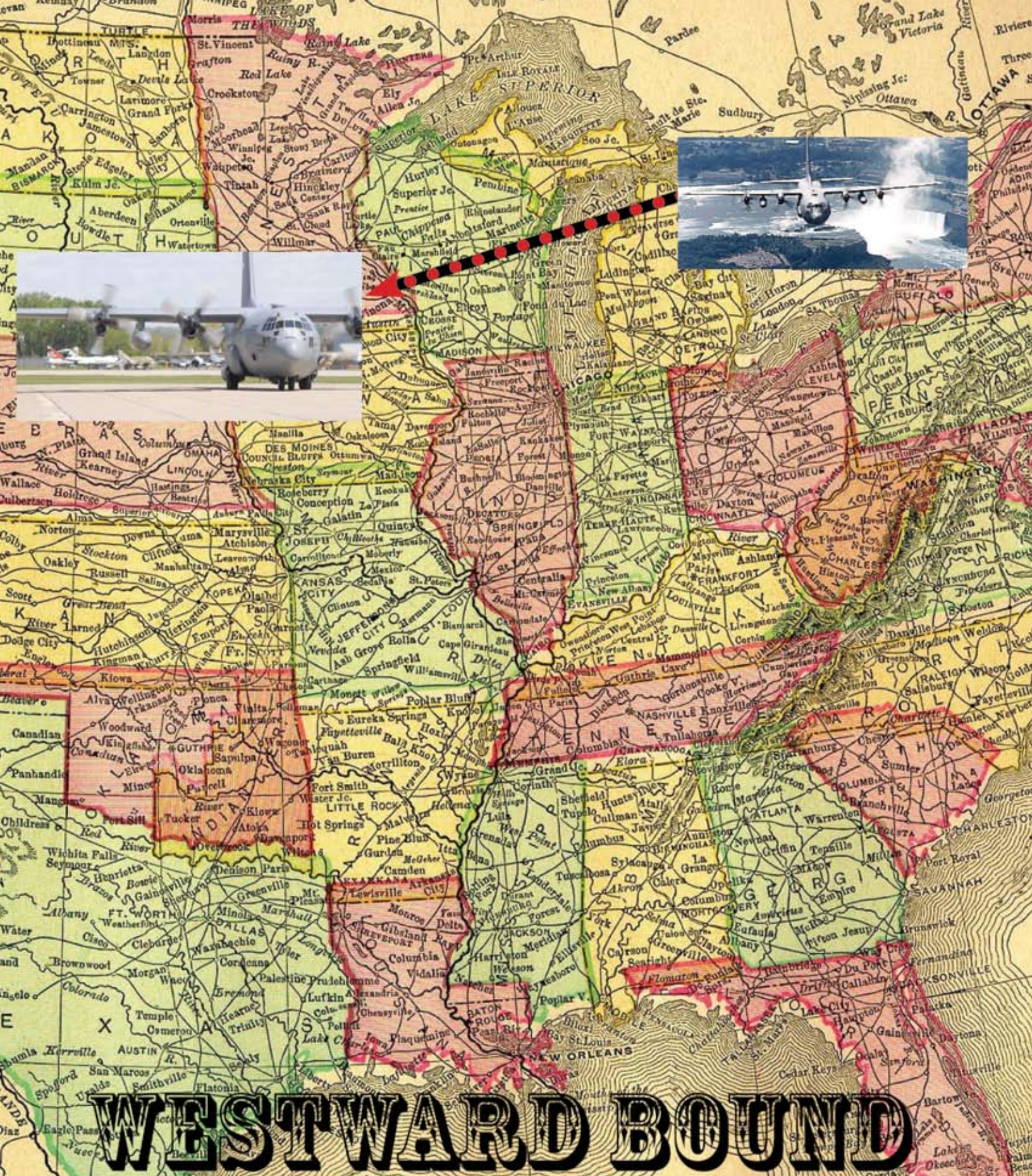


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# WESTWARD BOUND

# Tell us your stories

**By Col. Judy Marchetti  
934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
commander**

As we approach the mid point of 2008, many of us are turning our minds toward our upcoming AEF in 2009. We know our missions and what we need to do to deploy, and we certainly



know that we are at war. However, something Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, said on his visit to our base last UTA has stuck with me.

Namely, that we are a “military at war, but a nation at peace.” In other words, most people in this country are not feeling or experiencing the war in their everyday lives.

This was further brought home during a conversation with one of my unit members that same day regarding his deployment to Iraq. He stated one of the common themes our deployed members have experienced since their return has been the lack of interest in their “stories”. I then asked him to tell me one of his stories. He proceeded to tell me about a 19-year-old soldier who had been admitted to the medical facility with burns so severe he was not expected to live.

