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General Bradley poses with Senior Master Sgt. Michael Fekete (left), 302nd Maintenance Squadron integrated avionics systems craftsman, and Master Sgt. David L. Brand, 302nd MXS aircraft inspector, during a visit to Southwest Asia in September. (U.S. Air Force photo)

AFRC commander sends thanks

By Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley
Commander of Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON – As we look forward to this holiday season and the New Year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to each of you, your families and employers for the sacrifices you’ve made for our country each and every day.

Our Airmen have answered the call to service during a critical time in our nation’s history. Many of you are preparing to deploy overseas, perhaps for the first time in your military careers, while others are deploying

for another tour. This courage and willingness to defend our freedom is a beacon for all Americans.

The New Year promises challenges and changes as we continue our mission to defend our nation and the cause of freedom around the world. Please know our contributions as “Unrivaled Wingmen” make us valued and respected Total Force members.

Jan and I salute you, and wish you and yours Happy Holidays and a safe and joyous New Year. We are proud of your patriotism and loyalty to our great nation. (AFRC News Service)

On the cover

Ready to demobilize

With Pikes Peak setting the backdrop, Maj. Stephen Stelly, 731st Airlift Squadron flight commander, signals the impending end of the 302nd Airlift Wing’s 14-month mobilization. For more on the Dec. 2 demobilization ceremony, see page 5. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark Clark)



UTA Schedule

Next UTA: Dec. 2-3

Jan. 6-7
Feb. 10-11
Mar. 3-4

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

Your sacrifices make our team successful

By Col. James J. Muscatell Jr.
302nd AW commander

It has been more than eight months since I became the chief servant of the 302nd Air-lift Wing – what a great experience it's been.

As we prepare for the holiday season, I have the opportunity to reflect on the past year's accomplishments.

Recently, we had nearly 500 reservists deactivate after two long years (cumulative). Although our wing still plays an essential role in the war on terrorism and the security of the United States, I look at our efforts with extreme pride. Due to all of your sacrifices, our wing has accomplished its goals

both at home and overseas. Our wing alone saved more than 50 convoys from crossing hostile areas. Our mission was in hostile air space, but we saved many lives by air lifting people and goods.

Our success is due to everyone's work – both those who deployed and those who stayed behind. It has truly been a team effort. I couldn't be more proud of your commitment to the wing. The 302nd has set the precedence for the future and we will continue to strive to be the best unit in the United States Air Force.

I have also challenged the community to learn more about the mission of the Air Force and the Reserve. During the past year, we

have received more support from the community than we could have imagined.

We are instituting the 302nd AW Honorary Commanders Program to help educate our civic leaders about what we do. I would like to see both reservists and civilian employees work together to make the 302nd a better place to work!

Through the efforts of our Public Affairs office, we hosted several civic leader tours to help promote the Air Force Reserve. Next year, we will be planning our own civic leader tour and will be looking for inputs on

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'Do it' with attitude, action and a plan

By Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner
Front Range Flyer

Winter weight can be tackled in one of two ways: with the remote or on the road to fitness.

Americans pack on as much as 10 pounds of weight between Thanksgiving and New Year's. According to the *New England Journal of Health*, this statistic is definitely on a case by case basis. They have found a trend in gradual weight increase as one experiences years of holiday dinners and summer barbecues.

The key: have a plan before you're knee-deep in a cornucopia of appetizers and desserts.

Fitness can be integrated into your season of holiday parties and gatherings with minimal

inconvenience. Because the Air Force requires us to meet a fitness standard and be fit to fight, it just makes choices like these an important lifestyle decision.

"I don't have time," you say? Really? A 30-minute routine three to four days a week can make your sleep period better, increase your energy through the day and help your metabolism to burn through those second helpings at the dinner table.

Psychologists tell us the best way to approach a new behavior that takes you out of the chair and into the gym or onto the track is to examine your attitudes or actions.

If you're reluctant and don't have a good attitude then try to do the action. The wisdom of

Jedi master Yoda is right on track. Action follows attitude or attitude follows action. "Do or do not – there is no try."

As the singer Bob Dylan tells us, people tend to believe what they do instead of do what they believe. The key is to do the action enough times to develop a lasting, positive attitude.

