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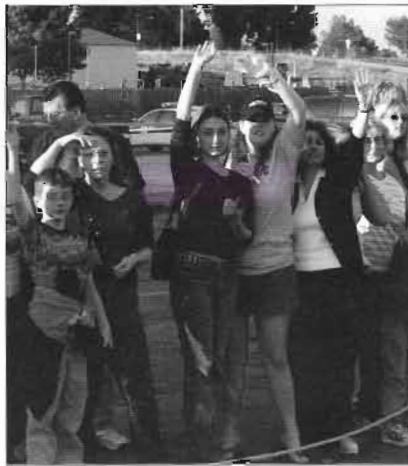
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Family and friends gathered at the flightline during the evening of Jun. 5, to send off their loved ones as more 934th Airlift Wing members deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. For more details, see the story and photos on Page 20.



Master Sgt. Vicky Kuntz and Col. Kris Rudin give recommendations to a young airman who needs a little guidance. The two serve as the Inspector General staff for the wing. Contrary to popular belief, the IG team is here to help, not investigate. For more details, see the story on Page 17.



On the cover

Maj. Susan Sedivec, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, applies camouflage paint during the squadron's survival training, held at Camp Ripley during the June unit training assembly.

For more details, see the story and photos on Pages 10 and 11.

National Security Agency speaker brings OPSEC 'home'

By Cynthia Bauer

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – A national security expert brought home the message of operational security to an audience of about 100 here attending "Emergence 2002," the Air Mobility Command-sponsored Air Force Arms Control and Counterproliferation Conference.

Tom Mauriello, director of the National Security Agency's Interagency OPSEC Support Staff, used home security as an example of the OPSEC process in every-day life.

"We need to develop an OPSEC mindset," Mauriello said. "When applied effectively, it can really make a difference."

Mauriello addressed the representatives from Air Force major commands, defense agencies, contractors, universities and civilian communities during the sixth annual conference organized by AMC's Plans and Programs Directorate.

He went through the five-step OPSEC process of determining critical information, threat analysis, vulnerability analysis, risk assessment and countermeasures, then used a common example to illustrate the process.

Mauriello asked the audience to examine what they do before going on vacation. The audience said everything from canceling newspaper

and mail to setting the timers for lights.

He explained that burglars could get quite a bit of critical information from these actions.

"It used to be that you could yell down the street at the person who delivered newspapers in your neighborhood. Now, to cancel the newspaper, you call a 1-800 number and talk to a complete stranger who takes your name, address and dates you won't be home so you can stop delivery. So the information is put into a database and available to a bunch of people who don't have a need to know. If you were a burglar, wouldn't that be critical information?"

He said the best counter would be to have a trusted neighbor take care of newspapers and mail.

And what about those timer lights? Using a clip of the "bad guys" from the movie "Home Alone," Mauriello illustrated that burglars can time the timers, then make their move on an unoccupied residence. The counter is to use timers regularly, so when the residents are on vacation, the burglars won't see a difference in routine.

"OPSEC is personal," he said.

He then went into OPSEC and the mission. He said that adversaries gather pieces of aggregate information to create the picture that they need. "We need to know what the critical information of our mission is in order to

hold people accountable for protecting it."

Mauriello said many sources can help adversaries obtain information, including news articles, internet chat rooms and mission-related conversations in social settings.

Another source can just be observation. He said that adversaries can observe as delivery companies, waste management, environmental permits. They can also capture emanations from computers.

He said reviewing the aggregate of information is an important part of OPSEC. "We've had cases when we've looked at the aggregate of information, the classification of the information was changed from unclassified to top secret overnight."

He advised participants that OPSEC doesn't mean locking up all information. "We have to look at vulnerabilities, then decide on an acceptable risk."

"The focus of OPSEC is 'down to the weeds,'" Mauriello said. "It causes us to change the way we do business, to better understand what we are doing and why."

Information on Interagency OPSEC Support Staff Programs is available at <http://www.ioss.gov> (AMCNS)

AFA to sponsor "Defending The Homeland" symposium

The General E.W. Rawlings Chapter of the Air Force Association will conduct a symposium titled, "Defending The Homeland," July 24-25 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

The symposium will address threats to the civilian infrastructure of the United States, and the various options available for protecting our energy production facilities, fuel and water pipelines, transportation systems, communication systems, computer networks and banking systems. All

presentations and discussions will be unclassified.

The keynote speaker will be Howard A. Schmidt, the vice-chairman of the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board.

Speakers include: Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, Vice commander – Air Combat Command; Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras, commander – Air Intelligence Agency; Brig. Gen. John C. Koziol, vice commander – 8th Air Force; Brig. Gen. David E. Clary, director of homeland security – Air Force

Headquarters; Rear Admiral James B. Plehal, deputy director – National Infrastructure Protection Center; and others.

For more information on the symposium, including pricing options, check out the chapter's website at www.rawlings-afa.org/symposium02.php You may also email Katherine DuGarm at kdugarm@member.afa.org; Doyle Larson at DoyleLarson@aol.com; or Vic Seavers at vscliff@email.msn.com.

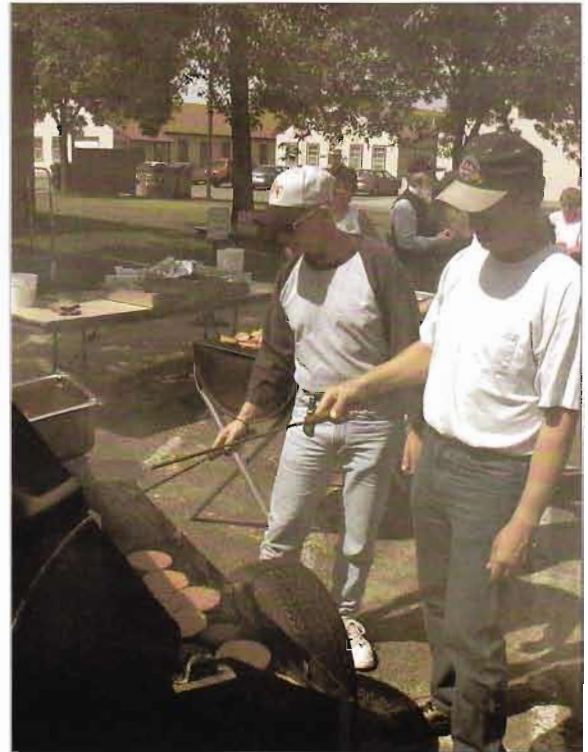
A wonderful day for a picnic

Annual "Spring Fling" held June 5th.

Civilian Welfare Fund event raises \$217 and five boxes of food for St. Paul's Trinity Mission.



Left: 934th Airlift Wing members line up for a buffet style lunch. The event was open to all military and civilian personnel on base.



Pete DeSanctis (L) and Steve Lerbakken (R), both of avionics, grill hamburgers during the annual luncheon.

**Photos by
SSgt. Jeffrey S. Williams**

Below: Deb Crawford takes a swing during the golf fundraiser for Trinity Mission.



Below: Attendees gather outdoors for an old-fashioned picnic lunch and enjoy the warm Minnesota weather.



