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**A year in review.**..The 934th Airlift Wing had a busy year. Each unit within the wing was asked to submit a short summary of the past year. See what each unit submitted in the Special edition of the *Viking Flyer*... **Pages 5 through 17**



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**One of the children on his way to meet Santa gets a high five from one of the aircrew members. This is the fourth year the 96th Airlift Squadron has helped make Christmas special for a group of children in Wisconsin. (Photo by Senior Airman Nick Olson)**

## 2003 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

Pay Grade	Years of Service														
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-7	828.12	866.56	884.40	898.56	924.12	949.44	978.72	1007.92	1037.20	1129.16	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1212.92
O-6	613.76	674.28	718.52	718.52	721.28	752.16	756.28	756.28	799.28	875.24	919.84	964.44	989.80	1015.48	1065.32
O-5	511.68	576.40	616.32	623.80	648.64	663.60	696.36	720.40	751.40	798.92	821.56	843.88	869.28	869.28	869.28
O-4	441.48	511.04	545.16	552.76	584.40	618.36	660.60	693.52	716.36	729.48	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12
O-3	388.16	440.04	474.96	517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48
O-2	335.36	381.96	439.92	454.76	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16
O-1	291.16	303.00	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24
O-3E				517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	640.84	654.80	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92
O-2E				454.76	464.16	478.92	503.84	523.12	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48
O-1E				366.24	391.16	405.60	420.36	434.88	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76
E-9							475.24	486.00	499.60	515.60	531.64	557.44	579.24	600.84	634.32
E-8						396.72	408.16	418.84	431.68	445.60	470.68	483.40	505.00	517.00	546.56
E-7	275.80	301.04	312.52	323.76	335.52	355.72	367.12	378.44	398.72	408.84	418.48	424.36	444.20	457.04	489.52
E-6	236.08	259.68	271.16	282.28	293.88	320.12	330.32	341.64	351.56	355.08	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28
E-5	216.72	231.16	242.32	253.80	271.60	286.92	298.24	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44
E-4	200.36	210.64	222.04	233.24	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20
E-3	180.92	192.28	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84
E-2	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00
E-1>4	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44
E-1 with less than 4 months:	141.96														

Reservists will receive a drill-pay increase ranging from 4.1 percent to 9.5 percent, effective Jan. 1. Source: Defense Authorization

# Smallpox vaccinations in near future

By Kathleen T. Rhem  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush announced Dec. 13 that he has ordered smallpox vaccinations to begin for military personnel.

He also recommended medical personnel and first responders receive the vaccine, but on a voluntary basis.

Administration officials stopped short of recommending widespread vaccinations of the American public.

"Men and women who could be on the frontlines of a biological attack must be protected," the president said during an afternoon press briefing in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

Staff Sgt. Jason Rebholtz, 934th ASTS medical services technician, said "it's a question of when not if," for some wing members.

"We know that the implementation is in effect, we are just waiting for the vaccine," Rebholtz said.

The president stressed his decision was not based on a specific threat, but on the renewed focus on security brought about by the Sept. 11, 2001,

terrorist attacks and the subsequent anthrax attacks through the mail.

"To protect our citizens in the aftermath of Sept. 11, we are evaluating old threats in a new light," he said. Smallpox is highly contagious viral disease. It is often fatal and nearly always disfiguring. There is no cure or treatment.

The eradication of smallpox as a naturally occurring disease is one of the greatest triumphs of the World Health Organization. Bush noted the risk of smallpox was so remote by 1972 the United States quit routine vaccinations.

The military continued vaccinating recruits until 1990. A DOD release indicated the department will immunize personnel based on their occupational responsibilities, with emergency response teams and hospital and clinic workers receiving the vaccine first. Next will be those individuals with "critical mission capabilities."

The smallpox vaccine is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and is from the same stocks used before routine vaccinations stopped in the

1970s. Though the vaccine is considered safe and effective, vaccination is not without risks. Medical officials warn that there is a slight possibility of severe reactions for some people.

Public health officials warn that pregnant women, individuals with weakened immune systems and those with certain skin disorders shouldn't receive the smallpox vaccine.

During his announcement, Bush said he'd be vaccinated because he wouldn't order military personnel to take anything he wasn't willing to take himself.

However, he added, his family and staff would not be getting the vaccines because public health and national security experts are not recommending them for the general public.

"These vaccinations are a precaution only and not a response to any information concerning imminent danger," Bush said. "Given the current level of the threat, and the inherent health risks of the vaccine, we have decided not to initiate a broader vaccination program for all Americans at this time."



# A Trip to the North Pole

## 96th AS helps make Christmas special for ill children

By Senior Airman Nicholas Olson  
Staff writer

It's not every day that a child gets a chance to be airlifted to the North Pole but, for some lucky kids, the dream to visit Santa was realized.

During the December UTA, members of the 96th Airlift Squadron flew down to Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Eau Claire, Wis. to assist volunteers from SBC Ameritech with making a special day for children with disabilities and serious illness during the annual event.



photos by Senior Airman Nick Olson

**Once the children arrived at "the North Pole," Santa was waiting to read to the children. Santa also had presents for them.**



**Children make their way from the C-130 to "the North Pole."**

The flight crew, along with two volunteers from the 27th Aerial Port Squadron, Senior Airmen Lindsay Linde and Kirsten Stephens, helped transport the children to their destination aboard a C-130 Hercules.

The children, along with their parents and the volunteers from SBC, spent the earlier part of the morning with members of the 397th Engineering Battalion Army Reserve unit, checking out Humvee's and getting radio messages from Santa, via walkie-talkie, before boarding the aircraft to go to the "North Pole."

The crew from the 96th AS taxied the group around the runway, on their way to be greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus and several elves.

"I think the children had a blast," said Master Sgt. James Courneya, loadmaster, who made one child's day by giving him his own unit patch from his flight suit. "I was really happy to have done this and I think we brought something special to these children."

The day concluded with Santa reading the children the Night Before Christmas and getting to open presents and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies with their families.

The flight crew included: Majors Timothy O'Reilly and Timothy Wollmuth, pilots; Maj. Scot Wesolaski, navigator; Tech. Sgt. Gene Eberhardt, flight engineer; and Master Sergeants James Courneya and Rob Arkulary, load masters.



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## **27th Aerial Porters in Afghanistan**



*Special Edition*



# 934th Security Forces troops spend most of 2002 on active duty



by Senior Master Sgt. David Provo  
934th SFS Superintendent

The year 2002 for the Security Forces Squadron began with the entire squadron on Active Duty in support of Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom.

Many challenges come with an activation of this sort, such as medical, financial and family challenges. These are all challenges we try to prepare for, but as we have found out there are many bumps in the road. Added to this is the uncertainty of when we will be able to go back to our civilian jobs as well as our civilian lives.

Many of us are already into our second year of activation with the rest of the squadron to hit that milestone very soon. All of our people understand the need for the Air Force to keep us mobilized and are proud to do their part in the War on Terrorism.

With our Ravens flying just about everywhere in the world and spending more time on airplanes than on the ground, other members have been flying missions in support of Fundamental Justice, and the rest of the squadron is spending time in the desert in support of AEF's and securing the 934 AW at home. It continues to be a very hectic year.

Throw in several Presidential visits and one Vice Presidential visit and you can begin to see the operations tempo that the squadron has been operating under for the last year.

