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Team Day builds teamwork

Inspection insights

By Lt. Col. Eric W. Brandes
934MXG commander

First of all, it is truly an honor for me to become a member of such a wonderful wing and have the opportunity to command such a fantastic Group. I'm also back to my roots, C-130 maintenance. In fact, back in my enlisted years I may have worked on some of the aircraft now assigned here.



Secondly and perhaps more to the point of this article, I would like to present my command philosophy and provide a bit of insight to our October inspections.

Now, before anyone says, "Hey, this guy stole a portion from Colonel Tarchick's article," I will

start off by saying that when I assumed my last command, my priorities, were; first, mission, and second, people. I don't mean to diminish the importance of taking care of our folks, just the opposite. I place high value on recruiting, retaining and recognizing our most valuable resource, you. However, without the mission, we would all be doing something else on weekends and that's why in my current command capacity, those priorities have not changed.

As commander I work for you, the men and women of the maintenance group. What that means to me is that my focus is on ensuring you have what is needed to accomplish the mission and I will do what I can to help you become as successful as you want to be in your career. Please keep me in the loop and well informed of your intentions and desires.

A desire we all have is to do well on inspections. In October our wing will have three at the same time; a UCI, an MSEP and an HSI. Since my last wing just went through them in July, I have some insight.

What was found common to the inspection teams was their professionalism, knowledge, courtesy and a true willingness to help. They will "write-you-up" for not being in compliance, but the team members provide specific references and many good ideas on how to improve programs and processes. There will be a time to dispute findings prior to the report being finalized so please don't become confrontational or argumentative.

- Other hints:
- Treat the team members with the same professionalism and courtesy they show you
 - Duty sections should be clean, neat and organized
 - Fix what you can on-the-spot!
 - Be truthful and as accurate as you can be when responding to questions
 - Be confident; let them see just how outstanding you are at your job
 - Relax, or fake it well; being nervous will not provide a sense of competency
 - Think OPSEC & COMSEC
 - Look sharp, it never hurts
 - Be safe, always
 - Smile

- Hints for the MSEP in particular
- Little mistakes will "Eat Your Lunch" so don't make them
 - The checklists on the AFRC A4 websites are the same ones they will run on us
 - CTK; check tool boxes for FOD, etchings, inventories
 - Training records; review now to make sure individuals are signed off properly
 - TOs: must be current with deleted pages removed
 - Stands: check forms, lock wheels and castors properly prior to use
 - When receiving a Personal Evaluation, read the task outlined in the TO out-loud, line by line, this will ensure you



do not skip a step

- PPE is an easy gotcha; ensure proper eye and hearing protection, use gloves when touching an unknown liquid
- Vehicles: keep them clean and free of FOD
- Safety, Safety, Safety

Obviously there is an endless list of things to do preparing for these inspections. The above is intended to provide you some sort of focus based on my experience and daily feedback sessions with the team chiefs.

We will do great and I'm glad to be here.





Team Day

Left, Kelly Warren puts the tag on Cory Copa during a Team Day softball game. Below, the Mission Support group poses with Col. Tim Tarchick after winning the Commander's Trophy for best overall score. 934th members participated in Team Day activities August 17 which included volleyball, fitness walking and horseshoes. The activities promote teamwork and camaraderie among wing members.

Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach



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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Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

On the cover

From right, Michael Burgess, Tim Tarchick, Deb Crawford, Janell Harwell, Kristin Borntreger, Jenny Jarosch and Jeff Prochnow pull together during the tug-o-war at Team Day Aug. 17.

Unit News

AES

The 934 AES wishes Col. Danna Lilly, 934 AES commander, the best of luck as she takes new command at Charleston AFB, SC.

Congratulations to Master Sgts. Karl Thorner and Brent Haynes on receiving the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Melissa Joplin, graduating from the Leadership Development Program August 4.

Twenty members completed Aeromedical Evacuation Contingency Operations Training at Sheppard AFB in July.

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Stacey Foster, 934 AES NCO of the Quarter and Senior Airman Michael Reimer, Airmen of the Quarter.

APS

The 27 APS ramp services personnel had their first UTA training with the new \$599,900 25K Halvorsen Loader. This new loader will allow aerial port personnel to work all the transport aircraft in the inventory from C-130s to KC-10s. The US Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service was awarded to the following individuals: SMSgt Dale Place, first oak leaf cluster, SMSgt Calvin Johnson, and TSgt Ronald Salargo. The following personnel were awarded the US Air Force Achievement Medal for outstanding achievement: SSgt Christine Jerde, third oak leaf cluster, MSgt Timothy Soby, second oak leaf cluster, and SSgt Robert McDonough.

