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***MXG gets in gear***

# Meeting the challenge

By Chief Master Sgt. Jan Dalton  
934 AW command chief

Today is September 11, 2006. It wouldn't be possible to write this article, five years to the day after that horrific event, and not comment on the significance of being an



Airman in the United States Air Force Reserve. As enlisted, it's important for us to embrace the value of being Airmen. There is no finer profession in the world. We have an opportunity to be leaders by encouraging success, providing a vision, inspiring new ideas, and shaping the output. No other Air Force in the world instills that

kind of faith and responsibility in its enlisted corps. No matter what AFSC you hold, you make an impact every day you are here.

All indications are that the Air Force Reserve will continue to be asked to step forward in support for this Global War on Terrorism. Our AEF rotation scheduled for January 07 is evidence of that. I commend and applaud all of you who volunteered - knowing any deployment isn't easy or simple - you still volunteered. This allegiance and dedication to duty reminds not only AFRC, but the rest of the world, that the men and women of the 934th Airlift Wing are unparalleled. You are proud and you are brave. Deployment preparations can be complex, and before you deploy, I remind you to talk with your families and employers to prepare them for the challenges ahead. Of utmost importance prior to deploying: get your will and power of attorney taken care of! This applies to everyone - married or single.

On another subject - equally complex and rife with preparation is the UCI. As we prepare for this inspection, remember that through your leadership and training we can once again demonstrate just how outstanding we are. Take pride in your work and show the inspectors that we are from the best wing in the command. A fitting quotation from Sir Winston Churchill sums it up: "It's not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what's required." Keep a positive attitude, stay motivated, stay focused, and stay safe. Remember your training, dress and appearance requirements, customs and courtesies, and we'll do great! Use this opportunity to show the world just how great our

enlisted force really is.

I mentioned training, and on that subject, we know we have a problem. We have heard it from our Airmen and our NCOs. We have heard it from our chiefs and first shirts, and we have heard it from our commanders. We are wallowing in a quagmire of training - so much we're having a tough time getting to that *real* job during the UTA. With our current training requirements we can't attain AFSC proficiency. The command staff (at this wing and elsewhere) has brought this problem to the attention of AFRC senior leaders at every opportunity, and as a result Lt. Gen. Bradley has put together a panel of senior AFRC members. Their mission is to determine how we train and how we can change the frequency to better utilize the time our reservists need to perform their real job. One of the things that make us unique in the Air Reserve Component (AFRC and ANG) is that we are the "Ready Reserve". Theoretically, we are capable of deploying within 72 hours - anywhere in the world. The Army Reserve Components (Army Reserve and Army National Guard) do not maintain this ready reserve status. They maintain minimal training and when called upon for activation undergo three to four months of just-in-time training. That is one of the reasons the Army activates for a year or two at a time, because they need several months of intense training prior to deploying. One can argue which is best - but be assured that General Bradley and his team have noted the issue and are working it.

Reduction in force of both active duty and the reserve component has - and will continue to have - a significant impact on promotions. Enlisted members are all too keenly aware of how competitive the promotion process is. Under continuing AFRC policy a technical sergeant will not be allowed to occupy a master sergeant slot and a master sergeant will not be allowed to occupy a senior master sergeant slot (or greater) with out enrolling in the next appropriate Professional Military Education (current guidelines establish the enrollment date no longer than six months from date of placement). This policy mirrors what has been in place for a number of years for officer promotions. In today's Air Force Reserve, lack of PME will definitely result in lack of promotion - so I strongly encourage you to enroll in the appropriate PME as soon as possible.

I would be remiss if I didn't express to all of you what a great honor and privilege it is to serve as your command chief. Many of you have heard me say that I'm fortunate in that I report to the wing commander, but I really work for the people who wear the stripes. I would like to personally thank all of you for your dedication to the 934th Airlift Wing, the Air Force Reserve and for your efforts and hard work. You're under pressure these days - as our mission continues overseas, so do our deployments, training requirements and the seemingly omnipresent inspections: (ASEV, MSEP, ESOHCAMP, HSI, UCI and on and on it goes...) So, thank you for keeping up with the pace, and giving us your best.





Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

## Admiral visits

Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, chief of Navy Reserve, talks with Col. Tim Tarchick during his visit on the September UTA. The admiral visited the Navy Reserve facilities co-located with the 934th at the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station.

## Wing Commander's Hotline

The hotline provides wing members with a direct link to the wing commander to relay kudos, concerns or suggestions on wing matters.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams.

On the cover

Master Sgt. John Shelton performs duties in full chem gear as part of an MXG exercise during the September UTA. See story on page 6.



# Unit News

## AES

The 934 AES welcomes new Commander, Lt. Col. Cherie Roberts as she assumed command Sept. 9.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Amanda Hightshoe and Staff Sgt. Winter Shaler on their promotion to staff sergeant.

934 AES welcomes new members, Maj. David Callahan, Capt. Matthew Grimes, and Master Sgt. Marlene Moore.

## ASTS

Lt. Col. Dennis M. Brown retired. His service has been instrumental to the success of the ASTS during recent deployments and inspections. Since arriving in 2000, Colonel Brown has been a superior mentor and leader to everybody in the unit.

