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# Continuing need for volunteerism

By Col. Andrew McMahon  
302nd AW vice commander

Last unit training assembly, we participated in a change-of-command ceremony. Brig. Gen. William P. Kane relinquished command of the 302nd Airlift Wing and Col. James J. Muscatell Jr. assumed command.

At the change of command ceremony, both Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, and Maj. Gen. James D. Bankers, 22nd AF commander, expressed their appreciation for the outstanding performance and sacrifices of the 302nd AW. I want to echo their comments. The professionalism and dedication of all of our Airmen is truly impressive. You have once again demonstrated through your actions that the 302nd AW is second to none. I am proud to be associated with such a fine organization.

When I joined the Air Force Reserve in 1985, our command flew older aircraft. Who remembers the pride we had in our 1959 B-model C-130s? We were a force that would primarily be called upon when all active duty resources had been exhausted. That use-model was validated during Desert Storm. The 302nd was mobilized in January 1991 and demobilized later that summer. We flew and maintained our trusty B-models throughout the U.S., Europe, and Middle East. It was a short mobilization and war.

However, our nation and its use of military resources were forever changed with the attacks of 9/11. Now, we are in a protracted war on terrorism that could last years, if not decades. Using our Reserve forces as a resource of last resort is a use-model that is not viable in this current war. Our active-duty counterparts, AFRC, and probably a lot of you, realize this. As reservists, we need to understand that one- or two-year

involuntary mobilizations of entire groups and wings is probably not in the best interests of our Airmen, nor is it the most effective and efficient way to use limited personnel and equipment. Something has to change. I believe we will gradually see (in fact we are starting to see it now) the transformation of the Air Force Reserve from a force that is exercised through involuntary unit mobilizations to a force that is primarily comprised of volunteers.

At our change of command, General Bradley emphasized the continuing need for volunteerism. At first thought, I found it ironic that our commander would be asking for volunteers in the midst of a unit mobilization. However, after some reflection, I think General Bradley was preparing us for the realities of a new Air Force Reserve – one that relies on smaller packages of volunteers instead of large unit mobilizations.

I would ask each of you to consider the ramifications of such a Reserve program – one based not on involuntary mobilization, but on volunteerism. As reservists, our legal rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act are the same if we are mobilized or if we volunteer. A key component of volunteerism, however, is the prior communication and coordination with our families and employers. Volunteering and deploying too frequently and for too long a duration can seriously damage these relationships. Each of us needs to discuss with our families and employers the realities of volunteerism and continue that amazing juggling act between family, employer, and the Reserve.

In the next few years our nation will be asking for much more of our time and abilities. Knowing you to be the true patriots that you are, I know that she will not be disappointed. Thank you for your service.

## On the cover

**Always prepared**

Tech. Sgts. Matthew Steele (left), 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance craftsman, and John Panos, 302nd LRS vehicle maintenance journeyman, participate in a physical training walk March 5. See pages 10-11 for another training story. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie)



## UTA Schedule

**Next UTA: April 1-2**

**May 6-7**

**June 3-4**

**July 8-9**

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## Have you completed your PME?

**By Chief Master Sgt.  
Michael R. Jahner**  
39th Aerial Port Squadron

It is a common question I have heard and have asked enlisted members of my unit over the years. For some, the question is a sensitive issue. For others, the answer is “yes” without hesitation. Completion of Professional Military Education is an opportunity to take it to the next level of advancement as an NCO.

Professional development starts with Course 1 for senior airmen. Completion of this paper-based correspondence course is required for promotion to staff sergeant. Currently, the in-residence Airman Leadership School is available, but only if it is unit-funded.

Like many of you, I came to the 302nd Airlift Wing as a staff sergeant with prior service in a different branch. I had previously graduated in-residence from the Army National Guard Military Academy Basic NCO Course and the Advanced NCO Course for Reserve Components. I assumed that these courses would transfer as an equivalent and meet the requirements for the Air Force Reserve. My assumption was incorrect.

I worked through the correspondence courses of Course 6 and Course 8 from Air University. Those courses have since been replaced by Course 9 and the computer-based Course 12.

The other option for junior NCOs is the structured 6-week in-residence NCO Academy if you have the time to take off from your civilian employment. Besides receiving a rewarding and demanding experience, it will force you to complete the course on a time schedule.

There is an NCO Academy located on Peterson Air Force Base.

For those who choose to complete PME by correspondence, developing a timeline for volume completion and testing is necessary to stay on track and avoid course expiration. We all have our own learning styles and preferences. I prefer books over computer resources. Many others prefer learning in front of a computer.

The bottom line for completing the courses is commitment. I have heard, and can relate to the belief, that the courses are monotonous and it can be difficult to stay focused. For those of you seeking promotion opportunities, I would suggest starting on your PME as soon as you are eligible to enroll. PME will not guarantee your next stripe, but it is always best to be prepared when an opportunity presents itself. Otherwise, it might produce stress and pressure from not only yourself, but from your superiors, to get it done.

As for my prior service Army courses, I was encouraged by an article I read in the January 2006 edition of the Front Range Flyer, *Joint enlisted Professional Military Education becomes reality*. The article spells out a plan for the different branches of services to include joint topics in their PME. This may be a step or an opportunity for one branch of service to accept another’s PME.

I have also seen members of our organization stopped in their tracks because of PME. But, on the other hand, I have seen others aggressively complete the courses to open opportunities.

Have you completed your PME?

## Letter to Airmen: Air Force Core Values

*I continue to be honored to serve with you as Secretary of this great Air Force. Whether on the ground, in air or space, or on the new frontier of cyberspace – and whether you wear uniforms or civilian clothes – you respond to daily challenges that embody our core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.*


*These core values should reflect the values we share from the moment we take our oath to support and defend the constitution. We must continue to reflect on these values, linked to that oath. Sharing my thoughts in this note is part of that ongoing process.*

***Integrity First** reminds us we must “walk the talk” – our words and actions must be integrated in our lives. It reminds us of Thomas Jefferson’s concept of moral muscles – that we build and strengthen our character through the daily exercise of words, actions and decisions. Integrity first means not only physical courage, but moral courage as well, so that we sometimes stand up by speaking up. It means being loyal to our friends, to each other – by being loyal to our oath, our Air Force, and our Nation.*

***Service Before Self** is not the same as “service,” a value also claimed by some civilian institutions and corporations. Our Service requires sacrifice and commitment to our Nation. We understand we make decisions in an environment where freedoms are on the line, and lives are at stake. Service Before Self begins with duty, but it means more. It means that, in our Air Force, as we fly and fight in war and peace, going above-and-beyond-the-call-of-duty is not the exception – it is the rule.*

***Excellence in All We Do** reminds us, at the most basic level, of the old “Hometown Newspaper Test” – imagining our parents reading about our actions, and wanting them to be proud. But it also includes the military concept of honor – knowing our actions reflect on all Airmen – and on the Air Force itself. It reminds us that we stand on the shoulders of giants: heroes like Billy Mitchell, and Doolittle, Spaatz, and Rickenbacker; heroes who faced and beat incredible odds. We have inherited a history of excellence, courage and greatness. We must live up to that heritage, become part of it, and pass it on.*

*All Airmen are men and women of character. Our enduring Air Force Core Values provide a touchstone as we rise to meet current and future challenges, threats, and opportunities. As America’s Airmen, it is imperative that we maintain the moral high ground – our nation depends on it. I thank all of you for your contributions and sacrifices. I salute you!*



Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force



**EARTH DAY**  
April 22



# Colonel sees changes in during career

**By Col. Michael T. O'Halloran**  
302nd Maintenance  
Group commander

As I reflect on my years of service, there are two concepts that come to mind as constant themes throughout my career. The technological advances which have propelled us into the 21st century and the continu-



ing need for human interaction. When I entered the Air Force in 1972, copy machines were just being introduced. Copiers required special training to use them and we were limited on how many people could receive that training. The normal practice was if more than one copy was needed then carbon paper was used for additional copies. If a mistake was made all the carbon copies had to be corrected. Also, some documents were not allowed to have corrections made to the copy and the typist would have to start over.

