

# VIKING FLYER

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Flag rises over new wing plaza

## 30 Years *The time has flown by*

By Col. Stephen J. DeWerff  
934th Airlift Wing  
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Time flies when you are having fun; it's already time to say goodbye!

This will be my final Viking Flyer article and I am grateful for the chance to say goodbye. Thirty years ago this month I was finishing my last course requirements for graduation from college and waiting to be commissioned in the United States Air Force. Because of a required course conflict with my Air Force Reserve Officer Training Course class, I had to finish up my degree program over summer school at the University of Illinois and wasn't able to be commissioned with the rest of my class. When I was commissioned a second lieutenant on August 11, 1978, I could never have imagined that summer what the rest of my Air Force career had in store for me.

I was extremely fortunate to have been awarded a four year Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend the University of Illinois. Of course in 1972-73, when I started the application process, the Vietnam War was still going on and the military was not a very popular place to be. Today's talented young men and women competing for the same opportunity would never have allowed me to be competitive for scholarship. I was just a small town farm boy from rural Illinois with aspirations of flying Air Force jets. My parents, though supportive of my plan, figured there was no way anyone was ever going to let me fly their airplanes. My father had watched me destroy my fair

share of farm equipment while helping him farm while growing up.

A few months later, newly married, my wife Mary and I were on our way to Reese Air Force Base, Texas for undergraduate pilot training. I still remember the conversation we had prior to leaving Illinois.

"How much are you going to get paid each month," she asked? I said, "I didn't know or care, as long as the let me fly." I thought it was a stupid question, she of course being rational couldn't believe I didn't know what amount of money we were going to make. I figured it would be enough to live on; we weren't the only ones in this situation. The rest of the story is history.

Anyway, 30 years later, here I am at Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Base saying goodbye and farewell after 30 years of commissioned service. So it is with deep appreciation to all who I have met and with a tremendous amount of great memories that I now come to the final chapter in my Air Force career. I owe a tremendous debt to many fine Airmen who have positively shaped my career over the years. I want to first thank former Wing Commander, Col. Jim Muscatell, for giving

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### On the cover

(From left) Staff Sgt. Tim Gassman, Tech Sgt. Kevin Engle, Master Sgt. Nicolette Shegstad and Tech Sgt. Glen Kramlinger, 934th Security Forces Squadron, raise the flag during a morning ceremony dedicating the new plaza area outside the 934th Airlift Wing Headquarters.

(Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

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

**Before relaying problems, be sure to use your chain of command or call the responsible agency first so it can have the chance to help you.**

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## COMMENTARY

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me the opportunity to come to Minneapolis and serve as your vice wing commander, the best job I have ever had by far in my career. I also want to thank my boss, Col. Tim Tarchick, for allowing me to stay on and finish my final two years here with everyone.

Colonel Tarchick has led us through every inspection the Air Force could throw at us and because of your hard work and determination; we have excelled at every one. I want to thank everyone in the wing staff; especially the full time staff in the wing office. A special thanks to Nancy Ripley, I would not be as effective in my job without her help and support.

I want to thank all our group and squadron commanders, past and present. We have been blessed with a great group of senior staff. Their leadership and vision have helped maintain the reputation of this fine base. I want to thank the members of the 96th Airlift

Squadron for allowing me to fly with them and for teaching an old dog a new trick flying the C-130 Hercules; quite a different experience for a pilot who had spent the past 20 plus years flying KC-10's.

I want to thank the 27th Aerial Port, the 934th Civil Engineer and the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons for all their post UTA parties. Thanks as well to the folks at the 934th Security Forces and the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadrons for all their help and support these past few years. I also wanted to mention my thanks to the gang at the 934th Military Personnel Flight for all the unsung help and support they provided to me and everyone here at the base. I want to mention a word of thanks to Ms. Margo Leslie. Our 934th lodging and clubs have been identified as some of the best in all of the Air Force and have been my home away from home these past few years. And of course the 934th Services Squadron deserves recognition

for providing the best meal in town on UTA's.

Lastly, I want to thank each and every one of you, reservist and civilian alike, for the outstanding professional job each and every one of you do! Thanks for your hard work, your creativity, your initiative and most importantly your professionalism. The future holds many challenges for each of you; in fact the only constant in your Air Force future is change. Your leadership will make those changes work, to make our Air Force Reserve the great organization that it is today and one that will be even better in the future. I leave the reserve today knowing that our military future is in great hands. I thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your vice wing commander for the past four years. Enjoy your time in the military, it goes by quickly. God Speed and God Bless. I love you all and will miss you dearly!