Maybe your schedule doesn't include an extra 30 minutes to spare every other day, but all you need to do is something. Think about how long you get to do your push-ups and sit-ups for your fitness test. Can you find two minutes in the morning or in the evening? Bet you can. Have a healthy holiday and do something amazing. Hit the weights before the weight hits you.

A few 'do it' tips'

Instead of watching the game, get the gang together to play a game of your own.

Pack your lunch for work instead of going out.

Eat five times a day by adding fruit, nuts and veggies to midday and after lunch snack.

Get a friend or co-worker to start a routine with you.

Ruin your appetite by snacking on healthy items an hour before a big meal, you will find you'll eat less.

When shopping, stick to the exterior aisles of the store which has fresh produce, meats, dairy and breads.

Watch your sugar intake with fruit juices and specialty drinks.

Not too late to reach out to 'Care and Share' this holiday season

By Maj. Tim Wilson
302nd AW Chaplain

The holiday season is a time of gifts. The gift of renewed friendships as we send and receive colorful Christmas cards, the gift of music as we listen to and sing carols of old, and of course all the presents under the tree that make kids feel like Christmas will never come.

During the December unit training assem-

bly, you have a special opportunity to share a gift that can last the whole year long. Collection buckets for monetary donations are at unit orderly rooms.

If you wish, come by the chaplain's office on the second floor of Bldg. 895 to donate. A voluntary donation of one dollar by every wing member would go a long way to help with the "Care and Share" effort. Of course, donations larger than a dollar will gladly be accepted.

All contributions go directly to wing members experiencing extenuating needs. To apply for consideration for Care and Share funds or if you are aware of someone with a special need, please contact your first sergeant.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your willingness to share makes a big difference!

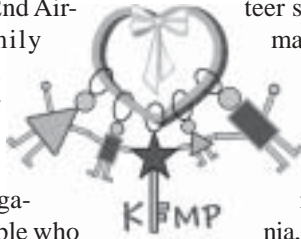
Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

Family HEARTS to offer support to wing

By Marie J. Law
Family HEARTS chairperson

When Colorado's military members need help, they often turn to the 302nd Air-lift Wing Family Readiness Center. But in order for the center to help, the staff needs the support of organizations and people who donate money, time and goods to the Family HEARTS foundation and the FRC.

What is Family HEARTS? Family HEARTS stands for Family Helping Everyone Achieve Results through Support Foundation. It is a private organization made up of past and present members of the 302nd AW and their families, as well as members



of the community who have unrestricted access to Peterson Air Force Base. Membership to this foundation is strictly voluntary and it is run solely by volunteer support. Though our main office is located in Colorado Springs, we have the opportunity to support our wing members in California, New Mexico, Texas, Wyoming and 35 other states, as well as Guam and Germany.

The purpose of Family HEARTS is to improve the morale and well-being of the members of the 302nd AW, both military and family members, through programs and activities. Our biggest program and special event during the year is fam-

ily day during the August UTA. While we have many programs and activities available to our military families at Peterson, it is also extremely important for family members to stay connected with one another throughout the United States. Therefore, we are going to implement a program that will provide our families – no matter where they live – with information, communication and resources for staying connected to each other and the base.

Many people or corporations often say they would like to support the military in their communities but don't know how or who to contact. Military family members express a desire to help other military families during times of deployment, when new to a community, or just acclimating to the military life style. Fam-

ily HEARTS is asking past and present members of the 302nd, as well as spouses and other family members, to help make this program a great success. Most of our volunteers will be able to help from their homes. Training will also be provided for volunteers in various programs.

Family HEARTS is having an informational meeting Jan. 6, 2007 at 3:30 p.m., in the wing conference room in Bldg. 893. Family HEARTS is asking each organization in the wing to have a representative attend along with family and community members who wish to support the 302nd.

Anyone who would like to volunteer or has questions can call the family readiness center at (719) 556-8184 or 1-800-446-9624.

Former 302nd MSG commander chosen woman of influence

By Becky Hurley
Colorado Springs Business Journal

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Her day job combines Col. Liz Anderson's dual talents as a leader and work force organizer.

With responsibility for more than 6,000 officer, enlisted, civilian and contract employees as well as 7,000 family members who are part of 44 units assigned to the world's largest U.S. Air Force base, she carries an impressive workload. Colonel Anderson's role as assistant to the Commander of the 21st Space Wing is to help lead the more than 6,000 officer, enlisted, civilian and contract employees who provide missile defense and space control/surveillance support for the combat troops from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

It's a big job, but Colonel Anderson never expected to be your average 9-to-5 employee. Upon earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Connecticut, she was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the ROTC program.