Computers have changed our world. It is now possible to make changes and have a new document in seconds. Technological advances have reduced the number of people required to perform routine tasks and allows everyone to be more productive. The number of people required to fly and maintain aircraft has

been dramatically reduced because technology has improved system reliability. This reliability means the remaining personnel must be better trained because when systems "break" they are usually very difficult to repair.

The need for human interaction has changed very little, but technology has decreased the requirement for this type of interaction. Computer based training and online classes are more efficient, but for complex issues, however these may not be the most effective methods. How many times have you called an office with a simple question and you get the answering machine which requires you to push a myriad of buttons in order to finally talk to a person? This may be human interaction versus a technology issue reduced to the lowest level.

Human interaction allows us

to connect with each other and feel part of the team. We need to find opportunities to avoid the machine solution and connect with people. This human connection is important because during deployments and operational readiness inspections, we need to function as a team. One of the first things the inspector general does during an ORI is take away the nice-to-have tech gadgets to see how well we can operate. Teamwork can only work if we know how people are going to react to a situation. Team members bring strengths and weaknesses with them and we need to utilize the strengths of all team members. This can only happen if we practice as a team.

Striking the right balance between human interaction and technology benefits us all most. When in doubt, go for human interaction.

## Being a 'can do' person in a 'can't be done' world

**By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson**  
302nd AW chaplain

Nathanael's "can do" attitude opened up all kinds of doors for him. Unfortunately, a childhood accident left him with a stiff right leg, so any door he walked through he did with a limp. As one of eight sons born to a driven blue collar father, there was lots of time for work but little for education. In spite of occasional attacks of asthma and a bout with smallpox which left a cloudy spot in his right eye, Nathanael's enthusiasm for life and efforts to educate himself made him a "very remarkable young man."

When war loomed on the horizon, Nathanael energetically initiated the organization of a militia unit. Using his own hard earned money, he provided military equipment needed for their for success. Spending long hours studying military science,

he became tactically proficient. What he lacked in experience he endeavored to make up with "watchfulness and industry." Who would have ever guessed what happened next?

It was the most emotionally devastating day of his military career. It was decided that his much too-public limp, his "halting," would be a "blemish" on the unit.

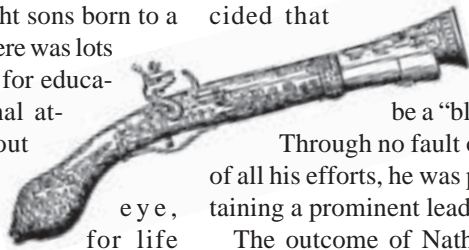
Through no fault of his own, in spite of all his efforts, he was prohibited from attaining a prominent leadership position.

The outcome of Nathanael's entire life revolved around how he would handle this deep sting of disappointment. Well, he promptly went out and purchased a musket from an enemy deserter, and then took it to marches as a private in the company drills. For eight months, day in and day out, he was there making a difference in the ranks – Nathanael and his "can do" attitude.

It soon became obvious that a man of such ability and "can do" attitude needed to move up. Nathanael, who was so willingly to serve any way he could, made an amazing impression on all those around him. When it came time to recognize leadership, to make changes based on imminent battles, Nathanael was given full command of the Rhode Island Regiment, limp and all. History came to know him as the youngest and one of the most able generals in the Revolutionary war, Gen. Nathanael Greene.

Do you have a "limp?" Have you been disappointed by not receiving recognition you so readily deserve? Feel like no one notices your efforts? Carry on with that "can do" attitude, drive on to excellence, keep the faith! The apostle Peter puts it like this, "Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God that He may lift you up at the right time" (1 Peter 5:6).

Having any doubts about that? Ask the "Fighting Quaker" Nathanael Greene.





# Wing welcomes new commander

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

Col. James J. Muscatell Jr. assumed command of the 302nd Airlift Wing in a change-of-command ceremony March 4. He succeeds Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, who commanded the unit since July 2004.

"I stand before you today, reluctantly, to do my last act as commander of this wing," said General Kane. "In the end, the message I would like to give Colonel Muscatell is I have been extremely proud to be commander of the 302nd Airlift Wing.

"It has been a privilege and it has been an honor to be your commander."

Maj. General. James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, who officiated the change-of-command, spoke of everything the wing was involved in during General Kane's time here. This included mobilizations and deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and U.S. Central Command operations in Southwest Asia, the aerial firefighting mission and the stand up

of 70th Flying Training Squadron at the Air Force Academy.

"Through all that, General Kane has exhibited outstanding leadership, magnificent leadership," said the general. He praised the wing's members and their families, for their efforts and their sacrifices.

"Thank you for your continued support in this war on terrorism," he said. "Your dedication and your commitment to this country and this unit have been wonderful. Thank you to your families for their support of you."

Colonel Muscatell, who relinquishes command of the 934th Airlift Wing, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn., and takes over official duties at the 302nd AW April 5, is looking for that continued dedication and commitment.

"This is a great wing with a great reputation," he said. "This is not my wing, this is your wing. What I offer you is my support.

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Col James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd Airlift Wing commander, addresses the audience at the change-of-command (U.S. Air Force photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

## 302nd Airlift Wing 'family' bids farewell to leader

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

When a family loses a member it is a time filled with emo-

tion. It was no different during the March unit training assembly when the 302nd Airlift Wing bade farewell to its commander, Brig. Gen. William P. Kane.

General Kane turned the wing over to Col. James J. Muscatell Jr. in a change-of-command ceremony here March 4, immediately followed by a ceremony honoring the end of the general's 37-year career serving the United States of America. The general is the first 302nd AW commander to retire from the wing, his six predecessors having all moved on to other assignments after commanding the 302nd.

The general took charge of the wing in July 2004; during his command the 302nd was tasked with numerous responsibilities. The summer of 2004 was the wing's busiest aerial firefighting season to date, flying more than 325 Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System missions. The wing witnessed a pair of mobilizations, nearly 50 members in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

in December 2004, and approximately 450 members in support of U.S. Central Command operations in Southwest Asia in August and October 2005.

