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Welcome Back Warriors

By Col. Stephen J. DeWerff
934 AW Vice Commander

I want to extend a big “Welcome Home” to all of our returning 934th Airlift Wing Air Expeditionary Force Warriors. You have endured much these past few months. You have been away from your families and loved ones for a very long time, perhaps the longest length of time in your life! What’s more, you have also been away from your job, your friends and your Air Force family. It is great to have you back home, safe with us and out of harms way. You have been on the minds of everyone in the Wing; we have thought about you, worried about you, and have prayed for your safe return. Now it is our turn to say thank you for volunteering, thank you for serving your country, and thank you for facing a challenge that most Americans can’t comprehend.

I know it was hard; you ate a great deal of dust and dirt and you probably ate bad food as well. You worked countless 12 hour days and many even longer. When you were finally done for the day, you slept in uncomfortable beds and lived in unpleasant facilities. You gave up personal freedoms for the benefit of camp discipline; but most of all, you gave up time with your families back home. For this, our nation is eternally grateful!

As the months ahead fly by, I hope you can get past the memories of all the hard work and trauma you experienced and focus on the positive part of your TDY. Remember the little things that made your experience unique: saving lives, being part of building something for the future of Iraq, making new friends, and building on friendships that were already established, but are now bound together forever by this war.

Some of you experienced life changing events, things that even most veteran military members cannot comprehend. If you need help adjusting, please let someone know! Speak with your Commander, First Sergeant, the Chaplain, or whomever; just talk to someone who can

listen. For the first few weeks most people feel euphoric just to be back home with their family and friends. It is in the months ahead when change starts to manifest itself, after the euphoria of surviving and returning wears off. Some of you may feel a sense of anxiety or loneliness and then depression can set in. Don’t ignore it! Talk about it. Let someone know you are having issues and talk about those issues with someone you trust. Just remember you are not alone! This wing is full of veteran deployers and CENTCOM Warriors from years past. Each of us has had different experiences - some bad, but most good. Find someone to talk with about your experiences. Make peace with your issues, and move on with your life when you can.

Your experience in this Global War on Terror has changed your life forever. From this day forward, live life to its fullest each day! We are glad to have you back - back to your Air Force family. Thank you for serving your country. Thank you for your commitment and sacrifice. Welcome home! Col D.



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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Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline
Report suspected occurrences of Fraud, Waste and Abuse to the FWA hotline at (612) 713-1180.

UTA Dates

Month	934th	133rd	88th	Navy/Marines
June	2-3, 16-17	16-17	2-3	9-10
July	None	None	7-8	14-15, 28-29
Aug	4-5, 18-19	4-5, 18-19	4-5	11-12, 25-26
Sep	8-9, 22-23	8-9	8-9	8-9, 22-23

Visit the 934th Airlift Wing website at www.minneapolis.afrc.af.mil for the most up-to-date news about the 934th and Air Force Reserve!



All aboard for Volk Field



Photo by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett

Members of the 934th Airlift Wing board a C-130 departing for Volk Field, Wis. Approximately 800 reservists took part in an Operational Readiness Exercise there in preparation for the inspection scheduled for April 2008. The 934th conducted training with the 910th Airlift Wing based in Youngstown, Ohio. The two units joined forces to form the fictional 922d Air Expeditionary Wing during the exercise.

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On the cover

Staff Sgt. Chantell Chase, 934th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, builds a bunker at Volk Field, Wis., during Operation Safeguard. For more information, see page 7.



Airfield Management rated best in AFRC

New team leads to fewer deficiencies in Air Traffic Control/Airfield inspection process

By Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
934 AW Public Affairs

The average traveler flying into Minneapolis/St. Paul International airport might see a few C-130s parked off to the side near a hangar reading "Air Force Reserve" and think, "I guess they let the Air Force park a few planes here at the airport."

There's a little more going on here than just using some airport space. The Air Force Reserve Command knows exactly what is going on as it has recognized the 934th Operations Support Flight with the 2006 Airfield Management Facility of the Year award.

The award winning airfield management program is due in large part to the efforts of Jim DeCann, Paul Guardado and Bernard Williams who manage and run the airfield for the 934th Airlift Wing.

Aircrews see them every day working with the Supervisor of Flying to make the daily arrivals and departures of the wing's C-130s and visiting aircraft a smooth and efficient operation.

