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# Change – facing its challenges

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

As I turn over the leadership of the 302nd Airlift Wing to Colonel Jim Muscatell, I thought I would take a minute to discuss some of the changes in the nature of the Air Force since I joined in 1969, and ask you to think about the next 35-plus years.

Today, our chief of staff is the first to be of the post-Vietnam era and an ROTC graduate. When I joined the Air Force, the chief of staff was a World War II veteran and a graduate of West Point (the AF Academy was just 10 years old).

Today, women serve in nearly every career field available. In 1969 most served as nurses, administrators and other non-combat areas. The idea of a female fighter pilot or helicopter pilot would have been unthinkable.

Today, women serve as wing commanders in all sorts of units including flying and space organizations.

The positions to which women can aspire are important but the evolution of respect for each other is equally important and tightly linked. The efforts we are currently making to educate our people about sexual assault are a world away from the day when exotic dancers were an acceptable part of on-base club activities.

Race relations have similarly evolved. I have vivid memories of the riots in various places during the “long hot summer” and the death of Dr. King the year before I entered the service. Those events speak to the racial climate in the late '60s. The military was ahead of the general population

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## Thank you 302nd Airlift Wing, for all you do

*Thank you, thank you, thank you! Each and every member of the 302nd Airlift Wing, and all the men and women who have been part of my career, thank you for your support. You have performed extraordinary tasks.*

*I recently reviewed our flyers' and maintainers' performance in the desert and I was floored by the numbers. You were and are all incredible. I think about the aerial porters' and the transporters' performance during their mobilizations and I am equally awed by their execution. I could go on and on. In the end, I am proud of each and every one of you for your dedication, your patriotism and your incredible skill.*

*It has been an honor and privilege to be your commander for the past year and a half. I am sad that the privilege will end in March but I want you to know that the honor will live in my heart forever.*

*You have made my career richer, and more rewarding, but far more importantly, you have made our nation stronger and our military presence more respected. For that, you should be proud. Thanks again to you, great American Patriots all.*

WILLIAM P. KANE, Brig. Gen. USAFR  
 Commander

## On the cover

**Flying 'em like they train 'em**

Maj. John Eric Hal (left) and Capt. Tim Pemberton (right), 731st Airlift Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Craig Schueller, 95th AS, General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Wis.,



approach a runway, and its lights, in a C-130 Hercules after completing a combat support mission for the the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung)

## UTA Schedule

**Next UTA: March 4-5**

**April 1-2**

**May 6-7**

**June 3-4**

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.

# Ruffles and Flourishes

By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins  
Front Range Flyer

According to the *Wikipedia Encyclopedia*, “Ruffles and Flourishes are preceding fanfare for ceremonial music for distinguished people.” In the Air Force, the playing of Ruffles and Flourishes announces the arrival of a flag officer or other dignitary of honor.

Although no official record exists of when it was first put to this use, Ruffles and Flourishes have been used as a greeting for important visitors, and eventually evolved to greet the president of the United States (before Hail to the Chief is played) since 1812.

Ruffles are played on drums and flourishes are played on bugles. They are sounded together, once for each star of the general officer being honored or according to title or office held by the honoree. Four ruffles and flourishes is the highest honor.

Throughout the branches of the United States military, ruffles and flourishes are played during military ceremonies that have a general officer as the presiding official. Within the Air Force and the 302nd Airlift Wing, the general officer being honored faces the audience and stands at attention. If the ceremony is being conducted indoors, members of the audience in uniform stand at “ATTENTION” and face the general officer being honored. If the ceremony is being conducted outdoors, audience members in uniform also render a salute to the general officer.

Ruffles and Flourishes will be played at the 302nd Airlift Wing Change of Command Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, March 4, at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 210, Bay 1.

## Wing changing leadership

The 302nd Airlift Wing will see a change in senior leadership this month and for the first time witness the retirement of its wing commander.

On March 4, Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW commander, will turn the wing over to Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., currently the commander of the 934th Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 210, Bay 1.

Immediately following the change of command, a retirement ceremony will be held in which General Kane will bring to an end 37 years of service to the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

No previous 302nd AW commander has retired from the position of 302nd AW commander.

A retirement dinner has been planned for March 3 to honor General Kane.



## Special flag

Senior Master Sgts. Arthur Avila (left), 39th Aerial Port Squadron B Flight superintendent, and Brian Pinsky, 39th APS NCO in charge of Air Tactical Operations Center, presented Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd Airlift Wing commander, an American flag the aerial porters had flown over their Area of Responsibility during their deployment to Iraq in 2005. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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with regard to equality but still far from ideal.