The wing stood up the 70th Flying Training Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy in October 2005. Reservists there help train cadets involved in flying, soaring and parachuting, and are also involved in the screening process for the Undergraduate Pilot Training program.

Additionally, wing manning increased 10 percent during General Kane's tenure.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, officiated at General Kane's retirement ceremony. After presenting General Kane with



Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, retiring 302nd Airlift Wing commander, talks about the wing's accomplishments over the past year-and-a-half. (U.S. Air Force photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

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# 302nd AW members reel in 22nd AF awards

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

The 302nd Airlift Wing is quickly becoming a well-known entity within 22nd Air Force. Four wing members have recently earned Numbered Air Force honors for 2005.

In the quest to be named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen, two wing members have advanced to the next level. Staff Sgt. Isaiah Lechowit, 302nd Maintenance Squadron crew chief, was named 22nd AF Airman of the Year and Tech. Sgt.



Staff Sgt. Isaiah Lechowit

Jorge Talamantes, 302nd Logistics Squadron transportation journeyman, was named 22nd AF Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Lechowit is currently serving his second deployment to Southwest Asia in support of U.S. Central Command operations. Sergeant Talamantes was one of the original Peterson Five, a group of five 302nd LRS members who deployed to Iraq in 2004 to assist the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom

"It's a really great honor, not only to represent LRS, but to represent the 302nd Airlift Wing," said Sergeant Talamantes. "There are a lot of people involved in receiving this honor. It's just a great honor at this point to represent the 302nd in this capacity."

Sergeant Talamantes is one of three 302nd LRS members to be recognized by 22nd AF for exceptional performance. A pair of the squadron's senior NCOs re-



Left to right, Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Tiff, Tech. Sgt. Jorge Talamantes, and Senior Master Sgt. Milo Scott represent the 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron well as 22nd Air Force award winners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

cently received honors as well. Senior Master Sgt. Milo Scott has been selected Logistics Plans Senior NCO of the Year and Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Tiff is the Fuels Senior NCO of the Year.

"It's a very high honor to be selected for the superintendent of the year for 22nd," said Sergeant Tiff. "It means I'm doing

the right thing at the right time."

Sergeant Scott has played an instrumental role in the smooth operation of the wing's mobilization in support of U.S. Central Command operations in Southwest Asia.

"It's nice to be recognized as part of the home station effort in this ongoing war," said Sergeant Scott.

## Front Range Flyer contributors garner media contest awards

The editor of the Front Range Flyer and one of the 302nd Airlift Wing's unit public affairs representatives combined to earn four awards in the 2005 Air Force Reserve Command Media Contest.

Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron UPAR, captured runner-up honors in the Contractor/Stringer Photographer category. His photo entry of Maj. Dave Condit, 731st Airlift Squadron navigator, embracing his son, Douglas, adorned the front cover of the November 2005 Front Range Flyer.

Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor, NCO in charge of Public Affairs and editor of the wing's monthly magazine, placed second in two

categories and third in another.

Sergeant Taylor's article about Staff Sgt. Louis Torres Jr., an Olympic Taekwondo hopeful (May 2005 Front Range Flyer), earned second place in the Sports Article category and was part of his runner-up entry in the Print Journalist of the Year category. The latter category also included features about the Rothe family (February 2005) and new corrosion control facility (August 2005), a news story about the January 2005 deployment of 302nd AW members (February 2005) and a commentary about the importance of our independence (July 2005). He earned third place in the Photojournalism category, which included two photos

and a feature about the 39th Aerial Port Squadron homecoming in November 2005 (December 2005)

Contest entries are judged separately by three judges. Their combined scores then determine an entry's overall score.

The Front Range Flyer submitted entries in 12 categories. Out of 36 scores given, 15 were scored 90 or higher, including five which received perfect 100s. Sergeant Taylor earned three perfect scores and Sergeant Brito one. Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson, 302nd AW chaplain, also received a perfect score for his entry, *We can overcome any 'Lucifer' in our lives* (May 2005) in the Contractor/Stringer Writer category.



# 310th Space Group dishes out annual awards

The 310th Space Group held its annual awards banquet at the Antlers Hilton in Colorado Springs March 10.

Several members of the unit were recognized, including an Airman who recently won the Air Force Reserve Command award as the top Airman for 2005 in communications and information.

Senior Airman Sack Sounakhene, 310th Communications Flight, received AFRC's Communications-Computer Systems Award in the Airman category.

Tech. Sgt. William Hosey, 6th Space Operations Squadron, received the Capt. Dee Jai Rogers Award. The award honors Captain Rogers, who passed away Sept. 4, 2004. She was the 310th SG executive officer.

The award recognizes a member of the 310th SG whom the space group feels best characterizes its motto, "Family of Professionals."

310th SG annual award winners are:

Company Grade Officer of the Year – 1st Lt. Douglas Roning, 8th Space Warning Squadron

Senior NCO of the Year – Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth J. Trousdale, 26th Space Aggressor Squadron

NCO of the Year – Staff Sgt. Conrad A. Dawes, 8th SWS

Airman of the Year – Airman Sounakhene Squadron of the Year, 26th SAS



Tech. Sgt. William Hosey (right) receives the Capt. Dee Jai Rogers Award from her widower, Capt. Adam Rogers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kimberly Krus, 50th Space Wing)

310th Security Forces Top Cops Award winners are:

Senior NCO – Senior Master Sgt. Shawn C. Quillen

NCO – Tech. Sgt. Clark F. Tinan

Airman – Staff Sgt. Andrew H. Denning  
Enlisted Space Operator of the Year award

winners are:

Senior NCO – Senior Master Sgt. Robert C. Cherry, 8th SWS

NCO – Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey G. Buell, 7th SOPS

Airman – Staff Sgt. Mealinda M. Aguirre, 9th SOPS



Maj. Gen. Maj. General. James D. Bankers (left), 22nd Air Force commander, and Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd Airlift Wing commander, exchange salutes during the change-of-command. Also pictured are Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command; Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, retiring 302nd AW commander; and Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler, 302nd AW command chief master sergeant. (U.S. Air Force photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

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I believe in removing obstacles and giving you the tools to do the job."

Colonel Muscatell is a 1979 graduate of the Air Force Academy and is a command pilot with more than 7,000 flying hours.

He served on the Air Force Crisis Action team for post 9-11 civil support and coordinated Air Force Reserve Command's first wartime command deployment package during Operation Enduring Freedom. He commanded the first C-17 European strategic intratheater deployment and also commanded the 409th Aerospace Expeditionary Group during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he helped begin the process to establish a base in Bourgas, Bulgaria.

As the newest 302nd AW commander, he intends to carry on a tradition which is rich in history and success.

# Medical exercise opportunity for admin to shine

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

No one can ever accuse the 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron of being in a rut. Just listen in on any meeting or gathering at the unit. There are always new ideas brewing to make things better.

Squadron officers and senior enlisted members met March 5 to discuss ways to make their upcoming Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility exercise the

better and more productive.

CASF training is when the squadron takes a fixed location to meet all of its medical treatment needs to simulate a wartime situation, typically being done outside and on a C-130 for patient loads.