C-130 crews fight largest wildfires in Colorado history

Story and photo
by Senior Amn. Stephanie Witty
Staff Writer

(Editor's note: SrA. Witty wrote the following article while on temporary duty with the U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs Office.)

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - By the end of the day June 24, members of the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard had flown 97 sorties and dropped 261,000 gallons of fire retardant on three Colorado fires

C-130 Hercules crews from the Reserve's 302nd Airlift Wing here and the North Carolina Air National Guard's 145th AW from Charlotte began helping the U.S. Forest Service June 14. They are flying two Peterson C-130s and four Charlotte C-130s equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems. A seventh spare MAFFS is available if needed.

Reservists from the 302nd AW are battling blazes close to home even after some of them have been evacuated.

"It has always been someplace else, so now, not only is it in Colorado but it is close to Colorado Springs where our homes are being affected," said Lt. Col. Ted Wright, 731st Airlift Squadron commander and MAFFS mission commander.

A C-130 military transport aircraft can be fitted with a MAFFS and ready to fly within 24 hours.

Each system can drop 3,000 gallons or 28,000 pounds of "slurry" or "sky jello" fire retardant in five seconds, covering an area one-quarter mile long and 60 feet wide. Slurry is composed of 80 percent to 85 percent water and a 10 percent to 15 percent solution of ammonium sulfate, which is a jelling agent with red coloring.

The Forest Service calls on



A Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System on a C-130 Hercules is flushed out with water before being refilled with fire retardant to continue airborne attacks against the Colorado wildfires.

the Air Force's MAFFS resources when all civilian contract carriers have been used, said Col. Richard Moss, 302nd AW commander.

"We are the last line of defense," Moss said. "We augment other efforts."

This is the first time the Air Force's MAFFS-equipped C-130s have been staged out of Peterson AFB since the mission began in the early 1970s.

Heat, smoke and debris produce challenging flight conditions for the crews, said Master Sgt. David Carey, a 302nd AW flight engineer. The C-130s, which are flown 150 feet from the surface, have been experiencing turbulence as a result of the intense heat. In addition, smoke from the fires also limits the aircrew's visibility and can stall engines.

"The Air Force and the Forest Service work in cooperation during the MAFFS operation," said Dale Aslter, MAFFS airtanker base manager. "The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve provide the aircraft, and the Forest Service

provides the units that slip into the aircraft. It is a cooperative effort between both agencies, the Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture."

The Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are grateful for the assistance the Air Force provides, said Mike Miller, the Forest Service's military liaison officer for the MAFFS teams.

"I would like to add an appreciation to the military for all of the support they have shown in this effort," Miller said. "It has been outstanding."

Carey said the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard people involved in the MAFFS mission are proud to be able to help the Forest Service.

"This is the most rewarding thing you can do with an airplane," Carey said. "You're doing something for your country in your country. I love this, I love helping."

They are motivated to be a part of a mission that directly benefits their community.

Inspections provide testimonial for wing during busy year

by Col. Gary L. Cook
934th Airlift Wing commander

Well I have just completed my first 120 days in the unit and it seems I can't remember a day that we weren't busy preparing for something, doing something or recovering from a significant event in our unit's history. We have been recognized at the National level for awards, set new standards for excellence and been evaluated by outside agencies for compliance with Air Force, Department of Defense and OSHA regulations and standards. Certainly if I try to list them here I will forget some so I'll only mention a few just for effect.

We deployed previously activated medical teams from the AES and ASTS and they have traveled the world providing critical medical care that has saved several lives. We sent Security Force teams to protect base facilities in an overseas theater and in some other cases they guarded and transported what we now refer to as "detainees" to a new home in Guantanamo Bay. We have received national awards in Aerial Port Operations, Transportation, Fuels and Services just to name a few.

The Operations Group has set new standards in flight time accomplishment that makes them the best performing C-130 unit in AFRC and possibly the Air Force. Of course much of that is only possible because our Maintenance organization continually surpasses all levels set for aircraft reliability and mission capability.

Our Civil Engineering component has planned and processed more than \$6 million dollars in building and infrastructure upgrades in just the last 4 weeks, an accomplishment that just can't be done without the best preplanning processes I have seen in the Air Force. We have already been inspected for airdrome or flight line programs and been recognized for outstanding team coordination with CE and "best seen to date training program".

Contracting just completed their inspection. The out-brief can best

be summed up by the team chief's own statement, "I found nothing that didn't meet standards in all areas reviewed...I can't remember when I've said that sir." It is quite the testimonial.

Well it's not a complete list by far, but certainly representative of what I have seen since arriving at the 934th.

We are busy and asked to do a lot, but that just shows why the 934th is so important to the Air Force, AFRC, Minnesota and, of course, to all of us who are on the team. More importantly, it shows me what a rare opportunity I was given when I was selected to come here last February.

I mentioned in my first article that learn and learn quickly will have to be the rule as we are certainly facing challenges in the near future. There are three major inspections during this coming year (HSI, UCI and ASEV) that will task even the best of units.

The ASTS has already completed the first of those inspections, the "HSI," and were declared "Mission Ready." This was one of the most stringent inspections I have ever seen, yet there were only a few minor write-ups and we are busy clearing those off the books as we speak.

Certainly the rest of us still have a lot to do to get ready for the UCI, but getting our self-inspection done by this UTA should be a good start to having everything ready for the IG team this September.

As far as completing my personal checklist, I have been to Little Rock and completed the Commander's Qualification check ride in the C-130 and started to really learn about the aircraft by flying with the 96AS. Most of the crews only look a little scared now that I have a few flights under my belt, and I have really enjoyed looking around the local area as we go flying each week.

I did get to help the cause a



little bit though as the Aircraft Commander for flights delivering medical personnel to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and again on another cross country delivering our team of Security Personnel to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. on the first leg of their overseas deployment.

Still a lot to learn though, as I get prepared for the ASEV visit this

October and make sure my Bold Print test results are flawless.

Donnita and I have settled in the community of Lakeville and as soon as we can get the deck completed and the hot tub filled, we will be able to call it home. Donnita is spending some time over at Family Services each week and seems to be getting a feel for the local area and the unit. Both of us have really appreciated the warm Minnesota hospitality that has made this move to our new home so much fun. Since it looks like summer is finally here and as Donnita and I start finding so many new things to do here in Minnesota, we think we should review some of the rules for the 101-days of summer.

Certainly we all know the obvious rules of no alcohol when driving, boating or swimming, but sometimes when we are having fun with friends and family — we forget.

That being said, one of my biggest fears outside the influence of alcohol is fatigue. With the summer season seeming to be so short we often times just try to fit too much activity into the day or weekend. Please leave plenty of time for travel to and from your summer activities. Falling asleep at the wheel or driving too fast cost the Air Force Reserve too many lives and friends already this year. Our record this year has been excellent, but safety isn't a game of percentages because even one lost friend is one too many.

Drive safe, play safe and come back to us healthy and ready for the next challenge.

