

# VIKING FLYER

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***Wing starts year deploying***

*From the Secretary*

# Excellence in all we do



The new year is upon us and promises to be as challenging as the past year, because a nation at war knows no rest. Our Air Force has been at war for more than 16 years, and we must plan for more. The new year gives us all an opportunity to reflect on our achievements over the past year and set new goals for what we want to accomplish as individual Airmen and as an Air Force. One of the beacons to



guide you in forming these goals is the Core Value of "Excellence in All We Do," and a mechanism to implement these goals is AFSO21.

Having just returned from the CENTCOM AOR, I know very well the amazing things you are accomplishing every

day for our Air Force as you face the rigors of serving in a combat zone. Every Airman's dedication and attention to detail in this demanding and unforgiving environment are what makes our Air Force second to none. And I was also proud to see Airmen everywhere using Air Force Smart Operations to strive for excellence in their deployed workplaces. Seemingly simple suggestions, such as rearranging tool rooms and weapons storage facilities, saved time, money, and even lives, while giving us a more efficient and lethal organization.

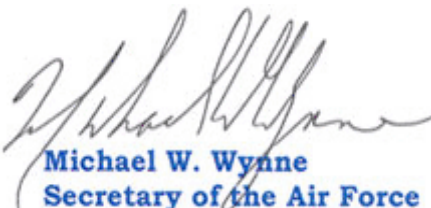
But AFSO21 does not just call for excellence in process improvement or organizational structure. The changes in enabling functions are not ends themselves; rather they must lead to greater combat capability. On my recent trip, I was impressed by the Airmen who added IR sensors to their vehicles to search for IEDs. Other innovations, such as the ROVER laptop, came from the warfighters in the field who sought better air/ground interoperability. From life-saving ideas to increased operational capability, Airmen continue to impress me with their passion for finding a better way.

"Excellence" does not stop with singular achievements, which is why our Core Value has the qualifier of "in All We

Do." A culture of excellence must inform and permeate all of our actions. AFSO21 assists us in achieving this excellence by empowering our Airmen to ask how we can do things better. Excellence must be our prevailing attitude.

To those of you who are returning from deployment, I welcome you home and encourage you to share your experiences from the field with your commanders, your fellow Airmen, and the public. Your invaluable combat experience will contribute mightily to our collective pursuit of excellence, as long as we capture your successes in combat and codify them into relevant and realistic training for others.

There is no doubt that we are the greatest Air, Space, and Cyberspace force in the world - no one can do what we do on a daily basis. Yet we still have room for improvement. Remember, our enemies are continually looking for ways to defeat us, so it is critical we build upon the successes of 2006. Make excellence your hallmark for 2007; it's what distinguishes us as Airmen and as an Air Force.



**Michael W. Wynne**  
Secretary of the Air Force

## 934 AW positions available

The following positions are available in the 934th as of Jan. 20. Please check with recruiting for current availability.

AFSC	Description	Positions
4NOX1	Med Tech	2
4VO71	Optometry	1
2A675	Hydraulics	3
2A652	Aerospace Ground Equip.	1
4NO51	Flying Med Tech	1
*44Y3	Critical Care Medicine	1
*42G3	Physician Assistant	1
1A251	Loadmaster	10
3HOX1	Historian	2

\* Officer position



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Perry  
934 AW Chaplain

A story is told about one day in the life of Martin Luther. His wife had decided to wear her black dress and black veil that she normally only wears to funerals.

Martin asked her the reason for this, thinking that someone they knew had died. Her reply was that Martin had been worrying so much about things, as if God was dead, so she was in mourning for his God. She did get her point across.

This is quite a vivid illustration that could easily apply to any one of us. I know my hand is high in the air. But in the last few months a very helpful lesson from the Word of God has been clearly driven home to me and has made a great impact in my life. The lesson is from Phil. 4: 6, Paul says, *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for what He has done.*

So, what can I worry about?  
Nothing! What should I pray about?  
Everything!

How should I do this? Thank God

for what He has done. Worry is like a warning light that tells me, God is really not first in my life at this particular moment. Because worry says that God is not big enough to handle my troubles. The way to stop worrying is simply to believe that God is able to handle your problems; and trust me, He is.

Corrie Ten Booms said, "Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but it empties today of it's strength." Worry will:

- a. Raise your blood pressure
- b. Harden your arteries
- c. Put wrinkles on you face and dark circles under your eyes.

