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Airlift Squadron members hit the road

A sense of gratitude and optimism

By Col. Tim Tarchick
934th Airlift Wing Commander

Greetings...I trust everyone had some wonderful downtime with family and friends this Thanksgiving....I ate too much, as usual. This is my favorite time of year. The Fall weather, a crispness in the air, football, snow, Thanksgiving, and oh yes, Christmas. We all have so much to be grateful for. Our family, a reserve job (untouched by BRAC), a wing that is solid from top to bottom, administratively and operationally as well as



countless other blessings that most of us, me included, sometimes take for granted.

I just want to express to you my sincere THANKS for all of your efforts these past nine months since I have been here. We have had seven inspections and done extremely well

in all of them. This wing has 1350 hard working, blue-collar-work-ethic folks that "Get 'Er Dun" every time you report to work. I can tell you that you make my job easy.

Just a quick reminder of what is coming around the corner. On the UTA on January 6-7 460 of us (probable ORI main players) will be involved in the Warskills

Training given by 22 AF and the Volk Field Readiness Training Cadre Team. Six hours each day of hands-on training that will sharpen our skills for the April 2008 ORI. This will be extremely worthwhile. Then on March 21-25, 80 of us will fly to Volk Field (with the 910 AW from Youngstown) to sharpen our skills again in a deployed scenario.

These 80 will be primarily key wing command and control players in each unit. The 80 folks will be identified in January. We then deploy (with the 910 AW from Youngstown) approximately 460 people each to Volk Field on May 14-20 for a full blown ORE led by the Cadre Team from Volk. The 22 AF Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV) will test our skills again sometime in November with the same 460 people.

Backing up in time, I forgot to mention that we are sending 50 folks from Ops and Maintenance to Operation JOINT FORGE for two weeks over this Christmas. As you read this, crews and support personnel from Ops and maintainers will be preparing to deploy on December 13 with the 910th to Ramstein AB, Germany.

In January, we roll into our AEF cycle. We have approximately 110 members heading overseas for anywhere from 15 to 120 days. Sandwiched in between all of the above is CORONET OAK in March.

Obviously we will begin a new year of high OPSTEMPO. Safety and ORM must continue to be our top concern over and above all else. We can do 999 things safely but when that one bad thing happens that could have been prevented, coming to work becomes difficult for all of us. Let's not let that happen to us.

As I close, I look to 2007 with high hopes and optimism for all of the challenges that are coming. From my family to yours, Cindee and I wish you all the best for you and your family in 2007. May God richly bless you and the 934th Airlift Wing.

Reserve forces to increase for 2007

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Air Force Reserve Command will have a slightly larger force in 2007. The fiscal 2007 Defense Appropriations Act signed by President George W. Bush Sept. 29 funds an end-strength of 74,900 reservists.

That is 900 additional reservists compared to the fiscal 2006 end-strength of 74,000. The new legislation also approves 10,214 full-time air reserve technicians and 2,707 full-time active Guard and Reserve members. The defense bill funds a 2.2 percent across-the-board military pay raise for active and Reserve forces as requested in

the president's budget earlier this year. From this act, AFRC receives about \$1.26 billion for its Reserve members appropriation and approximately \$2.56 billion in operation and maintenance funds to run the command.

The amounts for military construction funding, RPA funds for basic allowance for housing, and O&M funds for facilities sustainment, restoration and modernization will be finalized at a later date when the Military Quality of Life/Veterans Affairs bill is passed. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Spiritual readiness

By Chaplain (Capt) Lawrence R. Blake
934 AW Chaplain

By now I hope that you have seen and read the document "One Air Force, Same Fight-An Unrivaled Wingman." It is outstanding in its clarity. As I read through it I was struck by the eight vision vectors. One of these speaks to our readiness. It says; "we will remain accessible, flexible and combat ready."

Readiness is a concept that we understand as it relates to our Air Force Reserve Mission. We just completed a successful UCI which demonstrated our readiness at every level.

Readiness is also a concept that speaks to this time of the year. We have readied our homes for winter. We have

made ready plans for celebrating the holidays with family and loved ones. It is important as well to make our hearts ready to welcome the presence of God. Much in Christian Scripture speaks to this readiness.

