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Planning for change sets stage for success

By **Lt. Col. Michael McCully**

302nd Mission Support Group commander

Most of us understand the term or the meaning of "change" and the implications that change brings to our lives. You have heard various terms and phrases such as "things change," "you can't stop change" or "it's better to ride the winds of change or get run over by it!" There are countless books, articles and lectures we've all seen on television that try to convince us that their tried and true methods are the magic of managing "change." My simple advice is that we all manage our own "winds of change" and I'd like to pass on a few I've learned over the years.



Lt. Col. Michael McCully

As a wing, we have over the past year seen our fair share of change with our current deployment, personnel coming and going to the Area of Responsibility, reassignments and a good share of retirements. For example, you can understand that with the up-coming Operational Readiness Inspection and Unit Compliance Inspection that there will be a great deal of planning or "change" coming over the next year or so. Understandably, we want everyone ready to go and to do it in a smart and planned fashion to meet the changes ahead both personally and professionally. Setting yourself up for success is the best way.

1. Sit down now and write down a one-year and five-year plan. Each plan should have steps built into each goal to get you

there. Think of every goal as an investment and update it every year. A one-year plan will be your short-term goals that can be obtained in a short period of time. For example, start or finish school, buy a car, finish your Professional Military Education, work on your programs in the unit, invest time in your community and invest in your family and your fellow reservists. On the professional side, plan for training or mentorship. A five-year plan involves goals and change that build upon themselves over time. Do all you can to put yourself in a position or job you want to be in five years or sooner. For example, going to and completing school, Air

Force Specialty Code training or taking on technical skills training. Find out what you love to do and do it!

2. Have a financial plan. Save for the present. Financial advisors recommend six months worth of household savings in case of an emergency and a retirement plan or Individual Retirement Account or maximize your contributions to your retirement plan.

3. Be open to new ideas and experiences. Get out of town and see new places and people. Some of the best experiences and exposure to new ideas is to volunteer or go on an Air Expeditionary Force tour or short term assignment.

4. Stay healthy, eat well, exercise and get a good night's sleep.

5. Lastly, as hard it as it is to balance all

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On the cover



Final deployment
 Senior Airman Chris Linqvist, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, smiles as he looks out toward the Front Range Aug. 16. He was on the final 302nd Airlift Wing C-130 to deploy to Southwest Asia during the current mobilization. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

UTA Schedule

Next UTA: Oct. 14-15

Nov. 4-5

Dec. 2-3

Jan. 6-7

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.

Total Force Integration bringing change

By 1st Lt. Jody Ritchie
Front Range Flyer

I have been fortunate throughout my Air Force career to work in good jobs for good supervisors. In March, an opportunity to spend a few months at the Headquarters Air Force Directorate of Total Force Integration in Washington, D.C. presented itself. Fortunately, my supervisor, Lt. Col. Clancy Preston, felt that the short-term discomfort for the 302nd Airlift Wing

Public Affairs office would be outweighed by the long-term benefits for the 302nd, the Air Force, and myself. I've been able to get a glimpse of the future of our Air Force, and I'm excited about the changes I see.

The TFI directorate works with major commands (including Air Force Reserve Command) and the Air National Guard to identify missions where integration of at least two of the three components will be of benefit to the Air Force mission and the

American taxpayers. My division is comprised of Active, Guard, and Reserve personnel along with a few contractors – everyone is represented!

This may be a new concept to many, but Active, Guard and Reserve forces currently share facilities or equipment at some units. For example, guardsmen in Virginia are flying the F-22A Raptor with their active counterparts and reservists in Nevada are flying Global War on Terrorism Predator missions

while seated next to active Airmen – fighting the war and providing incredible value on the other side of the globe. Until very recently, reserve component members would not have had the ability to contribute to cutting-edge missions like these. We traditionally received the older missions and weapons systems. Air Force leadership recognizes the depth of experience and skill the reserve component brings to the

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Korean War POWS lived in prison of hopelessness

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

The Korean War introduced an insidious new strain on prisoners of war. The death rate in the North Korean POW camps was an incredible 38 percent, the highest in U.S. military history. What is so historic so hard to fathom is that the POW's were provided with food, water and shelter and for the most part not subjected to physical torture as was the norm in previous wars.