In fact, they processed more than 1,200 flight plans during 2006 with an on-time rate of 99 percent. "What that means is that essentially there were no flights delayed by Air Traffic Control because of inaccurate or incomplete flight plans filed by us," explained DeCann.

Impressive as that is, it is just one aspect of the airfield management picture.

"We are responsible for everything that happens on our ramp," said DeCann. "We are responsible for the physical maintenance, safety and working with the Metropolitan Airport Commission to assure that the civilian and military operations are able to work efficiently together as a joint-use facility."

During the past year, airfield management teamed with 934th Civil Engineers to develop a five-year plan to expand and upgrade the ramp facilities.

To improve safety and visibility, they coordinated the repairs of ramp lighting along with CE going from a 45 percent outage to 100 percent operational.

They established the first ever Airfield Operating Instruction which established Air Traffic Control/Airfield Manage-

ment procedures which meet or exceed Air Force requirements.

One statistic that really tells the story of their commitment to excellence is the results of the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program inspection. In 2005 the inspection revealed more than 60 deficiencies. The team of DeCann, Guardado and Williams, all new since the 2005 inspection, were able to bring that figure down to only five findings.

Such a large turnaround would certainly make anyone proud, but Guardado says what gives him the most pride about the job is the confidence they have inspired in the aircrews who pass through the facility. "The crews know that when we file flight plans for their missions that they will be correct and everything will go smoothly. They are able to assume things will be done right on our end and get on with the business of flying the mission."

Guardado, like the other two airfield managers, is a civilian, but he also serves as an executive officer at the 133rd Air National Guard unit across the field.

"There is a good working relationship between the 934th and the Guard," he said. "We help each other out when ramp space is tight as we have a lot of transient aircraft coming in."

Besides working as an air reserve technician in the electronic counter measures shop, Williams is responsible for sorting and distributing aircrew flight information publications and preparing the monthly traffic report for MAC. These are in addition to his regular airfield management duties.

"We could not do the job without him," said DeCann.

DeCann brings nearly 22 years of active duty airfield management experience to the mix. He has worked active duty, reserve bases, and civilian airports during his career, including tours at two of the busiest: Kadena Air Base, Japan and Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Success seems to follow him wherever he goes as the unit he has worked at has earned the Airfield Management Facility of the Year nine years in a row.

A Minnesota native, DeCann is glad to be back home. "I wouldn't trade the experience of traveling around the world for anything, but getting back to Minnesota with a job that I enjoy is like a dream come true," he said.

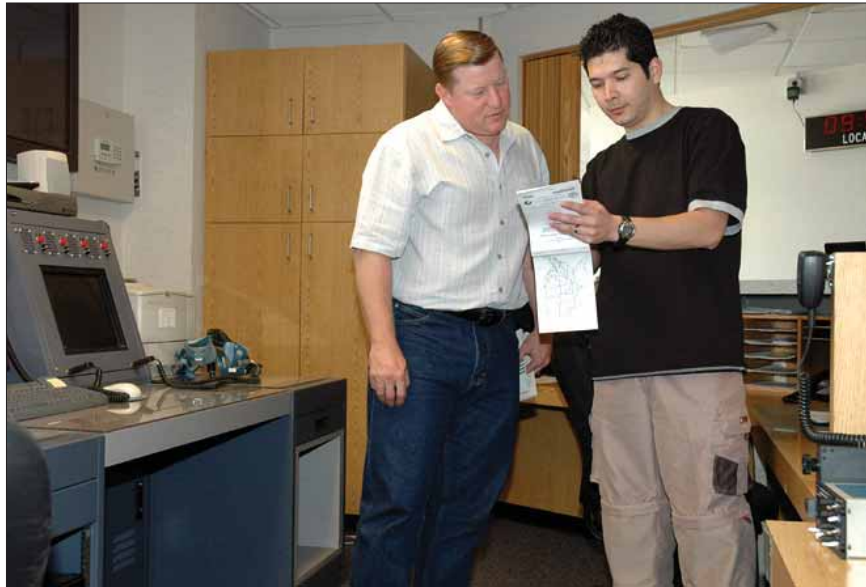


Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Jim DeCann and Paul Guardado check flight routes at Base Operations





Courtesy photo

Civilians win annual awards

Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander; Col. Nancy Brooks, 934th Mission Support Group commander; and Lt. Col. Eric Brandes, 934th Maintenance Group commander, pose with the Civil Servant of the Year award recipients and their spouses at the 30th Annual Civil Servant of the Year Awards Program and Luncheon held May 4 at the Sheraton Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

North Country Lodge wins AFRC Innkeeper Award

**By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
934 AW Public Affairs**

For the third time in five years, the 934th Airlift Wing services squadron's North Country Lodge came away winners of the annual Innkeeper Award for the Air Force Reserve Command. This is the first time the facility competed in the Large Base category.