During this year's exercise, which takes place May 7, ASTS wants to focus on operational components like security, sweep team procedures, facility management, administrative and logistics work. Radio communication will also be made a top priority this year, because it plays a major factor in

wartime communication.

According to Capt. Brook Elkins, 302nd ASTS health services administrator, a mass casualty situation is not just about the medical component. He says, in reality, the logistics person will be busier than the medics. While there may be dozens of medics in the field, there are only a handful of logistics people running around, trying to ensure everyone gets the equipment they need. He says unit members need to become experts on the operational side.

"Everyone gets to practice litter carries and other medical aspects every time there is a drill like this," he said. "But resources need to be known, what's coming in and what's going out. If the medics are the muscle, then admin is the nervous system keeping everything running."

Colonel Karen Baldi, 302nd ASTS chief of aerospace medicine, echoes this sentiment.

"This is a great opportunity for admin to shine," she said. She's been deployed and knows how important the role of medical admin is to the mission.

"Medical admin is important because we live in an information rich world. If the information is wrong, the database incomplete, or the medical record missing, the system breaks down. The people who keep the information flowing provide the grease to the wheels of this system. Whether it's in wartime, or peacetime, home station or deployed, we could not work efficiently without them."

"I want our administrative section, the

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Left to right, Maj. William Horvath, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron clinical nurse; Senior Master Sgt. Shannon Snare, 302nd ASTS aerospace medical technician; and Staff Sgt. Stephanie Orawiec, 302nd ASTS medical services journeyman, listen in during a Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility exercise meeting. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica E. Andrews)

## 302nd Airlift Wing preparing for Operational Readiness Inspection

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

You have probably heard by now our request to delay the Operational Readiness Inspection was approved by Air Mobility Command and rescheduled for Dec. 1-8, 2007. Although the delay is a welcome sigh of relief, it does not slow down our preparation needed in order to do well in this inspection.

To help you prepare, we are planning several home station round robin block train-

ing activities on UTAs to practice the common core mission essential tasks. Additionally, we will conduct a field training exercise, participate in a Readiness Safeguard Exercise at Volk Field, Wis., and be assessed by 22nd Air Force in a Readiness Assessment Visit prior to the ORI.

Something you can do to prepare now is become familiar with your Mission Essential Task Lists. A METL lists what job tasks you are supposed to know and what your unit task codes will be inspected on.

The list may be small or large. There may

be items that you do not do in your day-to-day job, but for the inspection you will be expected to know them.

There are METLs that cross all UTCs and Air Force Specialty Codes such as chemical response, unexploded ordnances, detecting chemical weapons, contamination avoidance, and self-aid and buddy care, to list a few.

See your unit deployment manager for your METLs list or stop by or call the 302nd AW Performance Management office, 556-0142, for assistance.



## 302nd Airlift Wing/310th Space Group Employer Orientation form

### Employer Information

Employer's full name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer's title/position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer special needs (dietary, physical, etc.)? If yes, please explain:  
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### Reservist Information

Rank/name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Duty phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Military position title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Civilian position title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planning to lunch with your employer?    yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

## Reserve employers taking center stage

An opportunity for reservists to thank their bosses for all the support they've received during the past year is here. The 302nd Airlift Wing/310th Space Group Employer Appreciation Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 3.

Employers will be treated to an orientation flight on one of the wing's C-130H aircraft followed by a luncheon at the Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Club.

At the luncheon, they will hear from Fred Fletemeyer, Colorado Chairman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. They will also hear from Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander, and will receive a Modular Airborne Firefighting System briefing.

Completed forms must be returned by May 19 and may be dropped off at Public Affairs, Bldg. 893, Suite 138; or sent by fax to 719-556-4214, by e-mail to 302aw.pa@peterson.af.mil or by mail to 302 AW/PA, 860 Malmstrom Street, Suite 138, Peterson AFB CO 80914-1179.

For more information, call Public Affairs at 556-4117.

## Get CAC'd at 302nd Military Personnel Flight customer service

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

The 302nd Military Personnel Flight customer service section is helping many 302nd Airlift Wing members with microchip activation of their military ID card, which contains personal data and security features for easy access to the secure virtual MPF site.

Several members of the wing have been making an effort to activate their common access cards in order to meet an end of May deadline for any member with an e-mail account. There are a few things members can do to make the process

smooth and not stressful for themselves or their fellow service members.

Reservists need to recode their current CAC cards because current cards are invalid due to the recent e-mail migration.

The update can include a quick visit to customer service or a painful wait if you don't know your information. The addition of a numbered password makes your ID card a CAC card, which becomes a virtual ticket to your personnel files.

"The CAC readers are looking for three certificates. One of them is the member's e-mail address," said Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Caldwell, 302nd AW

chief of customer service. "If wing members don't provide me with a correct email address it will hinder their CAC logon process.

"It doesn't take long to get a card updated with the required certificates, so have patience. When service members come to the customer service office please be specific about what your problem is. It saves time if a customer can identify the error message they received, because our office can go directly to that portion and correct it."

There are several features on the vMPF that are virtually available now. Address changes, emergency data, point credit

summary inquiry, awards and decorations, data verification, duty history, proof of service letter, records review and reenlistment eligibility are all features that have migrated into the vMPF for easy access.

"New users should read carefully when making their address changes, as incorrect entries have forced wing members to come in for manual changes, which cost them valuable UTA time," said Tech. Sgt. Nancy Fust, 302nd MPF NCOIC of customer service.

Try your card in a CAC

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Staff Sgt. Glen Guba, 302nd Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructor, checks M-240 targets on the firing range. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

## Security forces team up for weapons qualifications

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

Teamwork is essential in ensuring a smooth-running military. The 302nd and 310th Security Forces Squadrons use the teamwork concept by combining forces to conduct heavy weapons qualifications.

“We combine both squad-

rons to cut down on costs,” said Tech. Sgt. Patrick Polly, 302nd SFS fire team leader. “Having both units together makes it easier and more fun to do the required training.”

However, that’s not the only benefit of joint weapons training between the two squadrons.

“We don’t have a combat arms training and management

section assigned to us,” said Tech. Sgt. Clark Tinan, 310th SFS training NCO. “The 302nd provides all our CATM support. It’s definitely beneficial to us.”

Thirty personnel representing both units put those benefits to use by firing more than 22,000 rounds of 7.62 millimeter and more than 11,000 rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition from M-240 and

M-249 automatic weapons Feb. 12 at Airburst Range on Walker’s Valley Ranch located just south of Pueblo. The range also serves as a bombing range for aircraft from Buckley Air National Guard Base.

Heavy weapons firing re-

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Sgt. John Meidl, 302nd Security Forces Squadron fire team leader, clears an M-240 squad automatic weapon during classroom training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)



Sgt. Troy Courkamp (back), 302nd Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of Combat Arms Training and Maintenance, observes M-240 qualifications. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

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quires a full day of classroom instruction and then another full day firing the weapons.