The extent of the problem was not known when it was discovered that the prisoners were often not surrounded by barbed wire or armed guards, yet no one tried to escape. When arriving in Japan after release, the Red Cross gave newly freed prisoners the opportunity to call home. Very few answered.

There was a marked lack of camaraderie; few seemed to have built friendships. But what shocked the military the most were reports that it was not unusual for a soldier to wander into his hut, sit in a corner, pull a blanket over his head, and within days he would be dead. What could have been so devastating to highly trained, combat-hardened soldiers that made them do this?

A study of 1,000 POWs was commissioned. Korean War Major William E. Mayer, who became the U.S. Army's chief psychiatrist, uncovered a new malady in the hearts of Korean War prisoners of war – a syndrome of pervasive and extreme hope-

lessness. Mayers defined it as “mirasmus” or a “lack of resistance, and acute passivity.” Soldiers called it the plain old “give up-itis.” How could hope be eradicated so completely?

Four techniques were used to bring a sense of despair. First, information was withheld. The North Koreans used rewards like cigarettes and food to bribe the soldiers, but the soldiers were not allowed to take them. The second technique was that neither the soldier nor his family was allowed to share news of the soldier's condition. The third technique was to isolate the soldier from his fellow prisoners in the camp. The fourth technique, which soldiers “confessed” not only to the captors but also all the good things that had happened to do. This “confessing” was not for the respect and personal gain among the American soldiers.

The last devastating scheme was to withhold all positive emotional support while in- undating soldiers with negative emotions. If a soldier received a supportive letter from home, the captors withheld it. However, any bad news – the death of a relative, or in one case a wife's Dear John letter, were delivered immediately. This constant demoralization manufactured an overwhelming sense of disappointment with loved ones, their country and even their faith.

How can the specter of hopelessness be overcome while living in the shadow of despair? The apostle Paul wrote to a church that was dangerously close to functional collapse. They were self-centered, sectarian, and down right mean to one other. It was a group rapidly moving from productivity to chaos.

In the middle of this chaos, Saint Paul focuses on the essentials. He insightfully penned, “There are three things that remain – faith, hope, and love...” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

The essentials: faith, a steady confidence in an all-powerful God who comes through all circumstances; hope, an unwavering mental commitment that the best is yet to come; and love, an extravagant loyalty to the well-being of those around me – my family, my friends and fellow workers.

Don't voluntarily become confined to the sinister prison of hopelessness and isolation. Reach out in “faith, hope and love”, and the jail door of dark despair will open wide, letting the warm sun of new-found assurance warm your heart.



Wing entertains thousands in Oshkosh, by gosh!

By Staff Sgt. Derrick
M. Gildner
Front Range Flyer

There are more than 650 types of cheese, but only one C-130H3 at the annual Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture show in the little big town of Oshkosh, Wisc.

That aircraft belonged to the 302nd Airlift Wing, which drew the attention of numerous onlookers at the July 24 extravaganza.

Members of the wing got an opportunity to display life support equipment and answer various questions about serving in the Reserve during a static display of a Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System C-130 in the AirVenture show.

The flight crew was joined by Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth H. Ross, 731st Airlift Squadron chief of aircrew life support, and Tech. Sgt. Rainey J. Brooks, 731st AS aircrew life support journeyman, to help with several thousand visitors viewing the MAFFS aircraft on showcase at the airfield.

The EAA show has been a growing event since the mid-1950s. The first event saw a little over 100 attendees five decades ago. The 2006 show had 750,000 in attendance, as well as 12,000 aircraft from 70 different nations on display and 4,000 volunteer workers.