"When I was considering a career in the 1970s, the women's movement was just starting. That's when I decided as a woman I

wanted to be paid the same a man would be for the same job," she said.

Colonel Anderson entered active duty in July 1979 and following assignments in Arizona, Alaska and Germany, she transferred to the Air Force Reserve where she served as a technician in the Total Quality Management field and as a student at the Air War College.

Ultimately, she achieved the dual position as director of personnel and as the 302nd Mission Support Group commander. In October 2001, she began duties at the 460th Air Base Wing at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo. She volunteered for and was deployed for nine-and-a-half months to two locations in Pakistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Anderson assumed her current position with the 21st SW in January 2004.

"The wing commander serves basically like the mayor of a town," said Maj. Amy Sufak, 21st Space Wing public affairs officer, who nominated Anderson as a woman of influence. "As the chief Reservist on base, Colonel Anderson steps up whenever Col. [Jay] Santee is traveling. It's a lot of responsibility and she handles it every day with so much enthusiasm."

Her nominators, Major Sufak and Senior Airman Mandy Weightman, as well as those who have worked with her in the community, use the same two words to describe Colonel Anderson's talents: energy and enthusiasm.

In addition to a full plate of military responsibilities, Colonel Anderson also participates in several civic organizations. On top of all that, she also manages to run a small business and is an active member of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce.

She is a parishioner at Holy Apostles Church and was recently named to the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities.

As a volunteer, Colonel Anderson has served on the Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado board of directors.

John Gatto, owner of Crestone Commercial Real Estate, has served with Colonel Anderson on the J.A. Board of Directors. He sees her as an asset to the organization, even when faced with periodic deployments. "She recently left for Iraq and came back, but remains an active, energetic and enthu-

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302nd AW ready to celebrate demobilization

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing is ready for a break. After spending more than a year supporting the Global War on Terrorism, the wing's members – and their families – are ready to celebrate. That celebration will take place Saturday, Dec. 2, in Bldg 210, Bay 1.

The deployments to Southwest Asia in

support of U.S. Central Command operations, which began in August 2005, are completed. Now, the wing will kick back and bask in what Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander, considers a victory celebration.

“Our maintenance and operations folks put a lot of time and effort into the numerous missions we flew during our deployments to Southwest Asia and it showed in all our successes,” he said. “However, it also took

the dedication and support of every member of the wing who stayed home, as well as countless sacrifices by family members and friends of our reservists. This celebration is for each and every individual who had a hand in this mobilization.”

Staff Sgt. Rodolfo “Rocky” Ramirez, 302nd Maintenance Squadron pneudraulic systems technician, is one of many wing members who deployed to Southwest Asia more than once. He agrees the people back home deserve to be recognized as well.

“I think they played a huge role because they were the ones who kept our heads level while we were deployed,” he said. “I think

it would be great, but only if we could have everybody here.”

Getting as many people here as possible proved to be the biggest obstacle. The wing was attempting to hold the celebration on Oct. 4, but the logistics of getting people and aircraft back home and in place at the same time proved to be a challenge.

Looking at a more appropriate date, planners were able to coordinate several events into a single package, beginning with the induction of the wing's first group of honorary commanders at 10 a.m. Colonel Muscatell will hold a short commander's call at 11 a.m. followed by the celebration. Members will be dismissed by 2:30 p.m. to attend any holiday functions their units may have planned.

Food and beverage for the celebration will be provided compliments of various contributors.

“The people who are spearheading this effort are from Southeast Family Center and Armed Services YMCA,” said Stefano Collins, 302nd AW protocol officer. “They're getting food donations from the community.” He noted Wells Fargo Bank and Fred Fletemeyer, Chairman, Colorado Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve are working on obtaining contributions.

The wing is planning for an estimated attendance of 1,200 people.

Family members are invited – and encouraged – to come join in the celebration.



Recently promoted Senior Master Sgt. Michael Fekete, 302nd Maintenance Squadron integrated avionics systems craftsman, holds his daughters, Morgan (center) and Courtney, during a recent homecoming. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark Clark, 302nd MXS)

Wing to induct honorary commanders Dec. 2

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing is making a historical step in its relationship with the Colorado Springs community. On Dec. 2, the wing will induct its first group of honorary commanders.

