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On track for success

Senior Airman Cindy Rojas, 302nd Services Flight services apprentice, disassembles a tent during recent mobility training in preparation for the December Operational Readiness Inspection. For more, see page 3. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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We excel through our diversity

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

A concert violinist had a brother who was a bricklayer. One day, a woman gushed to the bricklayer, "It must be wonderful to be in a family with such a famous violinist." Then, not wanting to insult the bricklayer, she said, "Of course, we do not all have the same talents, and even in a family, some just seem to have more talent than others."

The bricklayer said "Boy, you're telling me! That violinist brother of mine doesn't know a thing about laying bricks. And if he couldn't make some money playing that fiddle of his, he couldn't hire a guy with know-how like mine to build a house. If he had to build a house himself he would be ruined."

If you want to build a house, you don't want a violinist. And if you are going to lead an orches-

tra you don't want a bricklayer.

No two of us are exactly alike. None of us possesses every gift and ability. Our responsibility is to exercise our gift and ability. Our responsibility is to exercise the gifts we have – not the ones we wish we had.

When it comes to making decisions about your own life and the direction it should take, focus on your strengths, not your weaknesses.

Know yourself. Know what you do well, and then go with your strengths and shore up your weaknesses.

I love the 302nd, but one of the things I admire most is our diversity. Together we have become a great wing and if you take any one of us away we have a huge hole. I don't care what you do or what your talents are – without them we wouldn't be the finest unit in Air Force Reserve Command!

To all the wing's "bricklayers" and "violinists," I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Pie-eyed

The pie-in-the face contest proved to be one of the highlights at this year's 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day as the messy muck claimed 11 victims. The wing commander took not one, but two, for the team and Terry Brassard begged for his life (to no avail), but it was Kandace Steinbrink who proved to be the most popular. She received the most votes and the first facial (it wouldn't have anything to do with the fact she is about to become the newest commander in the wing, would it?). Other pie recipients were Blaine Linderman, Sylvia Budinich, Janine Cragin, Darren Green, Thomas Izzett, Mike Burns, Alan Flolo and Billye Adams. (U.S. Air Force photos/1st Lt. Jody Ritchie & Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito)

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Wing on track for success in December



(Left to right) Lt. Col. Michael Burns, 302nd Mission Support Group commander; Maj. Joe Colunga, 302nd Mission Support Flight commander; Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd Airlift Wing commander; and Tech. Sgt. Sarah Morrison, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, receive instruction on placing a wounded Airman on a litter from Senior Master Sgt. Michael Blakely, 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron contingency operations technician. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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

Three months and counting! That's all that remains until the 302nd Airlift Wing demonstrates its war-fighting capability during December's scheduled operational readiness inspection.

The wing has been preparing for the ORI since last summer when it performed station-to-station hands-on instruction on the ability to survive and operate training.

Training included processing of mobility chocks, palletizing cargo and setting up several facilities to include a wing operations center, disaster control center, survival readiness center, casualty collection points and contamination control areas.

Subsequent training, conducted by the 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight, included "en mass" sessions for guidance on knowledge and use of the Airman's Manual and additional hands-on instruction in chemical warfare ensemble.

With months of training completed, the question is, how far has the wing progressed since

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Making wishes come true

Capt. Eric Swartz, 731st Airlift Squadron tactics officer, presents a 302nd Operations Group scarf to Angelo Marmaro during a visit to the 302nd Airlift Wing Aug. 10. Mr. Marmaro, 11, and his brother Angelo, 15, suffer from Muscular Dystrophy. They were made pilots for a day in conjunction with the Colorado Chapter of the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation. Capt. Christopher Willis, a C-21 pilot with the 311th Airlift Squadron, coordinated a tour of Peterson Air Force Base. Captain Swartz and Senior Airman Tessa Gilbert, 731st AS loadmaster, hosted a C-130 static display, allowing the brothers an opportunity to see the full range of the "Herc's" capabilities. This is the third Make-A-Wish visit involving the 302nd AW. Scott Faulkner visited in April 2006 and Zachery Olsen came by in January. Make-A-Wish is a network of 25,000 volunteers in 69 chapters across the nation who serve as ambassadors to children with life-threatening conditions, according to Maggie Appenzeller, co-program director of the Colorado Chapter. The organization serves more than 300,000 individuals worldwide each year. The Colorado chapter grants between 225 and 250 wishes each year. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)





Future fliers

Could Madison (left) and Evan Hefty, children of Lt. Col. Erik and Michelle Hefty, be pondering future careers as C-130 aircrew members? Only time will tell. (U.S. Air Force photo/Lt. Col. Erik Hefty)

39th APS members receive medals

In 2005, and again in 2007, members of the 39th Aerial Port Squadron were called upon to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Their efforts were recognized Aug. 4 as Col. James L. Gregory II, 39th APS commander, presented several of them with medals during a formal ceremony. The colonel also presented the wing with an American flag which had been flown over several foreign countries.

