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Reflections on an Air Force Reserve career

By Col. (Dr.) Jorge L. Llambes
934 ASTS Commander

As I approach the end of my Air Force Reserve career, I can not help but reflect on the significant changes the Air Force Reserve has experienced over the last twenty years, as well as the significant contributions of the reserve compo-



nent in support of our national defense.

My initial attempt to join the Air Force in 1966 was unsuccessful as the military draft took precedence and resulted in a three year tour with the Army during the Vietnam conflict. Following my discharge in 1969, I was able to utilize the benefits of the GI bill to complete my

undergraduate degree. My second attempt to join the Air Force took place in 1978 upon acceptance to medical school. I applied to the Air Force component of the Health Scholarship Program, but while waiting for approval I was offered a place in the Public Health component which I accepted in order to assure acceptance into medical school.

Following medical school, residence and starting private practice I applied to the Air Force Reserve and as the saying goes the third time was the charm. As a young Captain in May of 1990, I joined the 934th Tactical Airlift Clinic. Our reserve work consisted in doing physicals on Saturdays and training on Sundays. Our deployments were for annual tours and some humanitarian tours. It was a very relaxed pace of

work and I was told that the reserves had not been activated since the 1960s and we were safe from any “call-ups”. Murphy’s Law however exists for a reason, and the end of 1990 saw the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the activation of the many reserve units including the 934th Tactical Airlift Clinic. Our clinic deployment for four months during the Gulf War made me aware of the value of deploying as a unit composed of citizen airmen with broad civilian and personal experiences in different career fields. In addition our reserve leadership saw that we maintained unit cohesiveness and supported each other. This support of the reserve unit and wing leadership was invaluable in assuring that our members were taken care during the deployment and contributed to the overall success of the mission.

Following the drawdown of the military as a result of the end of the cold war, the role of the reserve forces became prominent in all aspects of national defense. As air component reservists we provide pilots, physicians, nurses, engineers, administrators and many other professionals and technicians with a wealth of civilian experience. Most important we bring a dedicated team of citizen airmen that are willing to make the sacrifices and volunteer to serve in any emergency. Our team spirit has been formed through service over a long period of time mostly in the same units and bases.

We grow professionally and personally with our fellow reserve and guard members. We share each others successes and learn and grow from our mistakes. While we do not PCS and may lose the “broadening” experience of different locations and career assignments, we contribute a complete team of professionals that have honed our edge through training, reserve work and deployment for contingencies as a team. Most important our reserve and guard leadership understand our unique differences and our unique contribution to our national objectives.

I wish all Air Force Reserve members continued success in the service of our country and close by proudly stating that it has been an honor to serve and a privilege to command an Air Force Reserve squadron.

UTA Dates

Month	934th	133rd	88th	Navy/Marines
April	14-15, 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





Photo by Capt. Julie Hamiel

On the hill

Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, meets with Congressman Keith Ellison, 5th District, Minn. at his Washington D.C. office. Colonel Tarchick was in Washington D.C. for an AFRC conference and took the opportunity to meet with Congressman Ellison and other Minnesota leaders to discuss issues concerning the 934th and its members.



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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.

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Photo by Master Sgt. . Paul Zadach

On the cover
934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron members Senior Airman Bethany Welsh and Rachael Husser prepare an IV aboard a C-130 as Master Sgt. Chris Reese, instructor, looks on.



Snow Force-



Two feet of snow gives SFS the challenge a Minnesota winter provides.

Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Gullickson

Security Forces keep skills hot during winter training

By Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett
934 AW Public Affairs

The 934th Security Forces Squadron conducted winter operations training during the March UTA at a local training area. Approximately 50 members of the SFS participated in a variety of training activities at the 1500-acre Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS). The training was designed to give the members experience in extreme conditions.

The training took place in the wake of two major snowstorms that dropped more than two feet of snow on the area. Members set up tents and equipment and employed flares, smokes and other resources during their simulated patrol operations which included force on force encounters.