Lt. Col. Luke Thompson and Maj. Kevin A. Baylis, 731st AS pilots, entertained a barrage of questions about C-130 history.

"We hope to come back to the airshow in 2007 and do more with our MAFFS education," said Major Baylis.



Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth H. Ross demonstrates uses of life support equipment to inquisitive aircraft enthusiasts during the Oshkosh EAA air show. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff. Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner)

Several aircraft enthusiasts cornered Master Sgt. Daniel W. Bumby, 731st AS flight engineer, to share stories of C-130s from long ago and curious inquires to the current models features. Tech. Sgts. William Ahrens and Rodney E. Brophy, 302nd Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs, explained the various jobs that keep C-130s flying to several hundred visitors hourly.

Master Sgts. John Eichenberg and Erik A. Harris, 731st AS loadmasters and longtime dynamic duo, recruited teenagers and fielded questions from 3-year-olds to World War II veterans with the added assistance of Staff Sgt. Lamont Wood, 731st AS loadmaster and honorary "cheesehead."

Highlights of the air show included autograph signing by NASCAR driver Matt

Kenseth of the #17 DeWalt Ford while Sergeant Ahrens clocked one of the best times with the roaring modified Ford Mustang, a Roush Stage 3 Drag Strip Experience over the cheer of several hundred race fans. Tech Sgt. Ahrens ran the car "down the track" on a dynamometer and beat out his slower competitors, Sergeant Brophy and the gear grinding Sergeant Brooks.

Attendees explored the numerous display aircraft along the tarmac, which reached temperatures in the high 90s.

"We should have filled the life support boat with cool water for the kids and given them a chance to earn their static jump wings," said Sergeant Brooks. The life support boat is an inflatable raft used during water survival.



POW/MIA Recognition Day - Sept. 15

302nd Airlift Wing to fight wildfires in northwest

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing is again being tasked to perform one of its favorite missions. On Aug. 27, 21 wing members boarded a C-130 and headed off to Klamath Falls, Ore., where they will stage their Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System mission in an effort to help the USDA Forest Service combat wildfires in the Northwestern United States.

"There are numerous fires all over the northwest," Col. Karl A. Schmitkons, 302nd Operations Group commander.

"They're just having a real hot, dry and windy period right now."

Aircrew members and maintenance personnel will fly a 302nd aircraft using a MAFFS unit belonging to the 173rd AW, Cheyenne, Wyo., Air National Guard. The 302nd AW has two MAFFS systems, however both are currently undergoing upgrades.

"We'll be working in conjunction with a Cheyenne crew and airplane that are already up there," said Colonel Schmitkons.

As wing members return home from deployments to Southwest Asia in support of U.S. Central Command operations, some will

rotate into Oregon to assist with the MAFFS effort.

"The MAFFS mission ... there's enough of a draw to it that our people are willing to volunteer," said Colonel Schmitkons.

The 302nd AW flew just 14 MAFFS sorties in 2005 due to being activated in support of U.S. CENTCOM, but in 2004 conducted 308 drops in support of fire fighting operations in the Southwest U.S. That year, one of its busiest seasons since taking on the MAFFS mission in 1993, the 302nd dropped more than 823,000 gallons of retardant while battling fires in Arizona,

Colorado and Utah.

The 302nd was also activated in 2002 to fight the Hayman Fire west of Colorado Springs. During that blaze the 302nd and the three Air National Guard units activated for MAFFS staged out of Peterson Air Force Base.

The MAFFS allows aircraft and crews to drop up to 3,000 gallons of fire retardant covering an area one-quarter of a mile long and 60 feet wide. The MAFFS resources are coordinated with ground-based fire fighting resources.

The 302nd is expected to remain activated for MAFFS through September.