Medal recipients are:

Meritorious Service Medal

Senior Master Sgt. Arthur Avila (first Oak Leaf Cluster), Master Sgt. Caron E. Crowe (first Oak Leaf Cluster), Senior Master Sgt. Dean E. Firestien, Master Sgt. Augusto J. Goncalves, Master Sgt. Erin C. Huffaker, Master Sgt. Rita Johnson (first Oak Leaf Cluster), Master Sgt. Danny L. Markley, Master Sgt. Clark K. Power, Senior Master Sgt. Brian M. Pinsky (first Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Daniel L. Douglas, Staff Sgt. Daniel N. Erives, Tech. Sgt.

Geraldo A. Garcia, Staff Sgt. Glen H. Green, Tech. Sgt. Bradley S. Hayes, Tech. Sgt. Helga Hermes, Staff Sgt. Jeremy C. Jamison, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Javorssek, Tech. Sgt. Michael G. Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Ronald J. Krivanek, Tech. Sgt. Robert S. Levins (first Oak Leaf Cluster), Tech. Sgt. Peggy C. Logan (first Oak Leaf Cluster), Master Sgt. Charles J. Medina (first Oak Leaf Cluster), Staff Sgt. Jared M. Morrison, Tech. Sgt. Daniel R. Oldes (second Oak Leaf Cluster), Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Rinker, Staff Sgt. Robert R. Ritter, Tech. Sgt. Deanna F. Scott, Master Sgt. Jonathan M. Shaw, Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Silva, Tech. Sgt. David A. Warner, Tech. Sgt. Jared V. Weeks (second Oak Leaf Cluster), Tech. Sgt. Daryl A. Wood, Staff Sgt. Ramon J. Valdiviez

Air Force Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. Kelly Bartholomew, Staff Sgt. Tobias J. Filener, Staff Sgt. Giovanni Hernandez, Tech. Sgt. Peggy C. Logan, Senior Airman Kristina Marshall, Staff Sgt. Darrell E. Porter, Staff Sgt. Steven Provencio (first Oak Leaf Cluster)



Colonel Gregory presents the 302nd Airlift Wing with the American flag which was flown over several foreign countries during 39th APS deployments. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Improved Reserve health care plan to begin

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) – Reservists can now sign up for more affordable Tricare Select Reserve health care that starts Oct. 1. For some, it means they will pay a third of what they are paying today.

“All drilling reservists, including individual mobilization augmentees, will have access to the health-care benefit at its lowest premium rate,” said Lt. Col. Alexander Alex, Air Force Reserve Command’s health benefits manager. “Interested reservists, including those who are currently enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select, must fill out a newly developed Defense Department Form 2896-1 to take part in this restructured program.”

In the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress told Defense Department officials to restructure the plan’s three-tier payment system, which has been in effect since 2006. Dr. David S.C. Chu, deputy secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, signed the new policy Aug. 3.

Under the system that ends Sept. 30, only reservists on or recently returned from a contin-

gency operation qualify for Tier 1, the lowest cost premium.

Reservists in Tier 3 pay the most each month, \$247 for the reservist alone and \$767.41 for the reservist and family.

All drilling reservists will now pay the lowest premium, \$81 a month for single coverage. Monthly premiums for reservists and families will be \$253. Tricare will adjust premiums annually on Jan. 1.

“We’ve been working hard for years to improve health-care benefits for all reservists, and this is a big step in that process,” said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC’s vice commander. He encourages reservists to study the program to see if it meets their needs.

“As a health-care consultant, I have looked at numerous plans,” Colonel Alex said. “And this is a very competitive 80/20 indemnity plan where the government pays 80 percent and the member pays 20 percent of the cost share.

“One of its huge benefits is the pharmacy program,” he said. “If used wisely, members can get a 90-day supply of medicine for \$3 per prescription.”

Another plus to the plan is its \$1,000 catastrophic cap, among the lowest in the industry, according to Colonel Alex.

“Once a member has paid \$1,000 in a fiscal year, Tricare will pay 100 percent of the Tricare allowable cost after that,” he said.

About 11,500 members of the reserve components across all services are enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select, including some 2,700 Air Force reservists. These people will be required to re-enroll in the program if they want to keep their coverage.