Steve

## Washington connection

**Col. Al Swartzmiller, 934th Operations Group commander, explains the mission of the C-130 aircraft within the 934th Airlift Wing and Air Force Reserve to Congressional Assistants Andy Davis (left) and David Hotz. The two are part of Senator Norm Coleman's staff and function as military legislative assistants to keep the Senator informed about military issues in his home state of Minnesota.**

(Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)



## 934 AES takes on ICMOP mission

By Senior Airman Josh Moshier  
934 AW Public Affairs

Every single day, in every nook and cranny of the world, Airmen from the 934th Airlift Wing are helping in the fight in the Global War on Terror. From the streets of Baghdad, to the mountainous terrain of Afghanistan, to the scorched earth of the Horn of Africa, the Flying Vikings are doing their part.

While deploying to foreign lands such as these is the typical image many Americans have of our armed forces' role in GWOT, and while those stories are the ones that lead the nightly news, the fight doesn't begin and end overseas.

The 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron recently



(Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

**Senior Airman Rachael Husser and Master Sgt. Zac Johson, 934 AES, prepare an I.V. on board a C-130 aircraft during a training mission. This type of training keeps them ready for real world missions like the ICMOP.**

deployed as the lead unit to the 775th Expeditionary AES, a total force squadron with Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Active Duty components.

The squadron has a total of 79 personnel who man a Command Cell located at Scott AFB, Ill. and three Detachments; Det 1 at Andrews AFB, Md. Det 2 at Travis AFB, Calif. and Det 3 at Scott AFB. The Detachments are composed of AE crews which manage in-flight care and safety for patients aboard fixed wing AE missions or intratheater fixed wing airlift and aeromedical evacuation operations teams responsible for managing flight crews, equipment and supplies.

The 775 EAES is tasked with the Continental United States patient redistribution mission, returning our wounded warriors from OIF/OEF to their home bases after they arrive to CONUS from Ramstein AB, Germany. This is part of the Integrated Continental United States Medical Operations Plan (ICMOP).

Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Knowles, 934 AES

technician explained, "This is not a new mission for the 934 AES, since they deployed 21 members to the newly established 775 EAES in April 2003 when the command responsibility rested with the 375 Provisional AD unit." Command responsibility shifted to the Reserve Command in September 2006 and will transfer back to the AD in September 2008.

Col Cherie Roberts, 934 AES and 775 EAES commander said, "I am very proud of the dedication and commitment that our members have shown to the ICMOP mission over the past year and a half while also preparing and successfully completing a heavy inspection cycle including HSI/UCI and ORE/ORI."

The 934 AES has been one of the units with primary ICMOP responsibility since August 2007 and have deployed 65 lines in support of ICMOP since January 07. In addition to 16 deployments to the AOR the AES has filled 36 lines at Ramstein AB Germany. This team transports injured soldiers from the AOR to Ramstein GE and on to CONUS. It's conceivable that a serviceman could be transported each leg of his trip by a member of the 934 AES.

"We are honored to be able to transport our wounded warriors back home and witness their courage and steadfastness to the war. Our squadron has maintained a high ops tempo over the last eighteen months and I believe the gratification that we receive from caring for these soldiers has reinvigorated our squadron, heightened our training awareness and added to our retention," said Colonel Roberts.

While the scope and magnitude of the mission is obvious, a further credit to the 934 AES and its members is how smooth and efficient the deployments took place. Needing to be in place as early as April 9, many Airmen were required to in-process from April's Operational Readiness Inspection in Gulfport, Miss., and simultaneously out-process for their various ICMOP destinations.

Chief Knowles, who participated in the ORI and deployed a few weeks later to the Command Cell, said, "The outstanding effort required to in-process the ORI players and then redeploy them for ICMOP required a great deal of planning and effort not only from our squadron but also from the base as a whole. The great attitude of the deployers and the terrific deployment support made the whole process incredibly flawless."

Colonel Roberts added, "The 934 AES is known throughout the system as a unit comprised of hard working, superior performers with great attitudes and they certainly live up to that reputation".