Maj. Robert E. Gregory retired. His recent work preparing the ASTS for its Health Service Inspection has given confidence to many and will surely bring success to the squadron.

For both of these retirees', we thank you for everything you have done for us.

## CES

This year the CE squadron performed their annual bivouac at Ft. Snelling National Park (near the Officer's Club). Though it was only one night (Saturday), it was a successful venture with a lot of quality training accomplished. Most valuable training session award goes to Capt Christoff for his lecture on foot hygiene.

Senior Airman Carl Wiggins (Readiness) was promoted to staff sergeant.

Senior Airman Eric Brorson (Electrical) earned a 90% on his 5 level End of Course test.

Senior Airman Curt Galvez (Readiness) received the "Look Sharp" award (second time).

Recently acquired personnel: Staff Sgt. Will Curry (HVAC), Senior Airman Matt Heiman (Engineering), Airman 1st Class Andrew Peterson (Readiness), And Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Lindstrom (HVAC)

## LRS

LRS would like to welcome newcomers Tech. Sgt. Douglas Hartgrave and Senior Airman Kamal Brooks and welcome back Senior Airman Justin Dodge, Senior Airman Taylor Debel, Senior Airman Nicholas Ferry, and Senior Airman John Kupka who have returned from SW Asia.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Tyrell Hoyer for completing 7 level school with a perfect score of 100%. Good job.

Maj. Brian McCullagh received a gold plated Combat Dining Out coin for all of the hard work he put in with the event be the success it was.

Senior Airman Dyan Daniels received the Air Force Achievement Medal

Senior Airman Taylor Debel earned her 5 level.

Senior Airman Antwain Strickland received the First Sergeant's coin for being the winner of the 2006 "Look Sharp" Award.

Tech. Sgt. Roxanne Daggins and Senior Airman Teng Yang scored 90% on TMO's Hazmat course test.

## MXS

The MXS Squadron after a very enjoyable family day on Sunday of the Sept. UTA is putting aside all matters of a trivial nature. MXS will now concentrate most diligently on the upcoming MSEP which they plan to pass with flying colors.

**Around the World/US:** The MXS squadron welcomed back a few dozen personnel from a very successful JOINT FORGE rotation in Germany.

## SVS

The Services unit congratulates Tech. Sgt. Michael Gangl who was recently married. Services would also like to recognize Airman 1st Class Jesse Ramirez who came to us from the 440 AW. Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Stacy Campbell who achieved her nine skill level. Services' unit has two members deployed; Capt. Cory Larsen who is at Charles C. Carson Center for mortuary affairs located at Dover AFB in support of

operation Iraqi Freedom and Capt. Scott Uselding, Staff Sgt. Tony Pangel, and Senior Airman John Dufresne are also at port mortuary attending training. Tech. Sgt. Kristin Maloney completed the NCO academy at Robbins AFB Ga..

Chief Master Sgt. Lee Traxler-Siehdnel and Master Sgt. Ruth Duffy completed SNCO Leadership Development Course.

The services squadron was especially busy this month with a chiefs' first term airman's lunch, employers' day lunch at the Viking Inn, as well as helping out with both the induction ceremony and the combat dining out. We thank you for everyone's support and understanding for all these tasks taking place this month. Next month is Services' training month and the Dining facility will not be open. All the meals will be at the Services Club. We look forward to seeing you at the October UTA.

## 96 AS

Due to the end of FY2006 and completion of the unit's flying hour allotment, local and off station flying tapered off. One interesting mission took a crew to Virginia to work with the Navy Seals. Conversely, with FY 2007 starting, our local and off station flying missions have taken off! Off station we have eleven missions planned varying from transporting 934 AW units and the AFRC UCI team to airdropping US Army and AF Special Forces teams. One aircrew was selected to spend a week flying low level in the desert southwest at the Advanced Airlift Tactical Training Center (AATTC). Locally, thanks to longer dark hours, we have returned to flying numerous Night Vision Goggle airdrops as well as airland training missions.

This month 96 AS personnel will deploy to Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Missouri and New Jersey. A total of 23 unit members will be TDY to formal schools in Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, Washinton and Wisconsin.





## Around the pattern



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Olson*

**Master Sgt. Dennis Swanson welcomes the new Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander Lt. Col. Cherie Roberts at her assumption of command ceremony.**



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Olson*

**Col. Tim Tarchick passes the 934th Maintenance Group flag to new commander Lt. Col. Eric Brandes at his assumption of command ceremony.**



*Photo by Staff Sgt. John Herrick*

**Lt. Col. Dennis Brown receives the Meritorious Service Medal citation at his retirement from Colonel Tarchick .**



*Photo by Staff Sgt. John Herrick*

**Maj. Robert Gregory recieves his retirement certificate from Colonel Tarchick at a ceremony last UTA.**

## October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month



# Maintenance Group stays ready

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams  
934 AW Public Affairs

After two years of activation, an aircraft changeover and the addition of new personnel, the 934th Maintenance Group's training is back on track with the commencement of a mobility exercise during the September unit training assembly.

