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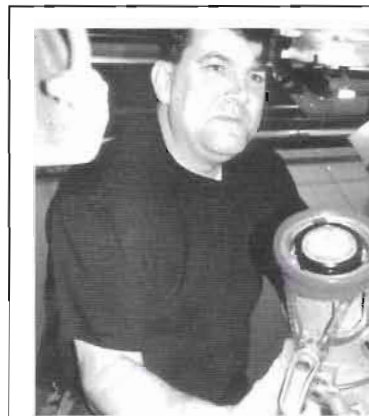
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Capt. Carrie Campbell, Col. Jorge Llambes, and Tech. Sgt. Eric Schraeder (left to right) from the 934th Airlift Wing present Girl Scout cookies donated by the wing's maintenance and operation. For Llambes, it was the first trip back to his Cuban homeland in more than 40 years. See the story on Page 4.



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On the cover

Tech. Sgt. Michael Salmon, refueling mechanic with the 934th Logistics Squadron's transportation section, attaches a hose to a refueling truck after a maintenance check. The section was recently named Best in 22nd Air Force. For more on what makes them the best, see the story on Page 16. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Williams)

Wing names top civilian employees



Larry Sheyma

POSITION: Plans superintendent

UNIT: 934th Airlift Wing Plans Office

EDUCATION: Bachelors of Science degree from Mankato State University; Associates Degree from Metropolitan State University.

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION: Air Reserve Technician.

HOBBIES: Hunting, fishing, baseball and hockey.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS: Air Force Sergeants Association, St. Luke's Chuck (Loaves and Fish); Gustavus University Alumni Club.

GOALS: Prepare plans for retirement for my wife and myself, as well as upward mobility prior to retirement.

COMMENTS: Special thanks to everyone who has supported me, especially my family.

Dianne Greeman

POSITION: Secretary, Recruiting Service

UNIT: Recruiting Service, 934th Airlift Wing

EDUCATION: Olive Thein Beauty School

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION: Secretary, Recruiting Service

HOBBIES: Reading, Biking, Roller Blading, Gardening, Grandkids!!

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS: N/A

GOALS: At this time in my life, I'm looking to live life simply and to plan for retirement!! Then, travel, travel, travel!

COMMENTS: It was very kind of SMSgt Larry Giles to nominate me, and to have been chosen by the base is an honor. My job in recruiting has always been enjoyable, but it's a team effort that makes us so successful and so I wish to share this honor with my co-horts!! Thanks guys!



Morrie Henjum

POSITION: Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic

UNIT: 934 LGTM

EDUCATION: Tech College

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION: Present Position

HOBBIES: Bowling, Boating, Golf

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS: ATM (Automotive Technicians of Minnesota)

GOALS: To stay healthy enough to make it to retirement.

COMMENTS: From the first day I started here I was impressed with the friendly atmosphere that was here; we try to keep this going with the civilian welfare program. The people on base are all super and continue to make the 934th a very good place to work. When it comes to twisting wrenches for a living this job would be hard to beat. I'm honored with this honor and accept it with all of the people I work with. Thank you very much!



Members of the 934th Airlift Wing on a recent trip to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, included Tech. Sgt. Eric Schraeder, Maj. Ken. Rogers, Master Sgt. Tom Kim, Maj. Gary Bray, Col. Jorge Llambes, Amn. 1st Class Jackie Burns, Capt. Carrie Campbell, Master Sgt. Mark Hartnett, Master Sgt. Conrad Kluck, and Maj. Mike Dargen.

Flight surgeon returns to Cuban homeland

By SrA. Stephanie Witty
Staff writer

A flight surgeon with the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron returned to his Cuban homeland recently after a 42-year absence.

Col. Jorge Llambes, director of

aerospace medicine at the 934th ASTS, flew to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Mar. 26, during a Coronet Oak mission last month.

He worked as the flight surgeon on a training mission flown by an aircrew from the 96th Airlift Squad-

ron. His job on the mission was to serve the crew by being aware of safety issues, monitoring environmental issues, crew resource management, and other risks.