We are told to watch and wait for we do not know when God will come among us. Stories are told of those who were daily anticipating the one who is called "Emmanuel, God with Us."

Along with continuing to make ourselves ready to contribute to the Air Force mission, along with making our homes ready to celebrate the holidays, take time this month with quiet reflection to make your heart ready to welcome the presence of God.



Wing Commander's Hotline

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

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

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

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On the cover
Senior Master Sgt. Curt Henke(left) takes the baton from Maj. Todd Kay on the way to finishing the 100 K Edmund Fitzgerald Marathon in Northern Minnesota. See story on page 4.

Flying Vikings tackle Ultra Marathon

By Lt. Col. Doug Trogstad
96th Airlift Squadron

On a recent early frosty morning in Northern Minnesota, a merry band of runners from the 96th Airlift Squadron prepared themselves for a challenge. As the team of men and women from the "Flying Vikings" set off to run the Edmund Fitzgerald Ultra Marathon Road Race, they would find themselves pitted against some unexpected challengers.

The Edmund Fitz is a 100 Kilometer race commemorating the November 10, 1975 tragic sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald iron ore ship near the north shore of Lake Superior. The race began in 1982 as a competition for solo runners, but now includes eight-person relay team categories as well. The relay race course starts in Finland, Minn. and follows the beautiful north shore of Lake Superior 65 miles to Duluth. In 2002 the 96 competed in the Edmund Fitz Relay for the first time.

This past spring, one of the previous team members suggested the squadron once again enter a team into the race. The initial meeting resulted in 16 members, past and present, of the 96 AS interested in competing in this year's event.

The decision was made to enter a team in the military relay category. Come race day only eight hardy and eager runners remained, just enough to complete a team. This year's team participants included Lt. Col. Jim "The Animal" Alexander (retired), Senior Master Sgt. Brad "Smoke'em"

Shannon "The Tractor" Moerke, and Lt. Col. Doug "I Think I Can" Trogstad. Lt. Cols. Alexander and Trogstad were returning veterans of the 2002 team. The team had three primary goals. First, have eight runners show up on race day. Second, finish the race, hopefully, in less than 11 hours. And third, enjoy a little unit camaraderie.

The race started in the dark at 6:30 a.m. with a tempera-



Photo by Valissa Maas

"The Hare" Henke sprints to the finish two seconds ahead of the Guard team.



Photo by Valissa Maas

The "Flying Viking" relay team.

Cooper, Senior Master Sgt. Curt "The Hare" Henke, Senior Master Sgt Diane "The Streak" Johnson, Maj. Todd "Gas'em" Kay, Capt. Jon "Ya sure I can" Maas, Master Sgt.

ture of a cool 20 degrees. Along with the sun rising at 7:30, came winds gusting to 20 mph. Approximately half way through the race, it was discovered there were two teams from the 133rd Air National Guard, co-located at Minneapolis St. Paul IAP with the 934, as well as teams from the Army and Navy also competing.

The team goal of just finishing the race became the desire to beat our Air Guard neighbors. "The Hare" Henke locked on to the goal by sprinting the last mile of the race to take third place in the military category, behind two Army teams, but ahead of the 133 team by just two heart-pounding seconds.

Following the race, the team held a meeting and all agreed the race was a great time and was worth the effort. "Gas'em" Kay said, "This was the most fun race I have ever run." The Edmund Fitz is open to anyone and this year's team of Flying Vikings is ready to challenge any other units from the base to enter a team in the 2007 Edmund Fitz Road Race. For more info go to: <http://www.edmundfitz.com> "The Tractor" Moerke summed up the feelings of the entire team when he said, "I can't wait to run next year's race."

The team would like to thank Sergeant Johnson's sister, Amy, for acting as the team photographer and Captain Maas's wife, Valissia, for being a support vehicle driver. We also would like to especially thank the 96th Associate Squadron for generously providing the funds to cover the team's entry fee.



Wing roundup

96 AS

With over 300 flying hours planned, November was scheduled to be a big month for the 96 AS. The unit continues to support CONUS missions for AMC with an aircraft and crew on the road, virtually the entire month. One of these support missions is providing an aircraft and a crew for the Basic Airborne Course. Supporting this paratroop school gives new military jumpers a platform to jump from and allows our crews to hone their airdrop skills.