This soldier’s parents were flying to Germany, and the medical team decided to do everything within their power to keep this young man alive until he reached Germany, so he could die in his parents arms. He then stated “we were successful, and I’ll remember that for the rest of my life”.

Talk about something taking your breath away, and what a testament to determination, selfless service and team work in the face of a difficult situation. I left that conversation with a realization of how important it is to hear our deplorers’ stories. In that spirit, I’d like to relay the following description of our Aeromedical Staging Squad-

ron deployment to Balad AB, Iraq in 2006-2007, by Tech. Sgt. Ron Holbeck, Health Services Management technician.

“Thirty plus members of the 934th ASTS participated in an AEF deployment to Balad, ending in mid-May of 2007. We were away from our families, friends, civilian employers and general way of life for almost four months, doing a dangerous job requiring commitment, skill, perseverance and patience. During that time, we saw a wide variety of patients, ranging from small injuries obtained on a basketball court, to traumatic, life-altering injuries such as the lone survivor of a plane crash, victims of IED attacks, gunshot wounds, and many amputees.

Balad AB, Iraq, was the most frequently attacked base in Iraq during our stay. On average, there were three mortar attacks each day, with some landing in our housing areas or flying overhead. We heard gunfire along our perimeter, and some of our patients were people living a few doors down from us who had been injured in an attack. It was all a part of life in a war zone, and something we had to learn to deal with.

The majority of the ASTS members in Balad worked in the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility. Another five members worked in the Air Force Theater Hospital. Most worked 12-hour days, six days a week.

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**On the cover**  
A C-130 H3 flies over it’s former Niagara Falls home and the first H 3 model arrives at the 934th May 20. Arrival photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach. Niagara photo courtesy of 914th Airlift Wing. Map courtesy of Rand McNally.

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

**To reach the hotline, call (612) 713-1115. Remember to leave your name and telephone number.**

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# AROUND THE PATTERN



Photos by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett

**Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, presents Senior Master Sgt. Paul McCann with his retirement certificate. McCann retires with 23 years service.**



**Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Donnay receives his retirement certificate from Colonel Tarchick. The chief retires with 32 years service.**



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Perry receives his retirement certificate from Colonel Tarchick. The chaplain retires with 27 years service.**



Photo by Senior Airman Josh Moshier

**Chief Master Sgt. David Halverson is presented with his retirement plaque by Lt. Col. John Fitter, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. Chief Halverson retires with 32 years service.**



**Senior Master Sgt. Darryl Radford, 934th Avionics Flight superintendant, is awarded the Civil Servant of the Year trophy at the Federal Executive Board awards banquet May 9.**



Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

**Diane Welsh (left), 934th Environmental Services assistant, and Les Canarr, 934th Civil Engineer, receive plaques for being selected as a finalist for the Civil Servant of the Year award from Anne Lewandowski, chair of the Federal Executive Board.**



# Honor Guard

## Spreading pride across the midwest

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

The 934th Airlift Wing base honor guard has been quite busy this fiscal year. Since the year began Oct. 1, honor guard members have driven over 23,000 miles to 54 funerals and 18 honor guard events in the Midwest region.

“We’re in Wisconsin 99 percent of the time,” said Master Sgt. Mary Miller, honor guard superintendent. “We are in Green Bay, Wausau, Appleton and Sheboygan quite often. We do the majority of our funerals in Wisconsin, which is why we are working on getting letters out to funeral homes in Minnesota. We want to tell them we exist.”

Now in its ninth year, the honor guard recently expanded their reach and membership, according to Sergeant Miller. With the closure of the Reserve base in Milwaukee, they became the first Reserve honor guard to augment two active duty bases – Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., and Scott AFB, Ill., in addition to joining forces with the 133<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing honor guard here.

The Sergeant explained the three types of funerals the group participates in.

“For veterans who have not stayed in long enough to retire, we provide two to three people to fold the flag and play taps,” she said. “For the retiree, we are authorized to bring seven people to serve as pallbearers, a firing party and taps. Those who die on active duty are authorized 20 people as pallbearers, firing party, taps and a color guard.”

If funerals aren’t enough, they also participate in civic activities like the Minnesota Twins baseball games and conferences, as well as the NCO induction ceremony.

“We basically do wing functions, not the squadron level,” she said.

Tech. Sgt. Paul Ives, 934th Airlift Wing chapel operations NCOIC, has been a member of the honor guard for five years. He is one of two buglers serving on the honor guard.

“When I first arrived here, I wanted to meet people in the wing. I wanted to find people in this organization who were good examples. Because I got into it right away, I had some good people who mentored me,” Sergeant Ives said.

He tries to commit to participating in at least two honor guard events each month.

“As a reservist, the drawback is to find the time in my schedule to go to an event somewhat far away,” he said. “Yet most of us will say this is the most rewarding thing that we do in the military.”