Llambes, who was recently selected to become the new 934th ASTS commander later this year, lived in Cuba until 1962 when his parents immigrated to the United States.

Llambes said that returning to Cuba after so many years brought back memories.

"It was nostalgic, just knowing the fact that it was Cuba made it special," he said.

Llambes and other members of crew were limited to where they could go in Cuba. He said he looks forward to the day that Cuba is a democracy and he can visit the rest of the island.

While at Guantanamo Bay, the crew handed out Girl Scout cookies, collected by local maintenance and operations personnel, to sailors and Marines stationed at the Cuban base.



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CMSAF to retire

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch appeared before Congress in February to address Air Force quality-of-life issues and initiatives. Finch announced March 28 his plan to retire this summer after more than 28 years of service and nearly three years as the 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. (Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)



Free email

GI Mail allows deployed people to stay in touch

Mail is a very important tool for morale when people are on a deployment and a new tool has become available to deployed members of the 934th Airlift Wing and their families.

GIMail allows service members to keep in touch using e-mail no matter where they are stationed, no matter what time.

GIMail provides a free e-mail account open to all members of all services owned and operated by the Air Mobility Command.

It is designed to be a morale tool for deployed individuals.

Deployed personnel can access their mail from any computer with an Internet connection.

Families of personnel without home computers are able to access GIMail accounts at the Family Readiness Center.

GIMail offers services similar to most commercial e-mail providers, but also offers three great advantages.

GIMail services are protected,

placed inside the government network and protected by the firewall here.

GIMail allows people to forward email from their home base to their GIMail account. GIMail also improves e-mail communications by using available bandwidth and eliminating the commercial ads that come along with most e-mail service providers.

GIMail is intended for temporary use to make communication possible between deployed personnel and their friends and family. All e-mail in active accounts automatically expires in 90 days and all accounts that are not accessed for 90 days will be automatically deleted.

Eventually there is a plan to videostream e-mails, which would allow e-mails with video clips so that

while deployed individuals would not miss dance recitals or tee-ball games. This means that time zones are not an issue, because scheduling would not be a concern. It could be noon in

Minneapolis and four o'clock in the morning where a family member is deployed. The recipient can open the email whenever they have free time and also download it to a writable CD to keep forever.

To register for a GIMail account go to: www.afcrossroads.com/html/communications/index.cfm

Once registered

e-mails can be sent to and from name@gimail.mil

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Leaders voice strong support for the wing

By Col. Gary L. Cook
934th Airlift Wing commander

Chief Master Sgt. Dick Grewe, Master Sgt. Al Eakle and I attended a Congressional Orientation program at the Pentagon May 16-17.

I would like to share with you some of the aspects of the trip.

The first day of the program was a series of briefings at the Pentagon and included a meeting with Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

While at the Pentagon, we were told that the commander of Air Mobility Command, our wartime boss, Gen. John Handy, was on Capital Hill meeting with congressional leaders to discuss a long-range plan allowing the Air Force to meet America's military airlift requirements over the next decade and a half.

The plan includes modernizing or retiring some C-5 Galaxy and C-130 Hercules aircraft, and also includes buying more C-17 Globemaster IIIs to replace in part the retirement of C-141 Starlifters.

The plan, called the Mobility Roadmap, calls for a minimum fleet of 180 C-17s, and at least 150 new C-130Js. In addition, more than 280 older C-130s will be modernized, as well as the best 112 C-5s.

General Handy briefed Congress that this would result in an airlift fleet that is 30 percent more reliable, will cost less to operate and maintain and can carry more cargo directly to where America's warfighters need it.

What this proposal means to us is that we will begin retiring some of our older C-130E

models and replace them with newer C-130H models. As of now the plan calls for us to swap out two aircraft each year, beginning in fiscal year 2004.



By the end of FY 2007, our fleet of 10 C-130Es will be replaced by eight C-130Hs. These aircraft will undergo avionics upgrades during FY10 and FY11, making them C-130X aircraft.

Beginning in FY 2014, our eight C-130H aircraft will be replaced by brand-new C-130J models over a two-year period.