Unfortunately, we are still not there – while in some units the ratios of race and rank reflect the local community, often minorities are not routinely spread across all career fields. If you look at a roomful of wing commanders, you will see a group dominated by white males. We as a service have a long way to go in making our service colorblind.

Today, there is a respect for our health that is an enormous evolution from the early '70s. Whether you talk about alcohol, smoking or fitness, we have come a long way. In the '60s the culture of alcohol use was incredibly strong and nonsmokers were rare.

I remember a crusty old navigator proudly smoking a cigar during my very first low level route in a C-130. It is one of the many customs we have gladly outgrown. I know the blue haze in the cockpit brought a green glow to my face.

I remember some serious demonstrations at my college against the war

in Vietnam when I was talking to the recruiters. I am delighted to say that today the respect America shows our young (and old) veterans has changed for the better.

What will the Air Force look like in 35 years? Will our chief of staff wear space wings? Will she be a Global Hawk expert? Who knows, but perhaps looking at the progress we've made in the past 35 years will give us a clue.

I challenge each of you to be a part of that future. What do I mean by that? Be prepared to make a difference. Be ready to embrace change. Look at the Base Realignment and Closure mandated changes and see them as opportunities.

I know that the changes which happened in my first 35 years were brought about by one incremental change at a time. Some changes were made “by” senior leaders, but most of the changes in culture were made “by” individuals at the unit level.

I challenge each of you to be a vanguard of change. When you look back in 30 years, I'd like you to be able to say, “I helped make the Air Force a better and more capable force.”



### Space reaches into education

Col. Susan Rhodes, Headquarters Reserve National Security Space Institute commandant, addresses attendees at the Reserve NSSI activation and her assumption of command Feb. 10 as Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command looks on. The RNSSI is the 10th unit to join the 310th Space Group since the group began with the 7th Space Operations Squadron in March 1993.

"We will be your Space Warriors," Colonel Rhodes said to General Bradley as she presented him the coin from the first Reserve unit in the space program, the 7th SOPS. "We [RNSSI] are the success story of the nine Reserve units in space today," said Colonel Rhodes, an alumnus of the 7th SOPS since its initial activation.

The NSSI is the Department of Defense's focal point for educating space power applications in joint war-fighting. (U.S. Air Force photo by Alexander Groves, 50th Space Wing)

## No one holds a candle to combat warriors

By Col. Michael Sumida  
595th Space Group  
Schriever Air Force Base

One of the things I miss about not being a commander is telling stories to the troops. Here is one I'd tell them now if I still commanded a unit.

As we watch the Olympics, we will, again see situations where a media reporter will point out how magnificent some of these athletes are because they face circumstances where there is so much at stake and they face tremendous pressure.

These reporters will solemnly make clear to us what those stakes are – fame, and the honor of a medal that may be gold or silver or bronze. These reporters will eloquently state that what makes these athletes so magnificent and courageous is that many of them will overcome the pressure and succeed.

On several occasions in my life, especially while either flying in and/or commanding in the Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission, Desert Storm, Bosnia (Joint Forge), Kosovo (Shining Hope), Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan (Enduring Freedom), and

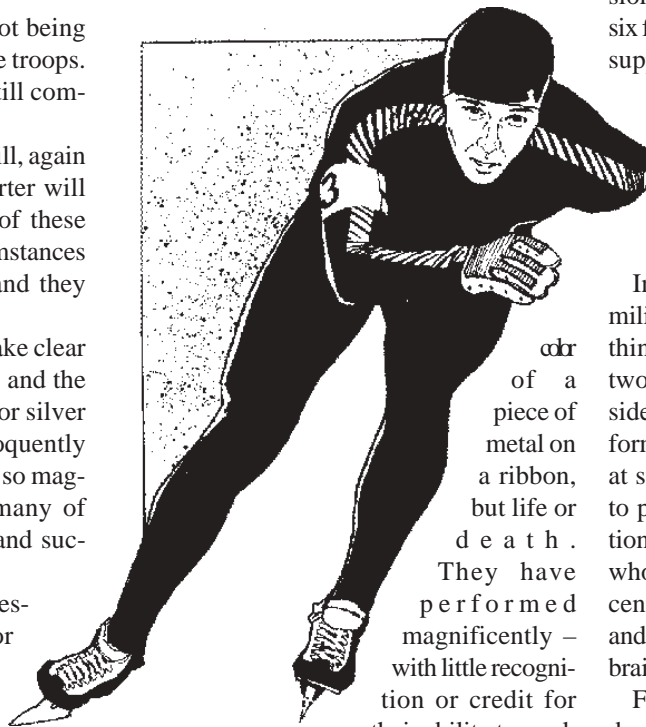
firefighting in the western United States, I have had the privilege of working with people who held at stake, not fame or the

sis.