Secretary reflects on past year, looks to future

by Dr. James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

One year ago this month, I was sworn in as your 20th secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian airmen. During this time, I've had the deep honor and pleasure to serve alongside Gens. Mike Ryan and John Jumper, and our chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Jim Finch. It is impossible to imagine three more dedicated and professional Air Force leaders.

As I reflect on the year gone by, my first thoughts are with the airmen of our force who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation and the freedoms we hold dear. Remember them and their families.

Their supreme sacrifice, along with the countless heroes who have gone before them, is why we live free in this great nation.

Each of you should be extremely proud of your achievements and service this past year, from combat operations and homeland defense in the war against international terrorism to your admirable and noble daily endeavors that guarantee the readiness, health, security and morale of our fighting force. In my travels around our Air Force, I've been impressed and humbled by your ingenuity, commitment and willingness to serve. Thank you for everything you've done to make our Air Force the best the world has ever known.

Of utmost importance to me is our continued focus on warfighting, and honing the edge that enables us to remain expeditionary and responsive to the needs of our nation. The American people trust and admire what you do.

They know that America's Air Force provides a full spectrum of air and space capabilities that deliver unprecedented firepower, mobility, awareness and deterrence to our joint forces. And, once again, they've witnessed first hand your truly remarkable performance during operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Through your incredible efforts in this campaign, from deploying troops and building bases to coordinating fires and engaging targets, you've again demonstrated the unrivaled skill of airmen. Consider what we've done for just a moment.

In the first eight months of our war on terrorism, we flew more than 35,000 sorties, employing 78 percent of the total munitions used and damaging or destroying nearly three-

quarters of the coalition targets. Our tanker force flew more than 10,000 refueling missions, supporting aircraft from all services.

Our intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets, manned and unmanned, have flown more than 2,000 missions and, when combined with our indispensable space systems, delivered unprecedented battlefield awareness as well as a vision of the exciting future in this evolving mission area. Our heavy-lifters (cargo aircraft) delivered more than 2.5 million humanitarian daily rations to the people of Afghanistan. Our combat support units have occupied, established, or rebuilt bases throughout Southwest and Central Asia.

And we accomplished all this despite the challenge of waging a combined campaign in a landlocked nation.

Through your efforts, you

confirmed to our nation and the world the unmatched value, flexibility and promise of air and space power.

While we've achieved many of our objectives, there remains much work to be done. The fight continues,

Most important, I want to ensure we care for our people and their families through these challenging times.

- Dr. James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

with many of you going into harm's way daily. Our ongoing missions and your unrelenting sacrifices testify to your commitment to eradicate this threat to our nation and freedom-loving people everywhere. Most important, we need to prepare and resolve ourselves to see this through to the finish, regardless of where the fight takes us.

Many of you are deployed around the world at remote and inhospitable settings, spending extended time away from your families. Many more are scheduled to deploy in the months ahead. Some of you no longer are benefitting from the air and space expeditionary force schedule and are facing more frequent deployments. We've asked many of you to put in long hours well beyond your normal schedules and we've stretched our force to cover expanded missions in new locations. Many of our people are affected by Stop-Loss.

We're working to mitigate the numbers affected as soon as possible, but until we do, our folks' lives will remain on hold until we complete this campaign. And we have thousands of Air National Guardsmen, Air Force Reservists, and Individual Mobilization Augmentees who are serving for extended periods at great personal cost to their civilian jobs and their family lives. I recognize your sacrifice and

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Security forces squads compete in Defender Challenge

by Tech Sgt. Jeff Imsdahl
934th Security Forces Squadron

The 934th Security Forces Squadron held its first ever Defender Challenge competition at the Rosemount training area and at the University of Minnesota/FBI firearms range on May 30.

The competition consisted of a 2 mile ruck march with 50 pound Alice Pack, 2 mile run without pack, 9mm firing competition and a fire team scenario.

934th SFS 1st Squad members Tech. Sgts. Brad Weis and Brian Wollak, Staff Sgt. Aaron Fisher, and Senior Amn. Jason Megleo went up against 2nd Squad members Master Sgt. Mark Stodola, Staff Sgt. Mark Witte along with Senior Airmen Kevin Hegner, and Andrew Halldin.

The 2 mile march ended up being a 2 1/2 mile march as the contestants took the wrong turn. The winning time was a tie between Weis and Stodola with a time of 27 minutes 40 seconds. 1st Squad beat 2nd Squad's average time by only one second - 28 minutes and 55 seconds versus 28 minutes 56 seconds.

The Top Run was put in by Hegner with a time of 16 minutes 16 seconds. 1st Squad beat 2nd Squad by a difference of 11 seconds - 17 minutes 51 seconds to 18 minutes 2 seconds.

The firing competition was tight between the two teams as 2nd Squad beat 1st squad with a total of 19 more "hits" in the circle on the targets. Top Gun went to Fisher, with a total of 53 hits out of 100. This course of fire was difficult and not like anything the Security Forces Squadron trains on.

The fire team scenario was conducted during the hottest part of the day. The scenario was for a four man fire team to locate a "downed pilot", secure the pilot, give self aid/buddy care, and return the pilot to a location

for a medical evacuation flight.

The 2nd squad came out victorious due to the adherence to an operations order they followed more precisely than the 1st squad. Both did an excellent job in accomplishing the mission, as the competition was a tie.



MSgt. Mark Stodola (L), 2nd squad, battles TSgt. Brad Weis (R), 1st squad, during the Defender Challenge pack march competition. They tied for the best individual times in the march.

Phoenix Ravens return after long deployment

by Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff Writer

Editors note: The names of deployed reservists have been changed to numerical designations to comply with Air Force Reserve Command's security policies.

"Security for global reach. Every day, anywhere...all the time," is the mission statement for the Air Mobility Command's Security Forces Directorate.

Those words truly hit home for the five members of the 934th Security Forces Squadron's Phoenix Raven team who traveled around the world providing aircraft security in support of Enduring Freedom.

Being a Raven may give a person the opportunity to see various

parts of the world, but there is a price to be paid - sleep deprivation, exposure to extreme weather and long periods of time away from family.

In the short time of its existence, the program has graduated over 900 of the Air Force's best security forces people for the tough job of providing aircraft security in a hostile environment.

When crews flying aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom reach their overseas destination in Southwest Asia, they take off for their mandatory crew rest. While the plane appears to be abandoned - it isn't. Phoenix

Ravens are on the scene guarding the aircraft and equipment until the plane leaves the ground again.

Enduring Freedom isn't the only thing that is covered. Just about everywhere a military aircraft flies outside of the United States, there will be a Raven lurking somewhere.

"It used to be that there was a list of countries considered 'Raven required.' Now it's the other way around - 'non-Raven required,'" said Raven 1.

Since September, Raven 1 - a Master Sgt., and Raven 2 - a Tech. Sgt., flew embassy re-supply missions



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Deadline approaches for Employer's Day nominations

It's that time again—time for reservists to thank their boss for all the support given during the past year.

Employer's Day is Saturday, Aug. 10.

Events planned for the day include breakfast and briefings with the 934th Airlift Wing commander and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officials, orientation flight in a C-130 Hercules, lunch with and a tour of their reservist's work area.

Activities begin at 8 a.m. and finish up around 2 p.m.