NCOLDP grads

The 302nd Airlift Wing held its final Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program class for fiscal year 2006 recently. Graduates of NCOLDP Class 06-02 are (left to right, front row) Staff Sgt. Lawrence Burns 302nd Services Flight; Staff Sgt. Erin Doty, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Senior Airman Courtney Wojt, 302nd LRS; Tech. Sgt. Tanisha Pingel, 9th Space Operations Squadron; Senior Airman Maureen Nunez, 19th SOPS; Senior Airman Niki Albin, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Staff Sgt. Mark Portillos, 19th SOPS; (back row) Staff Sgt. Samuel Franco, 302nd Maintenance Squadron; Senior Airman Rigoberto Nunez, 19th SOPS; Staff Sgt. Joshua Griffith, 302nd SVF; Senior Airman Ryan Warnhoff, 302nd MXS; Senior Airman Sack Sounakhene, National Security Space Institute; Tech. Sgt. Patrick Turner, 310th Communications Flight; Tech. Sgt. Dustin Munroe, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Airman Stephen Riead, 302nd MXS; Tech. Sgt. Robert Soto, 302nd MXS; Tech. Sgt. Jaime Guerra, 310th CF; Senior Airman Paul Franklin, 302nd LRS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Annual event brings families toge

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

The yearly calendar has turned the page on another annual 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day. Aside from the normally scheduled family day events, this year's event added a single elimination softball tournament and a photo booth where children (of all ages) could get a feeling of the realism that goes with becoming a C-130 pilot.

"The idea of the photo lab was intended as an opportunity for kids to get their photo taken in flight suits against the American flag," said Maj. Kristin Simpson, 302nd AW chief of plans. "The parents thought it was really neat to see their children dressed up like their fathers."

Other events for the children included a jumping castle, bungee run and information booths while free food and musical entertainment provided by The U.S. Air Force Academy Band, Wild Blue Country, was



Nari Ulutu finds a friend in North, a chocolate lab. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner)

available for all wing members.

The 302nd AW Chief's Group grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and ribs, while the 302nd AW First Sergeants Council conducted a dart-throwing contest and provided prizes for those who participated.

"It was awesome to have my eight-month old son, Jessup, out here for the first time," said Tech. Sgt. Barb Ross, 302nd AW chaplain assistant. "He got dressed up in a flight suit, sat in the pilot's chair, and had a chance to be pilot for a day."

Being a pilot for a day could not happen without one of the wing's C-130 aircraft on static display and available for wing members and dependants to take a tour through.

"My son was living for the moment," said Maj. Alan Flolo, 302nd AW executive officer. "He really enjoyed going inside the cockpit. Over-

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Master Sgt. James Bristow (left), guitar and Master Sgt. Jerome Oddo, bass and group leader of The United States Air Force Academy Band Wild Blue Country. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

together

think family day was pleasant, relaxing and entertaining. I think everyone enjoyed

de from pleasant, relaxing and enter- g, family day was also safe. "I would o thank everyone for a positive and titude," said Master Sgt. Robert Smith, AW ground safety manager. "It made other successful family day."

one wing member, team-building was theme for part of the day.

really enjoyed the interaction displayed g the softball games," said Tech. Sgt. eleria Tull, 302nd AW NCO in charge litary Equal Opportunity. "More than ing, I think it was a good team-build- perience."

ht softball teams consisting of mem- from the 302nd Services flight, 302nd tics Readiness Squadron, 39th Aerial quadron, 302nd Maintenance Group, Civil Engineering Squadron and the headquarters section began play



The 302nd Airlift wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council jumping castle is a big hit with the children. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)



and Blue Country, perform for families. (U.S.

shortly before noon with only one team emerging as tournament champion.

"I had an awesome time playing softball," said Col. James Muscatell, 302nd AW commander.

"However, I do apologize for the fact I had to fire the opposing softball team and am currently forced to look to fill 10 new positions in CE," he quipped. "We intended on issuing Article 15s after they beat us, but they took off before we could get any of their names!"

The 302nd CES #1 team defeated the wing squad before falling to the maintenance 'Hercs'.