The 302nd AW Honorary Commanders Program is being spearheaded by Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander. The colonel started a similar group while in charge of the 934th AW, Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, Minn.

Given the number of military assets in Colorado Springs, forging relationships with community leaders can be more diffi-

cult, but the colonel is undaunted in his effort.

“Community leaders in the Colorado Springs area have always been supportive of the 302nd,” said Colonel Muscatell. “Despite the large military presence in the community, I believe there are still numerous untapped resources out there willing to support the Air Force Reserve. We, as a unit, have to make a concerted effort to reach out and draw them in.”

“I think anytime the local community can assist our military personnel we learn from each other,” said Melodie Owens, Antlers Hilton catering sales manager and

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302nd MPF hours

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lunch for all offices – Noon to 1 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 a.m. to noon

Closed for the remainder of the day

UTA Weekends

Saturday

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lunch for all offices – 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m. to noon

Closed for the remainder of the day



Peterson civilian employees switch to NSPS

By Jace Anders

21st Mission Support Squadron

PETERSON AFB, Colo. – Most general schedule and general management non-bargaining unit employees here converted to the National Security Personnel System Oct. 15.

Employees were converted based on their permanent position of record. Employees' roles and responsibilities and the duties in their position description did not change.

"The Air Force processed 11,693 records Oct. 15; of those numbers Peterson Air Force Base had 2,260," said Polly Case, 21st Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Office. "That is almost 20 percent of the Air Force's numbers."



Through this conversion process, employees' total pay did not decrease and in fact, most received an increase in pay if eligible for a within-grade increase. The WGI buy-in is prorated based on the time employees have gained toward their next WGI.

The buy-in is based on calendar days and is a one-time only adjustment upon conversion to NSPS. The WGI will be added to employees' base salaries, and their Local Market Supplement will be adjusted accordingly.

Air Force Personnel Center members began processing all the actions converting positions to NSPS Oct. 16. Employees should be able to view their updated SF-50s in their electronic Official Personnel File on the AFPC secure website. Employees are strongly encouraged to look at the SF-50 in

detail to ensure their position has been converted properly.

As a reminder, inside the NSPS 101 training module, there is a calculator where most employees can find out their NSPS Pay Schedule and Pay Band as well as the dollar amount they will receive if they are eligible for a WGI buy-in. Again, employees should be able to view their electronic OPF to ensure everything has been properly converted later this week.

"We have identified some errors through this conversion process and we have identified those employees individually. We strongly encourage supervisors to contact our office if there are further questions or concerns. Overall though we think it has been a smooth transition," said Ms. Case.

For information regarding NSPS and the conversion send an e-mail to 21MSS.DPC.NSPS.OMB@peterson.af.mil.

Definitions of winter weather terminology

* Winter Storm Watch

Significant winter weather is expected (ie. heavy snow, heavy sleet, significant freezing rain, or a combination of events), but not imminent, for the watch area; provides 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of severe winter weather.

* Winter Storm Warning

A significant winter storm or hazardous winter weather is occurring, imminent, or likely, and is a threat to life and property.

* Blizzard Warning

Winds that are at least 35 mph or greater, blowing snow that will frequently reduce visibility to one quarter mile – when a significant winter storm or hazardous weather is occurring, imminent, and can be an inconvenience.

* Winter Weather Advisory

Freezing from the cloud to the ground, snow results.

Winter Storm Watches, Warnings, and Advisories are issued by individual National Weather Service Forecast Centers. The actual criterion depends on geography and topography.

* Snow

Snow is frozen precipitation and is six-sided crystals. Snow is produced when water vapor is deposited directly into airborne particles as ice crystals, which remain Winter Safety frozen as they fall. When temperatures remain below or less for a duration of at least 3 hours, and dangerous wind chills are expected in the warning area.

* Sleet

Sleet falls to earth as ice pellets. These ice pellets are formed as snowflakes melt into rain-

drops as they pass through a thin layer of above-freezing air. The raindrops then refreeze into particles of ice as they pass through a sub-freezing layer of air near the ground.

* Freezing rain

Freezing rain is caused by rain droplets that freeze on contact with the ground or objects near the ground, leaving a frozen glaze.