Reservists in the 934th Airlift

Wing will have the opportunity to show their boss or supervisor how much they appreciate the support they have been given as they finish another year of demanding Reserve duty.

Employer's Day isn't just a "reward" for those who have gone out of their way to support an individual's military career.

It's also an opportunity for reservists to introduce their employer to today's Air Force Reserve.

Reservists who wish to nominate their employer for an orientation should complete the form below;

Completed forms must be received by Public Affairs, Building 865, Room 3, by the close of business on Sunday, July 14.

Forms may be mailed to: 934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450-2100; faxed to (612) 713-1229; or hand-delivered.

Leaving the form in the unit at the last minute can be risky. **Be sure to hand deliver it by COB on Sunday of the July UTA.**

Employers nominated for the flight will receive a letter of invitation.

Employer's Day Saturday, Aug. 10

Invite your boss for an orientation flight with the 934th Airlift Wing. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT VERY CLEARLY. Also, be careful to get the correct name spelling and official title.

Reservist's Rank/Name: _____ Unit: _____

Reservist's Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ UTA Phone: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Phone Number: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____



GROUND RULES: Each reservist may submit **ONLY ONE** employer or supervisor -- no exceptions! Federal civil service employees of military organizations are not eligible for nomination. You may not nominate family members (even when they are legitimate employers) or anyone who has flown with the wing for any reason in the past. Nominations will be screened. There can be no substitutions once a name has been submitted, even if the person nominated cannot attend.

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Aeromedical and aircrew squadrons experience

Wearing camouflage paint and web gear, members of the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 96th Airlift Squadron participated in combat survival training during the June unit training assembly at Camp Ripley, Minn.

About 40 people attended the training, which involved building fires, shelters and learning to use a compass.

The training was part of an exercise simulating an aircrew fleeing from enemy forces after getting shot down over enemy territory.

The troops were split into three groups and sent off into the elements to practice escape and evade procedures. While evading capture, people from the 934th Intelligence Flight provided instruction in compass use, constructing shelters and building fires.

Members of the 934th Security Forces Squadron posed as aggressors while practicing field interrogation and perimeter defense.

"I liked the fact that it was so real, we were actually evading," said Maj. Susan Sedivec of the 934th AES, who completed combat survival training for the second time.

The 934th Intelligence Flight and Life Support conducts the training every year.

Anyone whose job may require going into threat areas has to go through combat survival training - certifying every three years - according to Master Sgt. Jason Velasquez, 934th Intelligence Flight.

Master Sgt. Jamey Canniff, life support, was one of the key players in planning the training.

"Seeing everybody doing hands-on training is the best part about it," he said. "I enjoy watching people learn."



A member of the opposition force comes upon an evading Maj. Kenny Rogers, 96th Airlift Squadron, during the survival training.



**Story by
Senior Amn.
Stephanie Witty**

Rogers is startled after being discovered by the enemy.

'Survival of the fittest' during wilderness training



Above: Lt. Col. Cleo Bonham, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Sqdn., holds a signal flare during training at Camp Ripley.



Right: Tech. Sgt. Troy Puckett, 934th Life Support, teaches map reading to Maj. Susan Sedivec, 934th AES, during the field exercise portion of the training.



Left: Capt. Mike Johnson and Master Sgt. Jean Hohn place a bandage on the leg of Maj. Lynn Rydberg. The three Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron members took part in the survival training held at Camp Ripley during the June UTA.

**Photos by
Senior Amn.
Nicholas Olson**

Air Force marathon set for Sept. 19-21

The Air Force Marathon will be held Sept. 19-21 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The course is a 26.2-mile run that traverses historical places on the base. These include the Air Force Museum, Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Material Command headquarters, the flight line and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

All registered runners receive a t-shirt and patch. Those who finish will also receive a medallion.

For more information on prices, deadlines and to download the registration form, go to the race's website at www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil.

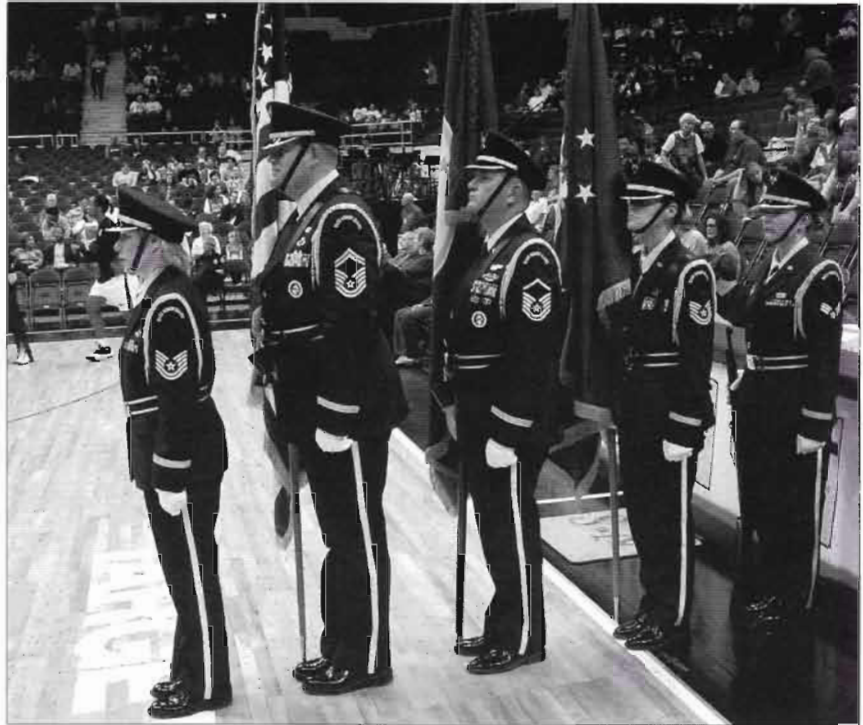


Photo by SSgt. Jeffrey S. Williams

Five members of the Air Force Reserve Command's 934th Airlift Wing honor guard prepares to post the colors prior to the start of the WNBA season opener for the Minnesota Lynx at the Target Center May 25. The Lynx hosted the Utah Starzz as one of two games that began the league's sixth season.

Lynx extend ticket offers to reservists

First the 934th Airlift Wing honor guard posted the colors during the pre-game ceremony to open the 2002 Minnesota Lynx season May 25, beginning the fourth season of women's professional basketball in Minnesota.

Now the Lynx have extended their Federal employee ticket specials to military reservists for the duration of the season.

On Friday, July 19, the Lynx host the Miami Sol 7:00 p.m. at the Target Center and you can order a \$10 lower level ticket and get another ticket for free. There is no minimum or maximum. The tickets normally sell for \$42 during the Timberwolves season.

The same deal is available for the home game on Sunday, August 4, at 5:00 p.m., as the Lynx take on the Seattle Storm.

On Friday, August 9, the Lynx host Rochester native Kelly

Miller and the Charlotte Sting at 7:00 p.m. at the Target Center and you can receive an \$18 lower level ticket and a Minnesota Lynx T-shirt for just \$13. The ticket sells for \$60 during the Timberwolves season.