"It's hard to fire and maneuver in two feet of snow," said Maj. Ted Ruminsky, 934th Security Forces Squadron commander. "You can't see what's under the snow, which is part of the reason we do the training. You have to expect the unexpected. There were a few people that went in up to their necks when they stepped in a hole filled in with snow," he added.

"You don't want your first time using a slap flare to be at 0200 with the enemy coming towards your position," said Major Ruminsky. "For some, this was their first time training with live pyrotechnics. We want to train like we fight," explained the major. "You don't know what it's like to stand outside in a snow bank all day unless you've done it. This is a controlled environment. This is the time to learn and make mistakes. Everyone had a great time. There were no injuries, no lost equipment, all weapons accounted for and everyone made it back safely. We can sit in a class room and watch Powerpoints all day long but no one will remember what was talked about. Do this kind of thing and people will remember it the rest of their lives. It also builds commraderie and esprit de corps."

"Nothing can prepare you for being out in the field, unless you are out in the field," said Senior Airman Seanwong Brown, who participated in the training. The Airmen agreed that if they could do one thing differently, it would be to make the training longer.

"The UTAs just aren't long enough," said Staff Sergeant



Photo by Capt. Leo Moreno

Senior Master Sgt Jeff Imsdahl finds eye protection a must in the fresh snow and bright sun.

Scott Frazer. With transportation time, set up time and clean up time, you just don't have enough time to train the way we would like to. The time that we had, we accomplished quite a bit," said Airman Brown.

"It's top notch equipment we're using now," said Frazer. The tents and heaters are all brand new. We have set it up a few times before but this was the first time we set it up in two feet of snow. "We were able to modify and adapt," he added. "The whole exercise really showed the need for continuous physical training, said another SFS member Staff Sergeant Christopher Dobson. "You need to be in shape at all times."

"I've always wanted to do winter training but I never would have imagined the snow to be that deep and the physical aspect of moving in the snow to be so tough," Brown said. "If you fall, good luck trying to get up. You are going to need your buddy."

"We weren't even wearing the 30 pounds of other stuff we normally wear," Frazer said. "I don't think there was any unit on this base that wanted to be outside, except us, nobody complained about the weather," said Brown.

"Everyone enjoyed all-you-can-eat hotdogs, potato salad and chips, said Ruminsky, "I think the winner had eight. "Besides the great training, It's kind of nice having the first Sergeant cook us lunch," said Frazer.

Aeromedics: Increasing the odds

Story and Photos by MSgt. Paul Zadach
934 AW Public Affairs

The advanced capabilities of today's Aeromedical and field medical people are in large part responsible for the increased survivability of combatants in the field. Aeromedics provide airborne medical care for patients en route from the field to established medical facilities on the ground.

In February, the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron deployed on a training mission to the 944th Fighter Wing at Luke AFB, Ariz. While the break from the Minnesota cold was welcome, AES members took advantage of the relatively long flight time for

training. "We use every possible minute of flight time we can for training," said Master Sgt. Tony Staut, 934 AES instructor. Many of the more involved procedures, along with training for aircraft emergencies cannot be accomplished on some of the shorter flights. The Aeromedics trained on in-flight medical procedures and also patient loading and unloading with the 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Luke.

Civil Air Patrol cadets played the part of casualties who needed to be loaded aboard the C-130 and treated. "This is very valuable training," said Col. Mark Hopkins, 944th ASTS

commander. "Having the C-130 and the 934th Aeromedics here provides a realistic scenario of how the ASTS and AES would work together in field conditions."



Capt. Jessica Martinez-Pompa displays signs that indicate emergency conditions the Aeromedics must respond to.



Master Sgt. Tony Staut and Senior Airman Rachael Husser check the operation of a supplementary oxygen tank.



Senior Airman Lindsay Rosenow prepares a syringe.



Senior Airman Jeremy Stutzman, 944 ASTS, carries a "patient" off the C-130 at Luke AFB, Ariz.