"I can't say enough about our Airmen," said Col. Tim Tarchick, 934 AW commander. "They put in many long, hard hours to have a successful ORI, and then they came right back and switched their focus immediately to the task at hand – deploying in support of our mission overseas. And their mission couldn't be more important. They're responsible for making sure our war fighters are returned home to their families so they can recover from their injuries with loved ones."



**Master Sgt. Eric Johnson talks about the C-130 flightdeck display with children of deployed military members at an Operation Purple camp in Hudson, Wis. July 3.**

# Flying Vikings go to camp purple

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. David Dudash  
934th Maintenance Squadron

It was a bright sunny July day as the 934th purple clad C-130 flightdeck display made its way to Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wis., a camp for children of deployed military members.

Master Sgt. Eric Johnson and Tech. Sgt. David Dudash, 934th Maintenance Squadron along with Wendy Johnson, a civilian volunteer, assisted the Operation Purple camp participants in an event designed for fun and educational hands-on experience.

Hundreds of children ranging in ages from 5 to 16 got to sit in the pilot and co-pilot seats of the Air Force Reserve C-130E flightdeck, push buttons, flip switches and handle the realistic flight controls.

“The kids just had a blast with this thing, we were definitely the highlight of the various displays,” Sergeant Dudash said.

The purpose of the July 3 visit was to conduct a Military Day “open house” for the children attending Camp Purple to

better understand the jobs of their military parents while deployed, and to share feelings with other children of deployed parents. The visit was further highlighted by a visit from the Marine congressional liaison, Brigadier General Michael Regner. “It’s not too often that you get a hearty handshake and a slap on the back all the way from the Pentagon,” Sergeant Johnson said.

The National Military Families Association implemented 12 different Operation Purple camps across the country in 2004. Due to the success of this camp program, NMFA expanded the program and has hosted more than 10,000 military children who have or will experience deployment.

In 2008, there will be 100 weeks of camp held in 62 locations in 37 states and territories.

These free, week-long, overnight camps are open to all military children. The program aims to help military kids experience carefree fun while also learning coping skills to deal with war-related stress and fostering relationships with others who know what they are going through.

***“I am writing to thank you so much for sponsoring OPC this summer ... they have not stopped talking about all the fun they had last week...you have made a BIG difference in our lives and many other military families lives!”***

*Letter received from OPC parent*

## Air Force Reserve to test force support squadron concept

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** – Starting in October, the Air Force Reserve Command will test a new force support structure by merging mission support squadrons and services squadrons at six locations throughout the United States.

In the test, which will run for one year, the affected units will merge manpower and personnel functions with services. Combining these services in one organization is designed to streamline processes, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining separate organizations.

“The Air Force has become a leaner force,” said Col. Joseph Vivori, director of manpower and personnel at Headquarters AFRC.

“As a result, our people have to make the best use of the resources they have,” he said. “By combining manpower, personnel and services under one manager, we will reduce overall costs and give our people more flexibility to respond to their customers.”

The test will involve two kinds of units – stand-alone locations and locations that receive support from host active-duty units. Stand-alone test locations are March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas; and Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. Test locations that will receive some support from their hosts are MacDill AFB,

Fla.; Hill AFB, Utah; and McGuire AFB, N.J. Labor relations bargaining obligations will be satisfied with local unions in advance of the test.

Stand-alone locations will have four flights – force development, community support, civilian personnel, and readiness and plans. Supported locations will have two flights – force development and operations, which contains many of the elements of a readiness and plans flight.

“Force support squadrons are designed to bring people and services together,” said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC vice commander, who approved the test for the command. “Like the active force, we will have one agency to care for our people and manage the services that support them. It makes good business sense for us to organize the same way we deploy overseas.”

Airmen and their families can expect to continue to have the same world-class support, care and facilities they’ve always had, say command officials. They emphasize that the merger is not about downsizing but consolidating processes and programs to better serve people.

After the one-year test ends, AFRC officials will determine how to implement force support squadrons for the command.

*(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)*

## Traditional Reservist named top AF first sergeant

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** The Air Force has selected a traditional reservist as its First Sergeant of the Year for 2008.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey A. Gray of the 328th Airlift Squadron, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y., is reportedly

the first member of the air reserve components chosen for the annual award.

“It’s all about helping people,” said Sergeant Gray, describing his military and civilian jobs.

Sergeant Gray recently deployed to Afghanistan for eight months as first sergeant of the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group.

While there, he cared for more than 1,000 Airmen at 20 remote locations.