Worry won't:

- a. Make your problems go away
- b. Help you deal with your problems
- c. Make you feel better.

But, if you follow God's formula in verse 6, the result will be: You will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ. Jesus. It is a matter of choice and the choice is yours.



## 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.**

## Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline

**Report suspected occurrences of Fraud, Waste and Abuse to the FWA hotline at (612) 713-1180.**



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Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

On the cover

**Gov. Tim Pawlenty talks with 934th members prior to a deployment to SW Asia in January.**



# Wing deploys to SW Asia



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Wing members are saluted in respect for their service as their plane taxis out.

During January and February Approximately 150 members of the Airlift Wing deployed or will deploy to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom . The all volunteer deployment is part of the Air Expeditionary Force cycle for the 934th which occurs every 20 months. During one of the January deployments Gov. Tim Pawlenty stopped by to show support for the troops and their families.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Local television stations talk with Reservists and family members.



Photo by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett

Patriotism and emotions run high as goodbyes are said.

Governor Tim Pawlenty speaks with a Reservist and her family.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach



Photo by Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett

The long day of preparation and activity wears down a young family member.





Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

## Words from the ROA

Last month the Reserve Officers Association donated more than 1,000 books about the military to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis. The books were the personal collection of a Marine ROA member who passed away. From left are Doug Kveene, ROA member, 1st. Lt. June Maloney, ROA member and 934th Maintenance Squadron officer, and Minnesota Veterans Home representatives Shirlee Peterson, Dee Oliver, Jim Ingersoll and Bob Wikan.

## Around the pattern



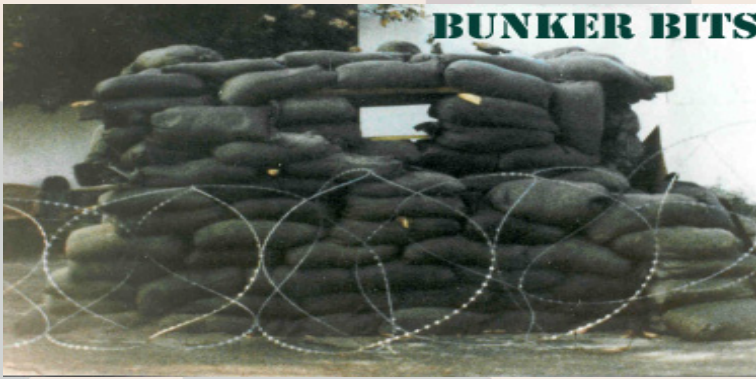
Above, Capt. Jeffrey A. Gorman (right) accepts the 934th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flag from Lt. Col. Eric Brandes, 934th Maintenance Group commander, at a Change of Command ceremony during the January UTA. Right, Master Sgt. Timothy Giles, 934th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, receives a retirement plaque from Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams



Photo by Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch

**Editor's note:**

**Bunker Bits will be presented monthly in the Viking Flyer through the ORI and will provide tips and information for ORI success.**

**By Maj. C.J. Lupo**

**934 AW Performance Manager**

**ORI 2008**

As you know, you have to crawl, before you can walk. Running comes much later. That is the concept behind the Operational Readiness Training Program (ORTP). Start slow and progressively build on the skills learned in previous events.

The 934th Airlift Wing began the ORTP process last October when Youngstown joined us for a Command and Control Workshop (ORTP1).

In January 2007 we continued the training process with ORI 101 briefings to familiarize tasked personnel with what to expect over the next year.

Attached is an outline of the ORTP schedule through May 2007 and continuing through the ORI in April 2008. In addition to the ORTP events, specific functional team training will be taking place throughout the wing.

### Operation Readiness Training Program (ORTP) Schedule

Recommended audience: ALL ORI tasked personnel unless otherwise specified.  
(As always-dates subject to change based on the needs of the Air Force)

- **4 Feb and 4 Mar 2007** – ORTP2: War Skills Training
  - Enhanced Self Aid & Buddy Care @ Navy 0700 – 1100
  - Personnel Processing & ConOps Briefing @ Services Club
  - Staggered unit start times beginning at 0700
  - Followed by Ability to Survive & Operate / CCA @ Bldgs 721/723/724
- **20-24 Mar 2007** – ORTP3: Volk Field C2 Exercise & Site Survey
  - (For command elements and site survey personnel ONLY)
  - **15 Apr 2007** – ORTP4 Pre-Deployment Briefing @ Navy Bldg
    - Approximately four 1-hour sessions
    - Specialized team training such as shelter managers and PAR teams
- **14-20 May 2007** – ORTP4: Readiness Safeguard
  - Volk Field, WI Combat Readiness Training Center
- **Nov 2007** – Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV)
  - Location and Exact Dates TBD
- **29 Mar – 5 Apr 2008** – Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI)
  - Gulfport, MS Combat Readiness Training Center