As part of the Air Force 60th Anniversary commemoration, two 934th Airlift Wing C-130s perform a flyover at the Air Force Canterbury Park Snocross races March 4. Right, D.J. Eckstrom of Duluth, Minn. pilots the Air Force sponsored sled in his own single ship flyover. Below, Brig. Gen. Greg Feest, Deputy Director of Force Application, the Pentagon, officiates at a group enlistment before the race.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Williams



From the front

934th couple brings school supplies to Iraqi children

By Master Sgt. Kerry Bartlett
934 AW Public Affairs

Two members of the 934th Airlift Wing teamed up in February and delivered more than 500 school supply items to children in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Master Sgt. Kathleen Gottschalk, the NCOIC of the Aeromedical Staging Squadron Dental Clinic here and her husband, Staff Sgt. Randy Gottschalk, an air transportation

Randy, asking for school supplies for the children. On the home-front, wife Kathleen rallied the support of her town and local officials to collect supplies, packaging and postage to help kids she will never see. Even the kids at the school, LeRoy Ostrander School, where she is a kindergarten teacher's aid, enjoyed being part of the excitement. In fact, her own children helped gather and box the items, she said.

"My son, Daniel wishes he could have given away his math books," she added.

Initially, flyers were sent home with the kids, announcing the project to parents. "I thought it would be a good project for the kids," she said.

The local paper published an article and provided contact information for anyone who wanted to help, Master Sgt. Gottschalk said. Soon, banks, grocery stores and individuals were calling to offer their support, she added.

Even the sheriff's department donated 30 teddy bears to the project. LeRoy, Minnesota is a small town of about 900 people near the Iowa border, she said. "It's a very supportive community but I had no idea we would get the response that we did. My living room was full of stuff."

"The boxes were sent U.S. mail and it took less than two weeks for them to get there," she said. "They just received the boxes two days ago," she added.

"The items will be made into kits containing things such as book bags, notebooks, pens, pencils, scissors, rulers, etc. Supplies continue to trickle in," she added. "And there are plans to have another shipment sent over in the spring, I'm pretty proud of my town."



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Randy Gottschalk displays a thank-you sign.

specialist with the 27th Aerial Port Squadron who is currently deployed to Iraq, coordinated their efforts via email and successfully delivered nine boxes of supplies to Iraq. The project originated with an email from husband

Letter from the front

From Maj. Les Canarr, 934 CES

"My sister-in-law's mother asked me what were some of the things I missed from home while being in Iraq, and I said I miss fresh bread and peanut butter sandwiches. She then called the local Wonder Bread bakery and told them what I said. They decided to send me some bread. Yesterday I received approximately 90 loaves of white bread, 105 loaves of raisin bread, 40 loaves of cottage bread, 288 Hostess cupcakes, and 160 Twinkies. It is a great show of support and I really appreciate it, but it was too much. (see picture). I am going to be meeting with the Army tomorrow to see if they can pass it to the kids/families/schools off base."



Courtesy photo



By Tech. Sgt. Todd Rice
934 LRS

Initial Response: The First Step

In March of 2008, the 934th Airlift Wing and the 910th Airlift Wing (Youngstown, OH) will participate in the Inspector General Operational Inspection (IG ORI) at Gulfport, Miss. Each unit will send approximately 460 people and 100 tons of deployable cargo.

We will have two opportunities to practice for the ORI, with full deployment of personnel and equipment in each. The first opportunity will be May 14-20 at Volk Field, Wisc. The second will be November at Gulfport, Miss.

The IG will inspect our wings in four major areas: Initial Response, Employment, Mission Support, and the Ability to Survive and Operate. In the first area, Initial Response, the IG will inspect wing Command and Control agencies that affect our ability to respond to a deployment tasking.

Deployment actions start upon receipt from higher headquarters of the Air Mobility Tasking (AMT). The AMT is the official notification of where, when, and what to deploy. In a deployment exercise, as in a real world tasking, all wing personnel and equipment must be ready to respond to operational requirements almost anywhere in the world, with a very short window of response time; usually within 72 hours.