This transfer of aircraft will not impact our manning as it will remain the same. However, there will be \$21 million of new construction on our ramp, maintenance and operations buildings to accommodate this new aircraft.

If Congress approves this comprehensive mobility plan, it allows us to modernize our aircraft and buy new aircraft with greater capabilities to support current and future airlift requirements.

As a national resource, airlift is always in high demand. This plan will provide the best mix of aircraft and capability to meet this airlift demand.

General Handy told our elected representatives the plan, in cooperation with Congress, calls for modernizing our units within existing resources. With newer equipment, each unit

should now be capable of consistently providing more airlift support.

On the second day of the program, we met with Minnesota's two senators, one congressman and a staff member of another.

The Chief and I told our elected officials what a great job all of you are doing and some of the sacrifices

you are making to serve the nation.

They asked us to tell you how proud they are of you and wanted to know what they could do to help.

We discussed pay and benefits issues, and they promised to look into some relief.

I invited them to come out and visit with you during a unit training assembly later this year and they indicated a strong desire to do just that. I'll keep you posted.

As I told both General Sherrard and our elected leaders, I'm proud to be your commander. You're doing great things for the nation. Keep it up!

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Sept. 11 events prove Americans vulnerable to attack

by 934th Security Forces Squadron and Air Force Office of Special Investigations staffs

The events of Sept. 11 have proven that Americans are vulnerable.

Preventing such incidents from occurring are very difficult.

With the limited resources that the intelligence community has, it has become even more important for every American, whether they are civilian or military, to be the eyes and ears for those people that could possibly prevent such a tragedy from occurring again.

Those things that you may have overlooked, or thought nothing of in the past could have an entire new meaning in this new world that we find ourselves living in.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigation has developed a reporting criteria, which will better assist people in determining if something "just isn't right."

There are six criteria that you can follow.

Be sure you to talk to your family members as well. Because of their affiliation to the military they may see something that seems to be out of place.

It could be something as little as a phone call from a stranger asking questions related to your connection with the military or someone hanging near your car, or even missing vehicle decals (DD Form 2220).

Be sure to share this with your family. We as Americans are all

targets and even more so as military members.

The six reporting criteria are...

Specific Threats: Any threats received by any means, which contain a specific time, location or area for an attack against US forces, facilities or missions. This includes, but is not limited to, any event or incident, or series of events or incidents, which in and of themselves may indicate the potential for a threat to US forces, facilities, or mission, regardless of whether the threat posed is deliberately targeted or collateral.



Surveillance: Any reported possible surveillance in which an attempt to record information or to use unusual means to monitor activities is observed. Such attempts may include use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, annotated maps or drawing, hand-drawn maps or diagrams, use of binoculars or other vision enhancing devices, or any reports from host nation security forces of possible surveillance of US assets.

Elicitation: Any attempts to obtain security-related information by anyone who does not have the appropriate security clearance and the need-to-know. Elicitation attempts

may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

Tests Of Security: Any attempts to measure security reaction times or strengths; any attempts to test or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures; any attempts to acquire or duplicate uniforms, badges, passes, or other security related documents.

Repetitive Activities: Any activities, two occurrences or more, of the same activity by the same person and/or vehicle, within a one month period.

Suspicious Activities/Incidents: Any activity / incident that does not specifically fit into the

mentioned five categories yet is believed to be of concern regarding force protection should be reported under this category. Some examples of this type of report may be: any issue that causes homeland defense assets to scramble or thefts of material that could be used to manufacture

false identification cards or thefts of military uniforms which may be used to gain access to a military installation.

If you witness anything that falls into any of the above criteria REPORT IT!

The 934th Security Forces Squadron is available 24 hours a day. They can be reached at (612) 713-1102 or 1101.

With your help we may be able to prevent another tragedy. And the life you save maybe that of a loved one or your very own.

And above all use common sense.

Evil comes to the innocent, guilty alike

by Chaplain (1st.Lt.) Tom Wilson

A small child is stricken with leukemia.

An incredibly responsible and virtuous teenager is hit by a car driven by a man under the influence of chemicals.

A young father is paralyzed by an industrial accident.