This month's deployments took crews to Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. Newcomers to the squadron include Master Sgt. Chris Neitzel, our new "First Sergeant in Training" and Tech. Sgt. Brian Wollack in the orderly room. They transferred

from the 934 AW/IG and 934 MPF, respectively.

AES

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Melissa Joplin who graduated and was honor graduate at the NCO Academy at Gunter-Maxwell AFB, Ala. Oct. 31.

Congratulations to Michelle O'Dean on her promotion to Staff Sgt. Nov. 1.

Congratulations to: Senior Airmen Jesse Ingersoll, Lindsay Rosenow, Rachael Husser and Airman 1st Class Bethany Welsh on completing and graduating from the Aeromedical Evacuation Technician Course in September.

Congratulations to Senior Airman Denisa Ene on the birth of her daughter, Olivia Sept. 20. Welcome new 934 AES members: Senior Airman Rachel Snook,

Senior Airman Derrick Ostlie and Airman 1st Class Bethany Welsh.

27 APS

Tech. Sgt. Dave Stivers was inducted into the ranks of Senior Non-Commissioned Officers with a promotion to Master Sgt.

Staff Sgts. Doug Thorson and Christine Jerde were promoted to Tech. Sgt. and AB Derek Rutks was promoted to Airman.

The 22 AF/DON, Colonel Taylor presented the HQ AFRC Air Transportation Non-Commissioned Officer of the year for 2005 to Tech. Sgt. Damien Kosmosky at the 27 APS commander's call on Sunday of the UTA.

Airman 1st Class Lee Haines was awarded Top Tunner for his performance at 60K Loader training at Charleston AFB, S.C.

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Around the pattern



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
Lt. Col. John L. Fitter, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, accepts the squadron flag from Col. Nancy J. Brooks, 934th Mission Support Group commander at an Assumption of Command ceremony Saturday of the November UTA.



Photo by Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch
Senior Master Sgt. Gary G. Wallenhorst, 934th Maintenance Squadron, talks at his retirement ceremony Nov. 4. Wallenhorst retired with 22 years service.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
Capt. Cris Oxtra receives the Joint Services Commendation Medal from Maj. Neal Landeen, 934th Services Squadron commander. Captain Oxtra is an IMA to the U.S. Strategic Command Public Affairs Office at Offutt AFB, Neb. She also works as a civilian in marketing for the Services Squadron.

AF Heritage

The clouds gather

Young American pilots risk it all before U.S. enters war

By **Keith Simpson**
934 ASTS Key Family Member

A famous Hollywood movie has the line, “Build it and they will come.”

England had a war and they came. From all over the British Commonwealth, and the countries overrun by Germany. Strangely, they also came from the United States.

Europe was in turmoil. The appeasement of the European governments to the Fascist German State, ruled by



Adolph Hitler and his band of psychopathic killers, had not prevented them from walking into Austria and the Sudetenland. The clouds gathered then threatened Poland and all of Europe. The greed and avarice of the mad man Hitler would ultimately turn the world into a hell on earth.

Many men realized that a war was inevitable in Europe. Spain and Finland had already tasted the bitter fruit of war. Poland would be next. Then men of vision began to move from their own country. Some were already in Europe; others came to the war that at this time was not theirs; this is their story.

The American Neutrality Act prevents American citizens from wearing the uniform and fighting in the armed forces of foreign governments. Penalties can be fines, imprisonment and or loss of citizenship.

The FBI arrested John Trevor Godfrey, three times when his mother turned him in to them. The fourth time his parents relented when they realized he would keep on trying. He went to Canada and enlisted.

James A. Goodson was told; that although he was an American, born and raised in Europe, if he wanted to enlist,

he would have to travel to Canada. He did, the ship he was on was one of the first British ships torpedoed and sunk, on September 3, 1939. Goodson survived, enlisted and flew for the British.

Others changed their names to protect their citizenship. More importantly, they went to war for a country that needed them.

Many could already fly, but only in small civilian aircraft. Some falsified their logbooks to qualify them to join.

Barry Mahon had only flown 70 hours in light aircraft. He told the recruiters, that he had been a ferry pilot for a large aircraft company. The instructor pointed to a Harvard trainer and told him to “Solo” it. He’d never flown an aircraft of that size, but carried it off like a veteran flyer.