I know whaereof I speak when I say life or death. In the Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission which I flew on, eight men died. Also, six fellow crew members died in a firefighting support mission. I wonder how an Olympic athlete, such as a figure skater, would feel if they were told they didn't have to skate a perfect score once, but a hundred consecutive times. Well, that is the type of situation our people work under in combat situations.

In my book, the men and women in our military embody true magnificent courage. I think if I were a sports announcer and had two groups of people side by side, with one side comprised of people who had to perform once with fame or the color of a medal at stake versus a group of people who had to perform hundreds of times with perfection – with life or death at stake, my vote for who is the most courageous and magnificent would be the second group – the men and women of our military. It would be a no-brainer.

For me, Olympic athletes, while admirable, don't hold a candle to the courage under pressure displayed by our men and women who serve in combat.



of a piece of metal on a ribbon, but life or death. They have performed magnificently – with little recognition or credit for their ability to work

under pressure. They not only had life or death at stake just once, but on a daily ba-

# Changes in Air Force await best of 2005

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
Front Range Flyer

A large gathering of Air Force members, wearing mess dress uniforms, canvassed the entrance corridor to the Antlers Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs Feb. 11.



Staff Sgt. Isaiah Lechowit  
302nd Maintenance Squadron  
Airman of the Year

Many were active-duty, there to celebrate the awarding of the Order of the Sword. Meanwhile, in an adjoining ballroom, the 302nd Airlift Wing was busy with a celebration of its own.

Nearly 340 wing and family members and distinguished guests were present to honor the 2005 annual and quarterly winners during the wing's annual awards dinner.

Those receiving recognition during the event included, Senior Airman Fiaui Taase, 731st Airlift Squadron, Airman of the Quarter; and Tech. Sgt. Juan Torres; 39th Aerial Port Squadron; NCO of the Quarter, for the first quarter of 2005.

Second quarter award winners were, Staff Sgt. Isaiah Lechowit; 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Airman of the Quarter; and Tech. Sgt. Isaac Lopez, 302nd Security Forces Squadron, NCO of the Quarter.

Third and fourth quarter winners were Senior Airman Jacob Longwell, 302nd SFS; Tech.



Tech. Sgt. Jorge Talamantes  
302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron  
NCO of the Year

Sgt. Mark Gilding; 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

Fourth quarter winners were Senior Airman Ryan Warnhoff; 302nd MXS; and Tech. Sgt. Jorge Talamantes; 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Airman Lechowit and Sergeant Talamantes were also named Airman and NCO of the Year, respectively, while other annual award winners included Master Sgt. Michael Gettman, 302nd SFS, Senior NCO of the Year; Chief Master Sgt. Michael Jahner;



Master Sgt. Michael Gettman  
302nd Security Forces Squadron  
Senior NCO of the Year

39th APS; First Sergeant of the Year; and Capt. Cynthia Marcello; 302nd AW; Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Technology International Inc. and guest speaker for the event, while referring to Toby Keith's country-western hit, *I Wanna Talk About Me*. "You are the best and brightest ... the great and the gallant ... you put the sharp edge on America's Air Expeditionary Force! America has never had an Air Force this busy, nor committed. America has never had an Air Force this good because America has never had an Air Force with you leading it. You are the winning difference ... the deciding factor.

"Things are changing," added General Kelley. "Change takes many forms. Take a good look around this room this evening. You see a lot of change right here. Some of us come from a different time. But what we are doing here tonight is a matter of the moment. What you are doing everyday in your mission responsibilities is to create the

future of our Air Force. So lead well and keep making her better. Make her better!"

Change also affects the wing, which welcomes a new commander this month.

"Most of you know this may be my last time celebrating with you," said Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW commander. "I can't think of a more poignant way to step aside for a close-out where we're recognizing the great young men and women of the Air Force. I am as proud as I could ever be to have been your commander."

Proud also describes how Captain Marcello felt after winning her award.

"I feel honored to have been selected as Company Grade Officer of the Year," she said. "There were a lot of other deserving people nominated. To be selected under General Kane's command makes it that much better."

One annual winner couldn't help but notice how many people were present to help honor the winners.



Capt. Cynthia Marcello  
302nd Airlift Wing  
Company Grade Officer of the Year

"This was an awesome turnout," added Sergeant Talamantes. "Congratulations to all the award winners."

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Pacheco, 302nd AW First Sergeants Council president, and several council members were responsible for making the event a success.



Chief Master Sgt. Michael Jahner  
39th Aerial Port Squadron  
First Sergeant of the Year

# Educational opportunities available

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
*Front Range Flyer*

Educational opportunities abound for 302nd Airlift Wing members. Those who

choose to take advantage of these opportunities often do so with assistance from the wing's education and training office.