The Hercs captured the single-elimination tournament by winning all three of its games by a combined 82-9 margin.

In the championship game, the Hercs defeated the Port Dawgs, 19-3.



Kurt Schmitkons was one of several children, both young and old, who dressed up like a pilot.(U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Kristen Simpson, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron)



Fred Fletemeyer (center) talks with family members during a recent 302nd Airlift Wing homecoming event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner)

Local ESGR rep earns prestigious award

ARLINGTON, Va.—Bob Hollingsworth, Executive Director of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Department of Defense, announced the 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients July 6.

Among them is the Fred Fletemeyer Company of Colorado Springs. Its owner, Fred Fletemeyer, serves as the chairman of the Colorado Committee for ESGR and is a familiar face around the 302nd Airlift Wing. His company is one of 15 nationwide to receive the honor.

“On behalf of the men and women serving in the National Guard and Reserve, I would like to congratulate these firms and thank them for their outstanding support,” said Hollingsworth. “By going above and beyond what is required by law, these firms set a high standard for all of America’s private and public employers.”

ESGR will present the Freedom Awards at a ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 21, at the

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

Secretary of Defense William Perry instituted the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award in 1996 under the auspices of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The award publicly recognizes employers, who were nominated by their employees who voluntarily serve in the National Guard and Reserve, for exceptional support above the requirements of federal law. This prestigious award is the highest in a series of DoD employer awards that include the Patriot Award, the ESGR Above and Beyond Award, and the Pro Patria Award.

Previous Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients include Adolph Coors Company, American Express, Bank One Corporation, Colt Safety Fire & Rescue, General Electric, Harley-Davidson, The Home Depot, The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, The State of Minnesota, Northrop Grumman Corporation, One

Source Building Technologies, Saints Memorial Medical Center, Strategic Solutions Incorporated, Sprint Corporation, and Wal-Mart.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees.

As the 1.2 million members of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions that require extraordinary actions on the part of everyday citizens, ESGR continues to be the informational agency for the employers of America’s Patriots.

More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities is available at www.esgr.mil or by calling the ESGR office at (800) 336-4590.

Never forget - Sept. 11, 2001

Air Reserve Personnel Center expands online services

DENVER – In today's virtual world, people can shop, perform bank transactions or complete college classes online.

The people at the Air Reserve Personnel Center here are working to offer similar conveniences to members of the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard through the virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve, a Web portal located on the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil>.

The next capability scheduled to be launched by the center will be retirements and associated processes on July 31. These new capabilities will help people conduct transactions online without having to visit a military personnel flight in person.

On March 31, the center gave people the capability to correct their duty history online. In addition to correcting their duty history, customers also can: obtain their 20-year letter (re-issue); send a letter to the promo-

tion board; receive board counseling; acquire a mortgage letter; correct their points history; request a copy of a finalized NGB 22, Report of Separation and Record of Service; get current awards and decorations information; make a personnel data update; find out about current points; choose a Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan; request a copy of a finalized Defense Department Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; get

retired pay assistance; request copies of previous enlisted performance reports or officer performance reports; or sign up for TRICARE Reserve Select.

Members can stay informed about the latest vPC-GR information by creating a new account on vPC-GR and electing to receive the vPC-GR online subscription-based e-mail. To get to it, visit the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> and click on the vPC-GR logo. (AFRC News Service)

News to Use



Voting program helps Airmen exercise their rights

Airmen and their families serving around the world have the right to vote. The Air Force Voting Program's mission is to ensure they have the information and tools needed to exercise that privilege.

As a part of the program, Air Force installations have designated voting assistance officers who can assist Airmen and voting age family members with the registration and voting process. Before deploying, Airmen receive voting materials needed to notify their state of their new mailing address. They continue to receive voting assistance from home voting officers and on-site PERSCO teams.