They performed a unique mission - the provincial reconstruction, security and training of local Afghan national army soldiers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His concern for the welfare of his people directly helped them perform their wartime mission.

Sergeant Gray began his military career as an aircraft electrical systems specialist. He has since taken assignments in combat communications, satellite communications, wing history and a first sergeant in services, communications and operations.

He is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and a 12-year veteran firefighter with the City of Buffalo, certified as an emergency medical technician and fire service instructor.

“I’m assigned to a rough neighborhood, so I’ve seen a lot,” said the firefighter. “I’ve seen stabbings, shootings, watched buildings burn down and saved them. I’ve saved babies and had them die, seen my fellow fire fighters hurt and brought them back from the edge.”

The Air Force established its first sergeant of the year award in 1985 to recognize contributions and leadership qualities exhibited by Air Force first sergeants.

*(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)*



**Master Sgt. Jeffrey Gray, 328th Airlift Squadron, was recently named First Sergeant of the Year at the Air Force level. This is the first time a Guard or Reserve member has been chosen for this honor.**

*(Courtesy Photo)*

# Yes ... We are hiring

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 infor-

mation. 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 612-713-1718. Potential navigators should contact Lt. Col. Kenny Rogers at ext. 612-713-1728.



(Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)

**Senior Master Sgt. Robert Arkulary, (far right) 96th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, talks about the loadmaster career field with potential recruit,**

**Jeremy Arsenault, and his mother, Ashley Arsenault, during a C-130 tour arranged by recruiter Staff Sgt. Craig Dunbar (center).**

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# Viking Vibes



## Education Fair

The 934th Airlift Wing and the Base Education and Training Center will host an Education Fair on Aug. 3 at 11 a.m., ending at 3 p.m. St. Thomas University, Concordia University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Metropolitan State University, Rasmussen College, and ITT Technical Institute will attend the fair. Each will have information on their applicable school degrees, financial aid, military discounts and enrollment procedures.

Contact the Base Education and Training Center at (612) 713-1515/1501 for more details.

## Col. DeWerff retires

A farewell party will be held at the Services Club Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. for Col. Stephen DeWerff, 934th Airlift Wing vice-commander. A retirement ceremony

is scheduled for him Aug. 3 at the Services Club beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Christine Dale at ext. 1956.

## Vikings tickets

Federal Employees, Federal Contractors and their families are invited to take advantage of special rates on Minnesota Viking tickets for the Aug. 8 (vs. Seattle Seahawks) and Aug. 23 (vs. Pittsburgh Steelers) games at 7 p.m. each night. The seats are located in the upper level of the Metrodome and cost \$20 (plus \$4 order handling) each.

Forms to order these tickets are available by calling (952) 918-8409.

## Blood drive

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at the base fitness center Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For appointments, call Nancy at ext. 1170.

## 440th picnic

The 440th Alumni picnic will be Aug. 16 at the South Milwaukee Yacht Club (101 Marshall Ave, South Milwaukee, Wis.) beginning at 1 p.m. with food served at 4 p.m. There will also be a golf outing before the picnic. Questions can be addressed to John or Sheryl Hurula at (414) 526-5258 or (414) 762-8914 or via email at [hurula@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hurula@sbcglobal.net).

## Free camp

The Minnesota National Guard, Armed Forces YMCA and Sierra Club

are sponsoring a free camp Aug. 24-28 at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wis., for children age 8 to 12 who are legal dependents of deployed, deploying or recently deployed military members. This Camp will offer deployment cycle support as well as a YMCA adventure and wilderness experience.

Call Gail Mossman, State Youth Coordinator, at (651) 268-8695 or e-mailing her at [gail.mossman@mn.ngb.army.mil](mailto:gail.mossman@mn.ngb.army.mil) for more information.

## Commissioning op

The Intel Deserving Airman Commissioning Board will hold interviews Sept. 6. Enlisted members interested should submit applications for the board to Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Harwood no later than Aug. 22.

For more information, call (612) 713-1509 or DSN 783-1509.

## Golden Gophers tickets

The University of Minnesota is offering free tickets to military members and their families (six total per family) for the Sept. 13 11 a.m. game against Montana at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.


For tickets, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: National Guard Armory ESGR – Gopher Games, 8180 Belden Blvd., Cottage Grove MN 55016. On the back of the envelope write your name, unit and how many tickets you would like.