Members continue to pursue and complete Community College of the Air Force

degrees at an impressive rate. In fact, the wing's CCAF graduation rate was third highest in Air Force Reserve Command. For these efforts, Air Force Reserve Command recently awarded the wing three Pitsenbarger Award grants.

"We have motivated students," said Master Sgt. Louise Rasmussen, 302nd AW assistant chief of education and training. "Many have taken advantage of classes offered on unit training assembly weekends to complete their general education requirements."

Recent CCAF graduates pursuing a baccalaureate degree are being offered an opportunity to submit packages to receive one of the \$500 Pitsenbarger grants.

Any 2005 CCAF graduate interested in receiving this grant should contact the education and training office.

General education credits earned from a civilian accredited



Tech. Sgt. Angela Eberhart, 302nd Airlift Wing education and training manager, assists Senior Airman Mason Roberts, 302nd Maintenance Squadron integrated avionics system technician, with pre-registration. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

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## 302nd Airlift Wing receives grants for graduates

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
*Front Range Flyer*

The 302nd Airlift Wing Education and Training office had been focusing on the month of January for a long time – and with a good reason.

January was when the Air Force Reserve Command announced its annual Pitsenbarger Award winners, and the 302nd AW received three financial grants. The Pitsenbarger Award provides a one-time grant of \$500 to selected Air Force members who are graduating from the Community College of the Air Force who are furthering their education and pursuing baccalaureate degrees.

"We were one of eight bases

awarded the grant," said Staff Sgt. Leandra Rodriguez, 302nd AW NCO in charge of education and training. "We'll be conducting a board process to determine who'll receive the grants. Interested candidates from the recently graduated 2005 class can find the application at [www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp](http://www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp).

Once applications have been received, and a winner has been selected, names are forwarded to the Aerospace Education Foundation. Checks, award letters and certificates are prepared and sent to the unit's education office.

Criteria for Pitsenbarger Award grants are based on grade point average, leadership abilities enlisted performance

reports and community involvement.

"Awards are available for each academic semester," said Ann Sagle, manager of Contributions and Special Programs at the Aerospace Education Foundation. "All active duty units are automatically allocated one award. Any additional awards are based on the formula of one grant per 33 graduates. For the Reserve, awards are allocated to units with the highest number of graduates as a percentage of the unit population."

Pitsenbarger Award grants are awarded to Reserve units on an annual basis. Other units receiving grants included McConnell Air Force Base, Charleston AFB, S.C.; Seymour Johnson AFB,

N.C.; Barksdale AFB, La.; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; and Scott AFB; Ill.

The Pitsenbarger Award, previously called the Eagle Grant, was named for Airman 1st Class William H. Pitsenbarger of Pique, Ohio. Airman Pitsenbarger was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for bravery during the Vietnam War. A pararescuer, he continued to treat wounded soldiers despite coming under intense enemy fire, and being mortally wounded himself during a battle on April 11, 1966 outside of Saigon.

More information on the Pitsenbarger Award can be found at [www.aef.org/grants/paa.html](http://www.aef.org/grants/paa.html) or [www.afa.org/magazine/Feb2001/0201pitts.html](http://www.afa.org/magazine/Feb2001/0201pitts.html).

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educational institution can be applied toward a CCAF degree. General education requirements can also be met through College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support exams, commonly known as CLEP and DANTEs.

“CLEP can be taken at a military-friendly testing facility,” said Sergeant Rasmussen. “They may charge a fee for administering the test. Pike’s Peak Community College offers free testing on base on Thursdays. You’ll need to schedule in advance. Spouses can take CLEP and DANTEs tests with a Reserve Test Control Office.”

There are many military-friendly schools giving credit for military education. Visit the virtual education website through the Air Force Portal at [www.my.af.mil/gcssaf/afp40/](http://www.my.af.mil/gcssaf/afp40/)

USAF/ep/home. Another valuable source of information is [www.military.com](http://www.military.com).

Troy State University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Phoenix, Regis University, Colorado Christian University and several other educational institutions have been part of the wing’s annual education open house.

The “Troops to Teachers” program established in 1994 for military personnel seeking alternative teaching programs continues to be a viable option for wing members and their spouses. For more information on the Troops to Teachers program visit: [proud.to.serveagain.com](http://proud.to.serveagain.com).

Reservists desiring to take advantage of educational opportunities offered by the wing can schedule an appointment with an education representative in Bldg. 895, Room 120, or call (719) 556-8184/7250.