An innocent basketball coach is accused of horrific crimes against children because he did not play a certain player enough.

A 20 year-old man goes to jail for fifteen years because he got drunk and killed a senior citizen with his car.

Nearly 3,000 innocent people are killed by a group of terrorists who hijack a plane and use it as a weapon. Many others are harmed socially, spiritually and economically as a result of that same act.

These are all examples of evil

that I have faced in my six years a priest, as I attempted to serve friends and parishioners.

Evil comes to the innocent and the guilty alike.

Some of it is brought about through poor and irresponsible moral choices.

Some of it comes from just being in the "wrong place at the wrong time."

Innocent victims. As human beings we face evil everyday, some of it major some of it minor, some of it self-inflicted and some of it of circumstance.

Regardless of our faith perspective, we have all experienced evil in our lives. It affects every one of us.

As men and women who serve our country in the military, each one of us is profoundly affected by the evil of September 11, 2001.

While there can be debates about the source of evil, whether a particular act is evil, or how to combat evil, no one can argue that it is there.

The question that we are all challenged with is how to deal with it.

The presence of evil in our lives subjects us to temptations which can leave us unhappy or depressed or even bitter.

We can fall to the conclusion that because there is evil in the world, the entire world is awful.

We can fall into self-pity in believing that nothing good will ever happen to me.

We can insulate ourselves from responsibility for our own actions.

We can even fall into the belief that things are so awful and so out of our control that the world's end must be imminent.

But all of these temptations are

distractions.

They distract us from what is good about the world: our families, friends, and the beauty of the natural environments that surround us; the precious gift of being able to love as human beings; the ability we have uniquely as human beings to choose our attitudes and behaviors.

The distractions prevent us from seeing that we can be part of the solution of dealing with the evil that confronts us even if we can't eradicate it completely.

None of us alone can win the war against terrorism but each one of us can do our part in the effort.

None of us can take the pain away from someone who has lost a loved one, but we can all offer support in a person's time of trial.

Evil is no fun, but we can grow from it.

After the initial pain of a struggle, many people find themselves renewed in their lives and stronger, better people.

From a Christian perspective, we know that evil is present because of sin, and allowed by God so that we can see His glory.

The true test of faith is not that it is present when things are going smoothly in our lives, but that we can see and know God's presence even in the struggles of daily life and the evil that pervades our world.

Our challenge in dealing with the evil in our world, whether from a macro or micro perspective, is how we choose to handle it.

Do we despair and give up or do we do what we can to make things better and see God's presence even in the midst of it?

The choice is ours.

UTA Chapel Schedule

Catholic Services

Sat: 3:30 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m. (Confession)

8:00 a.m. (Mass)

Protestant Services

Sat: 1 p.m.

Sun: 9 a.m.

All services are held in Bldg. 865 (northwest door).

Chaplains (Maj.)

Charles Perry (senior chaplain), (Capt.) Derek Lauer (Protestant) and (1st. Lt.) Tom Wilson are available for personal, spiritual and family concerns, visitation to work centers and recreational area, mobility and disaster assistance.

They can be reached at (612) 713-1226 or 1227.

Guest commentary: Why we fight

by Maj. Dave Saville
27th Component Repair
Squadron
Cannon AFB, N.M.

I discovered one of the most powerful lessons I ever learned in a short book titled "What They Fought For, 1861-1865," by James M. McPherson, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Battle Cry For Freedom."

The book was McPherson's summary of hundreds of letters written by soldiers of the Civil War in both the Union and Confederate armies.

I had always wondered why so many thousands of Americans would sacrifice themselves on the battlefield, fighting against each other. It baffled me.

All other books I have read about the Civil War failed to answer this fundamental question for me. But reading this unique book clarified for me why they fought and why I am ready to fight.

The Civil War was the first war in history in which the average foot soldier was literate, and the last war in history in which personal correspondence was free of censorship or security guidelines.

Civil War soldiers wrote lots of letters, and many of those letters are available today, preserved by families and museums.

In fact, these soldiers wrote descriptively about their experiences and their thoughts, revealing insights into their motivation for fighting.