While looking over their training plan in preparation for the upcoming unit compliance inspection, Chief Master Sgt. David Entingh, the group's quality assurance superintendent, and other emergency managers noticed they had not conducted their annual training exercise. Instead of "blowing it off," as some would say, Chief Entingh and the emergency managers spent the month between the August and September UTA's planning the exercise that was conducted last month.

"We wanted to mentally prepare our troops for the upcoming inspection and give our folks a feel for the organization," Chief Entingh said. "We met the objectives we were looking for, without leaving a huge footprint in the UTA."

For two hours, nearly 40 of the group's members simulated a missile attack, hurriedly put on their chemical warfare gear and played through numerous scenarios, including introducing a sweep team to look for unexploded ordinance while in full chemical warfare gear. Eight members of the group's emergency management team served as inspectors.

Senior Master Sgt. Rory Ernst, one of the unit emergency managers, was pleased with the results.

"We wanted to get people used to the procedures, using the chem gear, utilizing the buddy system and understanding the roles of the specialty teams, especially the sweep teams. For being the first exercise in awhile, it went pretty well. The next time will be smoother," he said.

Sergeant Ernst admitted that mistakes were made and that errors the inspectors found were corrected on the spot.

"Specialty teams like facility managers and sweep teams need a little more training in order to make it easier on them. We also need to address the issue of equipment that goes into the chem warfare bags in order to keep that stuff current," he added.

According to the Sergeant, the exercise was geared towards the younger troops who joined the group since it was deactivated.

Senior Airman Emily Miller, crew chief, has only been with the unit for two years. This was her first exercise in chemical warfare gear since graduating from basic training.

"I learned about how efficient you have to be when in MOPP gear," she said.

"There is no space to stand up and put the gear on as things move quite quickly. I was surprised at how well people worked together. The buddy system became instinctive."

"I just need to be sure that I have everything in my bag and that the mask is functional before I need it," she said.

Tech. Sgt. Steve Hanson, also a crew chief, had some problems with missing equipment and mask problems. He was missing his boots and gloves from his training bag, and his mask kept fogging up.

Even with the equipment problems, Sergeant Hanson saw this as a great opportunity for a refresher.

"The teamwork was very good," he said. "We had one guy pulled off the sweep team due to a fogged mask and another guy filled in. There were no breakdowns on the team as a result of the change. It was smooth. We did have some uncertainty between two types when trying to identify a UXO. We did the measurements and that determined the correct one."



**Tech. Sgt. Blake Andrist consults his Airman's Manual during the exercise.**

For Senior Airman Britton McDaniels, aircraft mechanic, the exercised proved to be a good refresher. He spent nearly four years on active duty, including a tour in Southwest Asia, before joining the unit just over a year ago.

"I thought it went well," Airman McDaniels said. "We needed the instruction the exercise provided. When under a missile attack, we're supposed to seal the aircraft. We should have done that."

"Also, we should have put the mask on and run into the bunker, instead of changing into the gear under the wing. Still, the training seemed more realistic than what I experienced on active duty," he added.

Airman McDaniels was the one tasked to simulate falling down and breaking an ankle while running into the bunker during an attack situation.

"My comrades took care of me," he said. "They carried me into the bunker, put a splint on the ankle and elevated it."

"The exercise showed the planning and tools we need to play the game. It also helped to prepare us mentally on how to respond to real world situations. We did the best we could with what we had," said Chief Entingh. "What surprised me was the good attitude about it. It was nice to see our young folks playing the game and having a good attitude."

Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness air reserve technician, served as a technical advisor to help make the scenarios as realistic as possible.

"The folks seemed to take the training seriously. They asked questions and wanted to know how to do stuff right. When they needed correction, it was immediate," he said. "They met my expectations, even knowing that some mistakes were going to be made or things forgotten. I commend these guys and maintenance group for their leadership in performing these exercises."

Sergeant Johnson added that the 27th Aerial Port Squadron and 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron each ran stand-alone exercises recently, and commended them as well.



# Aircraft loading just got easier

By Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch  
934 AW Public Affairs

It may not be a magic carpet, but the New Generation Small Loader (NGSL) now being used by the folks at 27th Aerial Port Squadron may as well be one when compared to the older '25K' ramp loader. "We're very fortunate to have it," said Senior Master Sergeant Dale Place, NCOIC of Ramp Services.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Mike Dressen

**A KC-10 is loaded using the NGSL in support of JOINT FORGE.**

First used on the 934 AW flight line in August, the NGSL loaded a KC10 for the recently completed Joint Forge rotation to Germany. Its main advantage over the older 25K loader is its "capability to service large, wide-bodied aircraft," according to Place. Ascending to almost 19 feet, the NGSL can reach the tallest of aircraft with ease and is designed to accommodate the curvature of large aircraft, something impossible with the older 25K loader. And with its motorized rollers, loading and unloading pallets becomes a process instead of a challenge.