Staff Sgt. Leandra Rodriguez, 302nd Airlift Wing NCO in charge of education and training, discusses educational opportunities with Staff Sgt. Erin Doty, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron supply technician. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

## Items of interest from 302nd Airlift Wing Education & Training

The 302nd Airlift Wing Education & Training is still located in Bldg. 895, Room 120.

**Hours of operation**

Monday through Friday – 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., 12:30 to 4 p.m.; UTA Saturdays – 7:30 to 11 a.m., noon to 4:30 p.m.; UTA Sundays – 7:30 to 11 a.m., noon to 2:30 p.m.

**PME & CDC testing**

Fridays before UTAs, 1 p.m.; Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m.; UTA Saturdays & Sundays – 12:15

p.m. (report 5-10 minutes early)

*You must be scheduled prior to testing*  
DANTEs/AFPT – By appointment only

**Professional Military Education**

NCOLDP – The next Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program class will be held July 26 through Aug. 4. Members in the pay grades of E-4 through E-7 must be nominated by their supervisor or commander.

AFSNCOA – The next classes for the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (in residence) are June 7 through July 25 and Aug. 14 through Sept. 28. Students must be in a pay grade of E-7 or higher and must have an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score of 80 or higher. Interested members must fill out an Air Force Form 4036, Application for Senior NCO Academy In-Residence.

## ASTS annual block training focuses on medical readiness

By Airman 1st Class  
Jessica E. Andrews

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron unit public affairs representative

Is my gas mask in perfect condition? What is medical intel? What are different types of disease prevention? These are just a few of many ques-

tions that were answered for reservists of the 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron during February’s unit training assembly was annual block training.

The bulk of the briefings consisted of medically relevant information, such as infection control, medical effects of NBC (nuclear, biological, chemical), smallpox and force health pro-

tection.

Airmen also reviewed standard need-to-know information, such as alcohol/drug abuse and prevention, emergency prep brief, fire extinguisher safety, sexual assault, recall/deployment processing and annual tour information.

In addition to all the standard briefings, unit members were

very attentive to extra information presented. A very insightful briefing about suicide prevention was presented. A history lesson was also included in the briefings, to give reservists a good refresher course. February’s mandatory training served its purpose in giving Air Force members all the information they needed.

# Uniform board changes include cell phone rules

Wear and use of cell phones is now addressed in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. This is just one of several changes to the AFI, suggested by the 97th Air Force Uniform Board, and recently approved by Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff.

Cell phones, pagers and personal digital assistants must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and must be conservative.

They may be clipped to the left side of the waist band or purse or carried in the left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued device. You may only use hands-free headsets or earplugs in the performance of official duties using a government issued device. The change takes effect immediately.

Other approved items which take effect immediately include:

- Wear of the blue nametag with the Air Force informal uniform – abbreviated rank and name on one line (worn by recruiters, fitness center staff, health and wellness center staff, world class athletes, enlisted aides, honor guard, chaplains, and chaplain assistants)
- Standardize cummerbund wear (pleats

will face up for both men and women)

- Prohibit wear of scrunchy as hair accessory for women

• Hair pins and bands will match hair color (reverses 96th AFUB) long hair will be secured with no loose ends

• Hair color/highlights/frosting will not be faddish and will be natural looking for human beings (blonde/brunette/natural red/black/gray)

- No shaved head or flat top hairstyles for women

• Synthetic hair can be worn as long as it meets safety and mission requirements

• Braids, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized for women

• Standardize wig/hairpiece wear (eliminate medical justification for men)

If due to a temporary medical condition (i.e. radiation, chemotherapy) resulting in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved American Cancer Society cap (black or tan), wigs or baldness in uniform.

Females will not wear shades of nail polish that distinctly contrast with their complexion, that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme. Some examples of extreme colors include, but are not limited to, purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire engine) red, and florescent colors. Nail polish will be limited to one color (French manicures are allowed). Nail length will not exceed one-quarter inch from finger tip.

In addition to clutch style purse, wear of

carry type purse with no more than two straps authorized with mess dress

Reduce bracelet size to one-half inch. Bracelets that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized. Traditional POW/MIA metal bracelets are still authorized. Gemstone/tennis bracelets are only authorized when wearing mess dress uniform.

Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring.

Eyeglasses will not be worn around the neck; on top or back of head; or exposed/hanging on uniform.

Earrings for women will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe (conform to earring wear when performing duty in civilian clothes).

Optional wear of male flight cap for women. Authorize optional epoxy blue name tag, worn on the blue shirt

Discontinue award of the Air Force Good Conduct medal. May continue to wear those previously earned.

Physical Training uniform – mandatory wear date set is Oct. 1, 2006.

Additional guidance on all approvals will be forthcoming in the next update of AFI 36-2903, expected to be released this month. Questions should be addressed to your local or major command points of contact.