Not only has the Security Forces had challenges with this activation, so has the rest of the wing who have to try to support "Active Duty" personnel being stationed here. In typical 934 AW fashion, just about everyone has gone that extra mile in trying to make life easier for those of us that have been activated. It is appreciated. We expect that we will go into the New Year just like we started the last one -- on active duty. It is important for everyone to remember that part of our Air Force Reserve commitment is to serve our nation in a time of need and to answer the call. That is what we all raised our hands and said we would do.

Photos submitted by Senior Master Sgt. David Provo. Photos depict 934th Security Forces Troops on different missions since the entire squadron was activated after Sept. 11, 2001.



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**Building 716 demolition, June 2002. Several members of the unit's pavement and equipment shop used their annual tours for the demolition, which was necessary due to water damage.**

## Construction, augmentation, AEF mark year for CES

by MSgt. Mike McGuire  
Unit Public Affairs Rep.

### Security Force Augmentees

Throughout the year, three unit members helped augment the wing's round-the-clock security requirement. Volunteers were needed to fill in for several deployed Security Forces members. SMSgt Jeffrey Gustafson, SMSgt David Halverson, and TSgt James Palo volunteered and provided much needed relief.

### Firefighters to Grand Forks

In November, six fire protection troops were activated to Grand Forks AFB to begin a one-year rotation to augment active duty firefighters deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. MSgt Curtis Pargman, TSgt Michael Moldrem, SSgt Barton Inks, SSgt Patrick Stevens, SSgt Brent Saba, and SSgt Shawn Conway deployed.

### Chief's Challenge

In January, the Chief's Challenge was instituted. It was the brainchild of CMSgt David Angerman, 934 CES Superintendent. The chief begins by posting a variety of Air Force current event articles on the "Chief-First Sgts's Board" and

determines a question regarding an event. He then chooses a unit member at random and challenges them at the monthly commander's call to see if they know the answer. If so, he treats them to a squadron coin. The intent behind the program is to have an informed unit on a variety of Air Force issues. It seems to be working because since the program's inception, there has only been one month when a chosen person wasn't presented a coin.

### "Gus" Makes the Top Grade

In May, long-time unit member, Jeffrey "Gus" Gustafson achieved the top enlisted grade when he officially sewed on Chief. Chief Gustafson arrived to the unit in 1975.

### Mentoring Program is Off and Running

In August, a new mentoring program was established in the unit and was recently labeled as "Best in Wing." SMSgt David Halverson oversaw the implementation of the program that affects the careers of over 132 airmen and NCOs.

### Building 729 Renovation

Over the past year, the unit continued work on the building 729-renovation

project. The project was started nearly 18-months ago in an effort to convert a 45-year old 6000- square foot facility from the dilapidated building it was to a new, state-of-the-art communications center to house our wing's communications flight. Several AFSCs within the unit have been involved with the project with a variety of journeymen and craftsmen utilizing their skills, and saving the wing over \$75K in contract costs. Major Leslie Canarr was the OIC overseeing the project, with day-to-day supervision and guidance provided initially by TSgt Mike Cleveland, and later by MSgt David Nelson.

### First Sgt. of the Year

SMSgt. Timothy Tamlyn was named the Wing's First Sgt. of the Year.

### Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) Rotations

Throughout the past year, over 86 AEF rotations were successfully completed, with troops deployed to worldwide locations such as: Saudi Arabia, Spain, Oman, Kuwait, and Puerto Rico, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Southern Watch.

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## AES supports OEF, AEF, among others

by Lt. Coll. Cleo Bonham  
Unit Public Affairs Rep.

As with other units, this was a very busy year for us. We started the year with several members deployed for our AEF rotation. We had members in Macedonia and Oman. Mid January, we received activation notices for 15 unit members (10 aircrew members and five crew management cell members) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The five-person crew management cell included Major Patricia Klick, Capt Randy Rydberg, TSgt Helen Meldrum, SSgt Kristina Puffer and SSgt Elizabeth Quaidoo. First they went to Scott AFB, IL to receive specialized training. They returned to home station for a short while and then went to SWA. They were in the AOR for about 90 days.

Ten aircrew members were activated for PACAF to support the aeromedical flying unit in Yokota Japan. These members were: Lt Col Marjorie Boldenow, Major Melanie Benter, Capt Lisa Marentic, Capt Gordon Wix, Chief Donald Hohn, TSgt Shane Lohmann, TSgt Merle Fisher, SSgt Raymond Whitehead, SRA Katy Carroll, SRA Elaine Siebert. They were split up into two groups; one group going to the island of Diego Garcia, the other staying in Japan. The group at Diego Garcia saw the reality of the phase the aeromedical community has been using lately -- "aeromedical evacuations is a mission, not an airframe." In other words, we are used to flying C-130s but we should be able to fly on whatever opportune aircraft is available. The group in DG flew primarily Navy P-3s. They did have one mission on a Korean C-130. They were very familiar with the aircraft but the pilots did not have great English language skills. Communication was challenging. The group in Japan became fully qualified on the C-9 aircraft. Then when the C-141 aircraft began to have mechanical problems and not be able to complete the missions, the KC-135 was utilized. TSgt Lohmann was instrumental in setting up a training program for the C-9 qualified medical crews to become qualified on the KC-135. This group was away from home station for almost 150 days.

June 2002 found many of us going to Camp Ripley for escape and evasion training. No one was lost. It was a great learning experience thanks to the Life Support personnel.

In September, we participated in the UCI, and in October, we had an Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit (ASEV). In other words, an inspection on how well we can do our wartime skills on the aircraft. We passed with flying colors. Outstanding performers were Major Susan Sedivec, SMSgt Ann Hawkins, MSgt Chris Vandenberg.



We also had six members deploy for 90 day AEF rotations. TSgt Dale Cody went to Ramstein AFB Germany. Chief Donald Hohn and SRA Kristin Boueberg were in SWA. Major Ben Bobadilla, TSgt Denise Sanders, and SSgt Bill Anderson traveled all around the "stans". They started in Uzbekistan, spent 45 days in Afghanistan, and time in Pakistan. They performed several airevac missions with critical patients.

At the end of the year, we are glad to find everyone returning, safe and sound.

## Special Edition



## Support flight organizations bring on new programs, member recognized at AFRC



934th personnel go through the processing line

by Tech Sgt. Duane Cook  
Unit Public Affairs Representative

Customer Service of the MPF (Military Personnel Flight) has installed and is now issuing the Common Access Card. We were trained on the new equipment in July of 2002 and produce on the average of 10-20 cards per day. We experienced a 200 percent increase in retired and dependent ID cards due to Tri-Care for Life benefits, as well as dependent ID cards for activated reservists. We have been busy distributing information on the Thrift Savings Plan and Family SGLI coverage for reservists. We have processed close to 300 awards for personnel assigned to the 934th AW. TSgt Bill Liberatore, chief of customer service, was awarded AFRC Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year in September. He also won NCO of the Year for the 934 AW.

The Casualty Assistance Office helps the next of kin of Air Force personnel apply for benefits they may be entitled to as a result of a member's death. They provide assistance for portions or all of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. They do approximately 100 cases per year with a projected caseload of 92 this year.

Family Readiness continues to provide assistance to families. They have been a clearing house for information such as community services avail-

able to families and what services would best meet their needs. They take numerous calls dealing with a wide variety of concerns. Lately, they have taken many calls concerning medical care.