Airmen serving away from their voting residence should use Federal Post Card Application Standard Form 76 to regis-

ter and request absentee ballots. The SF 76 and 2006-07 Voting Assistance Guide, which lists the unique voting rules for each state, are available on line at www.fvap.gov or may be obtained from the base voting assistance officer.

Second phase of NSPS begins in October

The Defense Department announced plans in July to transfer more than 66,000 additional DOD civilian employees into the new National Security Personnel System beginning in October. The plan ushers in the second phase in implementing the new pay-for-performance personnel system and affects organizations throughout DOD.

The first 11,000 DOD civilian employees were converted to the new system under "Spiral 1.1" of the phase-in on April 30. The Spiral 1.2 roll-in will take place over a four-month period through January 2007, and will include civilian employees from organizations throughout DOD, including some overseas. Affected components will have the discretion to convert their workforce any time between October 2006 and January 2007 to ensure enough time to train

their employees.

Officials encourage purchase of renters insurance

Military officials are encouraging servicemembers who don't own their own homes to purchase renters insurance to protect their personal property, especially if they live in an area prone to hurricanes. Airmen should make a detailed inventory of their personal property and also should consider purchasing flood insurance, which is not part of standard homeowner or renter insurance policies.

Replacement income begins for eligible reservists

Starting Sept. 1, reservists began receiving Reserve Income Replacement Program pay.

Congress ordered the Department of Defense to develop the RIRP to aid members of the National Guard and Reserve who get less pay because they are involuntarily put on active duty.

The program helps people who on average receive at least \$50 less a month than their civilian pay.

The difference in pay is the average monthly civilian income before a person is mobilized and

the person's total monthly military compensation after mobilization.

To get the money, reservists must be serving involuntarily on active duty. Also, they must have served 18 consecutive months on active duty, completed 24 months of active duty during the previous 60 months, or been involuntarily mobilized for 180 days or more within six months of the previous involuntary period of active duty of more than 180 days.

The first payment starts in September for duty performed in August, the first full month following the 180-day period after enactment of Public Law 109-163, National Defense Authorization Act for 2006.

Reservists will receive the pay for every full month of involuntary active-duty service they perform from August 2006 through December 2008. Payments are capped at \$3,000 per month.

People can learn more about the program and get help verifying eligibility by calling the Air Reserve Personnel Center's Reserve Personnel Contact Center at 1-800-525-0102. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service from an ARPC news release)

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

September 9-10

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
S A T U R D A Y	0530 – 0800	Breakfast	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 – 1600	MPF Hours (closed 1115-1215)	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
	1130 – 1230	Company Grade Officer's Council	Silver Spruce Golf Course	XP/6-6234/6190
	1215– 1600	Customer Service Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 121	DPMSC/6-8185
S U N D A Y	1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0530 – 0800	Breakfast	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 First Floor	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
	1100 – 1200	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 216 Conference Room	PA/6-4005
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
S U N D A Y	1200 – 1300	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	CEO/6-7550
	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.**

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Air Force and is making changes to tap into the pool of resources we provide.

Currently, more than 100 initiatives are in the planning or execution phases – including the 302nd AW Active Associate initiative. We won't see changes in Colorado for a while, but the Air Force is evolving right now. It's an exciting time of opportunities for Air Force reservists.

Visit the Total Force Integration web site at <https://www.totalforceintegration.hq.af.mil> (accessible from government computers) to learn more about the future of our Air Force.

Change can be difficult. It's natural to resist leaving your comfort zone. When I took this tour, I was hesitant – unsure of how my civilian job, my 302nd job, and my family would handle my absence. The idea of working at the Pentagon was intimidating. I've had prior enlisted

experience and was confident in my abilities, but I still questioned if I'd be able to cut it out here.

Looking back, I had no reason to be afraid. I have been given an incredible opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. I've helped write response letters to members of Congress; I created the draft for the July 2006 Letter to Airmen signed by the Secretary of the Air Force; I've written a speech for a Lieutenant General; and I've taken part in the shaping of

our future Air Force. The change for me has resulted in a very valuable education. That's what change tends to do – it expands your skill set and makes you learn new things.