## Headquarters Air Force realigns similar to 'J-staff' model

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - The staff functions at Headquarters Air Force, major commands and warfighting headquarters will soon all share the same "A-staff" structure.

The Air Staff at Headquarters Air Force here has adopted an organizational structure that closely mirrors the Army's "G-staff," the Navy's "N-staff" and the joint "J-staff."

The effort will help the Air Force optimize internal communications and communicate more efficiently with other services, said Brig. Gen. Marshall K. Sabol, Air Force director for manpower, organization and resources.

"This change will enhance our warfighting capability and help our communications both horizontally and vertically in the Air Force, as well as with those on the joint staff and the office of the secretary of defense,"

General Sabol said. "As we operate in deployed and joint environments, our communication will also be more effective and efficient."

The affected Air Force functions will be renamed and realigned so similar functions at all levels are referred to by the same name. The functional groupings will match other services and the joint staff.

At Headquarters Air Force, the deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel is

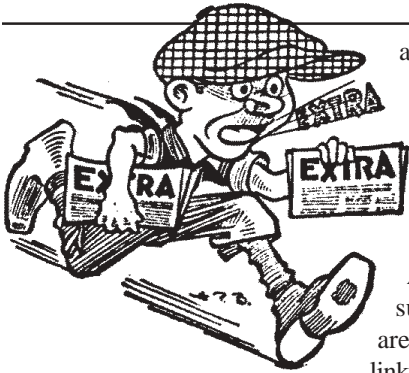
now called "AF/DP." Under the reorganization, he will be referred to as "the A1."

The A1 in the Air Force is responsible for plans and policies covering all military life cycles and civilian personnel management.

Changes at major commands and warfighter headquarters" levels that have not yet adopted the A-staff structure will follow suit by May 1. Similar functions

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**Military spouse scholarship applications being accepted**

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for NMFA’s Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships.

Any uniformed service spouse – active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve, or survivor – studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school is encouraged to apply. Scholarships, normally in the amount of \$1,000, may be used for tuition, fees, books, and school room and board. The number of schol-

arships awarded each year varies. Applications can be found at [www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006](http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006).

Applications will only be accepted online and must be submitted by midnight April 15, 2006. Organizations supporting military spouses are encouraged to provide this link, [www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006](http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006), on their website or in other publications.

**Veterans’ organization offering new scholarship**

American Veterans is proud to announce the establishment of the Dr. Aurelio M. Caccamo Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is in memory of and honoring Dr. Caccamo, an immigrant to the United States, who gave of himself both in his chosen profession as a physician and in his service to the U.S. Army Reserves.

Two \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded each year for the

duration of the grant. The scholarships are for veterans, including members of the National Guard and Reserve, seeking new skills in order to be more competitive in the job market. The one-time award may be used for undergraduate courses or accredited degree or certificate programs, including online schools. The first awards will be made in May and the deadline for applying is April 15, 2006.

Link to the application on the AMVETS website is at [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org) under “What’s New”.

**AF eliminates commissioned officer distinctions**

The Air Force will eliminate the distinction between active-duty regular and Reserve officers by May 1.

Previously, an officer who earned a reserve commission served in a sort of probationary period until promoted to major, when they could become a “regular” officer.

For more information on the transition, Airmen can contact the Air Force Personnel Center.

**Military OneSource changes log-in process**

Under direction of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military OneSource recently changed the log-in process. Instead of a generic User ID and Password, each participant must now create a personalized User ID and Password to gain full access to the site.

Creating a personalized User ID and Password will not require you to disclose personal information other than your branch of service and unit/location. This change, called membership, will improve user access to the site as it is a fast and simple process.

Military OneSource participants who previously created a personalized account will continue to log on using their established personal identification and password.

*Authorized shoppers can now access virtual commissary*

**By Bonnie Powell**  
*Defense Commissary Agency*

FORT LEE, Va. (AFPN) – Defense Commissary Agency shoppers looking for a different kind of gift can let their fingers do the clicking at the new Virtual Commissary.

Commissary officials said Virtual Commissary will open up new options of Internet shop-

ping for authorized users.

“We’re excited about DeCA’s first adventure into the world of Internet shopping,” said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director for the Defense Commissary Agency.

Virtual Commissary products can be found on the shelves of “brick and mortar” commissaries, but the unique packaging of products into gift and special

occasion baskets adds a new twist. With titles like “Camouflage,” “Drill Sergeant” and “Touch of Home,” the baskets offer assortments of crackers, canned cheeses, cookies, candies, beverages and coffee.

“The number of vendors and manufacturers participating will continue to increase – along with the variety of products,” Mr. Nixon said.