“Targets on the range included armored personnel carriers, tanks, and 2.5 ton trucks,” said Tech. Sgt. Richard Bribiesca, 302nd SFS assistant NCO of CATM. “Students doing the firing could actually see the rounds traveling into some of the targets.”

Both weapons are operated similar to the U.S. Army’s old M-60 machine gun. The gunner places the butt stock up against the side of the cheek, takes aim and holds on tight. The assistant gunner feeds bands of ammunition into the weapons loading tray and acts as a spotter for the gunner.

“The M-240 and M-249 represent a departure from the venerable M-60,” said Capt. David Lehrman, 302nd SFS commander. “They are much more reliable and, despite the caliber differences, have essentially the same operating system. Both weapons can be

mounted and fired on bi-pods and tripods, greatly increasing accuracy.”

While some members had limited experience firing both weapons, others were more comfortable because of previous training.

“I’ve shot the M-60 many times in the Army,” said Senior Airman Sean Cassidy, 302nd SFS fire team leader. Firing these two weapons is always fun.”

Security forces members assigned to both units are generally required to maintain weapons qualification on M-16 and M-4 rifles twice a year. The M-4 is a newer version weapon similar to the M-16, fires the same caliber ammunition and is designed for close proximity combat.

“We were out here primarily to become more familiar with heavy weapons,” added Senior Airman Jody Sanchez, 302nd SFS fire team member. “We’d love to fire both weapons a lot more than we normally do, but for right now we only do it annually.”

One CATM team member assisting with overall instruction and assessing target acquisition during M-240 and M-249 weapons firing at the range couldn’t help but notice how fire team members were able to adapt to firing the weapons.

“I’m impressed and amazed at how well these personnel do during qualification of these heavy weapons,” said Tech. Sgt. Christopher Shoales, 302nd SFS assistant NCO in charge of CATM. “For them to only do this type of weapons firing annually says a lot about how willing and how well they’re able to adapt.”



Spotting the fall of rounds. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman VuongVu Le)



## 302nd Maintenance Group

### Change of Command

Saturday, April 1 1 p.m.

Bldg. 210, Bay 1



Col. Jane L. Kitchen



### Reflections

Col. Michael T. O'Halloran, 302nd Maintenance Group commander, takes a moment to reflect during a retreat ceremony held in his honor Feb. 28.

He received his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1972 and served on active duty until 1980. From 1980 to 1984 he was a member of the New Mexico Air National Guard.

Colonel O'Halloran joined the Air Force Reserve in June 1984 and came to the 302nd Airlift Wing in October 1995 to command the 302nd MXG.

The colonel was recalled to active duty during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and served in Saudi Arabia.

On April 1, Colonel O'Halloran will turn the 302nd MXG over to Col. Jane L. Kitchen, former commander of the 440th MXG, General Mitchell International Airport-Air Reserve Station Milwaukee, Wis. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

### *Col. Michael T. & Jacenta O'Halloran*

#### **Farewell Luncheon**

**Friday, April 7, 11 a.m.**

**Golden Corral Restaurant  
1970 Waynoka Rd.**

**(near Powers and Palmer Park intersection)**

**RSVP prior to event date at 556-4353**

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reader, enter your CAC code and then click on the vMPF link on the 302nd AW website at <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/302aw/welcome.htm> to start your visit to the virtual MPF with no sign-in sheet and, cheers, you are virtually the number one customer.

Customer service is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. UTA Saturdays and 7:30 a.m. to noon UTA Sundays. It is closed 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays and UTA Saturdays.

### *Unit public affairs representatives are go-getters*

Unit Public Affairs Representatives are the "eyes and ears" for public affairs around the 302nd Airlift Wing and provide a "helping hand" when needed. Likewise, UPARs have a responsibility to their commanders to assist in carrying out the commander's public affairs program within their units.

Look for your unit's UPARs' photos and articles in the Front Range Flyer. Recent UPAR go-getters include writer, Airman 1st Class Jessica Andrews, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and photographers, Chief Master Sgt. James D. Riley, 731st Airlift Squadron, Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, and Ken Haskin, 302nd ASTS.

For more information on the wing's UPAR program, call public affairs at 556-4117 or stop by the office in Bldg. 893, Suite 138.



# Loadmasters – the heart of C-130 operations

By Maj. Ann P. Knabe  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – As Tech. Sgt. Kristy Decker, 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron loadmaster, knows, no flight in the Area of Responsibility is predictable.

With nearly two decades of flying under her belt, the 302nd Airlift Wing reservist is serving her first tour of duty with the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron based in Southwest Asia. To date, the loadmaster has flown into Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa more than 20 times.

The other half of this loadmaster team is Master Sgt. Thomas “Hoser” Freeman, also a 302nd AW reservist.

Together, they play a critical role in the C-130 mission. Sergeants Freeman and Decker accomplish preflight checks of aircraft, making sure all equipment is working. They

supervise the loading of the aircraft, including cargo and passengers. Then they calculate the weight and balance of the cargo so the aircraft can safely fly.

“Loadmasters provide the pilot with precise weight and balance calculations to determine the plane’s center of gravity,” said Maj. Brian Tallent, 746th EAS assistant director of operations, referring to the role of loadmasters. “This is key to ensuring the aircraft flies.”

The Baghdad mission required the loadmasters to juggle multiple responsibilities throughout the evening. Their first stop

was Bahrain, an airport with a strong U.S. Navy presence.

One passenger departed the aircraft in Bahrain. As the troop walked off the plane, Sergeants Decker and Freeman supervised the loading of three pallets, weighing more than 4,000 pounds each onto the C-130.

Meanwhile, more passengers boarded the plane. Their luggage followed on pallets. The aircraft took off for Iraq, carrying sophisticated military communications equip-

ment, a 2,000-pound air compressor, and 1,500 pounds of compressed air and chemicals.

crews unimpeded vision. Aircraft Commander Maj. Eric Hall and co-pilot Maj. Jim Travis maneuvered the aircraft using a tactical approach to evade enemy fire. Approaches in Iraq are complex because of the airspace surrounding the airports, other traffic and enemy threats.

“The (airspace) is saturated,” explained Major Hall. “It’s within close vicinity of other airfields, and there’s almost always something military-related going on down on the ground that requires combat air support.

This, in turn, affects traffic in and out of Iraq.”

On the ground, the passengers departed the plane into the night, walking single file away from the aircraft. Meanwhile, the loadmasters directed forklift drivers as they lifted the three pallets into darkness.

Col. Dennis Ployer, 447th Air Expeditionary Group Commander, greeted the aircrew, making a long lost connection with Tech. Sgt. Craig

Schueler, a C-130 flight engineer based in Milwaukee.

Colonel Ployer, who serves as the 911th Airlift Wing Commander back in the United States, was stationed with Sergeant Schueler in Milwaukee in the late 1990s.

The conversation turned serious as Colonel Ployer explained the crew would be carrying human remains out of Baghdad that night.