The temperature of the ground must be below freezing, and the rain droplets must exist in a liquid state at temperatures below freezing for freezing rain to occur. Freezing rain can glaze roadways with ice causing extremely hazardous driving conditions. Bridges and overpasses typically freeze more quickly than other surfaces and are particularly dangerous.



Winter car kits

The winter months can bring deadly snowstorms to the region. The Federal Emergency Management Agency suggests you keep these items in your car:

- Flashlights with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- Several blankets
- Sleeping bag(s)
- Extra newspaper for insulation
- Plastic bags for insulation
- Matches
- Extra set of mittens/gloves, socks, wool cap
- Rain gear, extra cloths
- Sand, kitty litter for traction
- Small shovel
- Booster (jumper) cables
- Tire chains
- Brightly colored cloths for use as a flag
- Canned fruit/nuts
- Bottled water

Snow call lines for delays and closures

Peterson AFB 556-SNOW (7669)/Schriever AFB 567-SNOW (7669)

You can also check local TV and radio stations

Health care for reservists highlights defense bill

WASHINGTON – In addition to a 2.2 percent across-the-board pay raise, Air Force reservists can look forward to better health care options in 2007.

Starting Oct. 1, drilling reservists can enroll in the new Tricare Standard for Selected Reserve health plan. They pay 28 percent of the premiums. The federal government picks up the rest of the tab.

People covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program are not eligible for the new plan.

The plan replaces the current three-tier Tricare Reserve Select system. The first tier starts

with \$81 monthly premiums for reservists without dependents who recently participated in a contingency operation. Cost of the plan jumps to \$767 a month for non-deployed reservists and their families who are eligible to sign up for employer-provided health care.

Another new benefit of the fiscal 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, signed into law by the president Oct. 17, helps reservists without dependents who were mobilized for 139 or more days in support of a contingency operation. It permits a second housing allowance in lieu of per diem if reservists are ordered to serve at a lo-

cation too far away from home to commute.

This allowance is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2006. However, payment of this allowance is up to service secretaries and doesn't automatically apply to everyone who's eligible.

Reservists in the Selected Reserve who think they may be eligible for a second BAH payment must check with their particular service for the current policy.

Another provision of the authorization bill extends the maximum number of days reservists can be called to active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 12304. The revised Presidential Reserve Call-up changed

from a maximum of 270 days to 365 days.

The age before mandatory separation from service due to non-promotion changed to 64 for major generals and to 62 for brigadier generals and below.

The authorization act also extended or expanded other allowances for reservists. Air Force Reserve Command may or may not fund these allowances.

More information about the authorization act is available on the Office of Air Force Reserve Web site under the Policy Integration Directorate's information page. (AFRC News Service)

Air Force Reserve seeks applicants for dual-status jobs

By 1st Lt. Torri White

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – In the next three years, the Air Force plans to eliminate thousands of military and civilians positions.

As a result, some displaced people might consider a dual-status job as an air reserve technician in an Air Force Reserve Command unit. ARTs are full-time civilian employees and part-time reservists in the same job.

There are about 10,000 people in the ART program.

"ARTs are essential for the operational readiness of their Air Force Reserve units," said Pat Nichols, manager of the AFRC Special Examining Unit at Robins AFB. "They perform the mission and maintain the day-to-day operations of their units while traditional reservists go to work in their civilian job, pursue an education or stay at home.

"In the Special Examining Unit, we are actively recruiting for the ART program," Ms. Nichols said. "ART positions open daily, and we are working to fill them immediately."

Their duties as a civilian employee are similar to those in their reserve assignment. During the normal work week, ARTs serve as civilians in a wide range of jobs in direct

support of their unit, including pilots, navigators, maintenance personnel and mission support occupations.

On the military side, they serve as reservists in the Selected Reserve and train with their units at least one weekend a month and during two weeks of annual tour duty. They must maintain continuous active membership in their Air Force Reserve unit of assignment.

In addition to unit stability, the ART program has offered career progression with competitive pay and retirement benefits since 1958.

Applicants must be willing and eligible to become an active member of the Selected Reserve or already be a member of the Selected Reserve.

Office of Personnel Management qualification requirements are online at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>.

Qualification Information Sheets and applications are at <http://vrs.afrc.af.mil/ARTJOBS>. Click on the 'QIS for ART Positions' link for what qualifications are required for specific jobs.