To access Virtual Commissary, shoppers must pass through a secure portal found under the shopping link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Personal information entered by the customer is validated to ensure they are an authorized shopper. Access is dependent on whether the customer is entered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

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at all levels will be “re-mapped” to nine standardized A-staff areas of responsibility. Those areas include: A1 - Manpower and Personnel; A2 - Intelligence; A3 - Air, Space and Information Operations; A4 - Logistics; A5 - Plans and Requirements; A6 - Communications; A7 - Installations and Mission Support; A8 - Strategic Plans and Programs; and A9 - Analyses, Assess-

ments and Lessons Learned.

By adopting this staff structure, the Air Force will eliminate the difficulty sometimes encountered when leadership at one headquarters attempts to contact functional counterparts at another headquarters.

General Sabol said there have been concerns in the field the reorganization would equate to job loss. The reorganization will neither create nor eliminate jobs, he said. The reorganization will make it easier for Air-

men to do their jobs, both within the Air Force and joint environment.

“Whether you are at work, deployed or even working from home, this will make it easier for you to do your work,” he said. “Wherever you are, you are going to know who to talk to and how to communicate.”

The reorganization will not change special staff offices of the Secretary of the Air Force and will not filter down to the wing level.

# Unit Training Assembly Schedule

## March 4-5

	<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 – 1100	302nd AW Change of Command	Bldg. 210, Bay 1	MSGCC/6-7379
	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.**

## Reservists can establish online virtual accounts

**By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims**

*Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs*

DENVER (AFPJ) - Air Force reservists can now go online to create an account on the Reserve Personnel Center's Virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve portal. The portal on the personnel center's Web site allows reservists to access virtual personnel services and enhances the traditional "vMPF" tools.

Service is available around the clock year round and lets Airmen conduct a variety of personnel transactions from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection.

The process is relatively simple and can help speed up many personnel actions. To create an account, go to [www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/newaccount.asp](http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/newaccount.asp).

Fill out the electronic form, including the member's Social Security number and date of birth. Members will also have to include

a valid e-mail address and phone number. The e-mail address will be used for service delivery and password management. People with no e-mail address can establish one at: [www.gimail.af.mil/login.asp](http://www.gimail.af.mil/login.asp).

Many people use the self-help, "Frequently Asked Questions," feature on the Web site. This is a self-service system where Airmen search by category or keyword for answers. If they cannot find an answer, they can log in to their account and e-mail a customer service representative. The frequency of new questions leads to new FAQs, as the center compiles data on information to keep the knowledge base current.

Reservists can make address updates, find assignment information, learn about benefits and entitlements and search career opportunities on the Web site. The points management provides the number of points members have. Promotions help people prepare for promotion boards.

One of the busiest sections is retirements. Members can find out what they need to do to retire and what is available to them when they do. People who seek alternate career fields can go to the retraining section and find out if they are eligible.

One of the most recent processes added is the ability to get a reissue of the 20-year letter and or a mortgage letter.

"Ten years ago I set up my first electronic banking account. I do everything that way now – never an error, always an audit trail, well documented. It's time now to give that to our citizen Airmen for their personnel needs," said Dave Aldrich, the center's director of personnel services.

As personnel center continues to transform personnel services, reservists will be able to do more personnel actions without ever using a phone or driving to the local military personnel flight. All they do is log on to [www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/default.asp](http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/default.asp).

## Sharp Troop of the Month



**Name:** Gary F. Wilson  
**Rank:** Senior Airman  
**Section:** 302nd Maintenance Squadron orderly room  
**Job:** Orders Clerk  
**Date assigned:** February 2005  
**Hometown:** Syracuse, N.Y.  
**Hobbies:** Going on family outings, working out, working on the house, taking the dog on long walks, watching horror movies

### Favorite thing about your

**job:** The people. Being orders clerk, I am in contact with many people. I enjoy the folks who depend on me and I like doing the best job I can for them.

*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.*

## Services keglers looking to match spectacular finish of 2005



It was a roll of historic proportions. James Malone won't soon forget it. Neither will his Services teammates – nor will the Logistics and Maintenance teams.

Malone picked up a 4-9 split on his next-to-last ball to lift Services to an 8-pin victory over LRS in last year's 4th Annual Bowling Tournament and Fundraiser. The win also dethroned the Maintenance squad, who had won all three previous tournaments.

The Services quintet rolled 2,616, LRS 2,608. Had Malone nailed just one pin the match would have ended in a tie; had he missed both, LRS would have won by a single pin.

Maintenance wound up a distant third with a score of 2,570. The wing's top team, which was runner-up in 2003 and 2004, was never in contention and placed fourth with 2,253. Command Post

rounded out the top five in the 20-team event with 2,207.