## Augmentee Program

(Article from IG Quarterly Update – Dec 2006)

One of the best ways to prepare for an upcoming inspection is to send your best and brightest on an IG inspection as an actual Inspection Team Member (Augmentee). Air Mobility Command (AMC) simply does not have enough full time inspectors to cover all of the inspection requirements, so they use many 'Auggies' to round out the team compliment. AMC/IG pays for all Auggie TDY costs.

Auggies bring fresh field knowledge and experience to the IG inspection team while returning to the wing with a wealth of inspection knowledge that can dispel many IG myths. Auggies are treated just like permanent IG team members, from executing checklists to writing inspection reports and assigning grades. They always need Auggies from every functional area, so please consider taking advantage of this important program.

**Augmentee Criteria:** Military: E-7 or above Civilian: GS-7 or above

Individual must have broad experience in functional area, solid written communication and interpersonal skills, professional military appearance and bearing, and a current security clearance/investigation for at least one year. Individual must not have been identified for UIF, Control Roster, or Weight Management Program

For more information about this program visit the AMC/IG website at [https://private.amc.af.mil/ig/html/Augmentee\\_Observer.cfm](https://private.amc.af.mil/ig/html/Augmentee_Observer.cfm) and download the new standardized Augmentee/Observer nomination form along with the form's instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Major C.J. Lupo at 612-713-1560 or e-mail at [cj.lupo@minneapolis.af.mil](mailto:cj.lupo@minneapolis.af.mil). Please route any request through her and not directly through AMC.



# Three from APS win Airmen honors

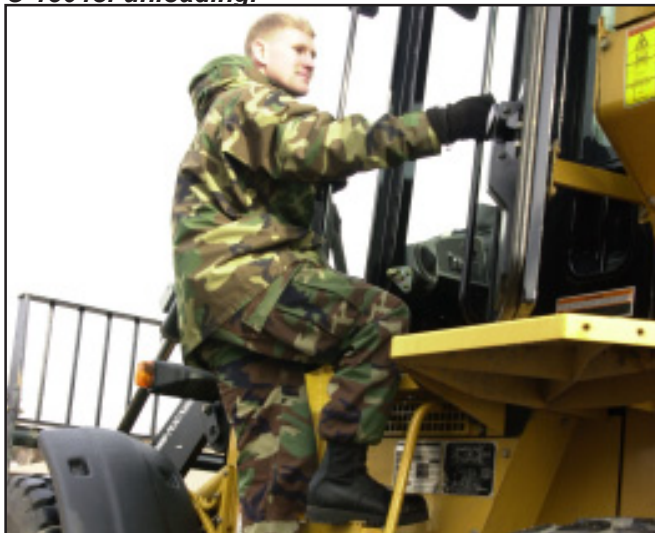


Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

**Senior Master Sgt. Dale Place coordinates the unloading of a C-130 with a 25K Halvorson loader.**



**Tech. Sgt. Christine Jerde prepares cargo aboard a C-130 for unloading.**



**Senior Airman Michael Ringer climbs aboard a 10K forklift.**

**By Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett  
934 AW Public Affairs**

Three Airmen assigned to the 27th Aerial Port Squadron were selected as the wing-level Airmen of the Year last month. Award categories are Senior NCO of the Year, NCO of the Year and Airman of the Year.

**The Senior NCO of the Year is Senior Master Sgt. Dale Place**, a terminal services NCOIC from the 27th Aerial Port Squadron. Senior Master Sgt. Place credits his accomplishments to the success he had while on deployment and the high quality of people that work for him, he said. While deployed, Senior Master Sgt. Place led aerial port operations for about four months and during that time was responsible for moving 61,300 passengers, 21,800 tons of cargo, which together covered 1,935 missions.

“He has an excellent reputation,” said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Dressen, superintendent, 27APS.

“Unit members have tremendous respect for him,” said 934AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Jan Dalton. “He is always positive about his work and the people around him”, she added. “He always figures out how to get the job done.”