Active-duty Airmen may apply for ART

positions within 120 days of their separation date. For more than 120 days before separation, they can submit an application with a letter signed by their commanding officer stating they will be released from active duty (Palace Chase) if they obtain an ART position.

Mobilized reservists may submit a copy of their mobilization orders or a statement in their application stating they are available within 120 days.

"For each position candidates apply for, they must submit a separate application," Ms. Nichols said. "However, in positions that list multiple grade levels, people only need to submit one application to be rated for all grade levels."

Available positions can be found at <http://www.usajobs.gov> under Announcement 443 and at <http://vrs.afrc.af.mil/ARTJOBS>.

"This is a great opportunity for traditional reservists who want to work full-time or qualified candidates who need a career change," Ms. Nichols said. "Now is the time to apply and start an exciting career in the ART program." (AFRC News Service)



Civil engineers create award in general's honor

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

One of the best ways to recognize a distinguished military career is to have an award presented in its honor.

The 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron has instituted such an award to recognize members who exemplify outstanding military bearing and appearance, and demonstrate unselfish dedication to the success of the unit.

The new award is named after Maj. Gen. Walter E. "Pops" Arnold, former chief of staff of the Combined Planning Staff, Central Treaty Organization, who retired in January 1968, and is the father of Chief Master Sgt. Sally Arnold, 302nd CES chief of contingency operations.

The general entered service May 27, 1936 as a second lieutenant reserve in the cavalry, and was later appointed as an aviation cadet while entering primary flying school at Randolph Field, Texas. He was later commissioned and earned his wings at Kelly Field, Texas in the Army Air Corps in 1938.

As a pilot, he flew B-17, B-52 and B-24 aircraft and served as commander of the 485th, 330th and 29th Bomb Groups in Texas, Nebraska and Idaho respectively. General Arnold was shot down over Blechhammer, Germany in 1944 while flying his 19th combat mission, and spent time as a prisoner of war until liberated on May 5, 1945.

His last duty assignment was in 1965 on his way to completing 33 years of dedicated military service which included numerous other staff and command positions. General Arnold may be best known for serving as an instructor pilot for famed actor Jimmy Stewart, who served under the general's command as a second lieutenant during his introduction to pilot training.

General Arnold spent most of his retired years until his death in February 2002 focusing on and following the career of his daughter, Sally, and meeting and befriending many of the CES members.



Chief Arnold displays the award created in her father's honor. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

"My father always hung around the squadron and everyone got to know him," said Chief Arnold. "It wasn't long after he passed three of our senior noncommissioned officers wanted to come up with something to honor him every year."

It was during a top-three meeting that retired Senior Master Sgt. Ron Tyrrell, former shop superintendent of CES utilities, retired Senior Master Sgt. Brad Serazio, former NCO in charge of CES operations, and Master Sgt. Hector Dela Cruz, NCO in charge of engineer assistance, decided something should be done to honor the general many of the squadron's members came to know and appreciate.

Master Sgt. Horace Baker, plumber for the CES utilities shop, is credited with researching the general's biography and designing the award to be presented annually in his honor.

"I was really touched they wanted to do something to keep his memory alive," said Chief Arnold. "My dad wanted me to follow in his footsteps and become an Air Force officer. However, he was even prouder of me when I made chief because I made it to the top of the enlisted ranks while he never made to the top as a four-star general in the officer corps."

That may be true, but the general will be remembered somewhat as a father-figure to the members of the 302nd CES.

"It gets you a little choked up," said Chief Arnold. "Pops was an active part of the squadron. I'm not sure some of our younger troops will appreciate this as much as the older CES folks who've been around here for a while, but the first person nominated to receive the award will have it presented by my mother."

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siastic contributor to our efforts," he said.

"She's always working for us nationally as well as locally." But it is Colonel Anderson's military colleagues who pay her the greatest compliments. "She's our highest ranking Reservist and

a woman to boot," Major Sufak said. "She sets an excellent example for younger Airmen – from smooth operations of our roads, clubs, medical clinics, schools, community services to our military training and service."

"The Air Force pays me for leadership," Colonel Anderson said. "I think it can be an acquired trait. I was the oldest of five and took advantage of ex-

perience in Girl Scouts, high school band and ROTC to learn a take-charge attitude."

Of her many achievements, she picks promotion to colonel in 1998 as her proudest moment. That has been followed by three meritorious service medals, receipt of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters and the Air Force commendation medal with two oak

leaf clusters, and numerous other awards and milestones.