To begin the application process, reservists should visit the Guard and Reserve Web portal. This is a restricted site. DOD officials said they are looking into a simpler application process.

For more specific information, go to the Tricare Reserve Select Web site or contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center toll free at 800-525-0102 or DSN 926-6730. The fax number is 478-327-2215 or DSN 497-2215. Online customer service is available by going to the Virtual Personnel Center - Guard Reserve Web site, and clicking on “New Request.”

All drilling reservists are

qualified for the restructured Tricare Reserve Select program starting Oct. 1 with one major exception: If they are eligible for Federal Employee Health Benefits or are currently covered under FEHB (either under theirs or a family member’s eligibility), they are not eligible to purchase Tricare Reserve Select.

“We want reservists to know that Tricare Reserve Select is something they have earned through their service to their country,” said Colonel Alex. “And it is a benefit that our senior leaders have worked very hard to obtain.”

Reservists can visit the Tricare Reserve Select Web site to find out more information.

“This Web site is kept very current and will be updated as the new Tricare Reserve Select restructuring takes effect,” Colonel Alex said.

If Air Force reservists can’t find more information about TRICARE Reserve Select medical coverage, or have general questions about it, they can e-mail Colonel Alex at AFRC/TRICAREreserves@afrc.af.mil. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

Do you like to work for free?

By Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert H. Heun
302nd AW chief of dental services

The 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron Dental Section has recently completed its annual records inventory. Having done that, we have reviewed all airmen in the 302nd Airlift Wing, placing them in one of four categories.

The area that should be of concern to you is Dental Readiness Class 4. This category means that you either do not have a complete dental record or you have an expired annual dental exam. Your dental exam expires on the last day of your birth month. If you are due for a “long” physical, you will

need to see a military dentist in our clinic. This will occur every third year.

On the two “short” years, you must still have an exam, but it must be with your own private dentist or a FEDS HEAL provider, if you don’t have a personal dentist. You may obtain an exam from a FEDS HEAL provider in your area by contacting FEDS HEAL at 1-800-666-2833, Ext.6669. These free dental exams will be available until Sept. 30.

However you accomplish this exam, you must provide proof of the visit by either bringing your DD Form 2813 to the dental clinic or faxing it to us at (719) 556-1129. This form should be available through your Unit Health Monitor.



Failure to have a current dental exam gives you an incomplete physical which initiates the no pay, no points process.



Honoring our military

An estimated 8,000-10,000 onlookers took in the Cripple Creek Honors America's Armed Forces parade Aug. 18. Among them were Alex Flolo (left), son of Maj. Alan Flolo, 302nd Airlift Wing executive officer. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Capt. Lisa Lees (left), 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron mental health nurse, waves to onlookers as Capt. Martha Finnen, 302nd Maintenance Squadron executive officer, prepares to toss candy to children at the parade. In the background is Master Sgt. Jerry Caro, 302nd Logistics readiness Squadron NCO in charge of vehicle operations. Approximately 30 members from the 302nd AW participated in the parade. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. James R. Wilson)



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302nd AW mission statement

"Citizen Airmen providing superior global reach"

Newcomers

302nd Airlift Wing
Senior Airman Holly R. Carroll

39th Aerial Port Squadron
Capt. Royce Johnson
Staff Sgt. Justin L. Kurth
Master Sgt. Mark O. Skarban
Chief Master Sgt. Andy L. Smith
Airman 1st Class Kyle S. West

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron
Senior Airman Alysia Ogburn

302nd Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Lorenzo K. Boyd III
Senior Airman Chad Cook
1st Lt. Bryon W. Gohl

302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman James Baxendale

302nd Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Seth J. Conner

302nd Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Joseph LaSalle

731st Airlift Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Jeffery L. Falls

6th Space Operations Squadron
Capt. JoAnne Baker

7th Space Operations Squadron
Capt. Heather D. Harris
Senior Airman Elizabeth Robinson

14th Test Squadron
Maj. Franchesca Malzahn

310th Medical Squadron
Senior Airman Brandy P. Burrell
Capt. Scottie M. Eppler
Lt. Col. Douglas Hemler
Maj. David C. Schaefer

310th Mission Support Squadron
Senior Airman Kimberley A. Erwin
Senior Airman Christina M. Scott

310th Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Joshua M. Carey
Senior Airman Thomas J. Cheney
Senior Airman David C. Moracco

710th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Elberto T. Scott

302nd Maintenance Operations Flight
Tech. Sgt. Lucas A. Newman

302nd Operations Support Flight
Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Gonzalez