The most common motivation McPherson discovered in the letters, from both sides, was to preserve liberty and government "of the people, by the people, for the people." They understood they were

responsible for preventing it from vanishing from the Earth.

How did they develop this sense of global responsibility?

McPherson theorizes that most of these soldiers learned their duty to defend the Constitution by sitting on their great-grandfathers' and -grandmothers' laps and hearing stories of the Revolutionary War.

When the war began in 1861, it had only been 80 years since the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown and the end of the Revolutionary War.

When the Civil War soldiers were children, they learned what the first war was all about from those who lived it.

When the Southern states seceded from the Union over issues of state sovereignty and slavery, the stage was set for these young Americans to rise up and serve the Constitution themselves.

The South saw the future of America one way while the North saw it another way.

The letters from the soldiers reveal that the average soldier felt a profound burden to personally ensure democracy survived.

This sentiment was captured in President Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

He said, "We are highly resolved that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the

people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Like the soldiers who died on that battlefield after writing these letters, Lincoln knew democracy was fragile, and its future hung in the balance, affecting not only Americans, but the whole world.

Although America is much stronger now, the ideals of this country based on liberty are still under attack. The terrorist attacks on America over the past few years, including the attacks on Khobar Towers, the U.S.S. Cole and the World Trade Center and Pentagon, remind us that we have the same job our forefathers had at Yorktown and

Gettysburg.

We have our chance to "ante up," like our fathers did at Normandy, Inchon and Vietnam. We can now add to that list Kuwait, Kosovo and Afghanistan. It is in these conflicts that we find the stories and lessons we will tell our grandchildren as we bounce them on our knees.

Imagine if our children and grandchildren do not learn the same sense of responsibility and patriotism we received from our forefathers?

That would be a tragedy too colossal for words to describe.

We must ensure the future of a government "of the people, by the people, for the people" or we risk losing it from the Earth.

That is why we fight. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

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934th AW "GET ONE" PROGRAM Recruiter Referral Coupon



Please take a moment to complete this coupon if you know of someone who would be interested in joining our Air Force Reserve team

Candidate Information

(Please complete as much as possible)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M F
First MI Last (Circle one)

Address: _____ City: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Alternate Contact number: _____

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(This info is vital to the program)

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Rank First MI Last

Unit assigned to: _____ Unit contact number: _____

Please forward referral coupon to the Senior Recruiter, SMSgt Larry Giles
 934th AW/RS, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450

Additional information on the "Get One" program may be obtained by calling the
 934th AW Recruiting office at (612) 713-5627

Thank you for your continued support

934th Civil Engineering Squadron

by **Master Sgt. Mike McGuire**
Unit PA Representative

Tech. Sgt. Leroy Rothove has volunteered to assume the additional duty of Family Services Representative for the unit. The unit would like to thank **Master Sgt. Kenny Weber** for his dedicated efforts in filling this position the past few years.

Tech. Sgt. Tom Whiteford assumed the additional duty of Unit Safety Representative, taking over for **Master Sgt. Ken Phillipi**.

Senior Master Sgt. Dave Halverson formally introduced the unit's new Air Force Mentoring Program. A lot of hard work in preparing for the program was done to roll out the program.

All members of the unit will participate in the program one way or another.

Tech. Sgt. James Palo worked on snow removal around the base on the Friday before the April UTA.

Several civil engineering work centers continued work on the renovation of building 729.

According to the building's noncommissioned officer in charge, **Tech. Sgt. Mike Cleveland**, the project is now at 55 percent complete.

Numerous unit personnel will be using their annual tour during the months of April and May continuing work on the building.

The unit's Equipment shop continued work in preparing for demolition of building 716.

April was spent removing old carpet from the building.

Tear down of the old lodging facility is to be accomplished during the June timeframe while shop members will be on annual tour.

Six firefighters returned from serving on a rotation in support of Coronet Oak in Puerto Rico.

This month's "Chief's Challenge" contest winner was **Staff Sgt. Jason Holm** from the Equipment Shop.

This month's question: "The Air Force is to receive \$87.2 billion of the \$379 billion defense budget. AFRC receives its funding from three separate appropriations. What are these three appropriations?"