Service in the honor guard can be rewarding and fun, but there are certain challenges that come with the role.

“We did a funeral for an active duty Airman who died while at home on leave. It was hard for us to keep our military bearing while hearing the widow and her young children crying,” he said. “It was hard to not internalize and think



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

**Senior Master Sgts. Doug Johnson (left) and Chuck Super post the colors at the Civil Servant awards ceremony. Below, Johnson plays taps at a memorial service.**

about the emotions involved.”

“On the other hand, there are times when civilian family members don’t understand how important their loved ones military service is until the rifles are fired and taps played. It takes on a whole new meaning,” the Sergeant explained.

The other bugler, Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management air reserve technician, joined the honor guard in 2002 because the previous bugler retired, leaving a vacancy.

“The idea of joining the honor guard was always in the back of my mind because of what it stands for – giving



**Honor Guard**

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## 22nd Air Force commander visits wing May 2-4



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer



★ ★ Above, clockwise from left, Capt. Adam Hohman, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron gives Gen. Martin Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, a tour of the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron training facility, Col. Tim Tarchick accepts the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award presented to the 934th Airlift Wing by General Mazick. The General talks to 934th members at the wing commander's call and with first sergeants at a lunch in the dining facility. Left, General Mazick talks with Staff Sgts. Robert McDonald, Matt Roder and Senior Airman Luke Moran, 934th Security Forces, during B shift guardmount.

## Forget the ORI, here comes the military ball

By Master Sgt. Paul Zadach  
934th AW Public Affairs

Nearly as big as the ORI, but not quite as intense, the 934th Airlift Wing Military Ball is set for Sept. 6 at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul.

Nationally known military comic and motivational speaker Jan Donahue will be the featured speaker at the event.

There are no uniform options specified in the Airman's Manual for this event. However, 1st Lt. Christine Dale, military ball project officer, says the event is black tie, with the military formal or mess dress as an option.

The evening begins with a social hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Jan Donahue entertains after dinner and dancing continues on into the night.

The hotel is located at 11 East Kellogg Blvd. in St. Paul. For those who just don't want to leave, rooms are available at a special rate of \$99 per night. People may reserve their

rooms online at [www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul](http://www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul). The group/conference code is AIR.

Tickets go on sale during the June UTA and continue through the August drill. They are available from all first sergeants or from Lieutenant Dale, ext. 1956, or Senior Airman Nicole Silverthorne, ext. 1717.

This year's gala is being put together by the 934th Operations Group. The operations folks are working hard to keep ticket prices affordable for all who wish to attend. Last UTA, they put on a barbecue lunch to raise funds for the Ball. 934th OG members helped serve and prepare food which was provided by "BBQ Bob" Suter, a former Airman himself and father of a retired airman. Bob has been pulling his chuckwagon up to the 934th and donating his services for events since 2003.

Unlike the ORI, the 934th OG has completely eliminated MREs as a menu item. There will also be no grades given at the ball, but Lieutenant Dale is predicting an overall rating of "outstanding."



1st Lt. Neal Hunter (left) and Senior Master Sgt. Brad Cooper, 96th Airlift Squadron, prepare barbecued turkeys for the military ball fundraiser lunch.

### Military Ball menu and prices

**Menu:** Mixed greens with peaches, dried blueberries, red onions, Cajun pecans.

**Choice of entrée:**

- Sirloin steak with baked skin-on mashed potato soufflé and green beans. Chicken cordon bleu with rice and green beans.
- Vegetarian pasta primavera.

**Choice of dessert:**

- Tiger Cake (layers of chocolate cake, white chocolate cream filling and chocolate ganache with white and chocolate sauces)
- White Chocolate Raspberry Cream CakeCash Bar will be available

**Ticket pricing is as follows:**

- E1 to E4 - \$25 (single) or \$40 (couple)
- E5, E6, O1, O2 - \$35 (single) or \$60 (couple)
- E7, E8, O3, O4, all civilians and retirees - \$45 (single) or \$80 (couple)
- E9, O5+ - \$55 (single) or \$100 (couple)

(Note: A limited number of tickets are available.)



# 27th Aerial Port officer wins honors

By Senior Airman Josh Moshier  
934th Public Affairs Staff  
writer

Another Flying Viking has made the 934th Airlift Wing and his unit proud with recognition from the major command-level.

Capt. Andrew Severt, 27th Aerial Port Squadron officer-in-charge of combat readiness, was named Air Reserve Command, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Company Grade Officer of the Year in an announcement made in April.

"I was shocked at first," Captain Severt said. "It caught me completely off guard. More than anything,

it's a tribute to the Airmen I work for who make everything happen."

Captain Severt's highlights included a 122-day deployment to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan; the movement of 14,752 short tons of cargo and 57,912 passengers on 1,327 missions under his watch; and the redesign of immigration procedures, which streamlined processing time by 50 percent.