Several individuals were recognized for outstanding scores on their Fit-to-Fight tests.

CES

We said good-bye to our friend and comrade Lt. Col. Stanley Thompson who retired after 33 years of service to his country. Lt Col Thompson's military career began in 1969 when he was drafted into the Army, he later served in Vietnam.

Seven members from the Readiness Flight returned from their annual

tour at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska where they assisted the 3 CES Readiness Flight with day-to-day operations.

LRS

Welcome to newcomer Tech. Sgt. Shane Korevaar

Staff Sgt. John Czech received the Air Force Achievement Medal and also a Chief's Coin for his extraordinary volunteerism with running the bus for the Chicago Shuttle folks and other after hours base activities.

Congratulations to Maj. Eric Holman on receiving the Academic Excellence Award for scoring 98% on his final exam of Logmod Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Staff Sgt. Mark Oldenberg completed the LDP Course.

MXS

The MXS squadron will be sending an extensive package to Germany later this month in support of Operation Joint Forge

Tech. Sgt. Dana Money was awarded a commendation medal for his most recent deployment to Iraq during AEF 7/8

Senior Master Sgt. Ken Gillette retired during the August UTA completing 29 years of honorable service. His talents will be greatly missed. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

Staff Sgt. Adam Peterson and his young bride Melissa announce the arrival of a bouncing baby boy on June 16, 2006. Evyn Adam Peterson measured in at 20" and weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs.

SFS

Congratulations to the following personnel on their recent promotions: Master Sgt. Scott Flaherty, Tech. Sgt. Geoff Wyatt, Staff Sgt. Angela Ramirez, Staff Sgt. Kristi Heil, and Staff Sgt. Chad Howard.

Senior Airman Elizabeth Camacho and Airman First Class Hunter Hubner both completed the Security Forces Apprentice Course at Lackland AFB. Staff Sgt. Christopher Dobson completed the Security Forces Craftsman course at Lackland AFB.

The 934 SFS welcomes new

members Staff Sgt. Bryan Bula and Senior Airman Larry Brown, who come to us from the 440 AW in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Phillip Sells on his recent retirement from the 934 AW. Sergeant Sells completed 23 years of service.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Michael Ross and his wife Angela on the birth of their daughter Addison who arrived on June 7th.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Donald Scott and Master Sgt. Kevin Harstad who were both awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster. Sergeant Scott received his for performing outstanding first sergeant duties in Kirkuk, Iraq while Sergeant Harstad received his award for excellent performance as a flight sergeant in Ecuador.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Dobson and Staff Sgt. Timothy Gassman both completed the Leadership Development Program

Master Sgt. Anthony Gamboni completed his CCAF Degree in Criminal Justice.

Technical Sgt. Patrick Garvey and Staff Sgt. Jamielynn Shelite both re-enlisted.

AW

Staff Sgt. Anna Bartlett, 934 AW/FM scored 97 percent in her seven level financial course.

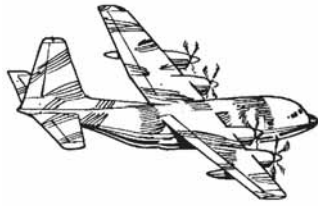
Don't Forget!

Family Day

Sept. 10

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.





Around the pattern



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Olson

Left, Elsie Barnaby, 934th Contracting, and Sidney Newman, 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron, step off a 934th C-130 after the Civilian Orientation Flight Aug. 16. Above, Chief Master Sgt. David Halverson, 934 Civil Engineer Squadron, talks with Senior Airman Jeanne Zellmar, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The Chief's luncheon gives new airmen the chance to talk with unit chiefs about their Air Force careers in an informal atmosphere.



Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Gillette, 934th Maintenance Squadron, shares some thoughts at his retirement ceremony after more than 29 years service.



Lt. Col. Jeffrey Higgins, 934th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, presents Master Sgt. Bruce Medearis with his retirement certificate. Sergeant Medearis retired with more than 32 years service.



Maj. Brian R. Peterson, 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander presents Tech. Sgt. John Taylor with his retirement certificate marking more than 20 years of service.