“Senior Master Sgt. Place also received accolades in Citizen Airmen magazine for his accomplishments while deployed and was selected as the NCOIC of the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) scheduled for 2008,” said Chief Dressen.

**The NCO of the Year is Tech. Sgt. Christine Jerde**, an air transportation craftsman with the 27th Aerial Port Squadron. In addition to her normal duties, Tech. Sgt. Jerde also worked outside of her AFSC as training manager, and helped the unit prepare for the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI), last October.

“She was also Porter of the Quarter last year,” said Chief Dressen. This is an internal award, unique to the 27APS to recognize outstanding effort and accomplishments, he added.

**The Airman of the Year is Senior Airman Michael Ringer**, an air cargo specialist also from the 27th Aerial Port Squadron. Ringer credits his success to focusing on his responsibilities and doing his job, he said.

Ringer deployed with other unit members to Kyrgyzstan for about four months. “I’d go back,” he said. “It’s a lot better than you might think,” he added.

Ringer cited the fact that he enjoys coming to work and being around the other unit members.

It is “very unusual” to have three winners from the same unit, said Chief Dressen. I’ve been the senior ART here for 19 years and have never seen this before. This is a testament to the high quality of people we have here at the 934th and we are very proud of their individual accomplishments, he concluded.

The winners will compete at the 22d Air Force and if they win there, they will compete at the Air Force Reserve Command level.

# 934th brings Army troops home for holidays

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

The holidays were made a little brighter for about 70 Army Reserve troops training at Fort Bragg, N.C. for deployment to SW Asia.

The troops, assigned to the 13th Psyop Brigade in Arden Hills, Minn. was half way through their four week training when they were granted leave for the holidays. The only thing was, many of them did not have transportation back to Minnesota. That's where the Flying Vikings were

able to step in and help. The Army troops were able to travel aboard a 934 AWC-130 during Navigator Proficiency Missions and spend the holidays with their families and friends before returning to training.

Lauren Cloose, wife of SFC Gregg Cloose, said, "We were very excited to find out that Gregg would be able to come back without having to try to find a commercial flight. We truly enjoyed the time together and were able to celebrate the birthday of our daughter Emma. We are truly grateful to the Air Force Reserve for making it possible for him to return home for the holidays."



*Army troops, reinvigorated by the trip home for the holidays, board a 934th C-130 to return to training in North Carolina. Left, SFC Gregg Cloose spends time with his wife Lauren and daughter Emma before returning to duty.*





Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

## **Future aviators**

**Tech. Sgt. Gary Robbins, 934th Maintenance Squadron shows the inside of a C-130 to Civil Air Patrol cadets from Red Wing, Minn. The cadets visited the C-130 flight simulator and the National Guard Museum as part of their Aviation Education program.**

## **ESGR accepting Freedom Award nominations**

ARLINGTON, Va. – The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is accepting nominations for the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards at the ESGR website at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil).

**The nomination process opens on January 8, 2007 and will conclude on February 28, 2007.**

To nominate their employers, National Guardsmen, Reservists, or their family members should visit the ESGR website and complete the 2007 Freedom Award nomination form.

The 2007 recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the 12th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony hosted by ESGR on September 12, 2007.

In 1996, Secretary of Defense William Perry instituted the Secretary of Defense Employer Support

Freedom Award under the auspices of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR). The Freedom Award, DoD's highest honor for employer support, publicly recognizes employers for exceptional support above the requirements of the USERRA Law. Previous recipients have included Starbucks, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sears, General Electric, DuPont, Verizon, and United Parcel Service. State and local governments and a number of America's small businesses have also been recipients.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees.

# 934th HRDC seeks award nominees

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams  
934 AW Public Affairs

The 934th Airlift Wing Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) is currently seeking nominees for various awards for Airmen who manage and promote a diversified workforce.

The awards and their local suspense dates are: 2007 Federal Asian/Pacific American Council Military Meritorious Service Award (Feb. 3); 2007 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award (Mar. 3); 2007 League of United Latin American Citizens Excellence in Military Service Award (Mar. 3); and the 2007 Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award (June 1).

The awards are designed to recognize military members who distinguish themselves by making a significant contribution in the areas of civil rights, race relations, equal opportunity, human resources and positive public service, and foster support and understanding of the

armed services between minority and non-minority members of the military and civilian population.