In this time, the 934th Logistics Readiness Office (LGRR) will present a Concept Briefing to wing senior staff on how the installation will deploy the required assets. LGRR will publish a schedule to coordinate the assembly and processing of equipment and personnel prior to deployment, based on departure time of air and ground transportation.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

934th members process through a mobility processing line on the way to Volk Field Wisc. March 20. The reservists performed a site survey and participated on Operational Readiness Training Plan 3 in order to prepare for the ORI.

Given the short response time for most squadrons and flights, Unit Deployment Managers (UDMs) must keep personnel and cargo information current at all times. In doing so, passenger and cargo manifests are flexible and can be created quickly. Information for the shipment of hazardous material and aircraft Weight and Balance data can also be compiled within a very short period.

To manage the large numbers of personnel and equipment, logistics planners divide deployable assets into smaller groups, called "chalks". The base Deployment Control Center (DCC) manages the processing of each chalk through two critical functions: the Personnel Deployment Function (PDF) and the Cargo Deployment Function (CDF). The PDF is responsible for processing deploying personnel. The CDF is responsible for inspecting cargo increments to make sure they are air transportable. Both functions are augmented by briefers, forklift operators, aircraft loadmasters, and other essential personnel.

Both military and civilian personnel from these functions do their part in this process, but many other agencies are required for the smooth, safe, and orderly flow of personnel and equipment during large deployments. These agencies

include Medical, Security Forces, Public Affairs, Intelligence, Supply, and Family Readiness, to name a few. In fact, a successful deployment depends in some part on the actions of almost every function on base, all working in synchronization with each other.

During Initial Response, a lot of things have to happen in a short period of time, and there is little room for error. Departure time is very important, not

only for the smooth processing of people and equipment at home station, but for the orderly arrival of assets at the deployed location. In all three upcoming exercises/inspections, we will need to coordinate aircraft arrival with one other C-130 wing. In a real world deployment, there could be several wings involved, all trying to arrive at the same airfield and download their equipment within the same time frame. Therefore, timely departure from home station is critical.

This coordination of aircraft, vehicles, pallets, schedules, procedures, and people is no small task. But as long as wing assets are kept ready and in deployable condition, unit managers need only to make a few adjustments to current personnel and equipment lists to meet the requirements of the tasked location. The 934 AW has processes in place to not only satisfy the requirement of the IG, but to ensure a smooth and safe Initial Response to our all of our deployment requirements.



C-130s from four different units combined for a joint mission during the March UTA.

Photo by Lt. Col Kurt Rosselit

Winterfly: *Four units come together for a Joint Force mission*

By Maj. Jeff Harrold
96 AS Operations Officer

Concerned residents from Northern Minnesota reported a full scale invasion underway on Saturday, March 3, 2007. You don't often see eight C-130's flying in formation to the drop zone at Camp Ripley, and we here at the 96th Airlift Squadron don't either, but due to terrific work on the part of several of our people, a highly valuable training event was put together and executed without a hitch.

About six weeks ago, I was approached by our Long Range Scheduler, Major TJ O'Reilly about doing some interfly events with the 440th Airlift Wing before they left Milwaukee, Wisc. and moved to Pope AFB, N.C. Having just read some articles regarding the new reverse associate active duty squadron, I said "Hey, why don't we ask the new associate squadron to join in?" Like most good idea's that involve a lot of work that's all it took and pretty soon we had a highly visible first-ever type event on our hands. Not being smart enough to keep my mouth shut, soon everyone from the wing commander to 22d Air Force was watching and needless to say we wanted this to be a success.

The Pope crew arrived Friday afternoon and were surprised and pleased to be met at the aircraft with their vehicles, paperwork and a warm greeting. It took some convincing on our part to assure them that there was nothing they needed to do except show up the next day ready to fly. The 440th crews arrived later that evening, fighting through marginal Minnesota weather. Soon, eight aircraft were sitting on the ramp awaiting the next day's mission while the crews enjoyed a night on the town.