For more information or to order tickets for these offers, call Matt Evans at 612-673-1689.

Ronna Puck (L), fitness center manager, sings the National Anthem prior to a recent Lynx game at Target Center.



Photo by SSgt. Jeffrey S. Williams

Wing members to participate in Relay for Life

Twenty-five members of the 934th Airlift Wing are slated to participate in the 3rd annual Relay for Life American Cancer Society fundraising event in Lakeville, July 19.

The team, which has turned in \$500 in donations so far, will be walking from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. July 20.

The lead coordinator for the team, Master Sgt. Joe Bystedt, said team members will be wearing Air Force Reserve hats and T-shirts courtesy of the recruiters.

Anyone wishing to join the relay team or make a donation, may contact Bystedt at (612) 713-1346.

More information on the Relay for Life program, including alternate sites and dates, can be obtained by visiting the www.cancer.org website.

Air Force releases most specialties from Stop-Loss

Air Force personnel officials announced June 21 the release of most Air Force specialty codes from Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond established dates of separation or retirement.

This announcement comes as a result of the latest review of AFSCs by the major commands, Air Staff, Air Reserve Component, Secretariat and the Air Force Personnel Center, and applies across the board to both active-duty and Air Reserve Component members, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon.

The officer career fields remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are: 11S, 12S and 31P.

The enlisted career fields remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are: 1A1X0, 1A1X1, 1C0X0, 1C0X1, 1C0X2, 1C1X0, 1C1X1, 1N0X0, 1N0X1, 1T2X0, 1T2X1, 2F0X0, 2F0X1, 3P0X0 and 3P0X1.

At the time of publication, Mike Burns, chief of military personnel programs, said the wing has not received Air Force Reserve command guidance to the release of AFSC's from Stop-Loss, but expects to hear something soon.

Life Support satellite training now available

The 934th Airlift Wing now has a Military Training Network Basic Life Support satellite.

The function is to facilitate and track BLS training.

Any unit that needs BLS training may apply to become an affiliate program of the MTN through our Wing's satellite.

A Basic Life Support Instructor course will be held on base Aug. 1 and 2.

Anyone interested in either of these programs may contact Maj. Freerks via email at Carol.Freerks@minneapolis.af.mil

Common Access Card to be delayed

The transition to the new Common Access Card has been delayed indefinitely.

According to Tech. Sgt. Bill Liberatore, chief of customer service with the 934th Military Personnel Flight, the delay was caused by a software issue, which caused a temporary suspension in the implementation schedule.

"When the schedule resumed operation, we were cycled to the bottom of the list, since our dates occurred during the suspension," Liberatore said.

"We are tentatively scheduled for 2003, unless advised otherwise," he said.

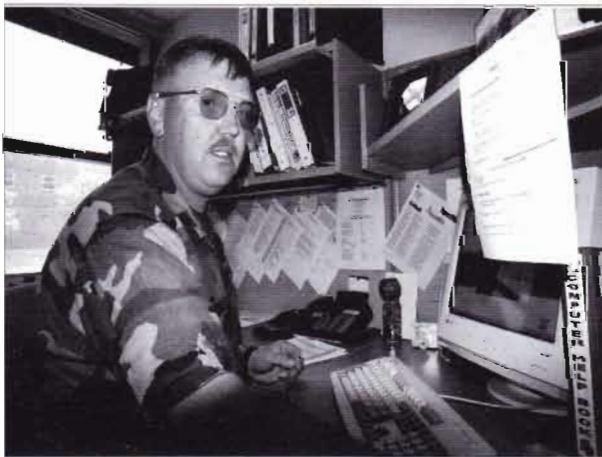


Photo by Amn. Josh Nason

VIKING VICTOR

Name: Maj. Neal J. Landeen

Position: Services Operations Officer

Unit: 934th Services Squadron

Education:

B.S. - University of Minnesota, 1992, Geography
M.S.A. - Central Michigan University - 1996, Health Services Administration

Civilian Occupation: Stay at home dad!

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing and traveling with my family

Professional organizations: Life member of the Reserve Officers Association and the Marine Corps. Association

Goals: My goal is to do the best that I can, where I'm at, especially in fulfilling mission requirements and taking care of my people.

Comments: There is nothing more important than your family! If a leader takes care of his or her people, and supports the family of the individual, the mission will be accomplished.

Enlisted mentoring program to take effect soon

by Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff Writer

What once was discussed briefly at a Chief Master Sergeant's meeting last year has become reality as the wing's new mentoring program takes effect for enlisted people.

Implementation for the program should start around the July unit training assembly and continue through the August UTA, said Senior Master Sgt. David Halverson, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron, creator of the wing's program. It is scheduled to be in place and functional by the September UTA.

After the Chief's meeting last year, Halverson created a point paper on how he felt the program should be implemented for his squadron, and soon found himself planning a wing-wide program since mentoring became mandatory at the Wing level.

He said the original model for the program came from the officer mentoring program, and was meant as a way for senior enlisted people to provide guidance to junior enlisted in a

non-threatening way.

"We are going to put a system together that will be useable and provide resources for commanders and supervisors to handle questions right here on the base," Halverson said. "It's going to be an easy program for supervisors to slide right in to."

According to AFI 36-3401, the regulation governing the mentoring program, the immediate supervisor or rater is designated as the primary mentor for each of his or her subordinates, and the program is to be used to provide a realistic evaluation of both performance and potential.

Halverson said the biggest change is just in documenting the mentoring sessions.

"The good news is that it is not going to be a big change from what most supervisors are already doing," he said.

Most of the planning and implementation of the program has been through the wing's Human Resources Development Council, of which Halverson is a member.

Meeting once a month during

the UTA weekend, the HRDC

Mentoring Committee put together a Commander's Toolkit which includes a point paper describing the program and several templates on pertinent questions to ask during mentoring sessions. They will also post materials on the base intranet.

The big challenge for the HRDC is keeping it simple enough for ease of useage.

"Other programs have become overblown because of the overwhelming amount of paper involved," he said. "We need to make the program simple so people will find this user-friendly."

"If nobody's ever going to use it, it becomes useless. If people find it friendly, they will use it and it will grow. I don't want this becoming useless," Halverson said.

When asked how he feels on the transition, Halverson said, "This wing is going to be in good shape. People are already doing it, now they just need to document it. I think we're pretty well set."



Online Gulf War medical library introduced

The Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced the launch of an internet site called "Medsearch," – a central repository of Gulf War-related medical research. It can be found at www.GulfLINK.osd.mil/medsearch.

"This website, a cooperative effort in support of Gulf War veterans and their families, reflects the commitment of all three agencies to learning more about deployment related illnesses, and sharing what we learn," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

The development team worked with veterans and researchers to ensure that Medsearch was user-

friendly. Developers designed the website to serve the needs of both the layperson and the researcher.

The site is indexed with plain language topic headings so that anyone can readily locate information. Those headings include topics of particular interest to Gulf War veterans that may not be featured in other sources, such as pesticides and depleted uranium.

The goal of Medsearch's creators is to include all the federally funded research into the illnesses of Gulf War veterans in one centralized place. (AFPN)

Secretary focused on future

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commend you for your service.