As with all technology, loading platforms have joined the 21st century. What used to involve many labor hours with the 25K loader is now minutes. "We can prepare the NGSL for transportation and be ready to load it into a C-130 in thirty minutes," said Place. "We wouldn't hesitate to take

this to Volk Field for the weekend. It's very portable. The old one would take three people at least a day to prepare for airlift."

Transporting the new loader quickly is just one upgrade. Another is its ability to maneuver in place. The flat loading platform can tilt, roll and side-shift to get in the best position possible for the most difficult of tasks, all with the touch of a button in the operator's climate-controlled cab.

But pallets aren't the only cargo the Air Force handles. By simply removing a few pins, the operator can flip the rollers over to create a smooth platform, ideal for driving vehicles onto. "If necessary," said Place, "we can just pull up to an aircraft and have a humvee drive onto the platform. We can handle 25 thousand pounds of weight."

Some aircraft, such as a 747 and KC10 also have motorized rollers for cargo. This makes loading and unloading with the new NGSL extremely efficient with time and labor. From the moment the cargo is delivered to the NGSL by forklift, the process becomes totally automated. The pallet may

be rotated 90 degrees for delivery to the side cargo hatch of the aircraft with up to three pallets on the platform at a time. Using a joystick, the operator sends the cargo down the platform to the waiting loadmaster who will assume control of the cargo when it enters the aircraft. Unloading reverses this process.

"Forklift operators can continually unload the loader by using the special forklift tine spaces built into each end of the platform," said Place. "When servicing an aircraft in a mission-critical situation," he continued, "safety, efficiency and speed are paramount. The NGSL gives us this capability."

Personally," he concluded, "this is one of the reasons I'm in the Air Force Reserve. Where else can I play with stuff like this?"

## Unit deployments



*Senior Airman John Kupka, 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is greeted by family members after a six month deployment to Southwest Asia.*

*Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach*



*Photo by Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch*

*Col. Al Swartzmiller, 934th Operations Group commander, welcomes back Senior Master Sgt. Brad Cooper, 96th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, from JOINT FORGE in Germany.*



*Photo by Lt. Col. Gary Chambers*

*A U. S. Navy jumpmaster, from Boat Team 20, exits a Flying Viking Hercules over Key West, Florida. The Vikings were supporting the Navy unit's parachute training on a Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training (JA/ATT) mission. The weeklong training, both low altitude static line and High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) airdrops were made.*





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# Photographer enjoys shooting for ribbons

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch  
934 AW Public Affairs

To some, taking pictures is just about capturing a moment in time; at the beach on vacation, Christmas morning, prom night. To Janell Harwell, it's about the ribbons.

This summer, Harwell, a Rothe Development mail clerk and publications manager at the 934th, entered her photographs in several county fair competitions. "I'd never done that before," she explained. "I wanted to see how I compared to other serious photographers." When one county fair panel of judges asked why she was entering her photos, she told them it's "all about the ribbons. I don't do this for money; I do it because I love it."

Her love paid off, earning her five 1st Place ribbons, one 2nd Place ribbon, three 3rd Place ribbons and one 4th place ribbon. "It's fun. I love it, I really do!" she smiled.

Harwell became interested in photography in high school where she excelled at graphic design. She went on to Mankato State University, majoring in Spanish with an art minor. In 1998, she started a home business offering family photos, senior portraits, preschool student portraits, engagement and wedding photos and more. Her work has been featured in the Mazda Fuel magazine, sent to every Mazda dealer in the world, with a cover photo and a full page article inside. "That was a neat experience and started me thinking of other opportunities. I would love to shoot photos for a house and garden magazine."

Harwell realized she had been bit by the photo bug when she was inspecting some senior photos she took last year. "It just hit me. I realized how much I love doing this." Today she spends at least five hours per week working on her skills. "I'm shooting all the time," she said. With no formal photography training, Harwell has taken her craft to a higher level through hard work and practice. She also volunteers her time and efforts to various organizations, including the Anoka County Walk for Hope 5K run/2K walk. She photographed the entire race and her pictures will be featured in various newspapers and media materials. Volunteering her services helps to "teach me some new stuff. I love to experiment and learn," she said.

Award-winning photography involves much more than capturing a moment in time. It requires extreme attention to detail, focus and composition. And, like most things in life, good timing. "I carry a camera with me wherever I go," she said. One of her award-winning photos features an old house with the sun setting behind it in a glorious explosion of color. She was driving with her daughter when she saw the old weather-beaten house, noticed the interesting cloud formations and the beginnings of a sunset. "I waited forty minutes on the side of the road for the sun to get exactly where I wanted it," she explained. "I can't help it. I love old



**Janell Harwell with some of her award winning photos.**

buildings!"

Harwell continues to explore her creativity and talent through her cameras, delving into macro photography with gusto. "It's hard not to take a good photo of a puppy, animals or kids. Those are feel-good pictures because the subjects are so cute. But taking a great photo of an insect on the petal of a flower surrounded by pollen and droplets of water, now that's a challenge. In macro photography, I can turn an OK flower into something beautiful."