Maj Bob Hockman the mission commander, arrived early Saturday morning to finish up last minute details ensuring everything was ready for the departures. The crews arrived and at 9 a.m. everyone was welcomed by the Operations Group

Commander, Col. Al Swartzmiller.

Maintenance and Aerial Port worked to get the aircraft prepped, loaded, and parked on our ramp with plenty of time to spare. At 0820 local time, the number three propeller on each aircraft started to turn. As the formation was taking off, a Northwest pilot who was forced to wait, informed the tower "...it looks really cool from here."

One of our crews from the 96 AS led the formation to an on-time drop at Arno drop zone, followed by another drop of high velocity Container Delivery System containers. The containers looked spectacular impacting the newly fallen three feet of fresh snow! The Minneapolis control tower accommodated us by allowing the formation to execute an overhead formation pattern over the base during the return, capping off a very valuable training mission while looking, as always, very cool in the process.

The debrief was spirited, with very valuable insight provided from the crews involved, leading Colonel Swartzmiller to remark, "I learned a lot even though I didn't get to fly in it." Sorry about that boss, maybe next time.....

All-in-all, a terrific team effort by everyone in the wing allowed us to put together the first interfly with the new active duty associate squadron, the Minnesota Air National Guard, and two different Reserve Wings. We proved total force works. All components flew, briefed and executed a challenging mission without any incidents or problems.

This experience shows the high degree of professionalism and expertise that lives in the 96 AS. We also want to take a moment to say thanks to our maintainers, aerial porters, and Services people who assisted in this effort. The extra effort on your part paid huge dividends that will continue to showcase this Wing as the leader in AFRC.



A C-130 demonstrates that it can add snowblower to its' long list of capabilities.

Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Brad Binion

Services savors rewards of being the best

As part of the reward for winning the first ever AFRC Inside Out award, the 934th Services Squadron was honored at an awards banquet with a lavish dinner prepared by Chef Jean Marc Laurent from USAFE. The chef also provided training to club staff members and prepared a special menu for membership appreciation night for members of the award winning 934th Consolidated Clubs.



Photo by Cristina Oxta

Guest chef Jean Marc Laurent of U.S. Air Force Europe teaches cooks Sheryl Greenlee and Carlos Segovia how to plate the desserts at the Membership Night party at the Officers' Club March 6. The event was held in honor of the Officers' and Services Clubs' success in being named the best club in Air Force Reserve Command.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Chef Jean Marc Laurent instructs Darlene Anderson (left) and Ann Marie Weckop on the art of ornamental napkin folding.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Margo Leslie, 934 AW chief of Services, accepts the Inside Out Leadership Award presented by Mr. Jerry Cardinal, Director of Services for Air Force Reserve Command.



Photo by Cristina Oxta

Club members enjoyed an elegant hors d'oeuvres party March 6 at the Officers' Club. The Air Force Reserve Command-funded event was held as part of the Officers' and Services Clubs' celebration for winning AFRC's first Inside-Out club competition, in which they were named the best club in the command.





Employers Day September 8, 2007

934th Airlift Wing reservists with civilian employers can thank their bosses for their support during the past year through a special event.

Employers' Day 2007 will be held Sept. 8. Activities start at 8 a.m. and end around 2 p.m. They include briefings with the 934th Airlift Wing commander and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officials, along with a mock mobility line and a C-130 orientation flight. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Nominating their employers for Employers' Day is one way reservists can say thanks to those who help support their military career. It is also an opportunity to introduce their employer to the Air Force Reserve. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to employers who participate in this event.

Space is limited. Reservists who want to nominate their employer should complete a nomination form. **Completed forms must be received by the Public Affairs office by August 1. Please print clearly using black ink.** Forms can also be mailed to the 934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2100 or faxed to (612) 713-1229.

Nominees will receive an official invitation and additional information. Please provide the correct spelling for all names and official titles. Each reservist may submit **ONLY ONE** employer or supervisor. No exceptions. Federal civil service employees of military organizations are not eligible for nomination. Reservists may not nominate family members, even if they are legitimate employers, or anyone who has flown with the wing for any reason.