There were of course comparisons made between the American pilots who flew for the British and the American volunteer Group “The Flying Tigers”. To this day, the “British/Americans” consider them mercenaries. Barry Mahon said his pay as a RAF Pilot Officer, after paying his monthly mess bill, did not amount to mercenary pay.

Three adventurers traveled to Europe together. Shorty Keogh, at less than 5’ tall was the shortest pilot in the RAF. To be able to see out of his Spitfire he needed two cushions under his parachute pack. In America, he was a barnstormer and professional parachutist. The others were Andy Mamedoff, another barnstormer, and Red Tobin, who was a studio messenger for MGM. His father was a Los Angeles real estate man.

Originally, all three had volunteered to fly for the Finnish Air Force against the Russians. However, the war was over when they got there, so they went off to France to join the French Air Force. By the time they got there, the French had surrendered! They escaped to England on the last ship to leave Bordeaux. Sad to say the English would not hire them either.

Down on their luck and their last few pennies as well, they decided to go to a pub and have a drink. It was here their luck changed. In the pub was an RAF Air Commodore who, when he heard their tale of woe, told them to contact him in the morning, which they did. They were by noon the next day, commissioned in the RAF.

AF heritage

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By far the most interesting American pilot, to me, was Gilmore Cecil Daniel, who flew in six different RAF squadrons including the 242 RCAF squadron commanded by the famous legless fighter pilot, Douglas Bader. Daniel was the “Baby” of the squadron because of his youthful good looks. When he enlisted in the RCAF in December 1939, he already had a pilot’s civil license. He gave a false birth certificate showing he was born on the Osage Indian Reservation in Oklahoma, November 30 1921. Therefore, his age would be 18 on enlistment!

Subsequent investigation after the war, the Osage Indian Agency showed that in fact he was born November 30 1925. Therefore, he was 13 when he got his pilots license from Spartan flying school in Tulsa and 14 when he joined the RCAF. His parents were of the Osage Indian tribe, with Cherokee, Choteau, French and Irish blood. A distant cousin to his father was Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, killed at the Battle of Midway, and for whom Tinker AFB is named.

Yet another American to join the RAF was the Olympic Bobsleigh, gold medal winner, William M.L. (Billy) Fisk III. Billy entered the RAF by giving false information claiming



Red Tobin, Shorty Keogh, and Andy Mamedoff

Canadian citizenship.

These, are just some of the many Americans, who would fly in British uniforms, some would become aces, others would remain in England buried in its sacred soil, and many more would lie in unknown graves.

These men would eventually form the 4th Fighter Group, US Army Air Force.

SNCO Academy now required for advancement

10/10/2006 - **ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** —

Master sergeants must now finish the Air Force Senior NCO Academy before they fill a senior or chief master sergeant position in the Air Force Reserve. Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, announced the policy in a Sept. 27 memo. Before master sergeants had to complete the top enlisted professional education before they sewed on senior master sergeant stripes. However, they could fill a higher-graded position as long as they enrolled in the academy within six months of their duty effective date. The new policy still requires getting the academy done before promotion but gives added emphasis to the importance of enlisted professional military education. “This policy will ensure continued enlisted force development of our senior

NCOs by preparing them in part for positions of greater responsibility,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett, AFRC command chief master sergeant.

“Force development, by design, is intended to be a series of experiences and challenges, combined with education and training opportunities, that develop enlisted members as Airmen and leaders.” Master sergeants who have not completed the academy but who are assigned to higher-graded positions will have six months to comply with the new policy.

If they do not complete the academy in time, the Air Force Reserve may reassign them to a lower-graded position or realign the chief master sergeant or senior master sergeant authorization to a lower graded authorization in the organization. (AFRC News Service)



This month in Air Force history

Dec 3, 1945 The P-80 became the U.S. Army Air Force’s first jet fighter.



Viking Vibes



Lounge specials

Check out the new Happy Hour specials from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Services Club lounge.

The Wednesday Combo Platter includes five buffalo wings, four barbecue boneless wings, two chicken tenders and nine onion petals with chipotle ranch and honey mustard dipping sauce all for \$9.95.