Photography will continue to be her passion as she builds her portfolio of award-winning works. To do this, she plans to enter more competitions in the future. "I want to win in the Minnesota State Fair competition," she said. "Those are the top judges and photographers. If you win there, you're really amazing. I do this for the ribbons, and that's a ribbon I really want!"



## Unit News



### **Family Day**

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams

Master Sgt. Mark Flannery and daughter Amanda (left) and Staff Sgt. Dan Zimlich and son Justin, pose with their new bikes they won on Family Day Sunday of the September UTA.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

### **Supportive employer**

Ms. Pat Poussard, assistant emergency department manager for Fairview Ridges Hospital, receives an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve certificate of appreciation from Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron members Senior Airman Chritsina Perrault, Senior Airman Damian Armesto and Lt. Col. Anthony Trezza. The hospital supported the 934 AW by allowing reservists to leave their civilian jobs at the emergency room to deploy with the 934 AES on extremely short notice to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.



Courtesy photo

### **Congressional visit**

Col. Tim Tarchick, 934 AW commander, poses with Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Fourth District, Minnesota. The colonel visits congressional and senate offices to keep elected officials informed about 934 AW and Air Force Reserve issues.



# Awards and Decorations

## Meritorious Service Medal

### **934 OG/ 96 AS**

(P,N,FE,LM) denotes Pilot, Navigator,  
Flight Engineer or Loadmaster

Lt. Col. Gary Chambers (N)  
Lt. Col. Bob Connolly (N)  
Lt. Col. Tom O'Reilly (P)  
Lt. Col. Tim Purcell (P)  
Maj. Tony Determan (P)  
Maj. Mike Erickson (N)  
Maj. Bob Hockman (P)  
Maj. Jim Jirele (P)  
Maj. Noel Nistler (P)  
Maj. Tim O'Reilly (P)  
Maj. Chris Swartz (N)  
Chief Master Sgt. Tom Foss (LM)  
Senior Master Sgt. Rob Arkulary (LM)  
Senior Master Sgt. Brad Cooper (LM)  
Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hartnett (FE)  
Senior Master Sgt. Curt Henke (LM)  
Senior Master Sgt. Bill Rudgers (FE)  
Master Sgt. Mike Duffy (FE)  
Master Sgt. Jeff Hiltgen (FE)  
Master Sgt. Tom Kim (LM)  
Master Sgt. Ryan Pomeroy (LM)

### **934 APS**

Master Sgt. Richard Kuhlman  
Tech. Sgt. Susan Wagner

### **934 ASTS**

Lt. Col. Dennis Brown  
Maj. Robert Gregory

## AF Commendation Medal

### **934 OG/ 96 AS**

Capt. Jason Golenberke

## AF Achievement Medal

### **934 OG/ 96 AS**

Maj. Chris Swartz (N)

### **934 AMXS**

Staff Sgt. Shirley Rhea

### **934 LRS**

Senior Airman Dyan Daniels

## \*Air Medal

\* One AM award = 20 Combat Missions

Lt. Col. Doug Trogstad (P)  
Lt. Col. Mark Vijums (P)  
Maj. Noel Nistler (P)  
Capt. Jason Golenberke (N)  
Capt. Joel Loomis (P)  
1st Lt. Chris Rieland (former LM)  
Senior Master Sgt. Brad Binion (FE)  
Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hartnett (FE)  
Master Sgt. Jeff Hiltgen (FE)  
Tech. Sgt. Pat Haley (LM)

Staff Sgt. Cory Preusse (LM)  
Staff Sgt. Jon Rudisuhle (FE)  
Senior Airman Jeff Och (LM)  
Senior Airman Justin Watts (LM)  
Senior Airman Pat Woods (LM)

## \*Air Medal, 1 OLC

Lt. Col. Howard Bell (N)  
Lt. Col. Gary Chambers (N)  
Lt. Col. Dave Gerda (P)  
Lt. Col. Mike Johnson (N)  
Lt. Col. Jim Majors (P)  
Lt. Col. Bernie Motschenbacher (N)  
Lt. Col. Tim Purcell (P)  
Lt. Col. Tom Robinson (P)  
Lt. Col. Ken Rogers (N)  
Lt. Col. Doug Trogstad (P)  
Lt. Col. Mark Vijums (P)  
Lt. Col. Tim Wollmuth (P)  
Maj. Jim Jirele (P)  
Maj. Caleb Merriman (P)  
Maj. Noel Nistler (P)  
Maj. Tim O'Reilly (P)  
Maj. Chris Swartz (N)  
Capt. Patty Ehresmann (P)  
Capt. Jason Golenberke (N)  
Capt. Justin Kieffer (P)  
Capt. John Maas (P)  
Capt. Chad Versteeg (P)  
Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hartnett (FE)  
Senior Master Sgt. Curt Henke (LM)  
Senior Master Sgt. Bill Rudgers (FE)  
Master Sgt. Jim Courneya (LM)  
Master Sgt. Eric Decamp (LM)  
Master Sgt. Mike Duffy (FE)  
Master Sgt. Jeff Hiltgen (FE)  
Master Sgt. Orin Johnson (FE)  
Master Sgt. Tom Kim (LM)  
Master Sgt. Randy Lenton (LM)  
Master Sgt. Rob Mattern (FE)  
Master Sgt. Tracy Meyer (LM)  
Master Sgt. Gary Scheff (LM)  
Master Sgt. Mickey Seppala (FE)  
Tech. Sgt. Chuck Brynteson, (LM)  
Tech. Sgt. Scott Hellzen (LM)  
Tech. Sgt. Aaron Hillberg (LM)  
Tech. Sgt. Shannon Moerke (FE)  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Schraeder (LM)  
Senior Airman Jeff Och (LM)  
Senior Airman Justin Watts (LM)  
Senior Airman Pat Woods (LM)