Lt. Col. Toby Hammer, 934th Airlift Wing inspector general and co-chair of the HRDC, said, "We all have a responsibility to promote the tenants of civil rights and positive race relations in the military in our interaction with each other.

"I think it's perceived in society that a military strength is how we promote this type of environment. The HRDC's mission is to continue to promote this type of environment so we all can succeed," he added.

The colonel added that you do not have to be a minority member in order to qualify for any of these awards, but each award has its own nomination package with criteria that needs to be met. "We're looking to support packages for these awards. Even if you don't necessarily qualify, we still want to know what you're doing to foster diversity," he said.

Colonel Hammer cited an event with a Tuskegee Airman held last

summer as an example of a project designed to promote diversity within the ranks.

"The Tuskegee experiment was the basis of what we have today where everyone can be received based upon their own talents. We continue to promote equality in the military and in the community," he said.

Members are encouraged to discuss the awards with their first sergeants to review criteria and initiate the packages.

In addition to the awards, the HRDC is currently planning two panel discussions during the March UTA to discuss gender issues in the Wing. Each panel will be comprised of approximately eight people with one discussing female issues and the other discussing male issues. A "forced movement" panel is slated for the fall after the Milwaukee integration is complete.

The HRDC meets in the commander's conference room at 9 a.m. Sunday during each unit training assembly, and welcomes new members.

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## OPERATION: CHILDCARE

(A DoD program offered through National Association of Childcare Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA))

This program was designed to offer **4 free hours of childcare to servicemembers home on deployment.**

The Minnesota Child Care Resource and Referral Agency has generously expanded this program. They are NOW offering:

- 4 hours of free childcare for children of deployed servicemembers, to assist the parent or guardian with odd appointments, emergency care or even to simply take a break.
  - Family Readiness Group leaders can also use this service to provide childcare at their FRG meetings.
- State Licensed Child Care Providers volunteer through the MN Child Care Resource and Referral Agency to provide this service.

If you have the need, you are invited to take advantage of this service. These providers are anxious to support you.

Here is how you access the service:

- Go to the MN CCR&R website: [www.mnchildcare.org](http://www.mnchildcare.org).
- On the left click on CCR&Rs.
- Click on 'map of State CCR&Rs'.
- (Or go directly to this link: <http://www.mnchildcare.org/ccrmap.php>)
- Now choose your area of the State and you will be given the contact for your District CCR&R. Call that person and they will help coordinate your service.



## Wing roundup

### 96 AS

**Unit Information:** Post-holiday flying training begins in earnest for the 96 AS. This month's flying schedule is heavy on local training and light on the off station missions, although we continue to support ONE with a dedicated crew and aircraft. Locally, our numerous training flights vary from pilot proficiency (touch-n-go) to maximum effort take-off and landing trainers at Camp Ripley. Additionally, we are flying large formation airdrop missions with the 133 AW and we are taking advantage of the longer nights to ensure NVG proficiency. Congratulations to our new promotees, Master Sgt. Brian Wollack, Tech. Sgt. Cory Preusse and Staff Sgt. Paul Kragthorpe. Aircrew hiring continues at a frenzied pace! If there are any 934 AW personnel interested in becoming a navigator or loadmaster, please contact the 96 AS at X1725.

### 27 APS

This month the Top Tunner was awarded to Airman 1st Class William Carlson for being best in his 60K aircraft loader class at Dobbins ARB GA. Tech. Sgt. John Siemieniec was presented the 934 AW Wing Coin by Col. Nancy Brooks for getting 100% on his Air Transportation Craftsman Course test at Lackland AFB. Staff Sgt Eggerth received a plaque for getting a 90 percent on his Air Transportation Craftsman Course test. The 27 APS received word that Senior Master Sgt. Dale Place, Tech. Sgt. Christine Jerde and Senior Airman Michael Ringer are being recognized as the 934 AW Outstanding Airman of the Year in the SNCO, NCO and Airman categories.

Also, 27 APS sent 14 unit members to various locations in the AOR for AEF 5/6. This current AEF marks the sixth AEF rotation in a row that 27 APS has been sending personnel out in support of the war effort since our activation in 2004.

### ASTS

Col. William McAlister retired after 31 years of duty. His service reflects highly upon himself and the U.S. Air Force.

Twenty-eight Airmen were

deployed Jan 9. Nine others will be leaving home at various times throughout the month. We wish them all a safe and rewarding experience.