Reservist Information

Rank/Name _____ Unit _____ Duty Phone _____

Home address _____ Home email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone: _____ Civilian workphone _____ **SSAN _____

Employer's Information

Employer's full name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) _____

Employer's job title/position _____ email address _____

Company Name _____ **SSAN _____

Business address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Business phone: _____ Home phone _____

Emergency contact Name/relationship _____ Phone _____

I acknowledge that I am responsible for notifying my military supervisor if my employer will attend and I will be on duty status Sept. 8. In addition, I certify that my employer has not participated in any other Employers' Day.

Reservist Signature _____ Date _____

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Viking Vibes



Bingo

Play Bonanza Bingo evenings at the Services Club lounge. \$1 per card.

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.

Open house

The Outdoor Recreation Center will host a cookout May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during an all-day open house. During the cookout, guests can enjoy a burger with all the fixings, chips and a drink for \$2. There will be giveaways and a chance to enter in a drawing for a gift package worth \$250. Everyone is invited to visit during the open house to learn about the center's special deals on a wide variety of rental equipment available for the whole family.

The Outdoor Recreation Center is 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.

Bunny Hop

The fitness center will host

the Bunny Hop 5K Fun Run/Walk April 5 at Lake Nokomis. Participants will meet at the beach house at the lake. Start time is at noon. There will be free refreshments and giveaways. Sign up by April 4. For more information, call (612) 713-1496.

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.

Panini

The Services Club serves three types of paninis. Choose from the Chicken Panini with grilled chicken breast topped with pesto and provolone cheese, the Turkey Panini with lean turkey, roasted red bell peppers and provolone, and the Porchetta made with slices of roast pork loin and provolone.

All paninis are dressed in olive oil, balsamic vinegar and fresh spring lettuce mix and served on a Ciabatta roll with a side of tossed salad, fries or chips and a drink. Paninis are available for lunch at the dining room and dinner at the lounge for \$7.95.

Officers' Club lounge

In 2007, The Officers' Club lounge will open at 4 p.m. all Mondays regardless of holidays, except Christmas Eve and Labor Day.

Tickets

The base Information, Tickets and Travel office offers tickets and discounts for area attractions, including Valleyfair Amusement Park, the Park at Mall of America, Underwater Adventures, Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Minnesota Zoo, the Renaissance Fair and more. ITT is located in the fitness center. For more details, call (612) 713-1496.

Books needed

The North Country Lodge needs books for adults, young adults and children for its guest library. Lodging guests can borrow books from the library anytime during their stay. Donated books can be new or gently used and can be brought to the front desk from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call Tammy Davis at (612) 713-1978.

Lodging holiday hours

The North Country Lodge has changed its holiday operating hours from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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.

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.

Mugs

Mug Nights starts 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Officers' Club and 4 p.m.

Around the pattern

MXS

Staff Sgt. Steve Rosera achieved Distinguished Graduate recognition from the NDI 3-level technical school with a 96% average. Staff Sgt. Dale Krause of the Electro-Environmental shop scored a 94% on his 7-level CDCs.

MXS welcomed Staff Sgts. Tim Hunter & Adam Peterson from 7-level school at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Their trip home was made more memorable as a snowstorm forced them to hole up in Des Moines for a day, fortunately they took all the right precautions and arrived safe & sound the following day.

The following newcomers to the squadron are welcomed: Master Sgt. Jeff Hocker from Milwaukee to the Quality Assurance section, Jeff is accompanied by his young bride Sara and his matching set of children Caeden & Breckyn. Mike Harste, a 22 year Navy Corpsman and Greg Greseth, a non-prior service patriot are new to the AGE shop. The Propulsion Shop is happy to add Staff Sgt. Dale Williams to its roster of stellar mechanics. It is with sincere regret that we lament the departure of Tech. Sgt. Dave Butler after 30 years of honorable service.