## UPRG access limited

The Military Personnel Flight will be shipping all UPRGs to ARPC in January. In an effort to provide wing members the opportunity to have an electronic copy of the UPRG contents before they are shipped, the MPF coordinated with the


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# Clubs offers military free cash rewards

This summer, Air Force Clubs is partnering with Chase Bank to launch an enhanced cash-back, Military Free Cash Rewards Program. Additionally, new club membership applicants can choose between a MasterCard with the enhanced rewards program or a limited-use Proprietary credit card without rewards. These new card options will be featured on new AF Club membership applications. The new campaign runs from July 15, 2008 to October 15, 2008.

To showcase the new benefits, Air Force Clubs is inviting all non-members to sign up free with no dues payment for six months. The 934th Services Clubs will be hosting exclusive events for new members who sign up during the campaign (events will also be open to current members).

The Military Free Cash Rewards Program offers members two points per dollar on card purchases made on base in Services activities, commissaries

and the Base Exchange outlets. This includes all on base gasoline purchases beginning in July. Off-base card usage earns one point per dollar spent.

As a special incentive, each new applicant can instantly win from \$5 to \$100 just for signing up.

For more information on this club membership initiative, stop by the 934th Airlift Wing Services Club and pick up an application. Or call the base club at (912) 713-1655. *AF Services*

## AAFES gives back to Minneapolis-St. Paul base

Shoppers who exercised their exchange benefit at the BX, online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) or over the phone through the Exchange Catalog last year helped make the military community a better place as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) estimates it delivered more than \$269 million in support to Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs in FY 2007. These contributions to America's military represented an average per capita dividend of approximately \$272 for every active duty Soldier and Airman.

Purchases made by Military Members at the Twin Cities BX and MCSS last year generated a dividend of \$235,031.00. These funds are critical to MWR's ability to enhance local programs and facilities including the Gym, etc..

Historically, roughly two-thirds of AAFES earnings are

paid to MWR programs. In addition to funding MWR efforts, AAFES earnings are used to build new stores or renovate existing facilities without expense to the Federal government. Funds to contract these new or replacement facilities also come entirely from sales of merchandise and services.

"The bottom line is that every time troops shop their exchange, a portion of their purchase goes towards supporting quality of life programs, facilities and non-appropriated fund construction projects," said Williams. "Seeing the financial benefit this and other military communities reap makes the day-to-day challenges of delivering the exchange benefit very much worth the commitment and sacrifice needed to operate efficiently and maximize the investment military families at Minneapolis/St. Paul ARS are making in their BX." *AAFES News Service*

## Wing roundup (continued from Page 8)

Finance Office to have records scanned on their high-speed scanner.

Units will designate one full-time employee authorized access to UPRGs and this POC can check out up to 10 records at a time. After scheduling an appointment, POCs can scan from 6 to 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Finance Office. Records must remain in building 852. Access to records closes Sept. 30.

Contact 1st Lt. Andrew Williams at (612) 713-1755 for more details.

### New degree offered

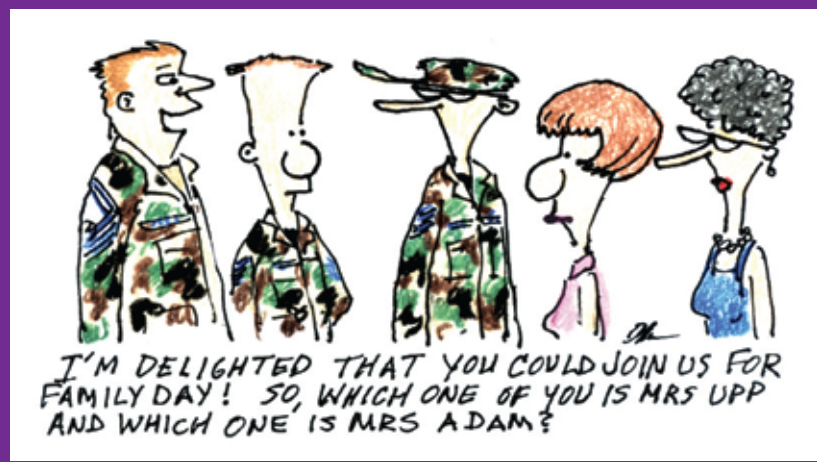
American Sentinel University, a part of the Air University's AU/ABC program, has added four more IT degree's at their school. The AU/ABC program has selected certain school's that are considered military friendly, which means that these schools will normally accept all 64 credits

from a student's CCAF degree that pertains to the degree programs offered at their school. ASU will accept 60 credits from the following CCAF degrees as transfer credits: Information Management, Information Systems Technology,

Computer Science Technology, Electronic Systems Technology, Air and Space Operations Technology, and Communications Applications Technology.