In the area of Education and Training, one personnelist has completed three-level training with two others scheduled to go. Three members have attended MANPER-B training. TSgt Bill Liberatore received his CCAF degree. SSgt Pat McDonald was selected for the Deserving Airman Program. He graduated from AMS in November and will be an MEO officer.

We opened up the PDF line (Personnel Deployment Function) seven times to process personnel departing the base. There have been 338 personnel that have processed through Personnel Readiness, which represented 13,829 days.

In August, Lt. Col. Pamela LeBlanc, our squadron commander, accepted a position in Indiana. Lt. Col. Michael Maza stepped in as temporary commander.

The UCI was in September. Capt. Susan Maki was recognized as a superior performer. The 934th AW Installation Voting Team was recognized as a superior performer team. TSgt Bill Liberatore was a member of that team.

Nov. 2, we had a change of command ceremony. Lt. Col. Michael Maza relinquished command and Lt. Col. Carolyn Lohman became the commander.



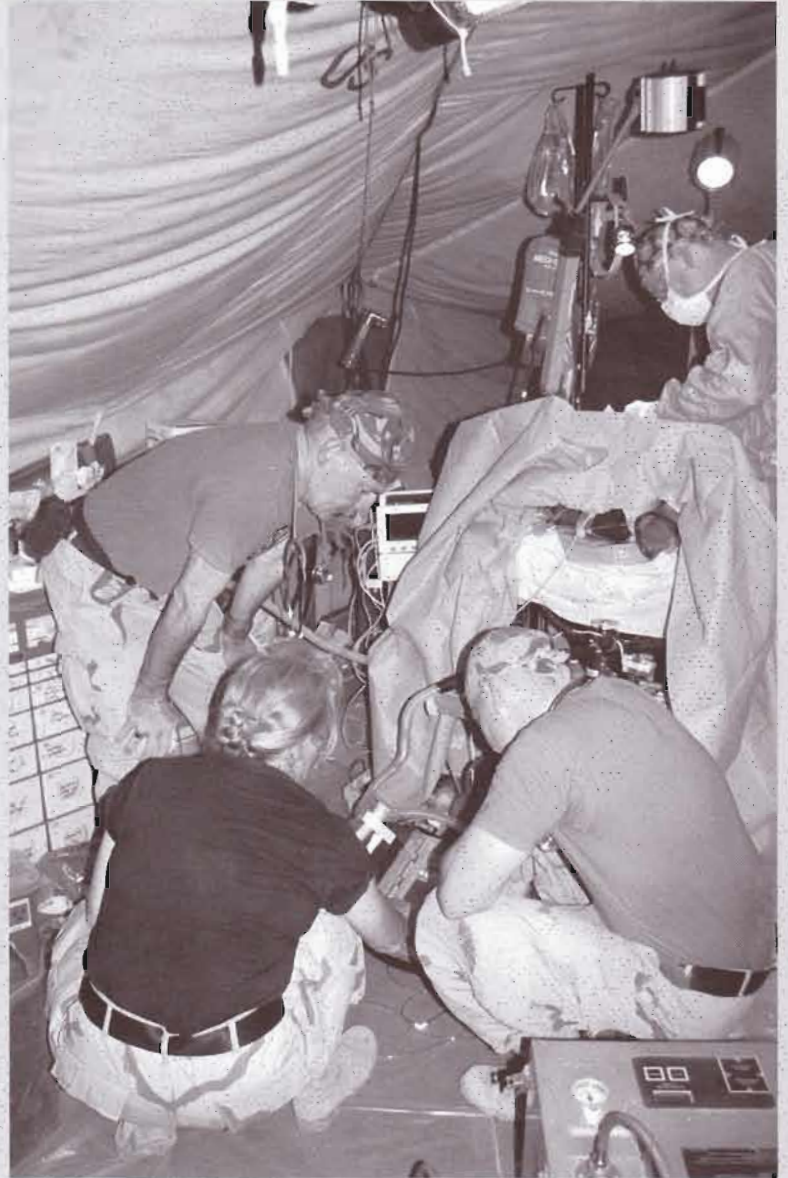
## CCAT, retirement mark 2002 for ASTS

The 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron said farewell to their commander, Col. Mary Hanson during 2002. The year was also filled with deployments.

The critical care team highlighted the unit's accomplishments. Three members of the CCAT: Maj. Gary Peitzmeier, Capt. Donald Brock and Staff Sgt. Mary Rebholtz; were decorated for their efforts in saving lives.

The unit was recognized by the Air Force Reserve as the Outstanding ASTS with less than 150 beds. Brock, was named AFRC's Outstanding Reserve Officer from ASTS.

*(Information and photos provided by Tech Sgt. Shirley Houin, unit public affairs representative)*



**Kandahar deployment**



**Rebholtz, Peitzmeier and Brock**



**Peitzmeier and Brock**



**934th Critical Care Team**



# Aerial Porters have their most eventful year

by Maj. Todd Laughman  
Unit Public Affairs Rep.

Service and Honors. The 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron had perhaps our most eventful year ever in 2002, a year in which we take great pride. We were tasked with service to our country with a major activation that caused stress in both in those deploying and those remaining behind, struggling with accomplishing the home mission with greatly reduced resources. For this hard work, we were honored with prestigious national transportation and Air Force awards. It was a year of hard work, recognition and Enduring Freedom.

We deployed 74 members to Rhein-Main AB Germany, June 4, for over 110 days. This was in addition to our Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) commitment in the first quarter when we sent over a dozen people to multiple overseas bases for between 15 to 105 days. We cannot be more proud of our team's accomplishments.

Rhein-Main now operates at a fraction of what it did just 10 years ago and our team was a critical augmentation to the active duty unit in place. The base had a significantly reduced staff, but was designated to be the sole airlift support base for operations in Afghanistan. All airlift to Central Asia during Operation Enduring Freedom this year was routed thru Rhein-Main. The statistics during our deployment were impressive: up to 1,000 airlift missions per month, as many as 32,600 passengers processed per month, over 13,000 tons of cargo moved per month. Our team helped move more cargo



27<sup>th</sup> APS team at Rhein-Main: Major Erik Sutcliffe, CMSgt Tracy Trotter, SRA Jessica Alioto, TSgt Laura Addabbo, TSgt Crealeo Alverio, SSgt Tracy Batt, SRA Jonathan Berry, SRA Kayla Bultinck, SSgt Lyle Coney, SSgt Bill Creger, TSgt James Cullum, SRA Kyle Dagestad, TSgt Carl Dewaard, TSgt Nestor Evaristo, SSgt Allan Garnett, TSgt Michael Garney, SSgt Jeanette Gillie-Harp, TSgt Randy Gottschalk, MSgt Chester Groenwold, SRA David Gustafson, SSgt Jesse Hagen, MSgt Thomas Hanley, TSgt Randy Hanson, TSgt David Hanson-Best, SRA Duane Heinen, TSgt Calvin Johnson, TSgt Jeffery Kellington, SSgt Neal Koenig, SSgt Gregory Kuhn, TSgt Michael Kuntze, MSgt Mark Larsen, TSgt Glenn Lemmerman, TSgt Kent Long, SRA Kevin Lynch, A1C Adrian Maddox, SSgt Karl Maier, SSgt Gerald Marking, TSgt Mindy Mayes, SSgt Martin Meister, MSgt Martin Miller, TSgt Todd Moucha, SMSgt Larry O'Connell, TSgt James Olafson, TSgt Lowell Olsen, SSgt Gregory Ott, MSgt Michael Pasbrig, TSgt Donald Paserba, TSgt Jack Pegg, TSgt Mark Pierson, MSgt Dale Place, SRA Lee Place, SRA Cory Preusse, TSgt Zane Ranum, TSgt Richard Rowcliffe, SSgt James Running, SSgt Michael Running, SSgt Ronald Salargo, SSgt Douglas Schaller, SRA Andrew Schneider, SRA Brandon Schrader, MSgt Michelle Sciarra, SSgt Michael Severin, SSgt Craig Slavik, TSgt Timothy Soby, SSgt Richard Soderberg, SRA Patrick Sommer, SMS Adan Sylva, SRA Bradley Taplick, TSgt Timothy Thompson, SSgt Michael Trujillo, SSgt Michael Tull, TSgt Hans Vinge, TSgt Scott Wheeler, TSgt Duane Wigchers.

and more people through the base than it had handled in the last 10 years.