### LRS

Congratulations to Joel Folkestad for his promotion to SSgt.

The LRS would like to welcome Senior Airman Robert Baer to the unit.

Senior Airman Kamal Brooks is currently in school attending the 3-Level Information Management Course.

Maj. Erick Holman is currently deployed to CENTCOM HQ's for his AEF.

And, we have six members of LRS currently on their AEF deployment from January – May 2007:

Senior Master Sgt Jeff Nyhus  
Tech. Sgt. Barb Arwood  
Tech. Sgt. Lara Gallegos  
Staff Sgt. Mark Oldenburg  
Staff Sgt. Kevin Schulz  
Senior Airman Garrett Weston

### MXS

**Around the World/US:** Kudos to all personnel who recently deployed to Joint Forge and achieved the unheard of 100% Fully Mission Capable rate for all aircraft deployed.

**Mandatory correspondence courses/CDC's/CCAF:** Tech. Sgt Dave Dudash of the Structural section, Tech. Sgt Jennifer Pawlik of the Avionics section, Master Sgt. Bob Braesch of the Electro/Environmental section, and Staff Sgt. Rebecca Urzla of the Propulsion section have all been awarded their CCAF degrees. **Military or civilian honors/awards/recognition:** Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Phil Kvamme, Master Sgt. Blake Andrist, and Master Sgt. Reno Stradiotto on their recent promotions.

**People:** Master Sgt. Mike Zimm is the proud owner of the famed MXS Rocking Cow. For many years now this fine piece of bovine craftsmanship has been fabricated by Master Sgt. Roy Schwegel of the MTECH section as a fundraiser for Toys for Tots, thanks to all who bought tickets for the drawing. Welcome to Fabrication Flight Chief Senior Master Sgt. Tony Schmit, his wife Patti and two daughters Jackie &

Kim. Welcome also to Airman Basic Matt Mikelson of the Guidance & Control section, Tech. Sgt. Don Henderson of the ISO Dock and his lovely bride Jennifer who works in the Mission Support Group, and Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Harden of the Fuel Cell shop. New babies!: Elizabeth Helen Herdt, 22.5", 10 lbs. 1 oz. was born on January 3 to Tech. Sgt. Everett Herdt of the Avionics section and his wife Amanda, mother and child are doing well.

### SVS

We would like to thank all of those who make our training this month a success. We appreciate you taking the time to instruct the classes.

The annual holiday party was held on Saturday night of the UTA with a Roaring 20's/Casino theme. Thanks for everyone who dressed up and help make the night a blast!

We would like to welcome Airman Basics Grant, Langer and Williams, and Airman 1st Class Deal who recently joined us from tech school.

Congratulations to the following people: 2nd Lt. Dennis Davis and his wife who recently had a healthy baby girl, Senior Airman Kevin Egan graduated from Winona State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business, and Staff Sgt. Romeo Mecenias who graduated from Wright College with a Degree in Nursing.

Senior Airman Joseph Cervantes and Senior Airman Kevin Egan recently deployed to SW Asia for 120 days.

### Firing Range off limits

The 934th Airlift Wing firing range, located on Fort Snelling grounds, is off limits to unauthorized people.

Trespassing is illegal and dangerous. For additional information, contact 934th Combat Arms, Master Sgt. Gamboni at 612-713-1815.



# Viking Vibes



## Super Bowl

Join the fun at the Super Bowl Party Feb. 4 at the Officers' Club and Services Club lounges. The fun starts at 3 p.m. at the Officers' Club and 4 p.m. at the Services Club.

Bring your friends, join the fun and cheer on your team! Watch the game on the big screen TV and enjoy delicious food and drink specials. Non-members \$3.

Prizes throughout the day. Must be present to win.

All ranks and all military branches.

For more details, call (612) 767-1960 for the Officers' Club or (612) 713-1655 for the Services Club.

## Fun run/walk

The fitness center will host a Valentine's Day Fun Run/Walk Feb. 14 at Lake Nokomis. Participants meet at the beach house at the lake. The run/walk starts at noon. Distance is approximately three miles. Participants wearing red will receive a special prize. Refreshments will be provided. Sign up by Feb. 13. To sign up or for more information, call the fitness center at (612) 713-1496.

## Catering

Both the Officers' Club and Services Club offer catering services for special events, such as birthday parties, 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

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 regularly 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.