The Friday Wings 'n' Things Special, which includes mild or hot barbecue wings with ranch or blue cheese dressing, celery and carrots, is \$7.95.

On Saturday wing UTAs, Happy Hour is from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Fridays and Saturdays, get \$1 off the Combo Platter or Wings 'n' Things.

Catering

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

Various room sizes are available to accommodate up to 200 guests.

Call the clubs' catering professionals at the Officers' Club at (612) 767-1960 ext. 202 or the Services Club at (612) 713-1674.

Timberwolves tickets giveaway

Club members who purchase a meal at the Services or Officers' Club get a chance to win two tickets to a Timberwolves game. Customers can get their ticket for the drawing from the cashier when they show their club card and pay for their meal.

Customers fill in their name,

address and phone number and place their ticket in the drawing drop box at either club.

Winners will be randomly drawn every month from now until April 2007.

This offer is for club members only. Membership will be verified.

Timberwolves game tickets were provided by Chase Card Services as a benefit with the Club Card Program.

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Taco Tuesdays

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

Gift ideas

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

Rentals

Don't hibernate this winter. Have fun! The Outdoor Recreation Center offers a variety of winter sports equipment, ice fishing gear, toboggans, snow tubes, party supplies, and more for rent. Wing plaques for retirements and award ceremonies can also be purchased at the center. Club members receive a 10-percent discount on rentals. The center is located in Bldg. 778 and is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Call (612) 713-1496 or (612) 919-5134.

Mugs

Mug Nights starts 4 p.m. Tues-

days at the Officers' Club and 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Services Club. Order a custom-made mug from the bartender. Choose from a variety of designs. Until it arrives, bring in a mug of your choice. Enjoy tap beer for \$1.75 (up to 20 oz.). A meal of bratwurst, sauerkraut and potato salad is \$3.50. Customers can also order from the lounge menu.

Lunch combos

Enjoy the lunch combos served Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Services Club. Combo meals are served with fries or a salad and a drink. The club also offers theme buffets on Thursdays.

All-You-Can-Eat

Enjoy the All-You-Can-Eat Soup and Salad Bar at the Officers' Club. Get a choice of soup and fresh salad fixings for \$7.95. Club members receive a \$1 discount. Deli sandwiches and desserts are available. Hot lunch is available for large groups.

Clubs' holiday hours

The Officers' Club will be closed New Year's Day. There will be no lunch service Jan. 2. The lounge opens at 4 p.m.

The Services Club offers a limited lunch menu Dec. 19 to 23 and Dec. 27 to 29. The lounge and pizzeria will be open Dec. 20 to 22. The club is closed Dec. 23 to 26, Dec. 30 and 31 and Jan. 1.

Fitness center holiday hours

The fitness center will close at 3 p.m. Dec. 22 and Dec. 29. It will be closed Christmas Day Dec. 25 and New Year's Day Jan. 1.

934 MXS chief honored with classroom dedication

**By Maj. James R. Wilson and
Airman 1st Class Adam Hoffman
939th Air Refueling Wing**

A passion for providing tomorrow's Airman with knowledge and the necessary tools has led one of the top enlisted men in the Air Force Reserve to be honored in a way that has been done for few before. Chief Master Sgt. Reuben Evans, 934th Maintenance Squadron superintendent, has been acknowledged as one of the founding fathers of the Aerospace Ground Equipment career field.

Officials from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, announced a classroom will be dedicated in Chief Evans' name for his selfless efforts and dedication to the career field. Sheppard serves as the "schoolhouse" for all maintainers entering the Aerospace Ground Equipment career field. "This was the right thing to do for someone like Chief Evans whose impact truly has been felt Air Force wide," said Mr. Howard McKellip, 361st Training Flight chief at Sheppard. The 361st oversees training for the AGE, propulsion, life support, aircrew survival equipment, aircraft fuels and egress career fields. According to officials there, it is one of the largest training squadrons in Air Education Training Command.

"His nomination began here at the schoolhouse but was approved by representatives from all of the major commands, further evidence to the impact of his service over the years," said Mr. McKellip. Chief Evans is only the second person to receive this honor. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Ron Ansell is the other. Chief Evans first started working as a member of the Aircraft Ground Support Equipment Working Group, or AGSEWG in Dec. 1986. AGSEWG was established to enhance aircraft readiness through improved acquisition of aircraft ground support equipment. The group is comprised of MAJCOM representatives located at the various locations through the U.S., Europe, and the Sheppard AGE schoolhouse. The two entities have

worked together for many years ensuring students are being trained using current technology and equipment.