The tournament raised nearly \$1,000, a portion of which is contributed to assist wing families in need. The event, sponsored by the 302nd Mission Support Group and run by the 302nd Services Flight, also offers 302nd Airlift Wing members an opportunity to enjoy fun and friendship while drawing on the competitive spirit of many of its participants.

Units may enter as many 5-person teams as they choose, and spouses and family members are welcome to participate. The entry fee is \$15 per person.

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

## Retirees



Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW  
 Master Sgt. William Horton, 39th APS  
 Master Sgt. Paul D. Mikel, 14th TS  
 Tech. Sgt. David Cline, 39th APS  
 Tech. Sgt. Charles Myers, 39th APS  
 Tech. Sgt. Andrew Ott, 39th APS



## Newcomers

### 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Airman 1st Class Michelle Y. Alvarez  
 Airman 1st Class Mataya L. Glover  
 Airman Becky L. Jost

Airman 1st Class Amanda Roldanfauteux

### 302nd Maintenance Operations Flight

Master Sgt. Cheryl L. Somann

### 302nd Mission Support Flight

Tech. Sgt. Nancy J. Fust

First Lt. Julynn M. Miller

Airman Basic Cecily A. Stamus-Martinez

### 302nd Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Sean M. Bird

Senior Airman Jesus J. Espinoza

Airman 1st Class Brianne R. Foresman

Senior Airman Julie A. Glass

Airman 1st Class Jacob D. Ingebritson

Staff Sgt. Ruel A. Lovell

Tech. Sgt. Phillip Macaluso

Staff Sgt. Derek H. Osborne

Senior Airman Calvin L. Pacheco Jr.

Airman 1st Class Robert Evans

### 731st Airlift Squadron

Capt. John C. Coyle

Staff Sgt. Celina Jones

Capt. Jeffrey E. Phillips

Capt. Richard L. Trotter

### 310th Communications Flight

Airman 1st Class Sean P. Voss

Staff Sgt. Sean C. Zerges

### 7th Space Operations Squadron

Capt. Penelope L. Butler

### 8th Space Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Alfred L. Snyder Jr.

Maj. Blake T. Tibbetts

### 14th Test Squadron

Maj. Nicholas J. Zeisler

### 19th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Matt Mangold

### 26th Space Aggressor Squadron

Maj. Kyle D. Gardner

Capt. Reece A. Stephenson

### 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Courtney D. Wojt

### 302nd Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Tracey V. Lee

Senior Airman Samuel S. Lerman

### 310th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Jason Evans

Staff Sgt. Andrea I. Pepper

Tech. Sgt. Richard Rumovitz

Tech. Sgt. Reginald Ceehorne

### 302nd Services Flight

Staff Sgt. Ruben N. Gonzales

### 39th Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Gloria Y. Bealore

Staff Sgt. Anthony Harvey

Airman 1st Class Class Ryan Pedigo

### 302nd Airlift Control Flight

Master Sgt. Arthur Kinsfater Jr.

### 302nd Aircraft

### Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jerry D. Westlake



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 2, at 2 a.m.  
 Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour





**302nd MXG  
Change  
of  
Command**



**Saturday  
April 1  
10 a.m.**

**Bldg. 210  
Bay 1**



**Duty history now centralized**

**By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims**  
*Air Reserve Personnel Center  
Public Affairs*

DENVER (AFP) - Reserve Airmen can access and change their duty history through the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, or vPC-GR, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

Reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp. Airmen can establish an account by answering a few questions.

Once logged in, members can click on "Duty History," where

they can add, edit or delete data. Supporting documents can be attached while logged into the portal or by a separate e-mail.

"The ultimate goal is to improve how we deliver services to our Reservists," said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC commander. "It is time that we stop making people drive across base to go to the military personnel flight to do their updates."

The service delivery transformation team at ARPC continuously studies which processes handled by local MPFs can be centralized and automated at ARPC. (Courtesy of Air Reserve Personnel Center News Service)



**New shirts**

The 302nd Airlift Wing has three new first sergeants. Left to right, Master Sgts. Helena Dunlap, 302nd Services Flight; Thomas Izzett, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron; and Michael Ribich, 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, graduated from the Air Force First Sergeants Academy in January. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. David D. Morton)

**Women**

**Builders of Communities & Dreams**

In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Maryland) co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution to form National Women's History Week.

Six years later, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the entire month of March. Since then, the National Women's History Month Resolution has been ap-

proved with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

Each year, programs and activities in schools, workplaces, and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared.

The National Women's History Project's theme for 2006 Women's History Month is "Women: Builders of Communities & Dreams."

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