"What I really like about what I do is that it provides an opportunity to keep learning. I'm still challenged and stimulated," she said. Until she leaves the military, Colonel Anderson will continue to leave a legacy of leadership in her military, civilian and entrepreneurial worlds.



Colorado salutes veterans

Several members of the 302nd Airlift Wing participated in the Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade (top) and the Pueblo Veterans Day Parade (bottom) Nov. 11. (U.S. Air Force photos by 1st Lt. Jody Ritchie, Pueblo Veterans Day Parade, and Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade)



NCO of the Quarter
 Master Sgt. Robert L. Bostick
 302nd Services Flight
 Member of 302nd Airlift Wing since November 1993

302nd Airlift Wing Quarterly Award Winners

Airman of the Quarter
 Senior Airman Abdulganeau Abdulai
 302nd Maintenance Squadron
 Member of 302nd Airlift Wing since July 2005



Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Dec. 2-3

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
S A T U R D A Y	0630 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 1600	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 895, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	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
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 625	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428
S U N D A Y	1630 – 1900	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0630 – 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
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0900 – 1000	First Sergeant Council meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCF/6-8307
	1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
	1030 – 1130	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 216, Conference Room	PA/6-4117
	1200 – 1300	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	CEO/6-7550
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
1630 – 1900	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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soon-to-be 302nd Services Flight honorary commander. "This also provides an additional resource for the Reserve if they or their personnel have a special need within the community.

"I am thrilled to become an honorary commander. This is an opportunity for me to assist our military personnel. I grew up on an Air Force base although my father spent 23 years in the Army. It was always important to my father to volunteer and to contribute to the lives of our military personnel in any way. My reason is personal, it is a family commitment to honor my father's legacy."

Honorary commanders will serve a one-year term in support of the missions, people, challenges, triumphs and day-to-day operations of 302nd groups, squadrons and flights. The wing has 22 commanders and hopefully each will share a similar interest or profession with their honorary commander.

Units are expected to offer honorary commanders an opportunity to take part in such events like changes of command, promotion/retirement ceremonies, commanders' calls, holiday celebrations and training opportunities.

The expectation is for the honorary commander to similarly immerse his/her commander and host unit in his/her activities. Honorary commanders will meet quarterly with the wing commander to "touch-base" and discuss local issues.

"My expectation is to hopefully be their first point of resource for any community needs the 302nd Services Flight or personnel may have," said Ms. Owens. "I am hoping to have a better understanding of how they operate and all that they do for our country. Additionally, we both can be ambassadors of the military and the Colorado Springs community."

"It's an honor for the 302nd to have community leaders involved with us and supporting us," said Colonel Muscatell. "I hope it is an honor for them as well."



Lieutenant Col. Melinda Clearwater, acting 302nd Mission Support Group commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler, 302nd Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant, serving lunch to during the November unit training assembly, will both receive honorary commanders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

William E. Debusk
Michael L. Fekete
Master Sergeant
Robert L. Bostick
Sean W. Jones
Lawrence M. Prieto
Karl A. Shubert
Shane Williams

Technical Sergeant

Nathan R. Bale
Stefano J. Collins
Victor L. Cowan
Cory S. Garcia
Gary L. Glacken
Mary A. Griego
Jason S. Hall
Michael Hamilton
Bradley S. Hayes
Michael G. Johnson
Scott R. Johnson
James B. Mussman
Charles E. O'Neil Jr.
Mark A. Portillos
Mark W. Ramler
Christy D. Scace
Ramon J. Valdiviez
Russell D. Waterman
Wade A. Wittrock
Staff Sergeant
Daniel J. Adams
Grant W. Apgar
Gina Cerquozzi
Alonzo Cervantes
Ethan H. Corman
Jessica R. Eblen
Lailarose M. Fernandez
Tanya M. Gunnegan
Jason C. Herbkersman
Bryan D. Kemp
David A. Medina

Michael T. Pesek
Darrell E. Porter
Steven Provencio Jr.
Shawna A. Romero
Sack L. Sounakhene
Richard C. Stegenga
Derich R. Williams