His in-depth knowledge and experience in the field made him a logical candidate to represent the AGE career field for the Air Force Reserve at the biannual meetings. "We met and discussed the various challenges we were facing and always focused [ways to



Chief Master Sgt. Reuben Evans

improve] the training," Mr. McKellip said. "Chief Evans was always the first one there at our meetings. He had a very good thought process and was a good communicator. One of his many gifts was his ability to bring two opposing sides together." According to Mr. McKellip, Chief Evans often worked behind the scenes to contribute to the schoolhouse's mission. "Chief Evans has supported the schoolhouse for as long as I can remember," he said. "If we didn't have funding for a particular requirement, we could always count on him. If he had knowledge of extra resources, he would make sure they found their way to us. But he never really wanted credit or recognition for doing it."

"I have more than 40 years of experience in maintenance and he's as fine a person as I've worked with period," Mr. McKellip said. "He is the perfect mentor for our young Airmen." Chief Evans story, as told by him, began in

early 1986 when he discovered the Air Force Reserve's Numbered Air Force did not have anyone in place to resolve AGE-related issues. "I started working with Air Force Reserve Command on a number of AGE projects," said Chief Evans. "Although the AGE position was vacant, I tried to make sure the program never skipped a beat. Most people never knew there wasn't a dedicated person on the job." Chief Evans' problem solving abilities and willingness to share information enabled him to forge a relationship with AFRC. That relationship, in turn, afforded him opportunities to improve the AGE career field and education. "It was during my time at AFRC that I was introduced to the Aircraft Ground Support Equipment Group," said Chief Evans. "That's where it all begins," Chief Evans said. "What we as a group are accomplishing is injecting new technology into the schoolhouse's training programs."

Chief Evans' contributions to the AGE career field are diverse and widespread. He reviews Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command policies and procedures and recommends changes to directives—something he has done for the past 19 years. His efforts and technical knowledge have earned him a reputation as one of AFRC's most effective AGE flight chiefs.

Included in his accomplishments are the AFRC General Lew Allen Jr Trophy and 4th Air Force General Leo Marquez Award. "I was blessed in that I gained knowledge and a strong desire to be the best from a group of individuals who had a vision and passion for what we were doing," Chief Evans said. "We didn't have much of the technology that exists today. But we had a vision—a direction we wanted to go. I think we were very successful in achieving our goals," Chief Evans said. Taking the lead from those who mentored him, Chief Evans attributes much of his success to the influence of his father. "My father always said, 'Do your job. Go the extra mile. Never get discouraged. And above all, never give up.' "He was right," Chief Evans said with a smile. "He was absolutely right."

Wing roundup

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Many APS members were recognized for their superior performance during the recent UCI.

Several individuals were awarded letters of appreciation from the Navy Reserve, US Naval Ship Repair Facility, Sasebo, Japan for their role in training Naval Reservists on material handling equipment. Those individuals are Master Sgt. Kent Long, Tech. Sgt. Dave LaBeause, Tech. Sgt. Brian Lodermeier, Tech. Sgt. Scott Johnson, Staff Sgt. Matthew Russell, Staff Sgt. Jessica Alioto, and Staff Sgt. Aaron Korthals.

1st Lt. Eric Bredemus and Master Sgt. Brain Barclay were presented letters of appreciation for their roles on the combat dining out planning committee. Col. Carolyn Lohman.

Senior Airman Roger Falnes was presented a letter of appreciation from Lt. Col. Marge McGlenn for his role in the C-130 incentive ride during the 934th Employer's Day.

Senior Airmen Dan Vogel and Richard Melroy were named 27 APS Fit to Fight Superior Performers for obtaining 100% on their physical fitness testing.

MXS

Members too numerous to mention received letters of appreciation for their superior performance during last month's MSEP inspection, congratulations to one and all. Tech. Sgt. Bill Mueller was awarded a well deserved commendation medal for his duty in the AOR over the past few years.