"I believe the deployment is what helped me stand out," the captain said. "All the cargo and personnel we moved, as well as the outreach programs we were involved in over there, really helped."

His contributions did

not go unnoticed at the local level, either.

"Captain Severt is one more shining example of what makes the 934th AW the best Reserve wing in the Air Force – it's Airmen," said Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th AW commander.

Never lost on the wing's newest award-winner is the impact of the teamwork that makes every mission a success.

"The biggest thing was the Airmen – they are phenomenal," Captain Severt said. "Without them making my job easier, I wouldn't have been recognized. I work for them, and it's my pleasure."



Courtesy photo

**Capt. Andrew Severt  
at Manas Air Base,  
Kyrgyzstan.**

## 934TH AIRLIFT WING HERITAGE



The Centennial Memorial Naval Gun is a four-inch piece which fired the first shot on the side of the Allies in WWII. A crew of nine Minnesota men manned the gun during the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The gun was flown in from Washington D.C. with cooperation of the Navy and Air Force. The gun was salvaged from the scrapped destroyer, the USS Ward. Originally planned to be an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute, the gun was brought to Minnesota and placed on the Capitol approach in St. Paul May 10, 1958.

## Airlift Squadron seeks loadmasters, navigators

The 96th Airlift Squadron is looking for people who would like to train into the loadmaster or navigator career fields.

The loadmaster field currently offers a \$20,000 sign on bonus for a four-year commitment. A loadmaster is an enlisted aircrew member who performs loading and off loading aircraft functions, pre-flight and post-flight of aircraft and aircraft systems.

Other responsibilities include computing weight and balance and other mission specific qualification duties. "Loads" provide for safety and comfort of passengers and troops, and security of cargo, mail, and baggage during flight. They also conduct cargo and personnel airdrops.

The training takes six to eight months with an option for an additional six months on the job training.

C-130 navigators are commissioned officers who navigate aircraft to accomplish assigned mission. Navigators plan and prepare for missions, review mission tasking, intelligence, and weather information. Navigators must possess a four year degree, pass the Air Force Officer Qualification Test, and interview with the 96th Airlift Squadron before entering training. Navigators must also make an eight year commitment to the Air Force Reserve. Both aircrew positions require an 80-100 day commitment per year.

For more information about becoming a loadmaster contact Chief Master Sgt. Tom Foss at ext. 1718.

Potential navigators should contact Lt. Col. Kenny Rogers at ext. 1728.

**Read the Viking Flyer online: [www.minneapolis.afrc.af.mil](http://www.minneapolis.afrc.af.mil)**





Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

## School spirit

*(Left to Right) Airman Christopher Graybill, Senior Airman Eric Grotegut and Tech Sgt. Thomas Lillevold, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, load school supplies donated by area citizens aboard a KC-10. The supplies will be delivered to schools in Honduras, South America, as part of the Department of Defense Denton Program.*



## Dirty deeds

*Diane Walsh and Charles Starner, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron, do some spring landscaping outside the Civil Engineering building during Base Clean Up Day April 29.*

Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach



## Aeromedical Evacuation

The 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron welcomes newest unit members, Capt. Lisa Marentic, Staff Sgt. Jesse Toombs and Senior Airman John Varone.

The unit is scheduled to deploy seven members in June: Maj. Julia Ritz, Capt. Christine Jones, Senior Master Sgt. Sandra Martynski, 2nd Lt. William Fleischer, Senior Airman Lindsay Rosenow, and Adrianna Hollins – Andrews AFB MD. and Col. Cherie Roberts (ICMOP Commander), and Chief Christopher Knowles to Scott AFB Ill.

Lt. Col. Susan Sedivec has been awarded the Nursing Excellence Award from the Veterans Administration in Fargo, ND to whom she has given 25 years of service. She shipped out May 4 to Andrews AFB for two months of flying duty. Welcome back to 16 members returning from Scott, Andrews AFB and Germany!

Watch for Capt. Ann Selimos to appear on the cover of Chicago Nurses Lounge magazine, Capt. Selimos is an emergency room nurse at Rush Medical Center, Aurora, Ill. and will be speaking on mentorship.

Congratulations to Capt. Adam Hohman who will be graduating from North Dakota State University with his doctorate of nursing practice program in May. He will be awarded a doctorate degree as a nurse practitioner in emergency medicine.

Master Sgt. Dennis Swanson will follow Lt. Col. Anthony Trezza to the 36th AES at Pope AFB N.C. Colonel Trezza is the new commander of the 36th AES and is tasked to stand up the new squadron. He left the 934th AES in March. Sergeant Swanson accepted a radio operator position, and will be tasked to organize that new section. He will transfer Aug. 1.