After receiving the news in April, Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, said, "Wow! I take great pride to inform the 934th Airlift Wing and our tenant partners from the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve and the 133rd Airlift Wing that the North Country Inn Lodging (part of the 934th Services Squadron) has won the AFRC Innkeeper Award for 2007 and will represent AFRC as they compete against all of the Air Force!"

Ms. Tamara Davis, North Country Lodge general manager, said that unlike previous competitions, this one feels completely different.

"We're competing against a completely different group of bases now. It feels completely different this time as we are

following our accreditation checklist to achieve our goals, while other times it felt like a lot of work," she said. "We're already doing the job and just adding good people, good morale, touching up some things, going above and beyond in our customer programs that we hope to show off, and having a lot of fun."

Ms. Davis said her staff was excited upon receiving the news.

"It's a reward for doing what you are supposed to be doing. The enthusiasm here is at a high level and we have a lot of fun. Everybody is excited," she said. "We're very proud of ourselves and proud to represent AFRC in the Air Force Innkeeper competition. Our command support is fabulous and the Civil Engineer support was great, and we couldn't have made it to this level without them."

The competition is slated to occur sometime in July when lodging experts from San Antonio, Texas inspect each location. The results are scheduled to be announced in September. The winning staff will be flown to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City for the official presentation.

From Citizen Airman to Citizen Servant:

Wing members continue to serve public as elected officials

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
934 AW Public Affairs

Editor's Note: The following story is for information purposes only, and does not constitute an endorsement, stated or implied, on behalf of the wing, Air Force or Department of Defense for any candidate seeking public office.

During political campaigns, the slogan, "Every vote counts!" is heard far and wide as candidates make their appeals asking potential constituents to vote for them.

Village President

For one member of the 27th Aerial Port Squadron, nine votes made a difference between being just a "Citizen Airman" and adding "Citizen Servant" to his title. Staff Sergeant Eric Fisher won his April 4 election to the non-partisan village council for Roberts, Wisconsin by a count of 147 to his opponents' 138. He was elected as the new Village president.

In this growing Western Wisconsin town, people requested Sergeant Fisher to run against his predecessor, who frequently ran unopposed.

Two years ago, while the sergeant was deployed overseas, a movement was underway to elect him on a write-in campaign. He lost by nine votes.

"In 2005, people I knew sent letters in their care packages informing me of their intention to vote for me as a write-in candidate during that election," Sergeant Fisher said.

"The election in 2007 sprung out of the (election) two years ago. I saw a need for better communication between elected officials and the public, and it spurred me to do it," he added.

While Roberts may have only been a small village of 969 people in the 2000 census, he said a lot has changed since then. The village has been experiencing rapid growth this decade, including the addition of three new subdivisions, and he believes the population may now be around 1,500.

The next census, taking place in

2010, will determine whether the village has grown enough to be classified as a town.

"You get opportunities to take leadership roles in the military, which always helps," he said regarding how his military experience helps his civilian leadership role.

Being a "Citizen Servant" is nothing new for Air Force Reservists. U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) is an Air Force Reserve Command colonel and judge advocate.

Dave Kleis left the 934th Airlift Wing in 1995 to run for mayor of St. Cloud. He lost in his 1995 bid, but was successful in a later bid for State Senate, which he served until winning the mayoral election in 2005.

Retired Brigadier General Dennis Shulstad served on the Minneapolis City Council for years, while also a public affairs officer in the AFRC individualized mobilization augmentee program.

State Representative

The 27th Aerial Port Squadron is also the military home to State Representative Bruce Anderson, a Master Sergeant.

Sergeant Anderson began his political career in 1984 as a volunteer for Pat Truman's challenge to U.S. Representative Gerry Sikorski in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District.

While Truman didn't win, it served as a catalyst for his later attempt at the congressional seat.

In 1990, at the urging of his wife, Dorothy, he ran for the Republican endorsement against four other candidates for the right to challenge Rep. Sikorski for the seat.

As the last candidate to enter the endorsement contest and least known, Sergeant Anderson won the endorsement, but lost in the general election.