COMBAT DINING OUT

Going 'Beyond the Yellow Ribbon'

934th Airlift Wing members tested their knowledge of Grog 101 and Rules of the Mess at the Combat Dining Out, Saturday after the August UTA.



Clockwise from left, Security was extremely tight getting in to the Dining Out. Tech. Sgt. Nathan Dillner makes a contribution to the grog bowl. Col. Al Swartzmiller does the low crawl while Maj. Patricia Rautiola goes high over the wall.

Photos by Staff Sgt. John Herrick

Maintenance officer reunites with ‘old friend’ in Iraq

Inspired husband follows footsteps to desert

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
934 AW Public Affairs

“I’ll never watch the news in the same way again,” said a 934th Maintenance Group Lieutenant Colonel following her recent return from Iraq.

Lt. Col. Maureen “Moe” Banavige, 934th Maintenance Squadron commander, spent six-months in the Multinational Zone (formerly known as the “Green Zone”) in Baghdad, Iraq, serving as a liaison officer between the Air Force, Army and the Iraq Air Force, facilitating training and maintenance for the Iraq Air Force fixed-wing and helicopter programs.

She found it fascinating to watch the interaction between the members of the various branches, and found

keep those of us inside the Multinational Zone safe,” she said.

While she describes her job as being routine and mundane, her eyes danced with excitement when discussing a reunion with an “old friend.”

Now bearing an Iraqi tail number, the C-130E formerly known as 62-1839 and named “City of Rochester”) was the workhorse of the Flying Vikings fleet for several years. It set flying hour records in the 1960s, flew to Antarctica, was involved in numerous deployments, and served as the wing’s Air Mobility Command Rodeo competition aircraft in 2000, before being transferred to Ramstein Air Base, Germany a few years later, and subsequently to Iraq.

“It was great seeing that airplane again!” the colonel exclaimed. “It still has 934th Airlift Wing decals on three of the four engines, so I felt like I was among friends, despite being in the desert environment. I’m in the Maintenance Group here and that aircraft and I have a lot of history together, which made it all the more special.”

During her six-month deployment, she kept in constant contact with her husband, Joe, and their children.

“The kids handled the deployment quite well, but they are still at an age where they don’t ask a lot of questions,” she said.

As for her husband - that’s another story. While the colonel was telling him about her experiences, he became inspired to do something to help the effort over there. He joined the U.S. Department of State as a civilian economic advisor.

After her return in June, they had a brief reunion before he went to

Washington, D.C., for a training course and is now deployed in Iraq on a one-year tour.

“So now I guess it’s my turn to have to sit at home and worry,” she said.

When asked if she would go again, Lt. Col. Banavige said she has no future deployments on the horizon. She is just waiting for her husband to return so they can have another reunion.

Still, she is as proud of him for going over as he was with her.

“After all, what we’re witnessing in Iraq is the birth of a nation. And to have had a role in it is incredible. How cool is that?”



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Moe Banavige with Iraqi Air Force C-130. The aircraft previously belonged to the 934 AW.

the language barrier a challenge. Not only was the English-Arabic barrier a challenge to overcome, but also the barrier created by the lingo of the different branches.

“Each branch had it’s own way of doing things and describing things,” she said. “It was quite the challenge to smooth things over and overcome the hurdles. But that was part of my job.”

Despite the occasional rocket or mortar fire, she insists she was never in imminent danger and the situation was not as gloomy as the news reports broadcast stateside.

“Iraq is still a dangerous place, don’t get me wrong. But I have a deeper appreciation for those who venture ‘outside the wire’ or on convoy operations. They are the ones who

Employers Day-

Civilian employers get a close up look at the 934th.

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
934 AW Public Affairs

More than 30 civilian employers got a close up look at what their employees do when they put on the uniform and report for duty at the 934th Airlift Wing. The employers started the day with breakfast at the services club and received briefings about the 934th

and Air Force Reserve.

To add realism to the experience, employers processed through a mock mobility line in preparation for "deployment." They then boarded a 934 AW C-130 aircraft for an orientation flight which took them over the central lakes area of Minnesota near Brainerd. Reservists met their employers later for lunch at the dining hall and brought them back to their work areas for a close up view of what they do on a reserve weekend.



Col. Tim Tarchick, 934 AW commander talks to employers about the 934th mission.



Employers board a 934 AW C-130 Hercules.



Rick Valentino from Mesaba Airlines takes a look through the cockpit bubble.