Our nation needs its Air Force as never before, and your Air Force needs each and every one of you, your talents and your service as never before. Yet, regardless of these challenges, you continue to train, maintain and fight with a level of professionalism unmatched by any force ever assembled.

As I look to the journey ahead, I'm excited at the opportunities we have to serve our nation as we face the challenges posed by our evolving security environment. I look forward to continuing that journey with you.

I remain focused on developing new strategies for air and space power in this new millennium; delivering innovative and effective capabilities to the warfighters; improving Air Force retention, professional education and leadership development; eliminating the inefficiencies in how we do our business; and transforming our acquisition processes to ensure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base.

Most important, I want to ensure we care for our people and their families through these challenging times. Communication, engaged leadership at all levels, and a genuine concern for the value of our people and their daily sacrifices are vital to building and sustaining a motivated and capable force.

On that day one year ago, I committed myself to serve in a manner befitting of the great men and women of our Air Force and to serve just as each of you do every day all around the globe — with integrity, selflessness and in the earnest pursuit of excellence. Your entire leadership team — General Jumper; my talented undersecretary, Peter Teets; our vice chief of staff, Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong; and myself — is firmly committed to these values.

Your service and sacrifices the past year have been magnificent and have earned the justifiable admiration of our nation and the respect of the world.

Ravens return from overseas deployments

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throughout the continent of Africa, and assisted in the safe transport of Taliban and Al Qaeda detainees throughout the area of operation.

The first step entails tough training at the Air Mobility Warfare Center at Fort Dix, N.J., where force protection measures including hand-to-hand defensive techniques, advance weapons training and use of non-lethal weapons are taught, along with verbal judo and cross-cultural communication.

It was the cross cultural communication course that Raven 3, also a Master Sgt., appreciates.

"When all you have to eat is an MRE, being able to communicate with people from different places helped in getting a little better food," he said.

Raven 1

agreed. "Ninety-seven percent of our job is done verbally," he said. "Only three percent requires the use of force."

Raven 4, a Staff Sgt., had a vastly different experience. The Raven flew to seven different countries in travels that took him completely around the world — all in six days time.

"If it were on commercial aircraft, I would have earned a lot of frequent flyer miles for that trip," Raven 4 said with a chuckle. "Even though I only slept in a bed for two of those nights, I'm not complaining - even though it can get pretty bad when you are shaving on the plane."

In other missions, he and Raven 3 provided security for the transport of vehicles for one of Secretary of State Colin Powell's trips to a global hotspot, as well as protecting aircraft and crews during and supply missions into the Philippines.

"Unfortunately, we were in the

Philippines when the helicopters crashed," Raven 4 said. "A couple of the Ravens who were there with us knew some of the parajumpers who went down. It was pretty sad."

While the temperature was balmy in the Philippines, Raven 3 had to transition to a colder climate while stationed in one of the Russian republics.

"It was mundane. I was sitting on the flight line when the temperature fell below minus 50 degrees while providing aircraft security," he said. "Little did I know there would be colder places than Minnesota. It made International Falls look easy."

Despite the long absence from home, the Ravens all looked fondly on their experiences.

"I appreciate

having the opportunity to serve and participate in real world hostile environment operations and being satisfied with my performance," Raven 4 said. "It is a credit to all of the security forces training to be able to keep things in perspective."

Nevertheless, it's good to be home.

Raven 1 said, "It feels damn good to be home. I have a wife and three kids — and my family loves having me back again."

"They call us 'Ambassadors of the World,' because we travel all around the world. We're not doing anything that would shed a bad light on our people — the 934th Security Forces Squadron.

"But our wives are the true heroes. They've had to step up to the plate and take over all family responsibilities. They deserve a lot of credit," he said.



934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

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934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

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96th Airlift Squadron

by **Capt. Scott Brady**
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934th Civil Engineering Squadron

by **Master Sgt. Mike McGuire**
Unit Public Affairs Representative
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Demolition on Bldg. 716 began the week after the June unit training assembly. **Master Sgt. Steve Nicolai** was named the projects non-commissioned officer in-charge. Several members of the unit's equipment shop will be completing their annual tour working on the demolition project. The building is expected to be totally demolished by Jul. 1.

Master Sgt. David Nelson has assumed the lead in the unit's Bldg. 729 remodeling. The project is now 88 percent complete and is projected to be complete Sept. 15.

The unit held its first planning meeting for the annual bivouac during the June UTA. The bivouac will be held during the October UTA at a sight yet to be determined. **Major J.D. Larson** is the Bivouac officer in-charge and **Tech. Sgt. Jose Gonzalez-Rocha** has been selected as this year's camp builder.

All of the units Structural shop members spent the entire June UTA at Dakota County Vo-Tech in Rosemount for welding training.

Part of the June UTA was

spent reviewing the new Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF) instruction, and how the numerous changes will affect how things are done in that program. Prime BEEF deals with readiness, wartime manpower, mobility and troop construction.

Master Sgt. Pat Murphy, **Tech. Sgt. Ken Boelter** and **Tech. Sgt. Duane Whittaker**, all from Fire Protection, have deployed to Puerto Rico in support of Coronet Oak.

Tech. Sgt. Mike Cleveland, HVAC shop, deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Staff Sgts. Paul Long and **Shawn Wimmergren**, both from Fire Protection, deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Southern Watch.

Senior Master Sgt. Randy Polansky, **Master Sgts. Russ Carnes** and **Tom Krueger**, **Tech. Sgts. Tony Feigum** and **Mike Story**, **Staff Sgt. Jason Rohman**, along with **Senior Amn. Rodger Frye** and **Lance Werth**, all Fire Protection troops, spent the June UTA at Camp Ripley in support of a wing exercise held there.

Several unit members participated in the services softball tournament held Sat. of the June UTA.

This month's "Chief's Challenge," was presented by **Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Gustafson**. The question was, "Who was recently named as the 14th Chief Master Sgt. Of the Air Force?" The correct answer is: "Gerald Murray was appointed as the 14th CMSAF, replacing outgoing CMSAF Jim Finch." **Master Sgt. David Sowers** answered the question correctly and received a unit coin.

934th Communications Flt.

by **Senior Airman Chris Guthrie**
Unit Public Affairs Representative
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Maj. Kirby L. Bauer, **Senior Master Sgt. Sonja Fisher** and **Tech. Sgt. Paul Gulenchyn** attended the Commander, First Sergeant and Senior Air Reserve Technician Conference in Buckhead, Ga., from May 23-25.

Tech. Sgt. Tamera Besser attended the Congressional Orientation

course in Washington, D.C. from May 27-30.

Logistics Support Sqdn.

By **Master Sgt. Craig Molm**
Unit Public Affairs Representative
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The unit had two members deploy overseas at the end of June in tours ranging from 15 to 45 days.

Master Sgts. Sherri Kennedy and **David Hunter** were awarded Certificates of Appreciation from Maintenance Squadron commander, **Maj. Toby Hammer** for their outstanding participation in Coronet Oak in March.