"I was green when it came to running for Congress in 1990," Sergeant Anderson said. "My wife was the one who motivated me. She was my rock when it came to her political savvy. I miss her a



Courtesy photo

State Representative Bruce Anderson discusses legislation on the floor of the Minnesota State House of Representatives. Rep. Anderson is also a Master Sergeant with the 27th Aerial Port Squadron.

lot." Dorothy Anderson passed away from cancer last fall.

In 1992, he lost the Republican Congressional primary to Rod Grams, who went on to win the congressional seat.

Sergeant Anderson was persuaded to run for the newly created House District 19B seat that year, and went on to lose to incumbent State Representative Stephanie Klinzing by only 543 votes. He defeated her two years later by double that margin.

"For me as a government official, it's been a goal to keep the vision of freedom as set forth by our founding fathers. Freedom is a key component," he remarked.

"It's also about focusing on the needs across the state and seeing that we can work hand-in-hand to help communities across the state," he said. "There are issues that tug on my heart strings that I pursue even though I may not represent that particular district. I believe we are representatives of the whole state."

See Citizen Servant Pg. 10



OMBUDSMAN: Understanding the role of the Inspector General

By Col. Toby Hammer
934 AW Inspector General

As the 934th Airlift Wing Installation Inspector General, I have several roles to play. I am the “eyes and ears” of the wing commander and keep him informed of potential areas of concern that are brought to my attention. This helps the commander prevent, detect, and correct fraud, waste, and abuse and mismanagement. But it also helps the commander dispel rumors, allay fears, and improve morale by addressing these concerns with the entire wing or with a particular unit or section.

However, I am also YOUR inspector general and YOUR ombudsman, fact-finder, and honest broker who can help you resolve issues between you and your chain of command or with base agencies. As YOUR ombudsman, I am an appointed official whose role is to receive and investigate complaints made by you with the primary goal of

reaching an equitable resolution of those complaints.

The most effective way to resolve these matters is still with your chain of command from immediate supervisor to your organization’s commander and that’s where you should proceed first.

But sometimes that doesn’t work or you just don’t know where to turn for help. In those cases, I am here to help you resolve your problem or get you in touch with the agency that can address your concern.

The guidance for the Inspector General Complaints Resolution process is AFI 90-301. This guidance outlines the Complaint Resolution Process; Fraud, Waste and Abuse Program; and special complaints including Whistleblower Protection.

Please look for follow-on Viking Flyer articles in the upcoming months addressing these topics.

If you need to speak to me, I am



Col. Toby Hammer

located in Building 760, Room 260, and can be reached at extension 1298 or at toby.hammer@minneapolis.af.mil. The alternate IG is Maj. CJ Lupo, and she can be reached at extension 1560.

Practice makes perfect, Wing returns from ORE

Story by Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch
934 AW Public Affairs and Tech. Sgt. Todd Rice, 934 LRS

Practice makes perfect. So goes the old adage and so goes the Air Force Reserve.

Practice in today’s post 9/11 world has become paramount in the Air Force’s quest of winning the Global War on Terrorism and ensuring Force Protection.

Readiness Safeguard Exercise, held at the Volk Field, Wis., Combat Readiness Training Center, May 14 to 20, gave real-world practice to the 922nd Expeditionary Airlift Wing, a conglomeration of the 934th Airlift Wing and the 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown, Ohio.

Nearly 800 reservists from Minnesota and Ohio participated in the seven-day Inspector General Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) designed to put people and 119,000 pounds of deployable equipment and cargo to the test.

The inspection concentrated on four major areas: Initial Response,



Photo by MSgt. Darrell Habisch

Capt. Leo Moreno, 934th Security Forces Squadron, smiles upon his return from Volk Field, Wis.

Employment, Mission Support and the Ability to Survive and Operate.

“I just want to thank you all for the Oustandings after returning from ORTP

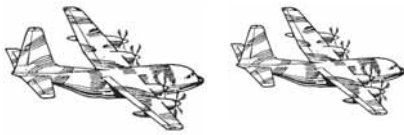
4 at Volk Field,” said Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander. “Thank you to those who took the time to deploy and ‘fight the war,’ and to those of you who got us out of town.”



Col. Tarchick highlighted attitudes, leadership, communication, mission focus and teamwork as areas considered “outstanding” during Readiness Safeguard.

Looking to the future, Col. Tarchick said, “We will now use our experience from this and build upon it for November.”