Senior Airman

Jeffrey S. Achuff
Michelle Y. Alvarez
Kari R. Bearer
Brandon S. Behunin
Christopher R. Brooks
Benjamin P. Bryars
Allen S. Clutter
Erin A. Crowthers
Lee J. Cruz
Leslie A. Eff
Robert J. Evans
Brienne R. Foresman
Mataya L. Glover
Kenna D. Hardy
Brittney E. Marmion
Cindy L. Martinez
Laquisha P. Murray
Rick A. Nero
Felix Oliva
Dana B. Payne
Holly K. Payne
Naomi Y. Reyes
Kristen E. Shaw
Eliana C. Sinizer
Catherine M. Slonksnis
Ronald T. Swain
Sean P. Voss
Davie J. Whipple
Airman 1st Class
Ryan M. Broda
Cecily A. Stamus-Martinez
Airman
Brittany A. Iles

Sharp Troop of the Month

Name: Kimberly Robinson
Rank: Senior Airman
Section: 302nd Communications Flight
Job: Information Manager
Date assigned: November 2004
Hometown: Denver

Hobbies: Reading, school, and hanging with friends and family

Favorite thing about your job: "The favorite thing about my job is the people I work with and the new things that I learn every time I am here."

Note – Any member of the 302nd Airlift Wing or 310th Space Group may nominate an individual for Sharp Troop of the Month. 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.



News to Use

Scheme targets your government credit card

An e-mail phishing scheme appears to be going through the base e-mail as a security notice from Bank of America. It asks you to follow a link to update your information. Do not follow this link and not provide any information.

If you have any concerns with your Bank of America credit card account call the bank directly using the phone number on the back of your card. If you have already followed this link and provided information contact Bank of America immediately using the phone number on the back of the card. After notifying the bank contact the 302nd

Communications Flight at (719) 556-7454.

Air Force Academy offering entertainment

Academy Concerts is offering two shows in December at Arnold Hall Theater on the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The Lettermen, who have been performing for more than 45 years, will hold their Christmas show on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Country singer Phil Vassar, will be performing Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling (719) 333-4497.

The public is invited.

Newcomers

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Donaldson
Airman Basic Ameer N. Espinoza
Staff Sgt. Phillip L. Moses
1st Lt. Erin E. Reilly
Airman 1st Class Talley J. Rice

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Staff Sgt. Nathaniel C. Fuster
Airman Brittany A. Iles
Capt. Robert J. Talley

302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Kyle L. Wilson

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jerome A. Linley
Senior Airman Jonathan P. Viney

302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class La Tonya D. Benjamin

310th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Christopher M. Ellington
Senior Airman Peter L. Goodick
Senior Airman Christopher B. Mogg

731st Airlift Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Paul Martin



CAP day

Colorado Civil Air Patrol cadets board a C-130 for an orientation flight around the local area Nov. 4 during a visit to the 302nd Airlift Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Retirees

Tech. Sgt. Rainey J. Brooks, 731st Airlift Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Leonard L. Meyers, 302nd Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Charles M. Neyhart, 302nd MXS



Prop job

Tech. Sgt. Danny Amparan, 302nd Maintenance Squadron aircraft propulsion craftsman, removes a C-130 propeller dome assembly during the November unit training assembly. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

**302nd Airlift Wing
Annual Enlisted Awards Dinner
Feb. 10, 2007**



Antlers Hilton – Colorado Springs
(4 South Cascade Ave.)

Semi-formal or Mess Dress
Formal or Semi Formal for Guests
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Dinner
Tickets go on sale December UTA
See a first sergeant for tickets

*“Expeditionary Airmen ... Globally Engaged,
Postured to Go, Ready to Fight”*

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who you would like to see participate.

As we set our sights on a new year of challenges and triumphs, I once again ask you to continue

your thoughts and prayers for our nation’s military members who are deployed far from home while you celebrate this holiday season. They can only dream of savoring the sweet taste of a homemade pumpkin pie, warming themselves in front of the

glowing embers in a fireplace or watching loved ones gleefully open boxes filled with gifts. We are so fortunate to be at home to enjoy such festive moments and to have such brave and selfless military men and women who make it all possible.

My wife Nancy and I want to thank everyone at the 302nd AW, military and civilian, and your

families, for a wonderful year. We appreciate your support, hard work, sacrifice and commitment to this wing, our Air Force Reserve and our country. You are making a lasting contribution to our national defense and the preservation of our ideals.

We wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday season.



Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., and his wife, Nancy, wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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