The crew had flown similar missions in



Tech. Sgt. Kristy Decker, 746th Expeditionary Air Squadron loadmaster, prepares to lock pallets onto the C-130 aircraft floor. Sergeant Decker is a reservist from the 302nd Airlift Wing based at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. With nearly two decades of flying under her belt, the Colorado Springs Air Force reservist is serving her first tour of duty serving with the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron based here. To date, she has flown into Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa more than 20 times. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Ann P. Knabe)

ment, a 2,000-pound air compressor, and 1,500 pounds of compressed air and chemicals.

Nighttime descents into Iraq keep the loadmasters busy. As the plane descended into Iraq, the loadmasters strapped themselves to seats in the rear.

They peered through the windows, scouring the skies through night vision goggles, looking for signs of enemy fire.

Dim green lights illuminated the interior of the plane with an iridescent glow. Normal white lights block out the night vision goggles, while the soft green ones allow air-

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the past.

“But every time it’s painful,” said Sergeant Decker.

The aircrew and other passengers quietly filed in the back of the C-130, lining both sides of the aircraft interior. The officer of the day called the servicemembers to attention, the

group saluted and six Airmen silently carried the flag-draped coffin up the ramp of the C-130. They carefully set the casket down. An American flag tightly covered the coffin, folded precisely at the corners and held in place by parachute cord.

More than 30 Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors followed the casket onto the aircraft. Few, if any, knew the fallen American. Yet, they all volunteered to pay final honors by escorting the remains to the aircraft.

The officer of the day called the servicemembers to attention, and the group slowly and deliberately saluted in unison. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jimmy Browning asked all present to remember the American, fallen by an improvised explosive device.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want . . .” said the chaplain, reading the 23rd Psalm.

The group rendered a final salute in silence before departing the aircraft.

A few minutes later, 46 Army soldiers boarded the plane, filing in alongside the tightly secured casket. Two pallets followed, holding bags wrapped in plastic and straps, stacked more than

five feet high.

The entire time, the loadmasters supervised the placement of the cargo, securing it tightly to the floor of the aircraft.

Stacked side by side on the cargo seats, soldiers lined their feet, helmets and bags just inches from the metal casket. As the engines vibrated, the soldiers slept, read or simply stared ahead at the dimly lit casket. On take-off, the C-130 was full to capacity.

The glow of green lights illuminated the flight deck and cargo area. When the plane touched down, Sergeants Decker and Freeman downloaded the pallets of cargo off in minutes.

The loadmasters asked the Soldiers and Airmen closest to the casket to stand and render a final salute as the casket was carried off.

There would be one more stop before the end of the mission. It was almost dawn when the crew landed the C-130 at their home base, but the loadmasters’ job wasn’t done.

After everything and everyone was gone from the aircraft, Sergeants Decker and Freeman cleaned the interior of the plane and organized the cargo seats, leaving the C-130 ready for its next flight.



Master Sgt. Thomas Freeman, 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron loadmaster, peers out the window with night vision goggles during a flight into Iraq. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Ann P. Knabe)

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4A’s, to be put to the test, give us the hardest work,” said Capt. Samuel Downs, 302nd ASTS health services administrator. “Our NCOs will be up to the challenge and this will be a great opportunity for cross training. We have several new NCOs and Airmen and each opportunity we have to share our experiences and test our skills is a welcomed event.”

Another change being discussed is adding a class just to learn about the Airman’s Manual during the exercise.

“I’m a huge fan of the Airman’s Manual,” Captain Elkins expressed to the group. “In an exercise, if you don’t have an Airman’s Manual, you fail as a leader. That book will tell you what to do in any situation.”

Reservists might be disappointed that this year’s exercise will not be outside or on a C-130, but in contrast to previous years, this will be more practical experience that will put the whole situation into context.

Exercise planners are looking into bringing security forces and civil engineering on board to make the exercise more realistic. Medical admin will also play a key role in actually practicing their own jobs, unlike before.

“The CASF exercise this year will highlight the contribution the admin staff makes to our wartime mission,” said Colonel Baldi. “They staff the Medical Control Center which is the brain of the operation. They communicate with the rest of the base operations, manage patient movement, and their baggage, secure computer systems, account for personnel after each alarm red, compile readiness reports, performance reports and push through the paperwork for supplies, and manning.

“This is all of the behind the scenes work that allows the medical staff to focus on patient care.”



# AFRC sweetens reenlistment bonus pot

302nd Airlift Wing members considering reenlistment now have an additional incentive when making their decision.

All members who reenlisted on or after Oct. 1, 2005 will be reviewed for eligibility under the new guidance issued by Air Force Reserve Command. Members must be in a bonus Air Force Specialty code to qualify.

The new guidance also increases the maximum number of years of service from 14 years to less than 20 years. Any bonus eligible member who reenlisted for three or more years on or after Oct. 1, 2005, and was denied the bonus based on their time in ser-

vice being over the 14-year limit will retroactively be enrolled to receive the bonus.

All members in bonus AFSCs are now eligible for multiple bonuses. Eligible members may now have more than one reenlistment bonus during their military career. The amounts may vary.

A 6-year reenlistment bonus which was \$5,000 is now \$15,000. A 3-year reenlistment bonus which was \$2,500 is now \$7,500 and a 3-year subsequent reenlistment bonus which was \$2,000 is now \$6,000.

The bonus program also affects first-time enlistees.

For non-prior service members enlisting in the Reserve for six years, the bonus which was \$8,000 has increased to \$15,000.

For prior service members enlisting in the Reserve the maximum number of years increases from 14 years to 16 years. A 6-year enlistment bonus increases from \$8,000 to \$15,000. A 3-year enlistment which was \$4,000 is now \$7,500 and a 3-year enlistment subsequent bonus which was \$3,500 is now \$6,000.

For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Eric P. Deylius, 302nd AW career manager, at 719-556-7702.



Diane Kane, wife of Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, retiring 302nd Airlift Wing commander, receives an escort from the change-of-command and retirement ceremonies from Chief. Master Sgt. Gary Brown, 302nd Security Forces Squadron manager. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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the Legion of Merit, he spoke about the wing members, those both present and deployed, and about the mobilization, which will end later this year.

“Their performance has been magnificent, as has yours,” he said. “Your mobilization will be done, but we’re still going to need you.

“Our retention is at an all time high,” he said of the command. “The people like being part of this organization, they like being part of this family.”

As he praised the Air Force Reserve, General Bradley did not lose sight of the reason everyone was gathered – to honor General Kane.

“He’s had a fabulous ca-

reer,” General Bradley said. “He’s been a great leader.” General Bradley also praised Mrs. Kane and the Kane children for the sacrifices they made during General Kane’s career.

“Diane and I have felt since the first day we got here as if we were a part of the family,” said General Kane as he reflected back on a brief, but memorable tenure with the 302nd. “Thank you – and God Bless America.”

General Kane was also honored with a farewell dinner March 3, an event attended by about 175 people. Col. Jay Santee, commander of the host unit 21st Space Wing, honored the general as a “partner, neighbor and friend” of the 21st SW.

General and Mrs. Kane will continue to be neighbors, choosing to remain in the Colorado Springs area.

## Human Resource Development Council offers potential for growth

The 302nd Airlift Wing is always looking for ways for its members to grow. This summer the Human Resource Development Council is offering two unique opportunities for members to experience personal and professional growth.