The Readiness Assessment Visit is scheduled for November in Gulfport, Miss., and the Operational Readiness Inspection is scheduled for April 2008.



Around the pattern



Photo by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett

(Above and below) Col. (Dr.) Jorge Llambes gets the traditional water dousing as he celebrates his final flight in a C-130. Col. Llambes was the commander of the 934 ASTS and retired in May.



Photo by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Capt. June Maloney and Maj. Brian Peterson present a \$2,800 check to Agent A. Berryman of the Minneapolis Park Police for their School Safety Patrol Program Camp. The funds, raised by the Reserve Officers Association, will allow approximately 100 Minneapolis Public School students to attend the camp who would not otherwise have the opportunity to do so.



Gen. Bruce Carlson, far right, Air Force Materiel Command commander, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, talks with Col. Bob Cayton, 133rd Airlift Wing Commander and Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
Retired Master Sgt. Darryl Graves (left) and Col. Lloyd Ward were recognized for their volunteer work at the Retiree Affairs office and Family Support Center by Vicki Lokken and Col. Tim Tarchick.



Courtesy photo
With a van ablaze in the background, firefighters prepare to battle the flames at Readiness Safeguard at Volk Field, Wis.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
Cindy Murry receives the AFRC Contracting Employee of the Year for 2006 from Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander.

What do you do to relieve stress?



"Sitting in the rocking chair with my newborn daughter definitely helps relieve stress."

Staff Sgt. Andrea Burnett, 934 LRS



"I have a night out with my family."

Master Sgt. Kent Long, 27 APS



"I listen to music – mainly country music, though I like all kinds."

Airman Isaac Helget, 934 ASTS



"I work out, mainly by walking, running and doing yard work."

Maj. Kurt Huether, 934 ASTS

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No regrets

Even though he didn't win, Tech. Sgt. Paul Ives, 934th Airlift Wing chapel assistant, ran for State Representative in House District 39A in 2004, losing the open seat by a narrow margin to Rick Hansen (DFL – South St. Paul). He considered the experience worthwhile.

"I have no regrets for running. I'm thankful for the experience," Sergeant Ives said.

"You see things from a new perspective and gain a deep appreciation for those who run. Even if you don't agree with their views, you still respect them for running because it's a difficult job," he added.

"My military experience gave me the drive to work hard and put my best foot forward," he continued. "It looked like the right thing to do at that time."

The chapel assistant turned candidate also serves as a member of the 934th Airlift Wing Honor Guard, which made him an even more attractive candidate for public office.

"Running for State Representative

gave me the contacts, credibility and name recognition for a subsequent appointment to the West St. Paul charter commission. That turned out to be a good thing," he concluded.

Sergeants Fisher and Ives are reluctant to close the door to future political endeavors.

"I'm going to see where this takes me, so who knows," Sergeant Fisher said. "I'm not opposed to running for something else, but I'm not making any preparations at this time."

Sergeant Ives said, "I don't have plans to run for anything at this time, but I'm always keeping the doors open. I might run for office again in the future."

Township Board

Tech. Sgt. Doug Schaller, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, also serves as a public official. He was elected as a township supervisor for South Bend Township in Blue Earth County, Minn., in 1998 to fill a vacancy.

The 2000 U.S. Census listed South Bend Township as having 1,491 residents. Tech. Sgt. Schaller is currently the board chairman. His term expires in 2009.

The Airman's Creed

**I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior.**

I have answered my nation's call.

**I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight,
and win.**

**I am faithful to a proud heritage,
a tradition of honor,
and a legacy of valor.**

**I am an American Airman.
Guardian of freedom and justice,**

**my nation's sword and shield,
its sentry and avenger.**

I defend my country with my life.

**I am an American Airman:
wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an airman behind.**

I will never falter and I will not fail.





Employers Day September 8, 2007

934th Airlift Wing reservists with civilian employers can thank their bosses for their support during the past year through a special event.

Employers' Day 2007 will be held Sept. 8. Activities start at 8 a.m. and end around 2 p.m. They include briefings with the 934th Airlift Wing commander and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officials, along with a mock mobility line and a C-130 orientation flight. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Nominating their employers for Employers' Day is one way reservists can say thanks to those who help support their military career. It is also an opportunity to introduce their employer to the Air Force Reserve. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to employers who participate in this event.

Space is limited. Reservists who want to nominate their employer should complete a nomination form. **Completed forms must be received by the Public Affairs office by August 1. Please print clearly using black ink.** Forms can also be mailed to the 934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2100 or faxed to (612) 713-1229.