Master Sgt. Randy Lenton, 96 AS loadmaster, talks to employers about the C-130 aircraft.

934th Airman wears crown as well as stripes

By Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch
934 AW Public Affairs

Fulfilling the responsibilities of full-time student, full-time Air Reserve Technician and reservist and full-time East Bethel Royalty can be a little daunting, but SrA Amanda



Photo by Eric Martinson

Queen Amanda Kvamme with her father Master Sgt. Phillip Kvamme and mother Rebecca Jensen.

Kvamme does it with poise and grace.

The 934 MXS administrative assistant was crowned Queen of East Bethel July 15 by the East Bethel Scholarship Committee. Her one-year reign will be a busy one, attending numerous municipal parades, festivals and charity events, visiting senior homes and benefit dinners and even having breakfast with Santa.

"I love it!" said the 21 year-old reservist. "We work with all types of civic organizations promoting recycling efforts, National Night Out and other great causes."

Kvamme will serve with one other East Bethel Princess this year and will compete next year for the position of Queen of the Lakes of the Minneapolis Aquatennial. "That's very exciting," she said. "This year's Queen of the Lakes is from the Air National Guard!"

Becoming royalty is not an easy task, according to Kvamme. She met privately with a panel of judges who grilled her with numerous questions. "It was pretty nerve-wracking," she said. Answering questions on-stage was next with a little twist thrown in. "The judges said that they heard I liked to sing and that I had to sing them a song right then. All I could think of was 'Mary Had a Little Lamb,' so that's what they got!"

The pageant is actually a scholarship opportunity, with contestants judged on self-confidence, community involvement and how well they will represent the city. "This isn't a beauty contest, although I'm sure some of that plays into the decision," she commented. "It's about how well you hold yourself, like in the formalwear competition. Are you comfortable with what you're wearing? Is it appropriate for your age? How do you present yourself? And as a Business Marketing and Management major at Anoka Ramsey Community College, the scholarship is very welcome!" Many of the scholarship pageants in Minnesota are also open to young men as well, according to Kvamme. "They just need to come forward and ask. They are called Ambassadors or perhaps Commodores."

This isn't the first time Kvamme has been royalty. She was crowned Princess of St. Francis, Minnesota at 16 years-old, receiving a scholarship for that as well. "I would definitely recommend this for any young woman. The procedure gives you self-confidence. You learn about determination and, just like the Air Force, teaches you to have patience," she said.

Her father, Master Sgt. Phillip Kvamme, an Air Reserve Technician and 934 MXS propulsion section Chief, stated that her winning was "Pretty awesome. I am very proud of her. I remember her telling me that since her boyfriend was a big car nut, she had to do some 'girl' stuff. Well, she did and today she is the Queen of East Bethel. Tonight, I'll be driving the float at a parade. It's a lot of work and family involvement, but at the end of the year, it's worth it."

Beside the exciting whirlwind of appearances, Kvamme explained that the best part of being royalty is seeing "the thrill of the little girls tugging at their mom's skirt at a parade saying that they want to be a princess too. I just love it. This has definitely been a life-changing event for me."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams

New chiefs

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Dressen congratulates new Chief Robert Cluka (foreground) and Chief Master Sgt. Tom Foss welcomes Chief Richard Karpinski to the Chief ranks following the NCO induction ceremony last UTA.

Reservists must provide civilian employment info

By 2nd Lt. Andrew Williams
934 Military Personnel Flight

Please be aware all 934th Airlift Wing reservists are required to annually recertify/validate their Civilian Employment Information (CEI). Most individuals currently showing as “in compliance” have a certification date more than 12 months old. In the very near future, members will begin showing as “not in compliance” due to expired certification. Active Guard/ Reserve (AGR) members will not have full-time civilian employment since their full-time employment is military; however, they may have a part-time job or specific voluntary service. They are encouraged but not required to provide that information. Military Technicians are required to provide their civilian employment information relative to their technician (civilian) employment.

Airmen will provide the following information: Employment Status (Choose one):

- **Full-time** - If the Airman’s employer considers the person a full-time employee, then the member is a full-time employee for purposes of CEI reporting.
- **Part-time** - If the Airman’s employer considers the person a part-time employee, then the member is a part-time employee for purposes of CEI reporting.
- **Specified Voluntary Service** - Employment includes

only those activities performed as a member of a Service Auxiliary (such as the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Civil Air Patrol) or is performed as volunteer service to a community service organization in the health, safety or national interest, provided that the service organization of which the voluntary service is performed anticipates or relies on the volunteer’s availability and presence in order for the service organization to perform its services or mission.