Two Master Sergeants were promoted this weekend to the rank of Senior Master Sgt. Congratulations Pete Welter & Dennis Forbush.

The Maintenance Squadron said good bye to Mr. Jesse White after 20 years of honorable civil service.

ASTS

The ASTS would like to recognize Capt. Stephen V. Stephen and Master Sgt. Stephen A. Korolenko for outstanding performance during the recent Health Services Inspection.

ASTS Unit Quarter Awards:

Junior Officer of the Quarter:

Captian Michael L. Lucore

NCO of the Quarter:

Master Sgt. Mark P. Flannery

Airman of the Quarter:

Senior Airman Roxanne M.

Achman

LRS

Congratulations to Dustin Kruger who was promoted to Tech. Sgt. and also received his Associate Degree from CCAF.

Capt. Daniel Johnson received the Air Force Commendation Medal for serving as 332d Expeditionary Mission Support Group Executive Officer, Balad Air Base, Iraq from May – September 2006.

Letters of Appreciation were awarded to the following individuals for their outstanding work with the 380th Mission Support Group at Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE:

Tech. Sgt. Scott Sippel

Senior Airman Nicholas Ferry

Senior Airman Taylor Debel

Senior Airman Justin Dodge

Senior Airman John Kupka

Master Sgts. Clarence Summers and Charles Colstrom received letters of appreciation for their contributions at Operation Joint Forge.

Letters of Appreciation were awarded to the following individuals

for their work in making Family Day 2006 a great success:

Master Sgt. Brian Iverson

Tech. Sgt. Lara Gallegos

Tech Sgt. Todd Rice

Staff Sgt. James Russell

Ms. Sharon Schwegel

A Letter of Appreciation was awarded to Staff Sgt. John Czech for providing transportation on Employer's Day.

And, 13 members of LRS received Superior Performer awards for their work in preparing the unit for the UCI.

CES

Col. John Fitter assumed command of the CE Squadron.

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Schabacker retired after 22 years 3 months of service to his country. His wife Tammy and their children Kayla and Trey joined the festivities.

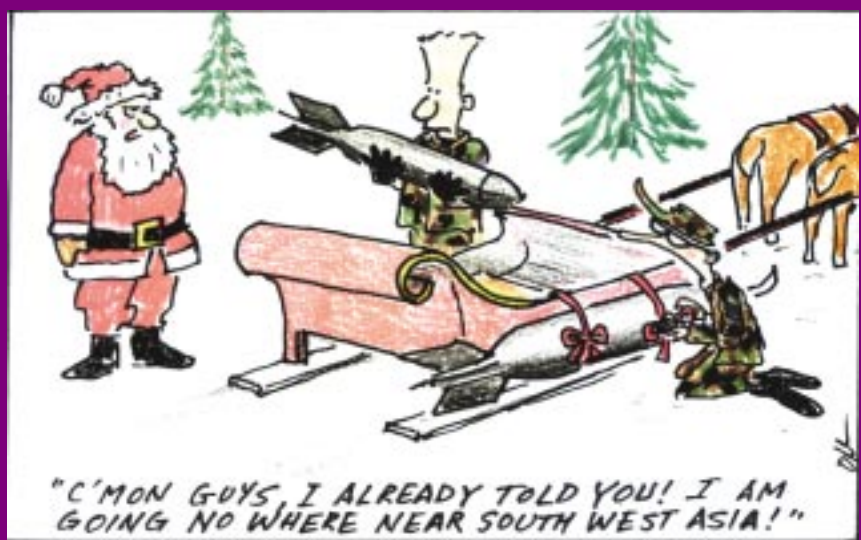
Senior Airman Mason Barland was promoted to Staff Sgt.

Master Sgt. Michael Cleveland bid farewell, he is transferring to Nellis AFB, Nev.

Congratulations to Tech Sgt. Brad Hegge and his new wife Denise; they were married in September.

Congratulations to Senior Airman Matthew Heiman and his wife Sandra on the birth of their son, Quinton.