The HRDC has one to three openings for The League of United Latin American Citizens Convention and the Tuskegee Airmen International Convention.

The League of United Latin American Citizens Convention will be held in Milwaukee,

Wis., June 26 to July 1 with specific information on LULAC at [www.lulac.org](http://www.lulac.org).

The Tuskegee Airmen International Convention will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 1-4; additional information is available at [www.taiconvention.com](http://www.taiconvention.com).

Units are encouraged to send junior enlisted and officers as well as senior NCOs and officers to these events.

Each wing is limited to one to three unit members per event with the final selection made by the 302nd AW HRDC Chairman and

302nd AW Vice Commander, Col. Andrew McMahon.

There will be uniform requirements for these events and planned Air Force Reserve Command functions will be worked into the convention schedule.

To self-nominate for these events, contact Lt. Col. Clancy Preston, chief of Public Affairs, at 556-4117 or e-mail her at [clancy.preston@peterson.af.mil](mailto:clancy.preston@peterson.af.mil). Names are needed by April 1. She will present all the names at the next HRDC meeting.

# Wolfpack qualifies for national championships

Wolves have a tendency to travel in packs. Therefore, it's only fitting that the entire Wolf family qualify for the 2006 Nature Valley NASTAR National Championships.

Kelli Wolf is an air reserve technician and 302nd Communications Flight superintendent. She and her husband, Roger, and their twin daughters, Allie and Samantha, all qualified for the championships in Steamboat Springs through their success in the National Standard Race series.

The Wolfpack (their family team name) competes for the Ski Cooper resort team and Cloud City Ski Club club team. They race at resorts around the state.

NASTAR awards competitors an opportunity to race for medals based on a handicap system. Racers compete against a time set by a pacesetter. That time is calculated into a handicap for a racer's age group and

medals are awarded based on handicaps.

Allie raced once during the 2000-2001 season and once during the 2001-2002 season, but in 2002-2003 the entire family got into the sport.

This season, Allie



**Samantha Wolf**



**Allie Wolf**

and Samantha moved up to the more competitive Female 11-12 Silver division, but are still doing well. Allie has medaled in 41 of 44 races and Samantha in

46 of 50. Allie ranks 37th nationally and Samantha 49th.

Roger races in the Male 45-49 Gold division and has medaled in all but eight of his 114 races. Kelli doesn't race nearly as much as the rest of her family, but has grabbed a handful of medals as well.

## *Air Force returns to Wood Brothers for 2006 Nextel Cup Series*

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP)** – The Air Force's participation in NASCAR's Nextel Cup Series continues in 2006 as an associate advertiser with the Wood Brothers/JTG Racing No. 21 car. The 2006 race season marks the sixth year the Air Force has been racing with the Wood Brothers team.

NASCAR veteran Ken Schrader replaces Ricky Rudd as driver.

"Our participation in NASCAR supports our overall recruiting effort and

strengthens awareness of the Air Force among the general public," said Brig. Gen. Dutch Remkes, commander of Air Force Recruiting Service. "With the show car program and the additional races featuring an Air Force blue paint scheme, NASCAR provides us another important forum to reach potential recruits and their families."

For the 2006 season, the Air Force has the use of three No. 21 show cars in the Air Force paint scheme. They will be on display at

high schools and technical colleges and available for a number of personal appearances by Mr. Schrader. The No. 21 car, in Air Force paint scheme, will participate in eight Nextel Cup races.

"We're excited about the upcoming season. We were able to double the number from last year of Nextel Cup races featuring the No. 21 car in Air Force blue," General Remkes said. "It promises to be an exciting year for Air Force recruiting and Wood Brothers/JTG Racing."

### **No. 21 Ford – 2006 NEXTEL Schedule**

*(with Air Force paint scheme)*

May 6, Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, Va.

May 13, Carolina Dodge Dealers 500, Darlington International Raceway, Darlington, S.C.

May 20, NEXTEL All-Star Challenge, Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

May 28, Coca-Cola 600, Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

July 23, Pennsylvania 500, Pocono Raceway, Pocono, Pa.

Aug. 26, Sharpie 500, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn.

Sept. 3, Pop Secret 500, California Speedway, Fontana, Calif.

Sept. 9, Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, Va.

## Air Force Academy basketball team goes to NCAA tournament

Air Force basketball players said at a press conference March 12 they didn't expect to be in the NCAA tournament this year.

In fact, the Falcons were preparing for the National Invitation Tournament when they learned they were going to college basketball's "big show" instead.

Air Force received the final at-large bid in the 65-team field, drawing the 13th seed in the Washington, D.C. bracket. The Falcons (24-6) drew Illinois (25-6), the fourth seed, in the opening round (results were not available at press time).

The Falcons had lost to Wyoming, 57-55,

in the quarterfinals of the Mountain West Conference Tournament and believed they lost any chance of an NCAA Tournament bid.

The MWC was rated eighth by the Ratings Percentage Index and Air Force did not play any teams ranked in the RPI top 100.





**Do not run through Medal of Honor Park**

Runners and formation runs have been cutting through the Medal of Honor Park area at the Peterson Museum.

Due to the sacred sacrifice of those this park honors all runners and run formations are asked to not run in or through this area.

**ARPC offers customer service one weekend a month**

Air Reserve Component members can now speak to an Air Reserve Personnel Center customer service representative the first weekend of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. MST.

This enhanced customer ser-

vice step gives drilling reservists the flexibility to speak with a customer service representative during their primary unit training assembly, which typically occurs the first weekend of every month.

The phone number is 1-800-525-0102.

Reservists who still aren't able to call ARPC are encouraged to log on to the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24/7 customer service Web portal operated by ARPC at [arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp](http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp).

**Family support center offering activities**

The Peterson Air Force Base Family Support Center is offering activities for families.

Bowling Bonanza has free bowling at the bowling center, 2-4 p.m., on Saturday, April 22, May 20 and June 24.

Deployed Families Dinner will be held at the base chapel, 6 p.m., on Friday, April 7, May 5 and June 2.

There will be free giveaways at each event.

For more information, contact Nona Dougherty at 556-7832 or Jeanette Rainey at 556-7596.

**Google Desktop software not authorized**

Google has recently released a tool which allows a user to perform searches against the user's own computer similar to the way the Internet can be searched.

Google Desktop has the capability to index and cache potentially sensitive files including HTTP/HTTPS and e-mail, and can scan local and network drives. This software is not authorized on Air Force systems.

Network Control Centers are directed to scan for the program files and to remove and prevent their reinstallation.

**Professional Military Education opportunities available**

302nd Airlift Wing members seeking Professional Military

Education opportunities can attend the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program or the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Peterson Air Force Base.

The NCOLDP class runs July 26 through Aug. 4. The AFSNCOA is offering the wing a limited number of in-residence quotas in classes held June 4 through July 20 or June 29 through Aug. 15. Contact the 302nd AW Education and Training, at 556-8184 for more information.