- **Student** - A person is considered a student if he or she is pursuing a higher education degree or trade certification.

- **Not Currently Employed** - A person is considered currently not employed for the purposes of CEI reporting if he or she has no information to provide in the employment statuses of Full-Time, Part-Time, Specified Voluntary Service, or Student. (Reservists on manday tours with no civilian employment shall choose this option since this status addresses “civilian” employment and not “military” employment.)

Airmen will use a self-service application to provide civilian employment information. Name, Social Security Number and Birth date are required to log in to the application at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal>.

For further information, contact your unit commander or Lt Andrew Williams, Wing CEI Manager at (612) 713-1755.

New gate to allow smoother traffic flow

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Olson
934 AW Public Affairs

The construction of the new main entry gate to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station is scheduled to open on Sept. 11. The structure, located at the south end of 34th Avenue, will allow for smoother operation of incoming traffic to the base, explained 1st Lieutenant Leo Moreno, Operations officer for the 934th Security Forces Squadron.

The new main gate will temporarily require a serpentine until an active barrier system is installed in the future.

The gate area will also include a new visitor control

center which will handle all visitors for the 934 AW, the 88th RRC, and the Navy Reserve. At the visitor center, personnel can coordinate entry for any visitors, guests, or vendors that

do not already have authorized access to the installation. The visitor center will also be the home of the Pass & ID function of security forces. Here, they will issue line badges, vehicle passes and Geneva cards, explained Master Sgt. Joe Wiatros, 934 SFS. The new gate is also designed to adapt to future technologies that will improve base security, said Sergeant Wiatros.

The new gate will also have increased traffic this fall as the inter-base gate will be closed for military exercises on the Air National Guard installation.



The new gate will offer a full range of services.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Developing leaders

Col. Tim Tarchick (right) and Chief Master Sgt. Jan Dalton (left) stand with the most recent Leadership Development Program graduating Aug. 4. The leadership class gives staff and technical sergeants valuable tools to become effective leaders. The new graduates are Tech. Sgts. Melissa Joplin, Rob Murphy, Wendy Albee and Cory Copa. Staff Sgts. Tim Gassman, Derrick Warren, Chris Dobson, Greg Volimas, Judd Wasglow, John Steese, Jonathan Patterson, Mark Oldenburg, Blake Sykes, Matthew Weber, Andy Fischer, Lindsay Lande and Tony Haider.



Viking Vibes



Catering

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

Membership Night/ Oktoberfest

Join the fun at the Membership Night Oktoberfest Feast on Oct. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The event will feature German food, beer and music. The event is free to club members and \$10 for non-members.

Taco Tuesdays

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

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.

Lunch combos

Enjoy the new lunch combos served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Services Club.

Combo meals are served with fries or a salad and a drink.

Membership

Club membership offers exclusive benefits for members, including free birthday meals, discounts on meals more than \$4, membership nights, contests, rewards program and a 10-percent discount on all personal catered events. Club members also receive a 10-percent discount on rentals at Outdoor Recreation.

The club card is accepted worldwide at all Air Force Clubs.

Pick up membership application at either the Officers' Club or Services Club. Call (612) 713-1680 for more information.

Mugs

Mug Nights starts 4 p.m. Tuesdays 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.)

and brat, sauerkraut and potato salad for \$3.50. Lounge menu also available.

Bingo

Play bingo at the Services Club every Friday starting at 5:15 p.m. Social hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. and players can enjoy free appetizers. For details, call (612) 713-3670.

Lounge and pizzeria

The "Chill-Out" Lounge and Pizzeria is open Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and Wednesday through Friday 4 to 9 p.m. for dinner. The pizzeria is open until 10 p.m. during Friday and Saturday UTAs. For more information or to place an order, call (612) 713-1672.

Tickets

Discount tickets to the annual Renaissance Festival in Shakopee are available at the base Information,

SERGEANTS UPP & ADAM



Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson

Tickets & Travel office.

Tickets are \$14.75 for adults, \$6.75 for children ages 5 to 12 and food books are \$5. Children under 5 get in for free.

The festival ground is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. from now until Oct. 1. It is open rain or shine. Parking is free.