Change will occur whether we want it to or not. How we handle that change is what determines the final outcome. Don't fear the changes that are happening across our service during this exciting time – embrace them and help advance both the Air Force mission and your career at the same time!

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that you are doing, remember your family and friends. They say that as a reservist we are a house balanced by three pillars and a roof yourself, your family, your employer, your Air Force Reserve. Paying attention and being ready for change will keep your

house maintained!

Make a good sail (or plan) for your ship and point it in the best direction you want to go and then let the "Winds of Change" blow all they want. It takes preparation and planning to weather the storms ahead! I leave you with this quote to ponder:

"Whosoever wishes to know about the world must learn about it in its par-

ticular details. Knowledge is not intelligence. In searching for the truth, be ready for the unexpected. Change alone is unchanging. The same road goes both up and down. The beginning of a circle is also its end. Not I, but the world says it: all is one. And yet everything comes in season."

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Disaster response number

In the case of a natural or man made disaster which prohibits you from reporting in to the 302nd Airlift Wing, call 22nd Air Force toll free at 888-436-2246, Ext. 54513 or 54726.

This must be done (if at all possible) within 48 hours after the event.

Sharp Troop of the Month



Name: Jessica R. Eblen
Rank: Senior Airman
Section: Loadmaster
Job: C-130 loadmaster
Date assigned: September 2002
Hometown: Copley, Ohio
Hobbies: Playing with her dog, soaking up good music, hiking, camping, quilting, enjoying time with family and friends
Favorite thing about your job: "The travel is fantastic; the

variety of work just dazzling, but the thing that keeps me coming back to Colorado and the 731st is the camaraderie. The folks here have become a second family to me and I certainly realize what a rare thing that is in this world. It is such a treat to travel with some of my closest friends. Every mission becomes a sort of adventure. Broke in Iraq is an opportunity to explore a new base together; stopping off in Ethiopia is an opportunity for a "family safari." The "Herc" may not be the most glamorous vehicle in the Air Force's garage, but she allows us to regularly experience things that other folks write books about. Canned as it may sound, aeromed, airlift or airdrop, I'm honored to be working with these folks! Truly, this is why I'm here."
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.

Policy regarding meeting coverage

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

Due to the number of councils and committees the 302nd Airlift Wing currently has, the Front Range Flyer is not staffed to cover all the meetings each group has.

The Front Range Flyer cannot single out meetings to cover; we must treat each one equally unless the meeting is one of significant value.

Committees and councils are encouraged to submit meeting minutes or a brief write-up about the meeting.

Minutes and updates can be e-mailed to the 302nd AW Public Affairs office at 302aw.pa@peterson.af.mil or timothy.taylor@peterson.af.mil.

Retirees

Lt. Col. Thomas W. Schmitt, 731st AS
 Maj. Mark D. Laslo, 731st AS

Senior Master Sgt. George Anderson, 302nd AW
 Senior Master Sgt. Raymond D. Gurule, 302nd MXS
 Tech. Sgt. Clarence R. Anderson, 302nd LRS
 Tech. Sgt. Alma L. Torrez-Cortez, 302nd LRS

Newcomers

39th Aerial Port Squadron
 Tech. Sgt. Nicole R. Baldwin
 Staff Sgt. Daniel Galvan

70th Flying Training Squadron
 Maj. Stephen W. Astor

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron
 Capt. Billie L. Vogt

302nd Airlift Control Flight
 Maj. Randal L. George

302nd Communications Flight
 Senior Airman Philip B. Horner
 Airman 1st Class Daniel R. Wagoner
 Senior Airman Kenneth R. Whitted

302nd Maintenance Squadron
 Senior Airman Frank D. Gwinn Jr.
 Staff Sgt. Justin L. Hollers

Senior Airman Patrick L. Sperling
302nd Security Forces Squadron
 Airman 1st Class David C. Tozer

310th Space Group
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731st Airlift Squadron
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19th Space Operations Squadron
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Staff Sergeant
 Adam D. Eldard
Senior Airman
 Robert A. Johnson Jr.