**Air Force Academy hosting summer camp**

The U.S. Air Force Academy will host the second annual Parent/Teen Outdoor Adventure Camp, June 25 through July 2.

This camp is for families of active duty Air Force, AF Reserve, their spouses, and dependents 12-14 years of age.

For more information contact Vincent Eure at [vincent.eure@usafa.af.mil](mailto:vincent.eure@usafa.af.mil) or 333-2928.



**Homecoming**

Maj. Brian Tallent, 731st Airlift Squadron evaluator aircraft commander, waves the American flag through the crew hatch of a C-130, as members of the 302nd Airlift Wing return home Feb. 25 from a deployment to Southwest Asia. Major Tallent served as the assistant operations officer for the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron during his deployment. The 302nd AW was activated in August 2005 to support U.S. Central Command operations in Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

# Unit Training Assembly Schedule

## April 1-2

	<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
	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 – 1400	302nd MXG Change-of-Command	Bldg. 210, Bay 1	MXGCCE/6-9202
	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
A Y	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.**

## Air Force implements new cell phone restriction

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine

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**SANANTONIO (AFP)** – The Air Force has implemented a new cell phone restriction for drivers.

Drivers are no longer allowed to talk on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands-free device. This policy is part of the Department of Defense's Joint Traffic Guidance.

This restriction also applies to all government-owned vehicles at all times. No GOV drivers are permitted to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device on or off base.

"This is really a cooperative effort for everyone from the base populace to the base leaders," said Master Sgt. Gloria Ornelas, superintendent of law enforcement for Air Force Security Forces. "I think it is long overdue. The DOD recognized that, and we are now in line with what some states and municipalities are doing to create a safer

environment for drivers."

Joint Traffic Regulation, Air Force Instruction 31-218 (I), Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, will restrict the use of cell phones while driving. Only cell phones with hands-free devices will be allowed for use by drivers. This guidance also allows the Air Force to use portable breath screening devices as long as they conform to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards.

The Defense Department's joint traffic document states:

"Vehicle operators on a DOD Installation and operators of Government-owned vehicles shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device.

"The wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones or other listening devices (except for hands-free cellular phones) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited. Use of those devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms,

announcements, the approach of vehicles, and human speech. DOD component safety guidance should note the potential for driver distractions such as eating and drinking, operating radios, CD players, global positioning equipment, etc. Whenever possible this should only be done when the vehicle is safely parked."

Using a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device will be considered a "primary offense." Violators will be able to be stopped solely for this offense.

Drivers who violate this cell phone driving restriction will be given three assessment points against their driving records or an appropriate fine. Drivers should be aware that if two or more violations are committed, even on a single occasion, a ticket may be given to the driver for each violation.

"The winner here is the base populace," Sergeant Ornelas said. "They will have more mobility while driving, a greater range of view – in short, a safer driving environment for all."



## Sharp Troop of the Month



**Name:** Jacob Longwell

**Rank:** Senior Airman

**Section:** 302nd Security Forces Squadron

**Job:** Security Forces Journeyman, Fire Team Member, Assistant NCO in charge of All Terrain Vehicle Program, S-4 Mobility Representative

**Date assigned:** May 2004

**Hometown:** Columbia, Mo.

**Hobbies:** Running, working out and spending time at a firing range practicing marksmanship.

**Favorite thing about your job:** "I enjoy the interaction and opportunities I have to help my colleagues and other Airmen in the Air Force community."

*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.*

## Newcomers

**39th Aerial Port Squadron**  
Staff Sgt. Andres G. Acosta  
Tech. Sgt. Daniel I. Bland  
Senior Airman Tobias J. Filener  
Airman 1st Class Jennifer L. Terrebonne

**302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron**  
Senior Airman Katherine R. Baker  
Airman Basic Christopher J. Gillroy  
Staff Sgt. Antonio C. Hall

**302nd Maintenance Squadron**  
Airman 1st Class Nathan P. Bowles  
Staff Sgt. Antonio C. Hall  
Staff Sgt. Terrell W. Pursley

**6th Space Operations Squadron**  
Maj. Mark W. Brantley

**302nd Security Forces Squadron**  
Staff Sgt. Robert A. Fisher

**302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron**  
Staff Sgt. James A. Flood

**302nd Airlift Wing**  
Senior Airman Andre Gordon

**14th Test Squadron**  
Capt. Thomas B. Helms

**731st Airlift Squadron**  
Capt. Christian P. Leonhard  
First Lt. Brian J. McReynolds

**302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**  
Senior Airman Evens P. Venus

**302nd Military Operations Flight**  
Senior Airman Roger M. Waufle

## Promotions

**Master Sergeant**  
Sidney R. Birch  
Miltiadis Drakopoulos  
Charles J. Medina

**Technical Sergeant**  
Daniel J. Anthony  
Christy L. Gravitt  
Matthew B. Grezeszak  
Jaime U. Guerra  
Jeroen Heuzen  
Jay D. Kvale  
Troy A. Massey  
Charles M. Neyhart  
Jeffrey D. Pigman  
Kahn W. Scalise  
Shawn A. Villalpando  
David A. Warner  
Scott G. Williams  
Dawn D. Wilson

Diana M. Wilson  
William E. Wright

**Staff Sergeant**  
Iamira Alvira  
Scott D. Bailey  
Michael S. Baumgartner  
Anastasia E. Burgess  
Kathrynmarie Culbertson  
Michael R. Dockham  
Richard L. Duhaime  
Stephen D. Erickson  
John Furstenwerth  
Jessica L. Lee  
Matthew L. Pavia  
Troy J. Porter  
Lamont A. Wood

**Senior Airman**  
Willie C. Campbell  
Francis M. Gahren Jr.  
Jean M. Godwin

Katherine E. Jones  
Adam S. Lemcke  
Yevgeniy Leokumovich  
Christopher G. Linquist  
Levi J. Milstead  
Armando D. Padua  
Edward T. Phillips  
Amanda J. Roldanfauteux  
Fedeliza P. Royx  
Bryon L. Wilkinson

**Airman 1st Class**  
Susan C. Armstrong  
Jasmine R. Mims  
Tony F. Shaw

**Airman**  
Christopher J. Gillroy  
Jeffrey P. Howell  
Miesha T. Pittman  
Cecily A. Stamus-Martinez

## Wing members can contribute to Air Force Assistance Fund

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – This year's Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign, is underway. 302nd Airlift Wing members can contribute until April 14.

One hundred percent of designated contributions will benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families.

Last year, Airmen contributed more than \$7.3 million. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley recently announced a \$5.4 million goal for this year's fund drive.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

The Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families with emergency financial assistance, education assistance

and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details. Information is also available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base which provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. Information is available at <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Web site is <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and finan-

cial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The Web site is <http://www.lemayfoundation.org/>.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. Information can be found online at <http://afassistancefund.org> or on the Air Force Personnel Center site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund>.

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# Homecoming



### Where?

Hunter Felts, son of Staff Sgt. Jimmy Felts, 302nd Maintenance Squadron crew chief, surveys the flight line for his father Feb. 25. Sergeant Felts was returning from a deployment to Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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