Tech. Sgt. Amber "Dead Eye" Meyer shot 46 out of 50 during her M-16 qualification training. The immensely deserving TSgt Eric Johnson has been selected for promotion to MSgt through the PEP program. MSgt Ricky "Am I the big blind?" Smasal defeated an immense field of aspiring poker players through shrewd card playing and gutsy calls to place first at

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.

the Services Club's Texas Hold 'em tournament on Saturday night of the March UTA. Staff Sgt. Alicia Adams of the MXS Munitions Shop has been one of 14 people selected from a field of 400 by Global Youth Connect to fly to Rwanda as part of a human rights delegation. A follow up article will be submitted upon her return. Very good news – The beloved wife of Master Sgt. Pete DeSanctis, Sue, was in for her six month check up and is cancer free!!

SVS

The Services Squadron would like to give a warm welcome back to Captain Scott Uselding and Senior Master Sgt. Mike McGuire. Both recently returned from a 60 day deployment to Dover Port Mortuary. Along with the returning squadron members we were proud to promote, Dennis Davis, now 1st. Lt. Davis, and Scott Braski, now Master Sgt. Scott Braski.

Recently, the Services Commander, Maj. Neal Landeen, attended Leadership Today and Tomorrow (LTT) Conference in Washington D.C. Captain Cory Larsen and 1st. Lt. Dennis Davis attended the Joint Officers Professional Development Seminar (JOPDS).

The Unit would also like to give an enthusiastic goodbye to Tech. Sgt. Roy Smith, Staff Sgt. Andy Regal, and Staff Sgt. Tony Pangal; we all wish you a safe and rewarding deployment. Currently, we have 4 members of our squadron deployed at the Port Mortuary, Dover AFB, Del: Capt. Cory Larsen, Capt. Helen Elrod, Chief Master Sgt. Lee Traxler Siehndel, and Staff Sgt. Joel Harrington.

Goodby and a big thank you to Tech. Sgt Dennis Shaw for all of his hard work and great leadership for the

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.

past four years and two months. Congratulations on obtaining the Community College of the Air Force Restaurant, Hotel and Fitness Management degree. We wish you well on your future endeavors.

The 2007 Bowling Tournament was a success! The Services Squadron walked away with the overall highest team average and overall highest score. Tech. Sgt Steven Gray, Mrs. Gray, Staff Sgt. Crystal Dodson, and Senior Airman John Dufresne were the members of the highest scoring team. Capt. Scott Uselding bowled an average of 212, to be crowned Kingpin of the Burnsville Bowl.



The Meritorious Service Medal has been awarded to the following 934th members:

**Maj. Kelly Warren
Maj. Caleb Merriman
MSgt. Jennifer Henderson
MSgt. Robert Mattern
TSgt. Darrel Knox**



27 APS

The 27th Aerial Port had a very fun and productive weekend. The Squadron successfully preplanned and uploaded six different airdrop missions without any discrepancies. The Squadron is working diligently for the preparation of the upcoming ORI. One key training aspect was the build up of four pallets full of humanitarian cargo that is set to be delivered to Haiti.

The Squadron had the pleasure of awarding Staff Sgt. Lindsay Lande with the Air Force Achievement Medal. Senior Master Sgt Dale Place, Staff Sgt. Christine Jerde and Senior Airman Michael Ringer were recognized for being selected as the 934AW Outstanding Airman of the Year with the presentation of recognition letters from Maj. Gen. Mazick, 22AF/CC; Col Tarchick & Col Brooks. This was the first time in the Port's history that all of them were selected from the Squadron.

96 AS

"Point of Order, Mr President," exclaimed the accuser.

"We have in our midst, a 96 AS Dining Out rules abuser."

So went this event, complete with meal, drink, entertainment and treachery,

An entire evening of bonding and camaraderie, sans the infamous Tailhook lechery!

Quite a few were invited to sip from the Grog bowl,

Yes, that vile, hell-spawned concoction and its low-lead neighbor did take its toll.

"To the bowl, to the bowl" from the Mess President we did often hear,

Don't fret those who didn't visit the porcelain pair, there is always next year!"