Welcome back Capt. Lisa Marentic, Aeromedical Evacuation flight nurse sister to Carol Marentic who is with the Operations Support Flight. The captain is returning from Individual Ready Reserve, and comes to us with 14 years. Experience in active duty and reserve.

Senior Airman Jennifer Kelly is off to flight school in June, she also achieved an 93 percent overall score on the Fitness Test.

Congratulations to Capt. Mick Lucore and Capt. Schloesser on their promotion to the rank of major.

Kudos to Capt. Christine Jones on her achievement of “Distinguished Graduate” for the flight nurse course at Brooks City AF Base.

New member Senior Airman Meaghan McCann was officially sworn into the unit during the May UTA, coming to us from active duty.

## Civil Engineers

The squadron, as well as much of the wing leadership, bid farewell to a long time friend, mentor, and warrior in that of Chief Master Sgt. David Halverson. He regretfully, and somewhat begrudgingly, retired after a long and distinguished career of 32+ years. Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, who was visiting the 934th AW, presented Chief Halverson the Meritorious Service Award, second device. Memories were shared, hands were shaken, backs were slapped, and hugs passed out. The retirement culminated with an interesting video prepared by Tech. Sgt. Kraig Crandall.

Also receiving the Meritorious Service Medal were Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Krueger and Master Sgt. Earl Robinson, both from the fire department.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Byerly, fire de-

partment, was recognized for receiving his CCAF degree in Fire Science.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Sutton, emergency management, received an IG coin from Colonel Tarchick for his superior performance during the ORI.

## Communications Flight

Members reviewed experiences and lessons learned from the ORI after receiving a high rating. Other Communicators prepared to support upcoming Army’s “Global Medic” exercise by ensuring Theater Deployable Communications equipment is in deployable status.

CF current deployments include Kuwait, Germany. Mississippi

Mandatory correspondence courses and CDC’s must list the names of only those who completed courses with a score of 90 or better. See your unit training manager for this info.

Tech. Sgt. Cory Demuth was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Staff Sgt. Cassandra Carter was presented the Air Force Achievement Medal

## Security Forces

Congratulations to Master Sgs. Michael Gullikson, Michael Leary and John Peterson on their recent retirements.

Security Forces welcomes new members Staff Sgt. Angela Clemens and Staff Sgt. Brian Shypulski.

Senior Airman Nathan Kemp scored a 93 percent on his Fire Team Member certification.

## IPTV coming soon

IPTV, a television system for your computer, is scheduled to be installed June 4-20.

System will allow the initial viewing of six channels on your desktop. Initial install will have the following six channels available:

1. Commander’s channel
2. Pentagon channel
3. Weather channel
4. CNN
5. Headline News
6. WCCO channel 4 (local)

This system will replace the need for cable TV or satellite TV base-wide except for Lodging and Fitness Center. Air Force will realize a huge cost savings overall.

## Grey area retirees can be JROTC instructors

Air Force Junior ROTC is now able to hire Traditional Guardsmen and Reservists who have retired but are not yet drawing their retirement (“grey area” retirees). The passage of the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act allows AFJROTC to tap into the large pool of highly trained and motivated Guardsmen and Reservists.

“We are looking for retired Guard/Reserve officers and NCOs who want to continue serving their communities by teaching the next generation of leaders,” said Col. Richard J. Ragaller, director of Air Force Junior ROTC at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

AFJROTC currently has over 50 officer and over 30 NCO instructor positions open at locations across the U.S. There are 869 units world-wide and 10 new units will open up for the next school year. Over 101,000 students are enrolled in AFJROTC.

“It’s exciting to have the chance to add these outstanding Airmen to the AFJROTC family,” he said. “I don’t think there can be any more rewarding career than “Building Better Citizens

the Air Force’s Core Values and set the highest standards of conduct and appearance for themselves and their students,” he said.

Traditional Guard/Reserve applicants must have been retired within the past 5 years or less with 20 “good years” of service and possess a DD Form 214/NGB Form 22, ANG/USA-FR Point Credit Summary and retire with at least 3600 retirement points. For more information about Guard/Reserve requirements, go to [www.afboats.af.mil/AFJROTC/grayarea.asp](http://www.afboats.af.mil/AFJROTC/grayarea.asp).

Officers must have a bachelor’s degree or higher and NCOs must have a minimum of high school diploma and must obtain an associate’s degree within five years of employment. Additional education degrees and teacher certification are an advantage and may be required by some school districts.

Instructors wear the Air Force uniform and must meet the Air Force appearance and weight/body fat standards. They must also have high standards of military bearing and moral character. AFJROTC provides TDY

funding for new instructors to complete Air University’s two-week Aerospace Science Instructor Course at Maxwell AFB prior to receiving certification for instructor duty. The course includes training on instructor performance, standards and accountability as representatives of the Air Force; learning theory; communication skills; teaching methods; lesson planning and student

The mission of Air Force Junior ROTC is “Building Better Citizens for America.” The Air Force Core Values provide the basis for the program. The curriculum provides cadets with leadership opportunities, life skills education, team-building experiences, character education and academic studies. Air Force JROTC provides its students with the tools for success after high school.