We helped accomplish this goal even though Rhein-Main has suffered severe reductions and decreasing airlift capability in the past several years. Our accomplishments were a result of years of training, preparation and planning. Major Erik Sutcliffe (Deployment leader), CMSgt Tracy Tratar and the rest of the team accomplished their mission with a quiet professionalism.

The 27<sup>th</sup> APS also participated in the AEF. The 27<sup>th</sup> APS was "in the barrel" from Nov. 15, 2001 to Feb. 28, 2002 when we had 13 members complete seven line positions at three overseas loca-

tions: Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia, Moron AB, Spain and Istres AB, France.

Team members were at their locations for 15 to 90 days. We also supported several sister Aerial Port units to help them backfill their yearly requirements. Our additional volunteers brought our numbers up to 26 people serving at six overseas locations.

Unit members also volunteered to serve as Security Forces augmentees at Robbins AFB, GA as security requirements increased after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The 27<sup>th</sup> sent six members this year contributing over 12 man months in several rotations.

Our unit's hard work was rewarded this year with two presti-

gious awards. The 27<sup>th</sup> APS was awarded both the Air Force Transportation Air Reserve Component Aerial Port Unit of the Year and the Military Unit Award of the National Defense Transportation Association for 2002.

The write ups for these awards lauded both the direct mission support and innovative management of the unit. Our support for Patriot Partner, Pacific Warrior, Eloquent Nuggett, and Patriot Tiger was noted. The awards stressed that the unit filled 100percent of our AEF and other higher headquarters directed personnel requirements for the year. The 27<sup>th</sup> APS was also recognized for ongoing service to our community above and beyond our military commitment. The members of the port raised over \$6,000 for local charities including a significant amount for medical needs of the son of one of our own. The unit continued a long tradition of supporting our sister service, The United States Marine Corps, in their annual "Toys for Tots" campaign. Unit members contributed over 200 toys and 50 man hours last year and aim to improve upon those numbers this year.

Such awards are not won in a vacuum, they take sustained leadership. The commander of the 27<sup>th</sup> APS, Lt Col James Kirchoff, was recognized for his work in the squadron when he won the *Lance P. Sijan Award* for leadership and represented the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force at the Air Force Reserve Command competition.

## Special Edition



## Chiefs Council



**Pictured front row left to right:** Chief Master Sgts. Robert Hanley, Tracy Tratar, Tom Foss, David Angerman and Dave Skirka. **Rear row:** (Command Chief) Richard Grewe, Mike Dressen, Jeffrey Gustafson, Michael Zurn, Luis Garridogodov and Gary Smith. **Not Pictured:** Daniel Bohnen, David Chapman, Marc Gilbertson and Donald Hohn.

### By Chief Master Sgt. Mike Dressen

The 934th Airlift Wing Chiefs Council was established so that we could solicit inputs from the enlisted force and after review discuss them with the senior wing leadership. The council's purpose is to take these questions and concerns, discuss and debate them so that we can provide useful responses and propose solutions.

We directly relay both positive and negative issues to the wing commander. As chiefs, we are always interested in inputs from the enlisted force and in order for this council to be effective, we need enlisted members to work the chain of command and identify concerns.

## 1st Sgts.' Diamond Council



### By Senior Master Sgt. Robert McGonical

Our creed: My job is people—Every ONE is my business. I dedicate my time and energy to their needs, their health, morale, discipline, and welfare. I grow in strength by strengthening my people. My job is done in faith; my people build my faith. The Air Force is my life; I share it with my people. I believe in the Air Force goal—"We take care of our own."

The 934 Airlift Wing First Sergeant Diamond Council was established so the First Sergeants would have a united forum of professionals dedicated to promoting the military way of life at the Minneapolis-St.Paul, Air Reserve Station, Minnesota. The Council's members represent all 12 squadrons on base.

The First Sergeants coordinate on special commander's programs, such as the Christmas Child program, Family Care, and Weight Management; and, they assist in morale boosting programs, such as Family Day activities, the annual 934th AW Military Ball, PEP promotion program, and Outstanding Airmen of the Year program. They assist the commanders in numerous ways, with discipline issues such as parking violations, bankcard problems, and late/absent members. They work hard to keep the unit members ready to perform duty by solving training, lodging, meal, clothing, and employer issues; they assist in keeping track of some ancillary training, unit Substance Abuse program, and scores of other things. They are actively involved with recruitment and retention of personnel, and career advice to members.

## Enlisted Advisory Council



The Council provides a place to share what works, to tackle issues brought to us by the enlisted members, and a place to ensure uniform implementation of certain command directed programs. They also welcome newcomers, mentor all ranks, and arrange for the celebration of retirements; and, they support the professional groups, such as AFSA and AFA.



# Commander's staff keeps busy in 2002

Information provided by MSgt. Vicky Kuntz

## Command Post

The 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Command Post had two Reservists, SMSgt Samuel Swann and SrA John Brown, called to active duty for one year. During this time, the Command Post went to 24 hour operations, while also maintaining the 96th Airlift Squadron Bravo Alert notifications.

SMSgt Swann, Command Post Superintendent, and SrA Brown, Command Post Controller, supported all 96th AS flying and Bravo Alert operations. SMSgt Swann and SrA Brown orchestrated two Bravo Alert launches and re-

coveries. SrA Brown stated, "Most people shy away from having to call the Commanders during a UTA or during the week. It's our job to call *all* of them at once at any given time, day or night." Many of the Commanders can attest to being woken up at two, three, or even four in the morning by a phone call from the Command Post.

Swann and Brown were fully demobilized on Sept. 14, 2002. Currently SMSgt Swann has returned to the civilian work force. SrA Brown continues to work in the Command Post.



**Voting Team...**Colonel Kristin Rudin, Wing Inspector General, was appointed the installation voting officer. She developed a voting program for the wing. As the voting officer she was invited to participate in a Military Voting Team with the Secretary of State, Mary Kiffineyer.

## Wing Historian

**Feb** -- SMSgt David Hammer and TSgt August Funaro went to the Minnesota Gophers and Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling match held at the Target Center as "Airman Andy and Flight Suit Franny."

**March** --The historians went to an AMC History conference and local field museum.

**April** -- Hammer was involved in the presentation of the colors at a Minnesota Timber wolves game as part of his Honor Guard duties.

Throughout the Summer months, Hammer was involved with several funerals as a member of the Honor Guard.

**July** -- Funaro put in four weeks of active duty to help with the

writing of the periodic historical report in addition to the active duty time already served.