Nominees will receive an official invitation and additional information. Please provide the correct spelling for all names and official titles. Each reservist may submit **ONLY ONE** employer or supervisor. Federal civil service employees of military organizations are not eligible for nomination. Reservists may not nominate family members, even if they are legitimate employers, or anyone who has flown with the wing for any reason.

Reservist Information

Rank/Name _____ Unit _____ Duty Phone _____

Home address _____ Home email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone: _____ Civilian workphone _____ **SSAN _____

Employer's Information

Employer's full name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) _____

Employer's job title/position _____ email address _____

Company Name _____ **SSAN _____

Business address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Business phone: _____ Home phone _____

Emergency contact Name/relationship _____ Phone _____

I acknowledge that I am responsible for notifying my military supervisor if my employer will attend and I will be on duty status Sept. 8. In addition, I certify that my employer has not participated in any other Employers' Day.

Reservist Signature _____ Date _____

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Viking Vibes



Outdoor Recreation

From May through July, Outdoor Recreation Center rental customers get a chance to enter drawings to win great prizes, including a \$50 gift certificate from Outdoor Recreation, a gift package worth \$250 and a vacation.

As always, Air Force Club members receive a 10-percent discount on rentals and military units receive a 20-percent discount.

The Outdoor Recreation Center offers a wide variety of sports equipment, camping gear, fishing gear, bikes, kayaks, boats, party canopies and supplies, lawn games, moving equipment and so much more for rent.

It is open to all military branches. The center is located at Bldg. 778 and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Call (612) 919-5134 for more information.

Texas Hold 'Em

The Services Club will host a Texas Hold 'Em tournament June 2 at 6:30 p.m. No fees to play. There will be prizes for winners.

Live music

Are you ready to rock? Don't forget to see the Trash Haulers playing live June 2 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Services Club.

Catering

Both the Officers' Club and Services Club offer catering services for special events, such as birthday parties, graduation parties, bridal showers, weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, promotions, retirements, awards banquets, meetings, workshops and conferences.

Both clubs are open to all ranks of all military branches. 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.

Club kids

Take your children to the Services Club for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 21 in honor of National Take Your Kids to Work Day. They will enjoy a yummy lunch with spaghetti and meatballs, pizzas, hotdogs and ice cream. For more information, call (612) 713-1674.

Tickets

The base Information, Tickets and Travel office offers tickets and discount coupons for area attractions, including Valleyfair Amusement Park, the Park at Mall of America, Underwater Adventures, Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Minnesota Zoo, the Renaissance Fair and more. ITT is located in the fitness center. For more details, call (612) 713-1496.

Membership Night

Club members are invited to the Membership Night Barbecue Buffet June 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Members are free. Non-members pay \$10.

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.) A meal of bratworst,

sauerkraut and potato salad is \$3.50. Customers can also order from the lounge menu.

Taco Tuesdays

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

DVDs for rent

Rent the latest movies at the DVD rental kiosk at North Country Lodge for \$1.49 per movie per day. Renters do not have to be a Lodging guests. Anyone on base can rent a movie. It kiosk is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Gift Ideas

Need to buy a gift? Look no further than the gifts and souvenirs at the North Country Lodge. Choose from a wide selection of wing polo shirts and T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, bear and moose slippers, figurines and more.

Books needed

The North Country Lodge needs books for adults, young adults and children for its guest library. Lodging guests can borrow books from the library anytime during their stay. Donated books can be new or gently used and can be brought to the front desk from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call Tammy Davis at (612) 713-1978.

Lodging holiday hours

The North Country Lodge has changed its holiday operating hours to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Viking spotlight

Senior Airman Taylor N. Debel
934th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Photo by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett

By Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett
934 AW Public Affairs

Senior Airman Taylor N. Debel, a vehicle operator for the 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron walks softly and carries a big stick.

She is a senior at Minnesota State University – Mankato and will graduate this spring with a degree in law enforcement and a minor in sociology. She also has plans for a masters degree, and is considering Officer's Training School and even going to flight school.

Her career path is like the highways she has driven on, with many forks in the road to consider. Where that road ends is yet to be seen.

In her childhood years, Airman Debel, the middle sibling of three, lived on a farm outside of Forest Lake, Minn. Her older brother raced dirt bikes and her

younger sister rode horses and snowboards. The farm and the family life is a source of many fond memories.