For more information about instructor opportunities, call toll free (866) 235-7682, ext. 35112 or 32535. The DSN number is 493-5112 or 2535. You can also go to [www.afboats.af.mil/AFJROTC/instructors.asp](http://www.afboats.af.mil/AFJROTC/instructors.asp) for complete instructor requirements and application information. (AFRC News)



## Navy wings?

***Capt. Jon Maas, 96th Airlift Squadron C-130 pilot, explains the features of a C-130 to Navy JROTC students from Harding High School in St. Paul. The students also visited the Navy/Marine Support Center during their tour of Minneapolis - St. Paul Air Reserve Station. The tour is an annual event which allows the top students in the JROTC program to visit and learn about military installations and their mission.***

**Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach**



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

## Falcon roosts in Minneapolis

*Col. Greg Haase, 133rd Airlift Wing commander, addresses members of the 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, and guests at the F-16 dedication ceremony at the Minnesota Air Guard museum here. The F-16*

*Fighting Falcon is the newest aircraft displayed at the museum's airpark and was donated by the 148th FW after the unit restored the jet to its current condition.*

## Shuttle riders requested to pack light

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

Due to the large numbers of people on the Chicago and Milwaukee training flights, those who fly to the 934th Airlift Wing for the monthly drills are requested to pack light due to space limitations.

The subject was discussed during the May 4 Human Resources Development Council meeting.

"We are not limiting the number of pieces that a reservist can bring with them at this time," said Col. Stephen DeWerff, 934th Airlift Wing vice commander. "We are just asking you to use your discretion when packing and bring only the minimum amount of luggage you need for the weekend."

Reservists are reminded they need to be in full compliance with AFI 36-2903, the Air Force dress and appearance regulations, while wearing civilian

attire on the flight, not just while in uniform.

Those on the flight are required to make their lodging reservations for the next drill no later than five days following the current drill.

"Due to manpower limitations, we

may not be able to guarantee shuttle transportation from off-base hotels to the base at some point in the future. I'm just asking all reservists to keep this in mind when making their lodging reservations each month," Colonel DeWerff said.

### SERGEANTS UPP & ADAM





# Viking Vibes



## Butcher choice night

**June 27, 5:30-8:30**

Plan on dinner at the O'Club! You get to choose from a selection of meat, seafood or poultry and our professional chef will prepare it just how you like it! Salad, side dishes and dessert included. Price depends on entrée choice.

## Happy birthday Army!

**June 14, 4:00-8:30**

Come to the Officers' Club for cake and snacks in celebration of the Army's birthday. This will be held in the O'Club Lounge on June 14 between 4-8:30 p.m.

## Health Is Wealth program

Invest in yourself by participating in the Health is Wealth program.

The program continues in June and there will be golf tournaments, bike rides, fun runs and more throughout the year.

Check with the Fitness Center at ext. 1496 for more information.

## Outdoor Rec rental

The ODR has sports, camping and party equipment rent. They also have boats and campers available.

The ODR is located at Bldg. 778. Call for rates and availability at (612) 919 5134

## Joint Military Services' Retiree Appreciation Day

**Sept. 27 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The 2008 RAD will be held at Mystic Lake Casino in Prior Lake on September 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The RAD is a non-funded event of the Twin Cities Area Military Retiree Council.

Workshop topics include long term care insurance, identity theft, and TRICARE. Keynote speaker is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Morris of the Minnesota

National Guard. Morris has served in Iraq and is an advocate of the "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program."

There will also be national and state legislative updates.

Cost is \$28 (\$35 after Aug. 31). Hotel accommodations not included. Contact the AFRAO at (612) 713 1517 for general information.

## New Spin Instructor

Join new Spin instructor, Libby Weibel, and learn how to get the maximum benefit from your cardio work out – and burn calories and build strength at the same time.

Libby teaches Tuesday, Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

Check the Fitness Center schedule for other spin class times and other fitness classes offered.

## Stories

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We were driven to work hard for our patients, all of whom were sacrificing much more than any of us were.

The CASF was a staging facility where patients stayed while awaiting aeromedical evacuation to the next level of care, usually in Kuwait, Qatar, or Germany. Prior to flight, CASF staff addressed any issues that could affect a patient's response to altitude. CASF staff redressed wounds, monitored cardiac patients, gave intravenous fluids and administered medications to ensure patients remained stabilized for the upcoming flight.

When flight time arrived, we transported the patients to the flightline and loaded them on the plane. Members of the 934th ASTS had leadership roles in the CASF, including that of Chief Nurse, Chief Flight Surgeon, and day-shift NCOIC.