SERGEANTS UPP & ADAM



Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson

Calendar

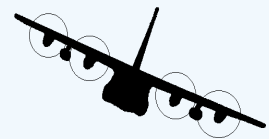
Time	Activity	Location	POC
SATURDAY			
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
0800 to 1200	Air Force Testing, Appt Only	Bldg 852, room 206	MSgt Lunde, x1501
0800 to 1430	MPF ID Cards Open	Bldg 852, room 105	TSgt Jorgensen, x1085
0830 to 1200	Disaster Prep, CONOPS Refresher	Bldg 760, room 130	SMSgt Johnson, x1934
0845 to 1130	Physical Exams	Bldg 840	SMSgt Hanson, x1642
0845 to 1130	Sick Call	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
0845 to 1130	ASTS Laboratory Draws (All lab draws)	Bldg 840	MSgt Kaufmann, 1633
0845 to 1115	Hearing Exams	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
0900 to 1000	Documenting TQT	Bldg 760 room 130	SMSgt. Johnson x1934
0900 to 1130	Immunizations	Bldg 840	SMSgt Brausen, x1617
0900 to 1000	First Sergeants Council Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton, x1211
0900 to 1000	Unit Deployment Meeting	Bldg 760, room 194	SMSgt Schyma, x1789
0930 to 1130	Medical Outprocessing	Bldg 840	SMSgt Goetz, x1642
1215 to 1615	Certifying HAZMAT	Bldg 745, room 108	SMSgt Schyma, x1789
1230 to 1600	Physical Exams	Bldg 840	SMSgt Hanson, x1642
1230 to 1500	Immunizations	Bldg 840	SMSgt Brausen, x1617
1230 to 1330	Enlisted Advisory Council	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton, x1211
1230 to 1600	Hearing Exams	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
1300 to 1600	Medical Outprocessing	Bldg 840	SMSgt Goetz, x1642
1300 to 1600	ASTS Labatory Draws (HIV only)	Bldg 840	MSgt Kaufmann, 1633
1300 to 1600	Sick Call	Bldg 840	MSgt Rebholtz, x1612
1630 to 1730	Protestant Service	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x1226
SUNDAY			
0700 to 0730	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755

Wingman Day 0800-1200 All personnel

1215 to 1615	Increment Manager Training	Bldg 745, room 108	SMSgt Schyma, x1789
1300 to 1400	LOD Review Meeting	Bldg 760, CC Conf Room	Col Llambes, x1616
1400 to 1500	Wing Commander's Call	Hangar 821	Capt. Hamiel x 1202

UTA Dates FY 07

Month	934th	133rd	88th	Navy/Marines
Oct	14-15, 21-22	14-15	14-15	14-15, 21-22
Nov	4-5, 18-19	18-19	4-5	4-5, 18-19
Dec	2-3, 9-10	9-10	2-3	9-10
Jan	6-7, 20-21	20-21	6-7	6-7, 20-21
Feb	3-4, 17-18	17-18	3-4	10-11, 24-25
Mar	3-4, 17-18	3-4, 24-25	3-4	10-11, 24-25
April	7-8, 21-22	21-22	7-8	14-15, 21-22
May	17-20	7-8, 19-20	19-20	7-8, 19-20
June	2-3, 16-17	16-17	2-3	9-10
July	None	None	7-8	14-15, 28-29
Aug	4-5, 18-19	4-5, 18-19	4-5	11-12, 25-26
Sep	8-9, 22-23	8-9	8-9	8-9, 22-23



New Year's Eve Dinner

**Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
at the Officers' Club**

**Menu includes:
French onion soup
Salad with vinaigrette dressing
Steak and lobster tail
Roasted red potatoes
Fresh vegetables**

**Fresh baked French rolls
N.Y. cheesecake
Coffee and tea**

**\$29.95 for members
\$34.95 for non-members and
guests**

**Gratuuity not included.
Pre-paid reservations
required.**

**Your credit card will be
charged when the reservation
is made. For reservations, call
(612) 767-1960 ext.
204.**

Pig-Out

**The fitness center's annual Pig-Out
Challenge is happening now
through Jan. 5.**

**For every three hours of workout
contest participants perform at the fitness
center, they will receive one pig. The
workout can be either cardio exercise or
weight training.**

**The person with the most pigs at the
end of the contest wins.**

**Participants' objective is to earn as
many pigs as they can, so they can stay fit
and pig-out during the holidays.**

**For more information, call the
fitness center at (612) 713-1496.**



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