On a more serious note, an eight ship formation comprised of Minnesota Air National Guard, 440 AW, Pope AFB, N.C., active duty and of course our aircraft was flown on Saturday of the March UTA. This large formation performed airdrops on a drop zone on the Camp Ripley range. A large portion of our March flying schedule was dominated by the squadron's deploy-

ment to Puerto Rico in support of Operation CORONET OAK.

CF

Unit members deployed to SWA in support of AEF cycle.

Tech. Sgt Bob Sommer received the Air Force Accommodation Medal from the 440th Airlift Wing, General Mitchell Field, Wisc.

Unit members attended the ORTP2 War Skills training

LRS

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

CPT 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 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.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Andrea Nelson and family on the birth of her daughter.

Congratulations to Senior Airman Dyan Daniels and family on the birth of her son.

Master Sgt. Douglas James passed the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer PME Course 14.

Tech. Sgt Jason Virkus passed his Vehicle Maintenance 7-Level CDC's.

Staff Sgt. John Czech completed his Course 9.

Senior Airman Kamal Brooks earned his Information Management 3-Level.

And welcome back to Senior Master Sgt. David Hunter and Tech. Sgt. Dustin Kruger who were deployed to Puerto Rico in support of Coronet Oak.

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Congratulations to Airman 1st Class's Anthony Moore and Steven Carter on their promotions to Senior Airman.

Master Sgt. Michael Gullickson, Tech. Sgt. Douglas Ranke, and Tech. Sgt. James Decker returned from two weeks duty in support of Operation Coronet Oak as Phoenix Ravens.

The 934th SFS welcomes new member Tech. Sgt. James Armstrong, Staff Sgt. Michael Toste, and Airman 1st Class Cody Helstren.

Worth repeating

*"Guard zealously
your right to serve in
the Armed Forces,
for without them,
there will be no other
rights to guard."*

*John F. Kennedy
U.S. President 1917-
1963*



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
1100 to 1200	Officers Call	Officers Club	Capt. Hamiel x1202
1215 to 1615	Certifying HAZMAT	Bldg 745, room 108	SMSgt Schyma, x1789
1230 to 1430	Post Attack Recon Training	Bldg 865, SFS Training Rm	Claude Schuenemeyer x1081
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	TSgt. David Butler Retirement	Bldg 821	SMSgt. Gillespie x1323
1500 to 1500	Col. Toby Hammer Pin On	Bldg 821	SMSgt. Gillespie x1323
SUNDAY			
0700 to 0730	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0900 to 0930	Protestant Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226
0800 to 1200	Readiness Safeguard Pre Deploy Brief	Navy Auditorium	Check with supervisor for times
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
1400 to 1500	Wing Commander's Call	Hangar	Capt. Hamiel x1202
1500 to 1530	Catholic Services	Bldg 725, Chapel	Chaplain Svoboda x 1226



Women in aviation

Senior Airman Amy Gillette, 934th Maintenance Group, poses with Maj. Nicole Malachowski, the first woman Air Force Thunderbird pilot (center) and a member of the Women Air Force Service Pilots of WW II. Airman Gillette attended the Women in Aviation International in Orlando Fla. this year along with Capt. Julia Ritz, 934 AES, and Capt. June Maloney, 934 MXG. The three day event immersed attendees in the tactics and strategies necessary for successful aviation careers. More than 3,000 women and men from all segments of the aviation industry attend. That included close to 200 Air Force Reserve personnel who were sponsored by AFRC HRDC.

Easter Buffet April 8 at the Officers' Club

The menu includes:

*Honey baked ham, Roast beef, Pork loin roast, Turkey with stuffing
Cold poached salmon, Peel-and-eat shrimp, Garlic mashed potatoes
Garden blend rice, Au gratin potatoes, Seasonal vegetables
Salads, Assorted desserts*

Members \$16.95 Non Members \$18.95

\$7.95 for children ages 5 to 12

Children age 4 and under eat free.

Seating 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All ranks and military branches welcome.

Reservations required.

Credit card information must be given at time of reservation.

No shows without prior notice by April 6 will be charged full price.

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