The AFTH, a fully functioning, state-of-the-art hospital, was a much larger operation than the CASF. Located in a tent, the AFTH received patients from helicopters from throughout Iraq. The hospital performed surgical operations on the most extreme injuries one can receive in war.

The AFTH offered diverse ser-

vices, including a blood bank where members could donate blood, and was the largest Air Force hospital to be deployed since the Vietnam War. Members of the 934th ASTS filled key roles in the AFTH, including

First Sergeant, NCOIC of the Apheresis Lab, and NCOIC of Hospital Logistics.

Deployments for most people are life changing events. I put it on a scale with other large milestones in life, such as graduating from high school, getting married, or having children.

For most of us, it was an event that changed our lives, and there will be a line drawn where we will say "before Iraq" and "after Iraq."

A person sees, hears and experiences things on a deployment that aren't experienced anywhere else. In our medical arena, we often saw uplifting miracles and terrible tragedies on the same day. We missed holidays and events at home, and these were often the hardest days. However, I believe we returned as better airmen and better people.

Thanks for listening and don't forget to ask those who have deployed to tell you their stories.





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# **Employers Day Aug. 2**



934th Airlift Wing reservists with civilian employers can thank their bosses for their support during the past year through a special event, **Employers' Day 2008**. This event will be held **Aug 2**, with activities starting at **8 a.m.** and ending around **2 p.m.** They include briefings with the **934th AW commander, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officials and a C-130 orientation flight. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.** We are currently working a program to provide an orientation flight for employers from the Milwaukee and Chicago area. More details will be announced. Nominating their employers for Employers' Day is one way reservists can say thanks to those who help support their military career and an opportunity to introduce their employer to the Air Force Reserve.

Space is limited. Reservists who want to nominate their employer should complete this nomination form. **Completed forms must be received by the Public Affairs office by July 1.** Print clearly using black ink, mail to the 934th AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2100 or fax to (612) 713-1229.

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 Aug 2. In addition, I certify that my employer has not participated in any other Employers Day.

Reservist Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: INFORMATION REQUESTED IS AFFECTED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974. AUTHORITY FOR REQUESTING THIS INFORMATION FROM YOU IS TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 8012 (SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, POWERS AND DUTIES DELEGATED) AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 9397 (NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FEDERAL ACCOUNTS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS). THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO MANIFEST PASSENGERS FOR THE C-130 FLIGHT. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS USED TO MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT. DISCLOSURE IS VOLUNTARY. HOWEVER, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DENIED BOARDING FOR THE FLIGHT WITHOUT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.**



# VIKING VOICES

*What is your favorite summertime memory?*



Senior Airman Elizabeth Cody, 96th Airlift Squadron.

***“When I was in tech. school. I had no bills, I was between my sophomore a junior year of college and I got to relax.***



Senior Airman Geraldine Williams, 934th Operations Support Flight

***“The day I had my son Cory who was born in the summer of 2005.”***



Staff Sgt. Dan Zimlich, 934th Security Forces Squadron

***“Seeing the pride my son had seeing me in uniform in front of his cub scout buddies when I took them to visit the air museum.”***



Senior Airman Adam Morgan, 934th Maintenance Squadron

***“My brother and I caught a 54 inch Sturgeon in 2003.”***



Maj. Mick Lucore, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

***My wife pulled a whopping 8 lb. bass in when she thought her line was caught on a log in the summer of 2003.”***

## Promotions (to)

Master Sgt. John J. Schmidt 934th LRS  
 Tech. Sgt. Kathryn A. Hagemeyer 934th ASTS  
 Tech. Sgt. Amber M. Hecht 934th LRS  
 Staff Sgt. Robert J. Baer 934th LRS  
 Staff Sgt. Matthew R. Donovan 96th AS  
 Staff Sgt. Lee G. Haines 27th APS  
 Staff Sgt. Amber E. Walz 934th MXS  
 Senior Airman Danielle R. Gerner 934th ASTS  
 Senior Airman Matthew M Skaro 934th MXS  
 Senior Airman Kyle A. Toering 934th MXS  
 Senior Tyler Koonst 934th MXS  
 Senior Airman Michael D. Johnson 934th ASTS

## Honor Guard

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people the honors due them,” Sergeant Johnson said. “I thought veterans deserved better than using the bugle that played a CD of taps they were using at the time. They didn’t have a live bugler at that time, so that’s why I joined.”

“The basic honor guard training seemed a little daunting at first with different commands and new ways of doing things. Once I did it over and over again, and became comfortable for me. I got used to it. The first time I played taps at a funeral, I was shaking like a leaf. Now that I’ve done it more than fifty times, it is a lot easier,” he added.

The highlight of Sergeant Johnson’s career was a particular funeral near Grand Rapids, Minn., a few years ago, for a World War II veteran who served with the famed, “Flying Tigers” squadron.