## \*Air Medal, 2 OLC

Lt. Col. Howard Bell (N)  
Lt. Col. Gary Chambers (N)  
Lt. Col. Mike Johnson (N)  
Lt. Col. Bernie Motschenbacher (N)  
Lt. Col. Ken Rogers (N)

Maj. Tony Determan (P)  
Maj. Mike Erickson (N)  
Maj. Bob Hockman (P)  
Maj. Tom O'Reilly (P)  
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Master Sgt. Mickey Seppala (FE)  
Tech. Sgt. Aaron Hillberg (LM)  
Tech. Sgt. Shannon Moerke (LM)  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Schraeder (LM)  
Senior Airman Jeff Och (LM)

## \*Air Medal 3 OLC

Maj. Bob Hockman (P)  
Senior Master Sgt. Curt Henke (LM)  
Master Sgt. Tom Kim (LM)  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Schraeder (LM)

## \*Air Medal, 4 OLC

Lt. Col. Bob Connolly (N)

Senior Master Sgt. Curt Henke (LM)

## \*Air Medal, 5 OLC

Lt. Col. Bob Connolly (N)

Senior Master Sgt. Curt Henke (LM)

## \*\*Aerial Achievement Medal

\*\*One AAM award= 20 Combat Support  
Missions

Lt. Col. Mike Bladel (P)  
Lt. Col. Gary Chambers (N)  
Lt. Col. Bob Connolly (N)  
Lt. Col. Jake Hayes (P)  
Lt. Col. Mike Johnson (N)  
Lt. Col. Jim Majors (P)  
Lt. Col. Tim Purcell (P)  
Lt. Col. Tom Robinson (P)  
Lt. Col. Tim Wollmuth (P)  
Maj. Bernie Motschenbacher (N)  
Maj. Dave Edwards (P)  
Maj. Jim Jirele (P)  
Maj. Todd Kay (P)  
Maj. Tony Determan (P)  
Capt. Patty Ehresmann (P)  
Capt. Justin Kieffer (P)  
Capt. John Maas (P)  
Capt. Carrie Parrish (P)  
Capt. Chad Versteeg (P)  
1st Lt. Ross Larson (P)  
Chief Master Sgt. Tom Foss (LM)  
Senior Master Sgt. Brad Binion (FE)  
Senior Master Sgt. Curt Henke (LM)

Master Sgt. Mickey Seppala (FE)  
 Master Sgt. Orin Johnson (FE)  
 Master Sgt. Tom Kim (LM)  
 Master Sgt. Tracy Meyer (LM)  
 Master Sgt. Eric Decamp (LM)  
 Master Sgt. Mike Duffy (FE)  
 Tech. Sgt. Chuck Brynteson (LM)  
 Tech. Sgt. Pat Haley (LM)  
 Tech. Sgt. Scott Hellzen (LM)  
 Tech. Sgt. Shannon Moerke (FE)  
 Tech. Sgt. Eric Schraeder (LM)

**\*\*Aerial Achievement Medal**

**1OLC**

Lt. Col. Dave Gerda (P)  
 Lt. Col. Don Petros (P)  
 Maj. Tim O'Reilly (P)  
 Senior Master Sgt. Brad Cooper (LM)  
 Master Sgt. Jim Courneya (LM)  
 Master Sgt. Rob Mattern (FE)  
 Master Sgt. Terry Preusse (FE)  
 Master Sgt. Gary Scheff (LM)

**\*\*Aerial Achievement Medal**

**2OLC**

Lt. Col. Craig Trammell (N)  
 Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hartnett (FE)  
 Master Sgt. Ryan Pomeroy (LM)

**Campaign and Deployment Medals**

AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor: 203 unit members eligible for this award during three separate deployments.

Iraqi Campaign Medal: 33 unit members awarded this medal.



# Viking Vibes

## Win a Hummer

The Air Force Club Membership Drive runs Sept. 1 to Nov. 31.

After the membership drive, a random drawing will be conducted and two club members from the entire Air Force Clubs program will each win an H3 Hummer!

All new members who sign up during the membership drive are eligible to win one of two H3s. Those who have been a club member as of Aug. 31 are eligible win the second H3.

To sign up for club membership, visit the Services Club or Officers' Club or call (888) 871-5608 and mention card code 5TH7.