Discount tickets or coupons for other area attractions, including the Minnesota Zoo, The Park at Mall of America, Underwater Adventures, Chanhassen Dinner Theater, and more are available at the base Information, Tickets & Travel office located in the fitness center. Call (612) 713-1496 for more details.

Rentals

The Outdoor Recreation Center, located in Bldg. 778, offers a wide variety of sports equipment, lawn games, camping gear, party supplies, and much 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 open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Call (612) 713-1496 or (612) 919-5134.

Lodging

Check out the new DVD rental vending machine at the North Country Lodge. It is available 24/7. See the latest movies for only \$1.49 per movie per night! Stop by during a lunch break or on the way home and take advantage of this easy and convenient way to rent movies. No need to be a Lodging guest to use the machine.

Shuttle

The North Country Lodge offers shuttle service to the Mall of America, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Light Rail Station and Veterans Affairs Hospital. Shuttle times and prices vary. For more details, speak with a clerk at the Lodging front desk.

September 21st, luncheon at 11:30am, \$12.00

Welcome back by popular demand, Ms. Marion Hvistendahl. She will be in character as Hildegard of Bingen, Germany. Born in 1098 as the tenth child to a noble family, her story is important to all studies in medieval history.

Reservations: Jan Olson: 952-831-2438 or Roberta Gronemann 763-494-3517.

October 19 luncheon at 11:30am, \$12.00

“Glitz and Glamour Through the Decades” This is a vintage clothing show featuring everything from Ostrich feathers to stiletto heels. Please bring a guest to this unique and artistic costume show.

Reservations: Jan Olson: 952-831-2438 or Roberta Gronemann 763-494-3517.

Tuesday Bridge: 2nd and 3rd Tuesday each month at 10am. Please call Germaine Reuter Dahl at 952-881-0107 for more details.

Evening Bridge: 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 7pm. Please call Roberta Gronemann at 763-494-3517 or Diane Lerohl at 952-935-4467

New members and guests are always welcome. The annual membership dues are only \$20. Please contact Lee Claar for membership information at 952-831-5252

Chapel times

Chapel service times have changed. New times will be: Protestant service - UTA Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel, Roman Catholic service - UTA Sundays at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel. Base chapel facilities are located in Bldg. 725 (north side of base, next to Family Readiness).

New Lt. Cols.



Burridge, Leonard L. JR 934 AW
Wollmuth, Timothy W. 96 AS
Determan, Anthony F. 96 AS
Laughman, Todd R. 27 APS
O'Reilly, Thomas J. 96 AS
Perry, Charles 934 AW

Awards and decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Danna M. Lilly
Lt. Col. Gary W. Chambers
Lt. Col. Toby D. Hammer
Lt. Col. Stanley J. Thompson
Lt. Col. Timothy W. Purcell
Maj. Wanda M. Lorsung
CMSgt. Michael A. Zurn
SMSgt. Charles M. Stemig
SMSgt. Robert O. Linder
SMSgt. Kenneth J. Gillette
MSgt. Michael P. Duffy
MSgt. Terry J. Strain
MSgt. Mark P. Flannery
MSgt. Thomas L. Kim
MSgt. Ryan R. Pomeroy
MSgt. Bruce M. Medearis
TSgt. Randy S. Kline
TSgt. John C. Taylor

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt. Alber W. Anderson
TSgt. William G. Muller
TSgt. Mandy A. Peterson
SSgt. Johnette A. Frazier
SSgt. Christopher A. Platz