Years later, the family moved to North Branch, Minn., and Airman Debel attended high school in Cambridge. She carried an impressive GPA and competed in swimming, diving and gymnastics and even became a pole vaulter on the track team.

She won the crown as an Ambassador of Cambridge, representing her town in over 85 events in one summer. But of all the things she enjoyed about high school, she mostly enjoyed the sports and camaraderie with her teammates.

A veteran for three years now, Airman Debel nearly joined the Army in high school, but 9/11 changed all that. Following her sophomore year in college, she acted on the advice of her uncle,

an Army veteran, and joined the Air Force Reserve.

"I'm not afraid", she said referring to the thought of deploying and potentially becoming involved in a war.

In 2006, Airman Debel went on her first deployment to Southwest Asia. The days were long but she enjoyed driving the forklift and the wrecker. Perhaps in some sort of twisted irony, she particularly enjoyed pulling the "cops" out of the sand.

She returned with a renewed sense of ambition and got straight A's in her first semester back.

Safely back at the 934th Airlift Wing, Airman Debel's first experience driving a big rig was going to Duluth in rush hour traffic, a long haul from driving stick shifts on the farm.

She continues to pole vault at MSU. Her brother continues to race dirt bikes, her sister continues to snowboard and her parents continue to live on the farm.

Her life has already been rich with success. She has paved the way for a great career regardless of the road she takes. This Airman is taking the high road.

For Senior Airman Taylor N. Debel, life's highway will have many journeys and detours, but at the end of the day, all roads lead home.

Medals



Meritorious Service

Maj. Michael Erickson
Maj. Carol Freerks
Master Sgt. Richard Reinhart



Commendation

Capt. Steven Svoboda



Achievement

Staff Sgt. Lindsay Lande



Q&A with the SARC

Short Biography

Troy Fiesel, LICSW (Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker)

I have worked in the mental health field for the past seven years and was an out patient mental health therapist at the Minneapolis VA prior to transferring to the 934th Airlift Wing.

A captain in the United States Army Reserve, I am assigned to a combat stress control unit and completed a one-year tour in Iraq during Iraqi Freedom providing mental health services to United States Military Personnel and Civilians. I am very happy to be working with the 934th and look forward to establishing a SARC Program that exemplifies the core values of the United States Air Force.

What is the mission of the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator?

The SARC is responsible for the implementation and management of the sexual assault prevention program for the wing. This involves completing annual training with all civilian and military personnel, facilitating community education regarding sexual assaults and the recruitment and supervision of victim advocates. The SARC is further responsible to respond to all allegations of sexual assault 24 hours a day.

I am always looking for individuals interested in becoming victim advocates. If you are interested in this process, please feel free to contact me at 713-1220.

What is the definition of Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral and anal) indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling) or attempts to commit these acts.

“Consent” shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent

is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.

What is the prevalence of sexual assault in the U.S. military?

Recent research indicates that in the United States 1 out of every 4 women and 1 out of 33 men have been the victims of attempted or completed sexual assault. The Department of Defense reports in 2005, the Services received 2,374 reports of alleged cases of sexual assault involving members of the Armed Forces.

The reports for fiscal year 2006 have not been released.

What do I do if I am sexually assaulted?

If you have been sexually assaulted or think you have been:

- Go to a safe location away from the attacker.

- Contact your local Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) Victim Advocate (VA) at (612) 713-1220, or healthcare provider.

- Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you do not have any visible physical injuries, you may be at risk of becoming pregnant or acquiring a sexually transmitted disease.

- Ask the healthcare provider to conduct a sexual assault forensic examination to preserve forensic evidence.

- If you suspect you had been drugged, request that a urine sample be collected.

- Preserve all evidence of the assault. Do not bathe, wash your hands or brush your teeth. Do not clean or straighten up the crime scene.

- Write down, tape or record by any other means all the details you can recall about the assault and your assailant.

What are the options for reporting allegations of sexual assault?

There are two main options for reporting sexual assault. The Department of Defense has instituted the process of

restricted reporting and non-restricted reporting.

In a restricted report, a victim of sexual assault has the option of reporting the incident directly to the SARC or a health care provider without an official investigation being initiated. The victim will receive all medical attention and be assigned a VA for support. The SARC will brief the command element that a sexual assault has occurred but no identifying information will be shared.

Sexual assault is one of the most under reported crimes in the country and the process of restricted reporting was created with the goal of encouraging people who experience such acts will at a minimum receive support and care without the barriers and fears associated with a public investigation.