No federal endorsement of commercial product intended.

## Membership Night

Club members are invited to the Membership Night Oktoberfest at the Officers' Club Oct. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will feature German food, beer and music. The event is free to club members and \$10 for non-members.

## Lounge specials

Check out the new Happy Hour specials 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Services Club lounge.

The Wednesday Combo Platter includes five buffalo wings, four barbecue boneless wings, two chicken tenders and nine onion petals with chipotle ranch and honey mustard dipping sauce all for just \$9.95.

The Friday Wings & Things Special, which includes mild or hot barbecue wings with ranch or blue cheese dressing, celery and carrots, is only \$7.95.

On Saturday wing UTAs, Happy Hour is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

\$1 off on these two specials Fridays and Saturdays.

## All-you-can-eat

Enjoy the All-You-Can-Eat Soup and Salad Bar at the Officers' Club. Get a choice of soup and fresh salad fixings for \$7.95. Club members receive a \$1 discount. Deli sandwiches and desserts are available. Hot lunch is available for large groups.

## Taco Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, get two beef tacos and a 16 oz. domestic draft beer at the Officers' Club lounge for only \$5.95 for club members and \$6.95 for non-members.

## Lunch combos

Enjoy the lunch combos served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Services Club.

Combo meals are served with fries or a salad and a drink. The club also offers superb theme buffets on Thursdays.

## Catering

Both the Officers' Club and Services Club offer catering services for special events, such as birthdays, graduation parties, weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, promotions,

## SERGEANTS UPP & ADAM



Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson

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retirements, awards banquets and conferences. Various room sizes are available to accommodate up to 200 guests. Call the clubs' catering professionals at the Officers' Club at (612) 767-1960 ext. 202 or the Services Club at (612) 713-1674.

### Mugs

Mug Nights starts 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Officers' Club and 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Services Club. Order a custom-made mug from the bartender. Choose from a variety of designs. Until it arrives, bring in a mug of your choice. Enjoy tap beer for \$1.75 (up to 20 oz.) and brat, sauerkraut and potato salad for \$3.50. Lounge menu also available.

### Rentals

The Outdoor Recreation Center, located in Bldg. 778, offers a variety of sports equipment, lawn games, camping gear, party supplies, and more for rent. Wing plaques for retirements and award ceremonies can also be purchased at the center. Club members get a 10-percent discount on rentals. The center is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Call (612) 713-1496 or (612) 919-5134.

### Share the music

Air Force Services and Air Force Entertainment repeats its successful Share the Music Contest to celebrate its new Web site at [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com).

Last year, more than 6,000 military members and their families competed for 5 iPod prizes. This year, participants will have the chance to win one of 50 prizes, including a 60GB Video iPod, Nanos, Shuffles or iTunes.

The contest runs through Oct. 31.

Visit [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com) to sign up. No federal endorsement of commercial products intended.

### Shuttle

The North Country Lodge offers shuttle service to the Mall of America, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Light Rail Station and Veterans Affairs Hospital. Shuttle times and prices vary. For more details, speak with a clerk at the front desk.

## Fort Snelling Officers' Spouses' Club Events November 16th, luncheon at 11:30a.m.

Bring your creativity to see winter greenery decorating ideas by Peggy Poore of Uncommon Gardens in Minneapolis. Reservations: Jan Olson: 952-831-2438 or Roberta Gronemann 763-494-3517.

## December 14th, luncheon at 11:30am

Please note this date is the 2nd Thursday of the month. Enjoy the barbershop harmony of Holiday music with the Bloomington Good Times Chorus. Reservations: Jan Olson: 952-831-2438 or Roberta Gronemann 763-494-3517.

### Special Activities

Tuesday Bridge: 2nd and 3rd Tuesday each month at 10a.m. Please call Germaine Reuter Dahl at 952-881-0107 for more details.

Evening Bridge: 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 7p.m. Please call Roberta Gronemann at 763-494-3517 or Diane Lerohl at 952-935-4467

New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact Lee Claar for membership information at 952-831-5252

## Family Care is Everywhere!

If you have not heard about the Family Care Program by now, talk to your First Sergeant because if it does not affect you now, it probably will someday. From the new Airmen just starting families to the more experienced Airmen who have kids or dependents with special needs, in this business, you must have a plan. The Family Care Program is the Air Force's way of ensuring that all of our families are taken care of should any of our Airmen deploy. We want to be sure that all of your family's needs are met and they can go on with their daily lives with as much ease and convenience as possible while their loved ones are gone. If you are single with

children, divorced with children, or you are married military-to-military, please ensure you talk to your First Sergeant to find out what you need to do and together along with your commander, you can develop a plan that fits you and your family's needs. Remember if you fail to plan, you plan to fail and you do not want your loved ones to have to deal with the ramifications of not having a good Family Care Plan. For more details on this program talk to your First Sergeant or refer to AFI 36-2908.