**June** -- Hammer was involved with the presentation of the colors at a Minnesota Lynx basketball game.

**August** -- Funaro was recommended by Major Renee Ellis, USA, for an Army commendation medal in conjunction with support of a Military physical fitness function hosted by the 934th Services.

**July** -- Hammer was activated for 40 days to PSAB in Saudi Arabia.

**August** -- Funaro was sent to the USAFHRA (Historical Research Agency), Maxwell AFB to capture the missing histories of the 934th dating back over a quarter of a century.

## Financial Management

Maj. Mike Burns is now the Wing Exec.

### Members on deployment:

-- SrA Jason Daniels to the 302<sup>nd</sup> in Peterson, AFB Colorado, for one year

-- SrA Scott Dusterhoft to the 302<sup>nd</sup> in Peterson, AFB Colorado, for 74 days

-- MSgt Paul Burnett to the 302<sup>nd</sup> in Peterson, AFB Colorado, for one year

-- SSgt Rodney Shaeffer to the 302<sup>nd</sup> in Peterson, AFB Colorado, for one year

-- SSgt Todd Littfin activated on home station for seven months

-- TSgt Patrick McCullough volunteered to take the AEF rotation to Incirlik, Turkey over the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

### AEF Rotations:

-- SSgt Melissa Cogar deployed to Incirlik AB, Turkey for three weeks

-- TSgt Paul McCann completed 7-level school, deployed to Incirlik AB, for three weeks as well as two weeks deployed to Peterson AFB, CO.

-- TSgt Mike Finstrom deployed to Incirlik AB for three weeks

-- MSgt Gary Dorr AEF to Turkey for two weeks, Moron, Spain for four and a half weeks, graduated from Sr. NCO Academy

-- SSgt Julie Reichenberger deployed to Moron, Spain for three weeks

**Civilians:** Chuck Franz and Patty Boettner were recognized by the UCI team.

**Newcomers:** SSgt's Anna Bartlet and Pete Mangone joined FM in June

## Military Equal Opportunity Office

Unit Climate Assessments -

934 MSF - Jan

96 AS - Feb

934 AES - Apr

934 LSS - Apr

934 SVS - May

934 ASTS - Jul

934 OSF - Oct (scheduled)

934 SPS - Nov (scheduled)

-- Wing Climate Assessment Committee Meeting - Aug 2002

-- Participated in Commander's/First Sgt Weekend - Apr 2002

-- Newcomer's Orientation - conduct every month

-- Staff Sgt. Pat McDonald, graduated with honors and is now Lt. McDonald in the MEO office.

# Special Edition



# 934th Services

by Sernior Airman Kristin Maloney  
Unit Public Affairs Representative

**DEPLOYMENTS:** The past fiscal year Services was extremely busy as the unit started out deployed to Dover, De., in support of Noble Eagle. Fifteen Services members stepped up to the plate and volunteered to process the remains from the Pentagon. The Fourteen members who deployed are as follows: Maj Neal Landeen, SMSgt Dennis McLean, MSgt Steven Williams, MSgt Shawn Ferrin, TSgt Kenneth Krueger, TSgt Stephen Kern, TSgt Dewayne Schneider, TSgt Mary Miller-Huff, TSgt Stacy Campbell, TSgt Erica Twardy, TSgt Michael Gangl, SSgt James Rutz, SrA Kristen Maloney and SrA Nancy Winter. The team arrived at Dover Sept. 13, 2001 with the last two members returning Oct. 26, 2001.

Last year Services was also scheduled for their AEF to Moron, Spain to support Northern Watch. Members were on a 15 to 90 day rotation. Most members were home in time for the holidays. Services supported the dinning hall, recreation lounge, library, and fitness center. Services members worked, enabling support for a 24-hour operation.

Services had several other deployments for conferences and training to Dover, AFB De., Dobbins, AFB Ga., Niagara Falls, ARS NY, Edwards AFB Calif., Sheppard AFB, Texas, Istres AFB, France, Lackland AFB, Texas, Maxwell AFB, Al, Charleston, AFB, SC, McGee Tyson ANG, Tenn., Robbins AFB, Ga., and Bolling, AFB, Wash. DC.

**NEW ADDITIONS:** 2nd LT Leo Moreno, MSgt Marlena Gilbert, TSgt Duane Schoenherr, SSgt Romeo Mecenas, and A1C Sandy Gutierrez.

**NEW POSITIONS:** First Sergeant MSgt Lonnie Gillespie, Honor Guard Directors' TSgt Mary Miller-Huff and SrA Kristen Maloney.

**RETIREMENTS:** TSgt Pamela Peck

**DESERVING AIRMAN:** 2LT Leo Moreno

**SPECIAL DUTIES:** Services members volunteered and supported our homeland security.

SMSgt Dennis McLean, TSgt Alvin Greener, SrA Curtis Storm augmented the security forces in a time of need.

SMSgt Dennis McLean, MSgt Daniel Shaddrick, TSgt Steve Kern, and TSgt David Jeanson accomplished the Self Help Project in the dinning hall on the short order side with a warm new look.

**DINNING FACILITY:** The dinning facility strived this past year to provide a good home cooked meal for the 934<sup>th</sup>. They started out by surprising breakfast comers with blue berry pancakes. At lunchtime they offered a greater variety of sandwiches in the take out window and added a diversity

## Lodging, fitness center, port mortuary, dining facility, have hectic year



The new lodging opened its doors in February 2002



Honor Guard performed at Sept. 11 memorial.

of food in the receiving line, from kabobs to fajitas. The dining facility displayed excellent customer service and did an outstanding job of promoting morale among the troops.

**LODGING:** Lodging opened the new facility in time to provide comfortable nights rest for SFS activation. By having the new lodging up and running SVS was able to compete in the Inn Keeper. Lodging also gained a new NCOIC -- TSgt Erica Twardy. The New lodging offers a warm welcome with a great cabin theme and gives a true feeling of the up north get-away. The North Country Lodge is the warmest spot to be during these cold winter months, but always provides a welcoming stay during all seasons of the year.

**FITNESS CENTER:** SVS organized sports and recreation events to boost morale and camaraderie of the 934<sup>th</sup>. The fitness center hosted a volleyball tournament, 3- on 3-basket ball, bowling, and the annual golf tournament. They also manage the 3-mile fit walk every year starting in April to October. The Fitness and Recreation center provide health awareness and esprit de corp.

## Special Edition



# Operation Support Flight kept aircrews ready, supported several different missions

by Staff Sgt. Jessica Lind  
Unit Public Affairs Rep.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the Operations Support Flight left their everyday life to come to our nations aid when it was in distress. The aircrew manned numerous Alpha and Bravo alert missions, ready to fly on a moments notice. OSF personnel worked for hours on end; manning base operations, and other tasks to help keep our aircrews ready. Our Intel section ran 24-hour operations and supported the local OSI. In addition, the OSF supported operations Nobel Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Homeland Defense.

The Operations Support Flight has also supported other missions during the increased operations. Our flight participated in NATO Air Meet, Orland, Norway; Maple Flag, Edmonton, Canada and CORONET OAK, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The OSF has also been able to keep up with normal operations such as Joint Airdrop/Air Transportability Training (JA/ATT) for the Army and Navy; Aircrew Combat Survival Training at Camp Ripley; Aerospace Expeditionary Force requirements to M6ron Air Base, Spain and Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and fundraiser events, such as, Dome Nights.