Master Sgt. David Hunter and **Tech. Sgt. Lynn Kusch** received Letters of Appreciation from Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander, for their support of President Bush's visit in March.

Tech. Sgt. Crystal Bell received a Certificate of Training for her completion of Course 6.

934th Maintenance Sqdn.

by **Senior Master Sgt. Robert McGonigal**
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No Report

934th Mission Support Flt.

by **Master Sgt. Vicky Kuntz**
Unit Public Affairs Representative
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Lt. Col. Pamela LeBlanc is leaving in Aug. for Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., to become the Support Group deputy commander.

Lt. Col. Michael Maza pinned on Lt. Col. on May 16.

Tech. Sgt. William Liberatore was selected as the Air Force Reserve Command Personnel Reserve Technician of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Patrick McDonald was selected for Deserving Airman to the officer position in Military Equal Opportunity.

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Inspector General's office here to help, not investigate

by Tech. Sgt. Allen Marshall
Staff Writer

"Those guys in the black hats taking the bad guys away," is how some people may describe the inspector general's office.

According to Col. Kristin Rudin, 934th IG, "many people think we are out trying to find things to investigate."

Rudin and her assistant, Master Sgt. Vicky Kuntz, hope to change this type of thinking.

The inspector general office runs the Air Force Complaints Program and the Fraud, Waste and Abuse program. Although the IG does conduct investigations, Rudin said her goal is problem prevention.

"We want to solve problems at the lowest level," she said. "Our goal is to never have to do a formal investigation."

The problems the IG can help resolve are numerous. The complaints program gives people an opportunity to come to the IG with problems regarding sexual harassment or pay and other issues. But, Rudin said the IG will work with the individual to solve their problem at the source if possible.

"Most of our business is referrals for people who just don't



MSgt. Vicky Kuntz (L) and Col. Kris Rudin, the 934th IG team, give guidance to a young airman.

know where to go," she said. "If they have a pay problem, for example, we will refer them to someone in finance who can help them."

The fraud, waste and abuse program, according to Rudin, is for any individual who knows of or witnesses any type of fraud, waste or abuse on the base. This can include fraud by contractors on base or persons discarding computer equipment that should be turned in for recycling.

Both Rudin and Kuntz came to the IG office in Sept. 2000. Rudin, who had been the mission support flight commander, was excited to take on the new role.

"There was no IG program established before we arrived," Rudin

said. "I was excited to do something new and to have the opportunity to help people."

The main problem Rudin has as the IG is getting people to talk to her. She believes part of the problem is people on base are uninformed about what the IG office does or they may not even know it exists.

"We are trying to get rid of the attitude that we are out to get people," she said. "People need to feel more comfortable coming to us. They need to know that we do exist and that if they don't know who to turn to we can help them find the right resources."

Both Rudin and Kuntz have been through the same IG training course and are fully qualified to look into complaints along with fraud, waste and abuse issues.

The IG office can be reached by dialing ext. 1298 or 1286. The office is located in the transportation building until the headquarters building construction is complete.

Those who have information about fraud, waste and abuse can call the Air Force hotline at 1-800-424-9098.

Fitness walk to be held throughout summer months

Story and photo
by Senior Amn. Nicholas Olson
Staff Writer

The 934th Airlift Wing is currently conducting the Air Force fitness walk during both days of the unit training assembly each month



Unit members stretch their legs during a recent fitness walk.

through the September drill.

The 3-mile walk consists of five laps starting at the fitness center. Walkers are encouraged to arrive at the fitness center at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon to begin the walk at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to begin the walk at 9 a.m.

"The arrival time is so that participants can stretch out before walking," said SSgt. Deb Hanson, 934th Services Squadron.

She said the walk tests the physical endurance of unit members and conforms to active duty standards.

The test doesn't come without skeptics.

"Is it a fair test? Yes," said

Tech. Sgt. Russ Funaro, 934th Airlift Wing Historian. "Did I enjoy it? No. However, running and cross country walking is about as enjoyable as watching paint dry."

The future of Air Force Reserve physical fitness is changing due to changes at the active duty level. Currently active duty units use a system including push-ups and stomach crunches to go along with their annual cycle ergometry testing.

Currently only select reserve bases are using this system on a test basis only. According to Hanson, all Air Force reservists will eventually use the active duty test but it is uncertain when this will take place.

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Senior Amn. Timothy Breuhl has been selected for an Officers Training School slot.

934th Operations Support Flight

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934th Services Sqdn.

by **Senior Amn. Kristen Maloney**
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Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. Judith W. Marchetti,
934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.
Master Sgt. Phillip A. Sells,
934th Security Forces Squadron.

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj. Thomas W. Anderson,
96th Airlift Squadron,
first oak leaf cluster.
1st. Lt. Steven A. Christoff,
934th Civil Engineering Squadron,
first oak leaf cluster.
Chief Master Sgt. David S. Skirka,
934th Civil Engineering Squadron,
first oak leaf cluster.
Senior Master Sgt. David C. Halverson,
934th Civil Engineering Squadron,
first oak leaf cluster.
Tech. Sgt. Barry W. Haukoos,
934th Security Forces Squadron.

Air Force Achievement Medal

Tech. Sgt. John L. Parenteau,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
fourth oak leaf cluster.
Master Sgt. Charles E. Nelson,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
third oak leaf cluster.
Tech. Sgt. Lynn A. Kusch,
934th Logistic Support Squadron,
third oak leaf cluster.
Tech. Sgt. Michele Sciarra,

27th Aerial Port Squadron,
third oak leaf cluster.
Staff Sgt. Gregory M. Kuhn,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
third oak leaf cluster.
Senior Master Sgt. Adan P. Sylva,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
second oak leaf cluster.
Senior Master Sgt. Tracy J. Tratar,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
second oak leaf cluster.
Master Sgt. Patti K. Amos,
934th Civil Engineering Squadron,
second oak leaf cluster.
Master Sgt. Margaret A. McGill-Zimny,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
second oak leaf cluster.
Master Sgt. Mitchell A. Shores,
934th Maintenance Squadron,
second oak leaf cluster.
Tech. Sgt. Robert L. Breach II,
934th Maintenance Squadron,
second oak leaf cluster.
Tech. Sgt. Michael C. Kuntze,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
second oak leaf cluster.
Maj. Erik D. Sutcliffe,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
first oak leaf cluster.
Master Sgt. Robert N. Cluka,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
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Master Sgt. Richard E. Klick,
934th Maintenance Squadron,
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Master Sgt. Larry J. O'Connell,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
first oak leaf cluster.
Master Sgt. David L. Hunter,
934th Logistics Support Squadron,
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Master Sgt. Eric W. Sund,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
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Tech. Sgt. Richard B. Rowcliffe,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
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Tech. Sgt. Rory G. Schmidt,
934th Logistics Support Squadron,
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Tech. Sgt. Susan L. Sheveland,
934th Civil Engineering Squadron,
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Tech. Sgt. Timothy L. Thompson,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
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Staff Sgt. Michael W. Tull,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
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Staff Sgt. Steven C. Ward II,