### Chapel times

**Chapel service times have changed. New times are: Protestant service - UTA Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel, Roman Catholic service - UTA Sundays at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel. Base chapel facilities are located in Bldg. 725 (north side of base, next to Family Readiness).**

## UTA Schedule

### Fiscal Year 2007

Oct. 14-15

Nov. 4-5

Dec 2-3

Jan 6-7

Feb 3-4

Mar 3-4

Apr 14-15

May 17-20

June 2-3

July-NONE

Aug 4-5

Sept 8-9





# Calendar

Time	Activity	Location	POC
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
0800 to 1200	Air Force Testing, Appt Only	Bldg 852, room 206	MSgt Lunde, x1501
0800 to 1430	MPF ID Cards Open	Bldg 852, room 105	TSgt Jorgensen, x1085
0830 to 1200	Disaster Prep, CONOPS Refresher	Bldg 760, room 130	SMSgt Johnson, x1934
0845 to 1130	Physical Exams	Bldg 840	SMSgt Hanson, x1642
0845 to 1130	Sick Call	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
0845 to 1130	ASTS Laboratory Draws (All lab draws)	Bldg 840	MSgt Kaufmann, 1633
0845 to 1115	Hearing Exams	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
0900 to 1130	Immunizations	Bldg 840	SMSgt Brausen, x1617
0900 to 1000	First Sergeants Council Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton, x1211
0900 to 1000	Unit Deployment Meeting	Bldg 760, room 194	SMSgt Schyma, x1789
0930 to 1130	Medical Outprocessing	Bldg 840	SMSgt Goetz, x1642
1215 to 1615	Certifying HAZMAT	Bldg 745, room 108	SMSgt Schyma, x1789
1230 to 1600	Physical Exams	Bldg 840	SMSgt Hanson, x1642
1230 to 1500	Immunizations	Bldg 840	SMSgt Brausen, x1617
1230 to 1330	Enlisted Advisory Council	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton, x1211
1230 to 1600	Hearing Exams	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
1300 to 1600	Medical Outprocessing	Bldg 840	SMSgt Goetz, x1642
1300 to 1600	ASTS Laboratory Draws (HIV only)	Bldg 840	MSgt Kaufmann, 1633
1300 to 1600	Sick Call	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
1630 to 1730	Protestant Service	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x1226
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
0700 to 0730	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
0730 to 0900	MPF ID Cards Open	Bldg 852, room 105	TSgt Jorgensen, x1085
0800 to 0900	Awards and Decs Board	Wing CC Conf Room	Lt Williams, x1755
0830 to 1130	PME/EOC Testing	Bldg 852, room 206	TSgt Young, x3542
0830 to 1200	Disaster Prep, CONOPS Refresher	Bldg 760, room 130	SMSgt Johnson, x1934
0900 to 1000	HRDC Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	Col DeWerff, x1298
1000 to 1100	Suicide Awareness	Bldg 840, ASTS	Maj Simpson, x1641
1000 to 1100	Chief's Council	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton, x1211
1100 to 1430	MPF ID Cards Open	Bldg 852, room 105	TSgt Jorgensen, x1085
1215 to 1615	Increment Manager Training	Bldg 745, room 108	SMSgt Schyma, x1789
1300 to 1400	LOD Review Meeting	Bldg 760, CC Conf Room	Col Llambes, x1616

## In Memory

*Last month the 934th Airlift Wing tragically lost one of its' finest; Senior Airman Joe Campeau, assigned to the 934th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Joe passed away after being involved in a construction accident at his civilian job.*

*It was obvious to everyone who knew Joe that his family and his service to our country were very important to him. Joe embodied the Air Force Core Values. He had integrity, he put the needs of the Air Force before his own desires, and he strove for excellence in all that he did.*

*Joe's willingness to learn, eagerness to master new tasks and his propensity to quickly volunteer for assignments made him a model for others to follow. He served as a KC-135 aircraft mechanic on active duty and deployed for operation Enduring Freedom to Southwest Asia. October was to be his last UTA with the 934 AW as he had actively pursued and been accepted for a position on active duty.*

*The men and women of the 934th Airlift Wing will always remember Joe as a great Airman, and a great man.*





Oktoberfest Celebration

Oct. 14 at the Services Club

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

\$10.95 per person

Bring your friends & enjoy delicious  
German food,  
great beers & musical entertainment!

Menu includes:

German spaetzle

Potato salad & Garden salad

Kielbasa with apple-caraway sauerkraut

Schnitzel with mushroom gravy

Hot buttered rolls

Apple kuchen

For more information, call (612) 713-1655

or (612) 713-1674.

Prost! Cheers!



**Services Club**  
**New Happy Hour Specials**

**Happy Hour**  
**Wed. - Fri.**  
**4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**  
**Sat. wing UTA**  
**7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**



**\$8 Bucket of Beer**  
offered daily

**Wednesday**  
Wings & Things Combo Platter, \$3 Margaritas & \$15 pitchers

**Thursday**  
Free Bar Snacks & \$1.75 tap beer

**Friday**  
BBQ Wings Special & \$1 off Combo Platter

**Saturday (wing UTA only)**  
\$1 off Combo Platter & BBQ Wings



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