The OSF has had numerous individuals that have gone outside their normal life and regular military requirements to better themselves for the unit. For example, SMSgt. Teresa Wenthe attended the Women in Aviation and Human Relation Development Counsel in Tennessee and the Senior NCO Orientation Course at the Pentagon. SrA Jacqueline Burns attended HDRC in San Antonio and AATTC Practical Intelli-

gence Course. SSgt Vern Beal has also attended an HDRC conference in San Antonio. SMSgt Jason Velasquez went to the Air Force Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, Nevada to receive the Air Force Senior NCO of the Year Award for 2001. In addition, he has been working with Headquarters AFRC, Intelligence section, to prepare for the Intelligence Conference, which will be held at Robins AFB, Ga. Maj. David Olafson participated in NATO Air Meet planning and Maple Flag planning conferences, helping in the creation of these two exercises.

This flight has had the privilege of gaining some wonderful assets in the past year. These personnel are Lt. Col. Mark Vijums, Maj. David Edwards, Maj. Jeffery Peterson, SrA Greg Deutschlander, TSgt. Greg Hallfielder, SMSgt. Teresa Wenthe, SrA Jacqueline Burns, who was titled superior performer at her Intel School, and once 96AS Loadmaster 2nd Lt Petsinger. Unfortunately, SMSgt Rosy O'Neal, who has served the Air Force for 28 years, has decided to retire this year, which is a loss to this unit.

The Operations Support Flight is very proud of two outstanding individuals who selflessly put their life on hold to become activated and be stationed overseas. They are TSG Dawn Flipp and SSG Nicole Swett. These two individuals are our prime examples of the dedication, sense of honor and duty of the OSF.

In closing, the Operations Support Flight has prevailed through the tough year and is ready to take on any other obstacles that may come our way.

## Promotions

### 96 AS

Lt Col BRAY GARY A  
Lt Col CONNOLLY ROBERT G  
Lt Col JOHNSON MICHAEL S  
Major KAY TODD A  
Major OREILLY TIMOTHY J  
Captain RETTIG ROBERT T  
1st Lt EHRESMANN PATRICIA A  
2nd Lt LARSON ROSS N  
2nd Lt LOOMIS JOEL A  
2nd Lt RIELAND CHRISTOPHER S  
MSgt GRUDNOSKE WAYNE R  
MSgt HEDMAN LISA K  
MSgt JOHNSON ORIN H  
MSgt KIM THOMAS L  
MSgt MOOG DANA B  
TSgt MAGLINAO NANETTE K  
TSgt SEPPALA MATTHEW T  
TSgt SHEPARD JILL M

SSgt CRAWFORD MATTHEW J

### 934 AES

Major LORSUNG WANDA M  
Captain SCHAUM ERIKA M  
Captain WIX GORDON G JR  
1st Lt MARTINEZPOMPA JESSICA A  
MSgt THORNER KARL M  
TSgt ANDERSON ALBERT W III  
TSgt FISCHER MERLE M  
TSgt GONZALEZ SANDRA  
SSgt WALOSIN CHARLES J II  
SRA PETIT JENNA M  
SRA WORTMAN JODI A

### 934 AMXS

Major ZENNER DAVID J  
Captain GORMAN JEFF A  
CMSgt GARRIDOGODOY LUIS I JR  
MSgt KARPINSKI RICHARD J  
MSgt MEDEARIS BRUCE C

SSgt CHENEY JOHN G  
SSgt GREINER JASON A  
SRA CAREY LUCAS W  
SRA HUNTER TIMOTHY R  
SRA MUELLING CAMERON S

### 27 APS

Major DESELICH MICHAEL P  
Captain SPOTTO GLENN  
CMSgt TRATAR TRACY J  
SMSgt CLUKA ROBERT N  
SMSgt OCONNELL LARRY J  
SMSgt PASBRIG MICHAEL J  
SMSgt SUND ERIC W  
MSgt KELLINGTON JEFFREY A  
MSgt MILLER MARTIN M  
MSgt PEGG JACK D JR  
MSgt PLACE DALE M  
MSgt SCIARRA MICHELE  
TSgt BATT TRACY A

TSgt CONEY LYLE D  
TSgt GILLIEHARP JEANETTE M  
TSgt MALSZYCKI ALISA M  
TSgt RUNNING MICHAEL A  
TSgt TRUJILLO MICHAEL A  
SSgt COLE BRIAN D  
SSgt DREYLING JAMES P  
SSgt GLOCKZIN HOWARD D  
SSgt PATTERSON WILLIAM W  
SSgt THORSON DOUGLAS B  
SRA BULTINCK KAYLA A  
SRA LANDE LINDSAY J  
SRA MADDOX ADRIAN  
SRA MCLEAN ANDREW M  
SRA PLACE LEE D  
SRA SCHNEIDER ANDREW J  
SRA SCHRADER BRANDON A  
SRA SEMANTEL MICKEY M  
SRA STEPHENS KIRSTEN L  
SRA VANDERVEEN BRIAN P