Retirements

Chief Master Sgt. Janine Cragin, 302nd Services Flight
Master Sgt. Louise Rasmussen, 302nd Mission Support Group



NCO of the Quarter
Tech. Sgt. Jason Harvey
731st Airlift Squadron
Aircraft loadmaster
craftsman



Airman of the Quarter
Senior Airman Audrey Adams
39th Aerial Port Squadron
Air transportation
journeyman

New home for an old friend

Master Sgt. Kris Lake, 30th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, Cheyenne, Wyo., inspects the exterior of a C-130H aircraft before departing Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Aug. 20, 2007. The aircraft, tail number 93-7314, was transferred from the 302nd Airlift Wing to the Wyoming Air National Guard as part of an Air Force decision to realign the number of C-130H3 aircraft within Air Mobility Command. Aircraft 314, which bears nose art honoring the City of Pueblo, made its final voyage Aug. 10 to the Pueblo, Colo. airshow where it was showcased by an Air Force Reserve aircrew to thousands of local residents. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. James R. Wilson)

Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel	Stacey A. Cameron	Dustin Grenemyer
David Condit	Robert M. Tate	Catherine Krumrine
James Devere	Technical Sergeant	Joseph S. Lightner
Erik Heftye	Daniel Erives	Christian D. Lum
Jennie Johnson	Glen H. Green	Stephanie Matuszak
Daniel Richardson	Brian D. Hanson	Airman 1st Class
James Steward	Jared M. Morrison	Brandon R. Dunn
Corey Steinbrink	Paulo G. Perez	Donald G. Myers
Shawn Vinson	Jeremiah C. Wilbur	
Peter Weilbach	Senior Airman	
Robert Weimer	Spencer R. Ashley	
Master Sergeant	La Tonya Benjamin	
Belissa Bermudez	Raquelle S. Brown	



Dog days of summer

The dog days of summer are a phenomenon of the northern hemisphere that usually fall between July and early September. On Aug. 4, they appeared at 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day, where Sparky the fire dog enjoys a visit with Augustus Cameron and his mother, Colleen. Ms. Cameron, a major, is a reservist pilot with the 731st Airlift Squadron. Wing members and their families came out to enjoy food, games, entertainment by the U.S. Air Force Academy Band, a softball tournament and the highly successful pie-in-the-face contest. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito)

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ORI preparations began last July and, is the wing ready for the ORI in December? An operational readiness exercise in late September may provide some answers.

“The Operational Readiness Training Program, ORTP 4, is only a few weeks away,” said Col. Andrew T. McMahon, 302nd AW vice commander. “Our local classroom and hands-on training has prepared us for success. The final exercise will allow us to fine tune our already great processes and give our Airmen confidence going into the ORI in December.”

The wing will use the ORTP to help it further prepare for the ORI.

“As we reach the home stretch for ORI preparation, focus remains on cargo and lessons learned from ORTP 4 participation and the initial response exercise,” said Lt. Col. Melinda Clearwater, 302nd AW performance planner. “We’ll continue with tabletop exercises to ensure our command and control is strong. It’s critical all members attending are current in readiness training, have required gear, accurate personal readiness files and are medically cleared. At this point, everyone has all the tools needed to be successful.”

Like any inspection, ironing out the details and ensuring the major inspection items are up to standard is of prime importance.

“From this point forward, the devil is in the details,” said Maj. Kristin Simpson, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron chief

of plans. “Units should take a line-by-line scrub of everything and everyone tasked for the ORI, even if they have done so once or twice before. Line-by-line means checking medical clearances. Certain profiles can’t be waived. If you have a deployer on profile, commanders need to get the details. If it turns out a person can’t deploy, we need to know now. Replacements need time to catch up on all the ORI-related ATSO training.

“Each player in the ORI needs to take a moment and jot down their concerns about their own personal readiness to meet the tasking,” said Maj. Simpson. “If you haven’t studied the Airman’s Manual, do it. If you need to fire get on schedule for the range. Haven’t been to the dentist in a while? Go to the dentist. If everyone does this, if everyone takes personal responsibility to be 100 percent ready, we will have smooth sailing through the ORI.”

According to wing leadership, members are working hard to prepare for the ORI.

“Seeing the dedication and sense of urgency displayed by our Airmen during hands-on training, I’m confident we’ll be successful in December,” said Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander.

According to the colonel, the wing has trained hard and exhibited great effort in preparing for the ORI.



Tech. Sgt. Dorota Potter, 302nd Services Flight services specialist, removes an interior liner from a tent during mobility training. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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