becomes final.

"We will be looking for any violation on this policy," said Maj. Paul Cairney, 21st Security Forces Squadron commander. "It does not matter whether you are making a call or receiving a call. Once you hold that phone up to your ear, you are breaking the rules."

Although wing leadership is unsure when the new regulation will take effect, they are drafting a base traffic plan that will make it a primary offense for any hand-held cell phone use while driving.

Sharp Troop of the Month



Name: Jane Perino
Rank: Technical Sergeant
Section: 302nd Operations Group, 70th Flying Training Squadron
Job: Information Manager

Date assigned: July 2005

Hometown: Dornsife, Pa.

Hobbies: Knitting, baking and riding bikes as a family

Favorite thing about your job: Working with computers

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

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 Senior Airman Brian A. Thompson

731st Airlift Squadron
 Senior Airman Michael B. Buchwald
 Capt. John C. Coyle
 Staff Sgt. Sarah A. Tills

310th Communications Flight
 Staff Sgt. Massey Troy
 Staff Sgt. Patrick A. Turner

310th Space Group
 Maj. Eric A. Johnson

8th Space Warning Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Sean H. Curtis
 Airman 1st Class Daniel P. Kendell

302nd Security Forces Squadron
 Airman 1st Class Evan M. Conner
 Senior Airman Samuel S. Lerman

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 Senior Airman Jason M. Rendler

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302nd Maintenance Group
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302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
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302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron
 Airman 1st Class Denise A. Duran
 Airman 1st Class Mataya L. Glover

Annual bowling tournament approaches

By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing's 5th Annual Bowling Tournament and Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, at the Peterson Air Force Base bowling center at 3:30 p.m.

"The first session consisting of 20 teams will begin at 3:30, and if we have more teams participating this year, we will add a second session," said Senior Airman Hope Clark-Vasquez, 302nd Services Flight fitness and recreation specialist.

The tournament costs \$15 per person and team size is limited to six members. However, there is no limit to the number of teams that can participate. Spouses and family members are welcome as team members.

The annual bowling tournament is not only a morale-booster, but it is also a fundraiser, said Airman Clark-Vasquez. Proceeds from the tournament go to the 302nd AW Family Support

Center to offset costs associated with the wing family day picnic, she said.

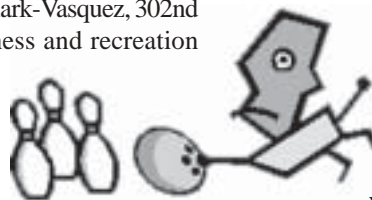
Last year's bowling tournament raised almost \$1,000. It is hoped enough teams for a second session will compete this year so more money can be raised.

Individual door prizes will be randomly awarded to individual tournament participants. Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing in first, second and third place.

"The team finishing in first place will win bragging rights and the nice big trophy that we took from Maintenance that's sitting in the Services office now," said Airman Clark-Vasquez.

Last year, Services won the tournament by dethroning the three-year champion Maintenance team with a total score of 2,616.

For more information, contact Airman Clark-Vasquez or Staff Sgt. Aaron Jenkins in the 302nd Services Flight at 556-4001.



Maintenance superintendent reflects on desert 'experience'

By Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bebow
302nd Maintenance Squadron

I recently returned from my assigned tour in the desert. Though this is not my first trip TDY, I still left with a lot of apprehension about what we were going to face. Things such as:

- Working conditions at the deployed location
- Interfacing with my active duty and Guard counterparts
- Long working hours
- Work/rest cycles.
- How would the aircraft hold up under ex-

treme desert conditions such as heat, sand and assault take-offs and landings?

Skill level and knowledge of those deploying with me, not only from Colorado, but Niagara Falls and Willow Grove as well.

There were a multitude of others, but it took very little time before I realized how short-sighted I was and how blessed I was about to become with the people who went with me. Without question, the maintenance people who deployed with me were the best of the very best. Each day they proved themselves time and time again through unbearable heat, humidity and a heavy workload. They never complained nor asked for any special treatment. They came in every day, gave their very best and expected the very best out of each other. You could stand any 50 maintenance people in a "line-up" and pick out our people. I would not have given up one 3-skill level person I had with me for anyone else from any other place. Simply put – they were outstanding!

I gained a healthy respect for our aircrews as well. When the maintenance workload was extremely high, our aircrews became part of the "cure" with making the aircraft operate more efficiently.

Our aircrews "locked arms" with us and made it all happen. If you did not know what aircrew were flying the aircraft, the condition of the aircraft when they returned home told the story. Our aircrews were a tremendous help to us under heavy workload and adverse weather conditions.

We made the active duty gain a healthy respect for our aircraft and our maintenance/flying capabilities. Our Mission Effectiveness Rating was 98.2% efficient. That rating is hardly, if ever, achieved at home station and to have it happen under the desert conditions, was a strong statement of our ability in the eyes of our active duty counterparts. It was not by accident that our aircraft did so well. The ability to fly the hours we did and accomplish what we did is a direct reflection upon the quality built into our aircraft long before leaving from home station. We reaped the benefits of a high quality product produced by our inspection section and the day-to-day maintenance of specialty shops. The aircraft did so well because of the upfront quality built in at home station that allowed us to just maintain status-quo there.

I also got a chance to meet some wonderful young people who represent the best that America has to offer. What I thought I knew about them, I did not. What my impression of them was, I found after talking with them and getting to know them better, not to be true. I made some terrific friends and learned so much about people. I came away from the desert a better man, leader and chief.



Here's your sign!

Senior Master Sgt. James Smith, 302nd Maintenance Squadron assistant avionics flight chief, didn't have any problem finding his family upon returning home Jan. 14 from a deployment in support of U.S. Central Command operations. Clockwise from left are Erin Smith, Sergeant Smith, Calvin Jackson, Maryann Smith, Shelly Jackson and Garrett Jackson. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ian Bebow)

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