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# Promotions

A1C	KORTHALS AARON B	MSgt	DORR GARY W	SSgt	WILSON ERIK E	Major	KNABENSHUE PAUL K
A1C	LUCAS BENJAMIN I	SMSgt	DALTON JANET L	SRA	ERICKSON MARCUS D	Major	PETERSON JEFFREY S
A1C	MCDONOUGH ROBERT D	SMSgt	SWANN SAMUEL D	SRA	GIRARD DERRICK M	2nd Lt	PETSINGER LYNETTE M
A1C	ROBERTS JULIAN G	TSgt	MCCANN PAUL J	SRA	HECHT AMBER M	SMSgt	VELASQUEZ JASON M
A1C	RUSSELL MATTHEW A	SSgt	DANIELS JASON A	A1C	DANIELS DYAN M	MSgt	REICHER BARRY L
A1C	TROST WILLIAM D	SSgt	DUSTERHOFT SCOTT V	A1C	STRICKLAND ANTWAIN M	TSgt	HALLFIELDER GREG T
A1C	VELASCO PHILIP A	SRA	BROWN JOHN L	934 MSF		TSgt	RINEER BRUCE R
AMN	SIDDIQUI AZFAR S	SRA	WARREN DERRICK F	TSgt	LIBERATORE WILLIAM J	SSgt	GONZALES SARAH A
<b>934 ASTS</b>		A1C	BRILLA DEVON A	TSgt	ROSALES ELIZABETH H	SRA	BURNS JACQUELINE
Col	MURZYN MICHAEL E	AMN	NORDBY NATHAN A	<b>934 MSG</b>		A1C	RAMIREZ ANGELA M
Lt Col	DOROFF DAVID P	<b>934 CES</b>		Lt Col	KVEENE DOUGLAS A	<b>934 SFS</b>	
Lt Col	GILBERG NINA J	Lt Col	LARSON JOHN D	A1C	FAHEY ANGELA R	MSgt	HAUKOOS BARRY W
Lt Col	MARCHETTI JUDITH W	Captain	CHRISTOFF STEVEN A JR	<b>934 MXS</b>		MSgt	IMSDAHL JEFFREY C
Captain	COSTELLO CHERYL M	CMSgt	GUSTAFSON JEFFREY D	SMSgt	WELP RONALD J	MSgt	SCOTT DONALD W
Captain	JACKSON ROBERT E JR	SMSgt	CORRIGAN LAWRENCE P	MSgt	BATY SAMUEL W	MSgt	WIATROS JOSEPH J
Captain	JOHNSON DANIEL M	SMSgt	SIEHNDEL GERALD A JR	MSgt	BATY SAMUEL W	TSgt	ALBEE DONALD R
Captain	SCHLOESSER RICHARD D	MSgt	ANDERSEN DEAN M	MSgt	GOINS ROY A	TSgt	CHESICK RANDALL D
SMSgt	DUNNE RICHARD G	MSgt	SCHUTZ THOMAS F	MSgt	KULLMANN RICHARD B	TSgt	CHOCK SCOTT M
MSgt	BRAUSEN JAMES N	TSgt	BETHKE JEREMY J	MSgt	MCCANN ALAN M	TSgt	COX WILLIAM R
MSgt	JENSEN MELISSA M	TSgt	ENNIS ROBERT A	MSgt	ZIMM MICHAEL E	TSgt	LEDKINS MARK A
MSgt	SANFORD MICHAEL J	TSgt	OSWALD ANTHONY T	TSgt	BECK RODNEY K	TSgt	ROSS MICHAEL J
MSgt	STENBERG WAYNE D	TSgt	PIERCE RYAN D	TSgt	CADRY DAVID J JR	TSgt	WOLLAK BRIAN F
MSgt	STUCKY SCOTT E	TSgt	RICE TIMOTHY C	TSgt	COATES CHRISTOPHER M	TSgt	WOODEN NICOLETTE R
TSgt	BELLEISLE STEPHANIE J	TSgt	SABA BRENT M	TSgt	JOHNSON ERIC J	SSgt	BANDELOW JAMES J
TSgt	BURGESON BENJAMIN W	SSgt	FROVOLD JOHN G	TSgt	MCCANN KELLY S	SSgt	FLAHERTY SCOTT J
TSgt	EDWALL DEBORAH L	SSgt	INKS BARTON D	TSgt	SHELTON JONATHAN J	SSgt	JACK CHRISTOPHER T
TSgt	HOUSE ANGELA MF	SSgt	LONG PAUL R	TSgt	ZIEBART DENNIS J	SSgt	KINNUNEN PHILIP M
TSgt	LARSON ROBERT M	SSgt	ROHMAN JASON A	SSgt	BURMEISTER JAMES E P	SSgt	KRAMLINGER GLEN M
TSgt	SCHEUER NICOLE R	SSgt	STEVENS PATRICK D	SSgt	DAUWALTER CHAD D	SSgt	MEGLEO JASON A
TSgt	STANG KENNETH J	SSgt	TEFF TROY L	SSgt	GRIFFIN MATTHEW J	SSgt	MELLESMOEN DANIEL R
SSgt	BATDORF WILLIAM S	SSgt	WERTH LANCE R	SSgt	KISER DOUGLAS C	SSgt	SMITH PEGGY J
SSgt	HOLBECK RONALD A	AMN	FISHER JONATHAN C	SSgt	LONEY MICHAEL D	SSgt	STOTLER CHRISTOPHER B
SSgt	MERCED RODRIGO S	<b>934 CF</b>		SSgt	MOLDENHAUER DANIEL J	SSgt	WITTE MARK G JR
SSgt	NOVAK TROY R A	MSgt	BESSER TAMERA S	SSgt	STEENSEN JOHN R	SRA	ASHER WADE C
SRA	CHRISTOPHERSON RYAN R	SSgt	BLUME ANTHONY G	SSgt	WASYLOW JUDD D	SRA	BROWN SEANWONG J
SRA	ETTISH JENNIFER L	SSgt	HERRICK JOHN D	SSgt	WITHERSPOON DAVID L	SRA	HEGNER KEVIN D
SRA	FIESELER ALLISON L	SSgt	INWARDS SCOTT D	SRA	HAHNE JAMES N JR	SRA	STUBBS ROBERT L
SRA	GARTIN NOLAN R	SSgt	JONES CHRISTOPHER L	SRA	JERECZEK AMBER J	SRA	WAGNER TORY J
SRA	JANISCH LISA M	SSgt	KRUG CHRISTIAN R	SRA	KROPIDLOWSKI JEREMIAH J	SRA	WYATT GEOFFREY S
SRA	KILLEBREW AMANDA L	SSgt	ROBERTSON RUSSELL B	SRA	LACKTORIN JOSHUA R	AMN	BISCH JOSHUA M
SRA	LEMIRE JASON T	SRA	BARGAS PAUL III	SRA	RAUTIOLA ERIK M	AMN	HOFER VICTORIA L
SRA	PATRICK RHONDA L	SRA	BARGAS SALINA	SRA	STOMBERG DAVID M	AMN	HOWARD CHAD A
SRA	PEARSON APRIL S	SRA	GUTHRIE CHRISTOPHER T	SRA	WARRENS BOBBY A	<b>934 SVS</b>	
SRA	RAY TAPHARA S	SRA	KEPPLER TYE W	A1C	FINK CORY S	Major	LANDEEN NEAL J
SRA	RICHARDSON GIOVANNA M	A1C	ARMSTRONG BRIAN C	A1C	HERNANDEZ HAROLD A	2nd Lt	MORENO LEO B
SRA	ROMERO DANIELLE	A1C	XIONG SAO	A1C	HUSEBY LUKE A	MSgt	GILLESPIE LONNIE E
SRA	SANFORD SEAN M	AMN	NASON JOSHUA D	A1C	KRAUSE DAVID D	SRA	GUTIERREZ SANDY S
A1C	HAGEMEIER KATHRYN A	<b>934 LRS</b>		A1C	LEMAL JUSTIN A		
AMN	DAVIS STACY J	Lt Col	SHELEY STAN A	A1C	LIBBY JACOB A		
AMN	MEIER JAMIE V	SMSgt	MEYER STERLING V	A1C	SOLIE KYLE V		
<b>AW</b>		SMSgt	SCHYMA HILARY W	A1C	STACHOWSKI TIMOTHY L		
Lt Col	MAZA MICHAEL S	MSgt	IVERSON BRIAN G	A1C	SUNNE KYLE K		
Major	BURNS MICHAEL P	MSgt	FLETCHER DONALD G	A1C	WILLIAMS DALE R		
2nd Lt	MCDONALD PATRICK M	SSgt	HOFF BRIAN M	<b>934 OSF</b>			
				Major	EDWARDS DAVID S		

## Special Edition





### **Coronet Oak**

Fifty-seven reservists from the 934th deployed to Puerto Rico in December. Look for more photos and a story about the Coronet Oak mission in February's edition of the Viking Flyer. (photo by Allen Marshall)

## **Wing leadership addresses shuttle process**

by Tech Sgt. RJ Bruno  
Staff Writer

Col. Cook, the wing commander, held a meeting for the Chicago and Grand Forks shuttle reservists, Sunday of the December UTA. The intention of the meeting was to address the overall shuttle process, including airport alternatives, passenger processing and lodging.

The meeting included a survey for shuttle riders to select their airport preference. According to Cook, landing and takeoff from O'Hare has not always been timely or convenient.

In addition, shuttle members currently park in a public lot and wait in their cars until the contracted bus service retrieves them and takes them to the aircraft. Security issues were also addressed. Other Illinois alternatives to O'Hare include Waukegan, Rockford, Aurora, and Midway airports. In addition, Gary, Ind. and Milwaukee, Wis. are also alternatives as well.

Some of the concerns that members expressed regarding changing airports, were additional transportation time to the alternate airport, and the accessibility of mass

transit, as many Chicago shuttle riders rely on the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to commute them to the current O'Hare location.