“Since I was in seventh grade, I studied the Flying Tigers flying their P-40 aircraft in China,” he said. “I folded the flag and played taps for this gentleman at a small funeral ceremony. I was in awe because I helped honor a member of the unit I idolized as a youth. I got to play taps for this gentleman and it was a way of bringing everything together for me.”

According to Sergeant Miller, new people can join any time, but applicants need to have the approval of their supervisor, commander and first sergeant, in addition to the application.

“It takes a lot of dedication,” she said. “It’s a volunteer program and takes about six months to get fully trained on the firing party, pallbearing, honor guard and flag folding. We need people who can give a commitment.”

Sergeant Miller said practices are held twice a month at building 750, the new honor guard building. Potential applicants can contact her at (612) 713-1647.

## UTA Dates

<u>Month</u>	<u>934th</u>	<u>133rd</u>	<u>88th</u>	<u>Navy/Marines</u>
June	7-8, 21-22	21-22	7-8	14-15
July	NA	NA	12-13	19-20
August	2-3, 16-17	14-17	2-3	9-10
September	6-7, 20-21	20-21	6-7	13-14

**No July UTA for 934th AW and 133rd AW!**



# CALENDAR

Time	Activity	Location	POC
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	Master Sgt. Besser, ext. 1755
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	AFOQT/AFCT Testing	Bldg. 852, room 206	Senior Master Sgt. Lunde, ext.1501
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	MPF ID Cards Open	Bldg. 852, room 105	Tech. Sgt. Jorgensen, ext. 1085
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Disaster Prep, CONOPS Refresher	Bldg. 760, room 130	Senior Master Sgt. Johnson, ext. 1934
8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Physical Exams	Bldg. 840	Senior Master Sgt. Hanson, ext. 1642
8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Sick Call	Bldg. 840	Master Sgt. Rebholtz, ext. 1612
8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	ASTS Laboratory Draws (All lab draws)	Bldg. 840	Master Sgt. Kaufmann, ext. 1633
8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Hearing Exams	Bldg. 840	Master Sgt. Rebholtz, ext. 1612
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Deployment working group meeting	Bldg. 862	
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Documenting TQT	Bldg. 760 room 130	Senior Master Sgt. Johnson ext. 1934
9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Immunizations	Bldg. 840	Senior Master Sgt. Brausen, ext. 1617
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	First Sergeants Council Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	Chief Master Sgt. Dalton, ext. 1211
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Unit Deployment Meeting	Bldg. 760, room 194	Tech. Sgt. Rice, ext. 1788
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Medical Outprocessing	Bldg. 840	Senior Master Sgt. Goetz, ext. 1642
12:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.	Certifying HAZMAT	Bldg. 862	Tech. Sgt. Rice, ext. 1788
12:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Physical Exams	Bldg. 840	Senior Master Sgt. Hanson, ext. 1642
12:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Immunizations	Bldg. 840	Senior Master Sgt. Brausen, ext. 1617
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Enlisted Advisory Council	Wing CC Conf Room	Chief Master Sgt. Dalton, ext. 1211
12:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Hearing Exams	Bldg. 840	Master Sgt. Rebholtz, ext. 1612
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Medical Outprocessing	Bldg. 840	Senior Master Sgt. Goetz, ext. 1642
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	ASTS Labatory Draws (HIV only)	Bldg. 840	Master Sgt. Kaufmann, ext. 1633
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Sick Call	Bldg. 840	Master Sgt. Rebholtz, ext. 1612
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.	Catholic Services	Bldg. 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda ext. 1226
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	AF testing Appt. Only	Bldg. 852 Rm 206	Gary Hayda, ext. 1515
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	HRDC Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	Col. DeWerff ext. 1204
9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Protestant Services	Bldg. 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda ext. 1226
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Chief's Council Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	Chief Master Sgt. Dalton ext. 1211
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	Master Sgt. Besser, ext.1755
12:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	Increment Manager Training	Bldg. 862	Tech. Sgt. Rice ext. 1788
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	LOD Review Meeting	Bldg. 760, CC Conf Room	Senior Master Sgt. Atchley ext. 1607
3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Catholic Services	Bldg. 725, Chapel	Chaplain (Capt.) Svoboda ext. 1226

## Ready for summer

*Alan Lawver (left) and Cornell Lofton check out a camper at the outdoor recreation open house. Outdoor Recreation has a wide variety of summertime recreation equipment available for rental.*

Photo by Daniel Davis



**FATHER'S DAY DINNER AT  
THE OFFICERS' CLUB June  
14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**



Spend time with Dad  
and have a family-  
style fish fry on the  
deck of the Officer's  
Club this Father's Day.  
All side dishes will be  
served family style. Price  
varies by seafood choice.

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