Air Force Achievement Medal

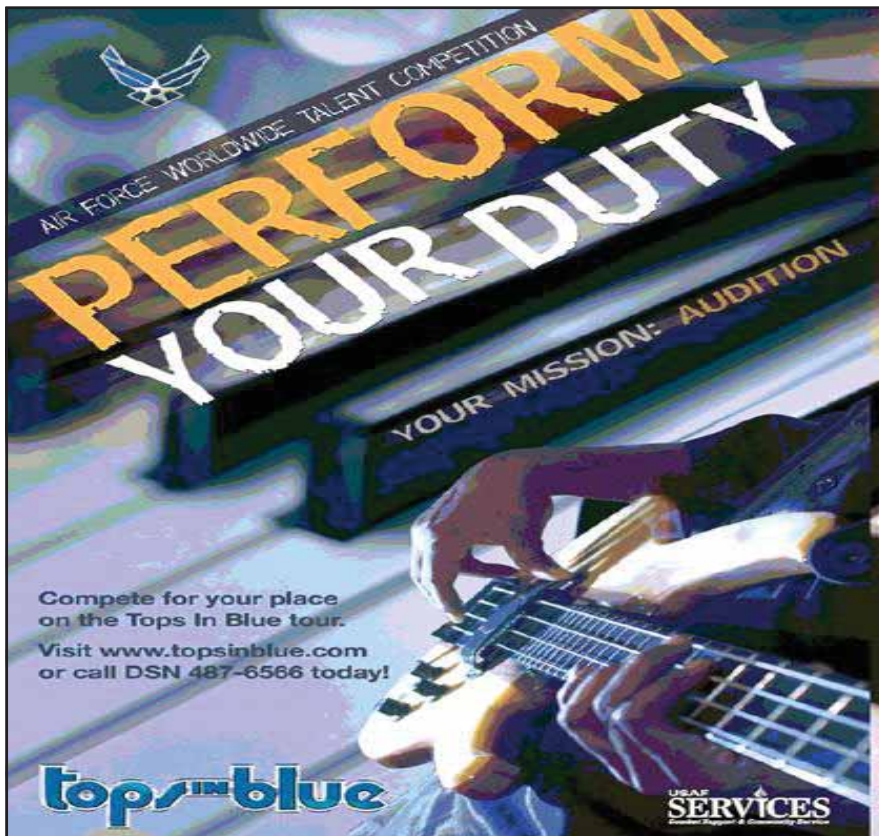
Maj. Wanda M. Lorsung



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

UCI tuneup

The 934th's very own band will play Saturday night of the October UTA at the Services Club from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Band members are (left to right) Louvell Hechanova (Keyboards), Mike Candy (Bass), Tony Staut (Vocals), Phillip Kvamme (Drums) and Doug Johnson (Guitar). Not Pictured – David Bugni (Lead guitar)



UTA Schedule

Fiscal Year 2006

Sep. 9-10

Fiscal Year 2007

Oct. 14-15

Nov. 4-5

Dec 2-3

Jan 6-7

Feb 3-4

Mar 3-4

Apr 14-15

May 17-20

June 2-3

July-NONE

Aug 4-5

Sept 8-9

Calendar

Time	Activity	Location	POC
SATURDAY			
0730 to 0800	AES assumption of command	Bldg. 718	Lt. Col. Trezza x1894
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 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
1500 to 1530	MXG Assumption of Command	Fuel Cell	Capt. Gorman, x1393
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
0730 to 0900	MPF ID Cards Open	Bldg 852, room 105	TSgt Jorgensen, x1085
0800 to 0900	Awards and Decs Board	Wing CC Conf Room	Lt Williams, x1755
0830 to 1130	PME/EOC Testing	Bldg 852, room 206	TSgt Young, x3542
0830 to 1200	Disaster Prep, CONOPS Refresher	Bldg 760, room 130	SMSgt Johnson, x1934
0900 to 1000	HRDC Meeting	Wing CC Conf Room	Col DeWerff, x1298
0900 to 1000	Protestant Service	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplin Perry, x1226
1000 to 1100	Suicide Awareness	Bldg 840, ASTS	Maj Simpson, x1641
1000 to 1100	Chief's Council	Wing CC Conf Room	CMSgt Dalton, x1211
1100 to 1430	MPF ID Cards Open	Bldg 852, room 105	TSgt Jorgensen, x1085
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



Air Force History

Sep 1, 1953 The U.S. Air Force announces the first instance of aerial refueling of jet-powered aircraft by jet-powered aircraft, in which a standard B-47 Stratojet received fuel in the air from a KB-47B Stratojet.



Oktoberfest Celebration

Oct. 14 at the Services Club

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

\$10.95 per person

Bring your friends & enjoy delicious
German food,
great beers & musical entertainment!

Menu includes:

German spaetzle

Potato salad & Garden salad

Kielbasa with apple-caraway
sauerkraut

Schnitzel with mushroom gravy

Hot buttered rolls

Apple kuchen

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 **Win a Hummer!**

**Air Force
Club Membership
Drive
Sept. 1 - Nov. 31**



Through a random drawing,
2 club members from the entire Air Force club
program will each win a brand new H3 Hummer.

New members who sign up during the membership
drive are eligible to win one of two H3 Hummers.

Those who have been a club member as of
Aug. 31 are eligible to win the second H3.

To sign up for club membership,
visit the Officers' Club or Services Club or
call (888) 871-5608 & mention card code 5TH7.

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