Quarterly Winners



Airman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Amanda Hlavacek, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron aerospace medical service technician, has been with the 302nd Airlift Wing since March 2002. She is also an air reserve technician with the 302nd ASTS, serving as a medical administrative assistant.



NCO of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Mark Ramler, 39th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation journeyman, joined the military in 1993 has been a member of the 302nd Airlift Wing since February 2005.

Fiscal year 2007 UTA schedule

Oct. 14-15	Feb. 10-11	June 2-3
Nov. 4-5	March 3-4	July 7-8
Dec. 2-3	April 14-15	Aug. 4-5
Jan. 6-7	May 5-6	Sept. 8-9



Top seeded MXG advances to championship game

By Master Sgt. James A. Rush
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Editor's note – The 302nd Maintenance Group was scheduled to play for the Recreation Tuesday Silver Softball League championship on Aug. 29. Results were not available at press time.

Glen Blackman's sacrifice snatched victory from the upset-minded 21st Services Squadron as the 302nd Maintenance Group tallied just enough runs to win 9-8 in the Silver League intramural softball playoffs Tuesday.

The one-out fly ball to right centerfield in the bottom of the seventh inning scored Maintenance's Carlos Mendoza who tagged up from third base. MXG, the top seeded team in the tournament, was scheduled to play one of three teams to emerge from the losers' bracket of the double-elimination playoffs on Aug. 29 for the championship.

Head coach Sol Martinez praised what he feels is a typical performance for his team and diplomatically tipped his hat to his opponents as well. "Our defense kept us together all year long," he said. "(But Services), we know they're good. They play hard all the time. You could even say they are our nemesis."

Brent Bentholm started MXG's game-winning rally with a walk. Mendoza took his



Dan Oldes of the 39th Aerial Port Squadron Port Dawgs prepares to swing away as 302nd Maintenance Group Hercs catcher Brian McCully looks on during the 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day softball tournament. The Hercs won the event, claimed regular season bragging rights in Peterson Air Force Base recreation softball and was slated to play for the rec league championship. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

place at first base after grounding into a fielder's choice. Mike Sanchez nearly stepped into the hero's role by ripping a double down the first baseline, but the ball trickled under the fence, which, by rules, forced Mendoza to halt at third base.

Services shortstop and cleanup hitter Brett Morgan put his team in position to steal the game with a towering three-run homer in the top of the seventh.

"Those ones, you just know. Once I hit it, I just hoped the team could back me up with some more runs, and then our defense could hold them," Morgan said.

The blast chased home pinch runner Bubba Mota and Bill Lindley, but ended the scoring as well. It didn't kill Morgan's optimism though.

"We've got life. We've definitely got life," he said. "If we play like we can, it's definitely there."

MXG led for most of the game, only to see its ad-

vantage dangerously trickle away with Morgan's home run. Martinez sees the game result as proof of his team's character though and feels it bodes well for their continued success.

"All we have to do is hit. We can play defense," he said. "These guys haven't quit all year and I don't expect that to start next week."

Martinez led by example going 2-for-2 with a walk. Dennis Robinson, Bentholm and Mendoza each had three hits in the game.

Recreation Tuesday Silver Softball League (Final Regular Season Standings)

1.	302 MXG	8-3
2.	544 IOG	8-3
3.	J10C-N	8-3
4.	21 SVS	8-3
5.	721 MSG	7-4
6.	21 SFS	6-5
7.	21 SW/OPS	6-5
8.	Chiefs/FSgt	6-5
9.	CMOC	4-7
10.	USAF/BA	3-8
11.	21 CES	1-10
12.	Canadian Forces	1-10

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