Although nothing has been decided yet, Cook is committed to making the overall shuttle process run smoother for commuting reservists. His plan includes selecting a Chicago primary and alternate point of contact, as there is no one in place currently. The 934<sup>th</sup> Operations Squadron has been flying a C-130 shuttle between Minneapolis, Grand Forks, N.D., and Chicago for the last seven years.



# Chaplain: God is willing to help us through our losses

by Chaplain (Capt.) Derek Lauer  
934th Chaplain's Office

God is always willing to help us through our losses when we seek His face. He uses these losses to help us depend upon Him and establish a good personal relationship with Him. We have two choices in dealing with losses. One, we could become bitter and angry against God or someone close to us. Or, we could accept our losses and move on. Losses cause us pain and an opportunity to change.

There are many losses in life such as, loss of job, loved ones, routines, pets, losses in aging, empty nest and the list continues. How we deal with them is determined by our faith in God in getting us through those losses. When we don't let go and deal with the loss, it hurts us and all those around. We imprison ourselves to it, carrying around emotional baggage that continues to plague us until we confront the losses properly. If we accept our losses, positive change and growth occur.

We have to remind ourselves that God is in control of the situation, He knows what is best for us. The best example of a Godly man is Job. This biblical figure lost everything from his family (except his wife) to all his possessions. What did he say? "Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him". That's trusting in God without knowing why it had to happen! The question is, how do we deal with these losses?

**1** Acknowledge and understand it is a loss by telling someone. To be in denial and minimize the loss will only intensify your pain and drag it out. Resentment and bitterness will only complicate matters. Don't postpone grief by holding on to it. God is the one who can heal us through our loss. God understands our loss just as He felt the pain of separation from His Son Jesus Christ while He hung on the cross (Matt. 27:46).

**2** Develop yourself and your life that encompasses the losses. If you lose a job, focus on finding another one, put the past one behind and move forward. I'm not saying denying it ever existed. Learn from the losses and if needed incorporate them into your existing life. To get stuck in the past, is to fall into the trap of anxiety. During this time of loss, prayer is the most important aspect of recovery. God desires us to not be anxious, but through prayer, He will give us the peace that we need (Phil. 4:6-7). Keep in mind that God answers

prayer His own way and timing. At times we expect God to heal us quickly, but we are under His time. He will provide for us His way, not what we think He should do.

**3** Learn to live with your loss. Changes in our life must be made to move us along in life. Once you have accepted the new situation, get back into a routine and maintain friendships. One of the worst things one can do, is to isolate them self from others. There is no healing by you, but through God and Him working through others. Since God felt the loss of His Son Jesus Christ on the cross. Through that loss, we can have eternal life through accepting Christ as our Lord and Savior. Losses can bring positive changes in our life if we allow them to. God gives Joshua (Moses' successor in the Bible) encouragement that he shouldn't be afraid, but be strong and of good courage in taking the land. God promised Joshua that He will be with Joshua wherever he went. God desires us to depend upon Him so He can show His power and His love.

**4** God desires us to invest our losses in comforting those who also experienced a loss. When we bear each others burdens, we fulfill the law of Christ by showing our love to others (Galatians 6:2). Paul says "God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our afflictions so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor. 1:3-4). Listen to them and accept their grieving as a way of ministering to them. Listening affirms your caring, support and loving attitude towards them. The losses in my life have helped many people out, because God allowed them to happen to me.

When Christ came into this world, He changed into a human form to experience what we experience. He experienced rejection from His own people, suffering before and on the cross, loss of His life. He experienced the temporary loss of a relationship with His Father due to taking the sin of the whole world on His shoulders. Yet, through the losses in His life and His desire to forgive, we can have eternal life through Christ.

*(Editor's note: The December issue of the Viking Flyer included a commentary entitled "Christmas: God becomes one of us." The article was mistakenly printed without a byline but was written by Chaplain (1st Lt.) Thomas Wilson.)*



## Services notes

Both the Enlisted Club and the Officers Club are now "smoke free". We have had some positive feedback from people about how nice it is now.

The O' Club will be closed Jan. 27 through Feb. 11 for new carpet and repairs in the kitchen. The E' Club will be open for meetings and parties.

### Officer's 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 Jan 8 - Meatloaf, Jan 15 - Liver & Onions, Jan 22 - Membership Night Italian Buffet, Jan 29 - Club Closed

**Thursdays:** Jan 2 - T-Bone Steak, Jan 9 - Shrimp Scampi, Jan 16 - Pork Chops, Jan 23 - Chicken Burgandy, Club Closed Jan 30.

**Fridays:** Different seafood specials in the dining room. Reservations required.

**Saturdays:** Prime rib for two in the dining room.

**Special events:** Jan 22 - Membership Night; Jan 26th - Super Bowl XXXVII Party; Club Closed for New Carpet & Kitchen Repairs 27-31 Jan

### Enlisted Club

(612) 713-1655

**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.

**Fridays:** Evening Specials; 3 Jan - 8 oz. Sirloin, 10 Jan - Beef Stir Fry, 17 Jan - Shrimp Fettuccini, 24 Jan - Grilled Pork Chop, 31 Jan - Seafood Platter

**Saturdays:** Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on 11 Jan and 25 Jan

Club management urges Enlisted Club members to dine at the Officers Club Wed - Fri evenings

Club Membership applications are available at all Services Facilities.

## North Country Lodge

**Reservations:** Call 1-888-AF-Lodge or (612) 726-9440.

Reminder to all Unit Lodging POC's and First Sergeants that **Reservists** are responsible for signing up for their UTA lodging.

There have been a number of unit errors recently in which the Unit Lodging POC is signing the roster for lodging and the reservist doesn't actually need lodging. In an effort to assist the reservist, you are actually causing higher lodging fees for the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. The intent of the program is that the reservist is responsible for their lodging - no one else.

**Phase III is scheduled for completion by September 2003.**

## Fitness Center (612) 713-1496

Operating Hours

0500-2100 Mon-Thu

0500-2000 Fri

0800-1600 weekends

Closed Federal Holidays

**Discount Tickets Available:**

Camp Snoopy-\$18.00/all day pass

Underwater Adventure at the Mall of America-\$9.00 adult, child \$5.00

Chanhassen Dinner Theater (discount given at reservation, call the Fitness Center for details)

Minnesota Zoo (20 % off coupon)

Imax Theatre (\$1.00 off)

Armed Forces Vacation Club [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com)

Time-share units available for \$249.00 per week.

Air Force Travel info: [www.aftavel.online.com](http://www.aftavel.online.com)

Colorado R&R: [www.rockymountainblue.com](http://www.rockymountainblue.com)

## Outdoor Recreation/ Equipment Rental

Ice fishing equipment, including portable shelters, augers, tip-ups, skimmers, buckets/seats and poles. Club members receive a 10 percent discount on all rental items.

## UTA Activities

The annual bowling outing at the Burnsville Bowl will be held the March UTA, please sign up and have your payment in by the February UTA. For more information, contact TSgt Stacy Campbell at the Fitness Center

## Officers' Wives Club

Officer's Wives Club meets for bridge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays. Contact Germaine Reuter Dahl at (952) 881-0107.

Evening bridge meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Call Roberta Gronemann at (763) 494-3517 or Inez Gugisberg at (651) 481-1983.



**Santa Claus, Tech. Sgt. Mark Quinlan (retired), hands out presents to children during the 27th Aerial Port Squadron Christmas Party. The squadron raised more than \$4,300 for needy families in the community.**