No federal endorsement of sports team or commercial business intended.

## Lounge specials

Check out the 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.

## 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 a gift? 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.

## Rentals

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. 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.). 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



## 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.

## Officer Spouse Club

### March 15th, Guthrie Theater Tour

Meet at the Club at 9:45am to carpool to Guthrie. Tour starts at 10:30am. Cost \$4. We will meet back at the Club for luncheon at 12:30pm. Cost \$12. Reservations: Jan Olson: 952-831-2438 or Roberta Gronemann 763-494-3517.

April 19th at 11:30am, Style Show luncheon, \$25

Fashions will be provided by Chico's. The proceeds from the luncheon will benefit families of active duty military personnel. Seating is limited. Pre payment required. 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 Reuterdaahl 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**

## Pig out challenge winners

And the winners are:

1st Place — Kevin Alban (8.333 pigs)\*

1st Place — Jim Donohue (8.333 pigs)\*

3rd Place — Jane Zappa (7.528 pigs)

4th Place — John Brown (7.444 pigs)

5th Place — Richard Iffert (7.333 pigs)

\*Tied for first place

## Teen Aviation Camp

The Air Force Services Teen Aviation Camp will be held June 2 - 7 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Teens who are sophomores or juniors in the 2007-2008 school year are eligible to apply.

Youth who participated in the 2006 Teen Aviation Camp are not eligible to apply this year.

Airline or POV travel costs to Colorado Springs are the responsibility of the attendee or their base. Lodging, meals, and program cost will be centrally funded at no cost to the participant or their bases.

Interested youth must complete an application and apply through their base Youth Program. For more information, call Margo Leslie, 934th Services Squadron, at (612) 713-1119.

[www.afyouthprograms.com](http://www.afyouthprograms.com)

## NCO Induction Ceremony

Recognizing our new NCOs, Sr. NCOs and Chiefs



Saturday Feb. 3, 2 p.m. Navy Auditorium

## Air Force Sergeants Association & Sew Much Comfort

Working together to do something wonderful for our service veterans!

**Boxer Shorts Donation Drive!**  
(NEW Boxers! Sizes: Med, Lg and XL)

Meeting activity  
We will be cutting material for adaptive clothing  
for Service Members  
A way to give back to those in need!

Sew Much Comfort is a nonprofit organization that provides adaptive clothing for wounded service members

We will also be holding our:  
AFSA Ch 858 Winter  
Quarterly Membership Meeting and  
Leadership Elections  
Free Refreshments and Food  
When: Saturday Feb. 3rd at 4:45 p.m.  
Where: Services Club Ballroom

Who: All current members and any who are interested in finding out more about Air Force Sergeants Association!  
Boxer Short drop off locations: 934 AW Services Club and Family Services



## Promotions (to)

Col. Judy Marchetti	934 ASTS
Col. Nina Gilberg	934 ASTS
Col. Toby Hammer	934 IG
Col. J.D. Larson	934 MSG
Master Sgt. Blake Andrist	934 MXS
Master Sgt. Frank Helseth	934 AMXS
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Jacobs	934 CES
Master Sgt. Reno Stradiotto	934 MXG
Master Sgt. Brian Wollak	96 AS
Tech. Sgt. Angela Arndt	934 ASTS
Tech. Sgt. Joshua Kramer	934 MXS
Tech. Sgt. Amber Meyer	934 MXS
Tech. Sgt. Cory Preusse	96 AS
Tech. Sgt. Danielle Romero	934 ASTS
Tech. Sgt. Roger Whiteman	934 MXS
Tech Sgt. Kraig Berger	934 CES
Staff Sgt. Brandy Beeman	934 CES
Staff Sgt. Jason Bjorge	934 CES
Staff Sgt. Elisabeth Devin	934 AES
Staff Sgt. Joel Folkestad	934 LRS
Staff Sgt. Matthew House	934 CES
Staff Sgt. Paul Kragthorpe	96 AS
Staff Sgt. Holly Meyer	934 AES
Senior Airman Jessica Hansen	934 ASTS
Senior Airman Patrick Massman	934 ASTS
Senior Airman Victoria Thayerdebrot	934 SFS
Airman 1st Class William Carlson	27 APS
Airman Ko Seukhwan	934 ASTS
Airman Jamal Brown	934 CES

## Youth ultimate outdoor fitness adventure camp

The U.S. Air Force invites children of Air Force military members and civilian employees to take part in the 4-H Ultimate Outdoor & Fitness Adventure Camp.