Contact the Base Education Center at (612) 713-1515 for more details.

### SERGEANTS UPP & ADAM



# VIKING VOICES

*What is your family's military heritage?*



**Airman 1st Class Kelly McLean**  
934th Logistics Readiness Squadron

*"My father-in-law retired as a chief here. I have several uncles who have served. My husband Jesse, and his father helped inspire me to join."*



**Senior Master Sgt. Steve Nicolai**  
934th Civil Engineer Squadron

*"My dad was in the Army during the Korean War for 2 years. My younger brother was in the Air Force for nine years and my next younger brother for four years. My son just graduated Air Force Basic Military Training and is in school for C-17s at Sheppard AFB, Texas."*



**Senior Airman Nicole Silverthorne**  
96th Airlift Squadron

*"Pretty much my entire family has been in the military, mostly the Air Force. Starting with my grandfather, my mother and father, and both my uncles all served on active duty. I am the first member in the Reserve. My mother's stories about her experiences inspired me to join."*



**Col. Steve DeWerff**  
934th Airlift Wing

*"My dad is an Army veteran and eight of my uncles served in the Army, Air Force and Army National Guard during the Vietnam era. Three of my uncles saw combat in Vietnam."*



**Staff Sgt. Amanda Williams**  
934th Logistics Readiness Squadron

*"My grandpa served in the Army. My mother is so proud of my service that she has a 'shrine' of me on her wall."*

## Promotions (to)

Chief Master Sgt. Wayne D. Stenberg  
Master Sgt. Todd D. Littfin  
Tech. Sgt. Jason T. Lemire  
Tech. Sgt. Eric M. Vaughn  
Tech. Sgt. Anthony R. Kanugh  
Staff Sgt. Octavio C. Diazgonzalez  
Staff Sgt. Luke A. Huseby

Staff Sgt. Nathan T. Kemp  
Staff Sgt. Brian W. Mikula  
Senior Airman Kristina M. Pachyak  
Senior Airman Hannah M. Turnwall  
Senior Airman Corene R. Dunbar  
Airman 1st Class Michael P. Berish  
Airman Brittany R. Fitzmaurice

## UTA Dates

<u>Month</u>	<u>934th</u>	<u>133rd</u>	<u>88th</u>	<u>Navy/Marines</u>
August	2-3, 16-17	14-17	2-3	9-10
September	6-7, 20-21	20-21	6-7	13-14

### 934TH AIRLIFT WING HERITAGE

In 1958, Reservists from the 95th and 96th Troop Carrier Squadrons, 440th Troop Carrier Wing, placed third in the Continental Air Command's second annual Troop Carrier Rodeo held at Bakalar AFB, Columbus, Indiana. The 96th Troop Carrier Squadron was based at Minneapolis.

# CALENDAR

Time	Activity	Location	Point of Contact
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	Master Sgt. Besser, ext. 1071
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	Tech. Sgt. Todd Rice, ext. 1788
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
9:30 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 (Capt.) 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 (Capt.) 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.1071
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

## Military Ball Reservation Form

Planning to attend the 2008 "Sixty Years of Excellence" Military Ball Sept. 6? Fill out this form and return it (along with your check made out to "Friends of the Flying Vikings") by Aug. 3 to:

934 OG/CCE, 1st Lt. Christine Dale  
760 Military Highway  
Minneapolis MN 55450-2300

Name of person (s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

E1-E4: \_\_\_ Single ticket \$25, couple \$40

E9, O5+: \_\_\_ Single ticket \$55, couple \$100

E5, E6, O1, O2: \_\_\_ Single ticket \$35, Couple \$60

E7, E8, O3, O4: \_\_\_ Single ticket \$45, Couple \$80  
civilian and retirees

Choice of meal: Sirloin steak \_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera \_\_\_

Unit of attendee: MSG \_\_\_ MXG \_\_\_ OG \_\_\_ Wing/ASTS \_\_\_

# Family Day August 3

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring the family for music and games for all ages including inflatable bouncers for the children.

Sign up with your unit representative.



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