934th Logistics Support Squadron,
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Staff Sgt. Scott W. Wheeler,
27th Aerial Port Squadron,
first oak leaf cluster.
1st Lt. Jeffrey A. Gorman,
934th Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Francis P. Huppert,
934th Logistics Support Squadron.
Master Sgt. Jeffrey A. Kellington,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Master Sgt. Michael J. Pasbrig,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. James E. Cullum,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Carl A. DeWaard,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Michael T. Garney,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Randy M. Gottschalk,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Martha A. Grimes,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Thomas R. Hanley,
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Tech. Sgt. Calvin G. Johnson,
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Tech. Sgt. John R. Krebsbach,
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Tech. Sgt. Laura M. Kruse,
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Tech. Sgt. Kent E. Long,
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Tech. Sgt. Martin M. Maher,
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27th Aerial Port Squadron.
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Tech. Sgt. Zane A. Ranum,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Orrin J. Schmidtbauer,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Timothy M. Soby,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Syvertson,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Staff Sgt. Darrin C. Askevold,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Staff Sgt. Gerard L. Marking,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.
Staff Sgt. Stephen A. Peterson,
934th Logistics Support Squadron.
Staff Sgt. Christina M. Strantz,
27th Aerial Port Squadron.

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Retirements

Master Sgt. Rosemary O'Neal will retire from civil service Jul. 3, after 38 years of service.

Chief Master Sgt. James R. Rethwill, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, will return Jul. 1, with over 32 years of service.

Departures

Maj. Kelly Shawback, 934th Support Group, to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Voigt, 934th Security Forces Squadron, to March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

Master Sgt. Al Eakle, 934th Airlift Wing, to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Commander's Coins

The following recently received the Commander's Coin for Excellence.

Vice President Richard Cheney

Maj. Mike Laughton,
934th Operations Group

Maj. Jerin McRath,
934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.

Maj. Kelly Shawback,
934th Support Group

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hanley,
934th Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Cara Utecht,
934th Operations Support Flight

Master Sgt. Tom Stratton,
934th Logistics Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Imsdahl,
934th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Phil Kvamme,
934th Logistics Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Cherie Penn,
27th Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Gary Robbins,
934th Maintenance Squadron

Mr. Darryl Graves,
934th Support Group

Mr. David Quinton,
934th Security Forces Squadron



Officers Club

Lunch: Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner: Wednesday -Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Lounge: Monday from 4-11 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Lounge menu available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tues-Sat

Sundays: Closed.

Mondays: Dining room closed. Lounge open from 4-11 p.m.

Tuesdays: Dining room closed. Lounge menu available 11-9

Wednesdays: Dinner special July 3 and July 17 is salmon; dinner special July 10 and July 24 is stroganoff; and dinner special July 31 is liver and onions.

Thursdays: July 4 closed; family buffet is July 11 and 25.

Fridays: Different seafood special in the dining room. Reservations required.

Saturdays: Prime rib for two in the dining room.

Special events: July 18 for members is two-for-one steak.

Enlisted Club

Breakfast: Tuesday-Friday from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Lunch: Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: Friday night only from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Open until 9 p.m. on UTA Friday. Dinner available at Officers Club Wed-Sat.

Lounge: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-9:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 3 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: Daily specials for lunch plus regular menu.

Saturdays: Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on July 13-14 and July 20-21

Club management urges everyone to come and check out the new lunch menu.

Some of the new items include an 8 oz Juicy Lucy, oriental chicken salad, Philly cheese steak salad, and Caesar salad with grilled chicken breast.

Club Membership applications are available at the Fitness Center and Lodging as well as the clubs.

Fitness Center

Sign ups are underway for the Hike, Bike and Climb Minnesota Parks fitness contest. It runs through Aug. 29. Call Bill Garside at (612) 713-1496 for more information.

July UTA event: Golf tournament, Sat., July 13. The cost is \$40. Contact Staff Sgt. Debra Hanson at (612) 713-1496 for more information.

USAF Marathon: The 26.2 mile run will be at Wright Patterson AFB on Sept. 21. The entry deadline is Sept. 4.

ATWIND game pieces: Work out three sessions a week, work out on Friday, or sign up for the Hike, Bike program or golf tournament.

Officers' Wives Club

The Officer's Wives Club meets for bridge several times during the month.

Tuesday Group Contact: Germaine Reuterdaahl at (952) 881-0107.

Wednesday Group Contact: Roberta Gronemann at (763) 494-3517 or Inez Gugisberg at (651) 481-1983.

Club Membership Scholarships Available

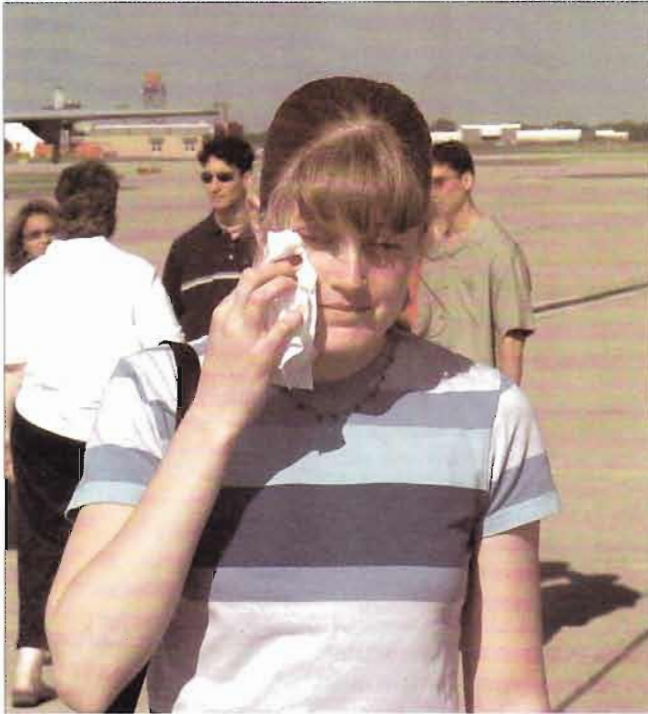
First USA Bank will be giving away three scholarships for \$2K, \$3K and \$5K, for club members who write an essay.

Nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the topic, "Air Force Clubs - How to continue the tradition."

All entries must be turned into the Services Division, located in Bldg. 852, by July 15. For more information, call Margo Leslie at (612) 713-1119.

Wishing you a fond farewell

Family and friends watch reservists deploy overseas



Left: The girlfriend of one of the deployed reservists wipes her eyes as the plane prepares to depart.

**Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams
Staff Writer**

Family and friends were on hand Jun. 5-6 to see nearly 90 Air Force Reservists from the 934th Airlift Wing deploy overseas in support of Enduring Freedom.

The first group of reservists left at 8:34 p.m. Central Time on Wed. Jun. 5, aboard a C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft from McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

Exactly 13 hours later, a 934th Airlift Wing C-130 departed, carrying the rest of the deployed reservists.

This brings the number of reservists assigned to the 934th Airlift Wing who have been activated in support of Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle to nearly 200.

A Senior Airman hugs his mother one last time before he leaves.



A father and his daughter spend "quality time" together before a long separation.



Family and friends wave "goodbye" one last time before the plane leaves eyesight.