The camp is for youth ages 13-18 and will be held at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension 4-H Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 24 - 29.

Priority consideration will be made for the base Youth of the Year selectee and Air Force Fitness Program FitFactor participants.

The camp will be centrally funded to include round-trip transportation, lodging, meals, and camp activities.

Applications must be submitted to Margo Leslie, Chief of Services, in Bldg. 852, Room 214, by March 16. Applications can be downloaded online at [www.afyouthprograms.com](http://www.afyouthprograms.com).

Final selections will be announced April 17.

For more information, call Margo Leslie at (612) 713-1119.



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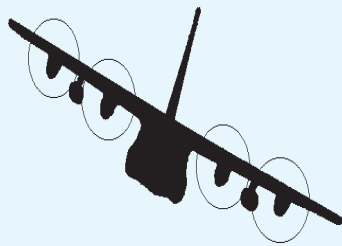
## Viva SVS

Costumed military and civilian members of the 934th Services Squadron celebrated the holidays at the squadron's Roaring '20s Casino Party at the dining facility Jan. 6. The festivities included food, casino-type games, prizes and a best costume contest. The party was held in January since the Services members spent the holidays serving others during their special events.

# Calendar

Time	Activity	Location	POC
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
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
1400 to 1500	NCO Induction Ceremony	Navy Auditorium	CMSgt. Karpinski x1398
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
0700 to 0730	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0900 to 0930	Protestant Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0700 to 1100	Self Aid Buddy Care	Navy Auditorium	Maj. Lupo x1560
0700 to 1100	ATSO/PDF (see supervisor for times)	Services Club	Maj. Lupo x1560
0730 to 1600	Newcomers Flight	Per schedule	MSgt Besser, x1755
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
1500 to 1530	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226

## UTA Dates FY 07



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



***Valentine's Day Dinner for Two***

*at the Officers' Club*

*Feb. 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

*Menu includes:*

*Salad*

*6 oz. N.Y. Steak & Shrimp Scampi*

*Potatoes*

*Vegetable*

*Dessert*

*Complimentary Glass of Wine*

*Diners will be serenaded by a violin  
duet.*

*Members \$24.95/person \* Non-*

*members \$27.95/person*

*Reservations required. Call (612)*

*767-1960.*

*All ranks and all military branches  
welcome.*

*Drink specials available at the  
lounge.*

**Dining Facility Menu**

**SATURDAY**

- ◆ **Breakfast:** Canadian Bacon, Bacon, Creamed Beef, Hard Boiled Eggs, Scrambled Eggs, Eggs To Order, Assorted Omelets, Grits, Hash Brown Patties, Pancakes, Assorted Cold Cereals, Juice, Yogurt, Milk, Coffee, Fruit Topping, Biscuits, and Waffle Bar.
- ◆ **Lunch:** Wild Rice Soup, Baked Chicken, Veal Parmesan, Fired Shrimp, Steamed Rice, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Gravy, Corn on the Cob, Succotash, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fruit Cocktail Salad, Spinach Salad, and Seafood Cocktail Sauce, Salad Bar, Assorted Pastries, and Beverages.
- ◆ **Snack line:** Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Corn Dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Chili, Ravioli, Nacho Cheese and Jalapenos, Salad Bar, Assorted Pastries, and Beverages.
- ◆ **Dinner:** Creole Soup, Turkey a La King, Steamed Rice, Carrots, Salad Bar, Assorted Pastries, and Beverages.

**SUNDAY**

- ◆ **Breakfast:** Sausage Patties, Bacon, Creamed Beef, Hard Boiled Eggs, Scrambled Eggs, Eggs To Order, Assorted Omelets, Oatmeal, Hash Browns, French Toast, Assorted Cold Cereal, Juice, Milk, Coffee, Fruit Topping, and Biscuits, and Waffle Bar.
- ◆ **Lunch:** Cream of Potato Soup, BBQ Ham Steaks, Turkey and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Calico Corn, Spinach, Lima Beans, Salad Bar, Assorted Pastries, and Beverages.
- ◆ **Snack line:** Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Cheese Fishwich, French Fries, Baked Beans, Chili, Ravioli, Salad Bar, Assorted Pastries, and Beverages.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Breakfast 0600-0700

Lunch 1100-1230

Dinner 1630-1730

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