A restricted report may be made only by members of the armed services who are on active duty. At this time it does not apply to dependents or military civilian personnel. At anytime, a victim may decide to change a restricted report to unrestricted and file a formal criminal report. There is no statute of limitations regarding this policy.

A non-restricted report is when the allegation of a sexual assault is disclosed to someone in the chain of command. Once this takes place, DoD directive dictates that security forces and the Office of Special Investigations be notified and a formal investigation begun.

The SARC and VA are still involved in the process to support the victim. However, the level of confidentiality allowed by the restricted process is not applicable.

Hours of Operation

The SARC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached at 612-713-1220, cell phone number 612-490-6296.

Editor's Note: Our current SARC, Troy Fiesel, is on duty in Southwest Asia. Maj. Cindy Rasmussen is handling his duties on an interim basis and can be reached at 612-713-3189 or by cell phone at 612-490-3886.



Calendar

Time	Activity	Location	POC
SATURDAY			
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
0800 to 0830	Col. Marchetti assumption of command	ASTS	SMSgt. Adriansen x1607
0800 to 1200	AFOQT/AFCT testing	Bldg 852, room 206	SMSgt 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 1000	Documenting TQT	Bldg 760 room 130	SMSgt. Johnson x1934
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
1000 to 1100	Honorary Commander Ceremony	SVS Club	Lt. Col. McGlenn x1217
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 Labatory Draws (HIV only)	Bldg 840	MSgt Kaufmann, 1633
1300 to 1600	Sick Call	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
1500 to 1630	Lt. Col. Trogstad Retirement	Bldg 821 room 200	2 Lt. Dale, x 1956
1530 to 1600	MXS Change of Command	MXS	Capt. Maloney x1332
SUNDAY			
0700 to 0730	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0830 to 1130	AF testing Appt. Only	Bldg 852 Rm 206	Gary Hayda, x1515
0900 to 0930	Protestant Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0900 to 1000	HRDC meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	Col. DeWerff x 1204
1000 to 1100	Chief's Council Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton s 1211
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
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
1500 to 1530	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226

Promotions to:

Senior Master Sgt.

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Tracy Meyer

Master Sgt.

David Bugni
William Frederick
Guillermo Simkins

Tech. Sgt.

Tyrell Hoyer

Staff Sergeant

Craig Dunbar
Amy Gillette
Amanda Kvamme

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Nathaniel George
Christopher Petrick
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John Staub

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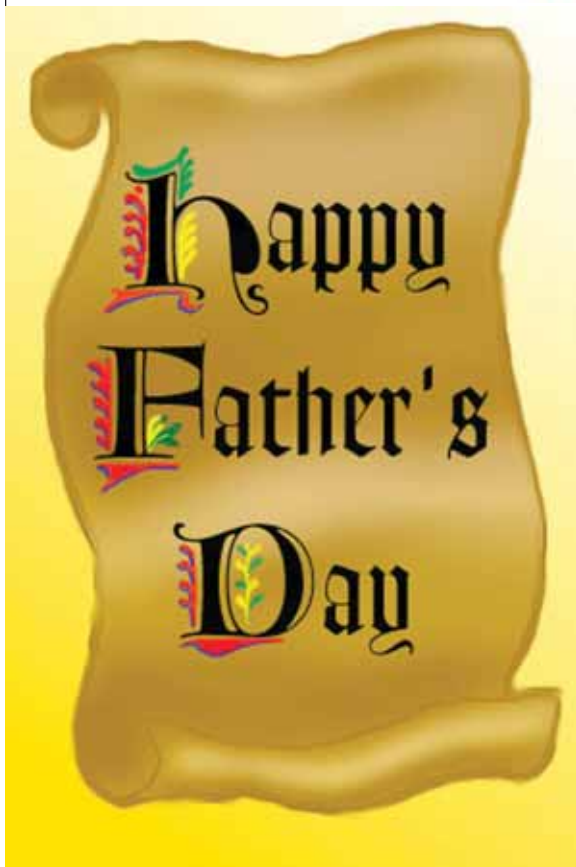
Misesu Emeka

Derek Rutks

Airman

Melissa Grant

Randy Williams



Father's Day Dinner

Treat Dad to a special Father's Day Dinner June 16 at the Officers' Club. He'll enjoy a 12 oz. T-bone steak dinner with all of the trimmings.

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