Answer: "Operations and Maintenance, Reserve Personnel and Military Construction."

Holm answered the question correctly and was presented with a squadron coin.

934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

by **TSgt. Houin**
Unit PA Representative

The squadron has been busy preparing for a Health Services Inspection (HSI) for this upcoming UTA.

This inspection reviews all administrative plans, programs, and processes managed by the various ASTS clinics, administration, medical supply, and training.

The unit's last inspection was in 1997 and the ASTS has grown in manning and mission requirements since then.

Add regular UTA business (e.g. physicals, training, etc.) to the mix and there are a lot of people running amok!

The squadron thanks everyone for remaining patient with long waits.

Last UTA, the ASTS conducted joint UTC training with the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

This marks the first joint effort with plans to conduct quarterly training for our related UTC missions and an upcoming joint exercise in June.

This will better prepare both squadrons in working together and understanding the other's mission.

The unit had two deployments: **Staff Sgt. Ben Burgeson** in Moron, Spain for 53 days in support of Operation Northern Watch; and **Capt. Sara Hormig** is at the Nursing

Corps Topstar at Travis AFB for annual tour.

NOTE: I am a TSgt (not SSgt - comm hasn't updated my email yet)

934th Logistics Support Squadron

by **Master Sgt. Craig Molm**
Unit PA Representative

One individual deployed to Southwest Asia for a year in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Two people deployed to Luke AFB, Ariz., for backfill positions: one of those individuals is a thirty day rotation; and the other a sixty day rotation.

One individual deployed for 15 days to Italy.

Senior Master Sgt. Meyer, Airman 1st Class Erickson, Staff Sgts. Small, SSG Tapper, SSG Kramp, SSG D. Wilson, and Tech Sgt. Iverson were given a Letter of Appreciation from the 934th Airlift Wing Commander, **Col. Gary L. Cook**, for the work they accomplished getting things set-up Feb. 1 and 2 for the change of command.

For outside activities unit is involved in bowling.

During a recent tournament **Tech. Sgt. Mueller** had the highest score and **Master Sgt. Poliseno** had the best score for a three game series.

Maj. Dave Mattson, 934th LSS commander, recently administered the oath of office to **Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Anderson**, unit first sergeant, and **Chief Master Sgt. David Chapman**, 934th LSS maintenance operation superintendent.

Colonel Cook presented the POL Fuel Section civilians and reservists a picture of Air Force One with signatures from the team that took care of Air Force One. The wing commander thanks the section for the work they did supporting the President's aircraft.

The squadron's three-person basketball team won a tournament held Apr. 6. They had a 2-0 record.

Navy gate open on UTAs

The Navy gate to the base is open on UTA weekends from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. and from 4:00-4:45 p.m. Security forces officials remind drivers that vehicle lights should be dimmed when approaching the gate.

They ask individuals to have their identification cards ready to show to the guard. This will assist in expediting entry to the installation.

May UTA dining hall menu

The menu for the May UTA is as follows:

Saturday: steak or chicken fajitas, hard shell taco, spanish rice, refried beans, corn and mixed vegetables.

Sunday: beef stroganoff or baked chicken.

Volunteers for band sought

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command and the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve are currently looking for qualified musicians within the command to assist the Reserve Band on an intermittent basis.

Due to active duty requirements and some recruiting difficulties, the AFRC Band is experiencing a shortfall of musicians with expertise on piano/keyboards, guitar, and saxophone, among other instruments.

Anyone with professional experience playing a variety of musical styles (commercial, jazz, rock, classical/orchestral, Broadway-show, etc.), and interested in performing with the AFRC Band on a limited basis should contact Mr. Dave Ballengee or Chief Master Sgt. Roger Ferrell at (478) 327-0555 or DSN 497-0555; or via e-mail at david.



Col. Gary L. Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander, talks with Master Sgt. Dave Nelson and Tech. Sgt. Robert Walz, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron, during the Wing Enlisted Call held over the April Unit Training Assembly. The event gave attendees the opportunity to meet the new wing commander, as well as give him an opportunity to introduce the new members of the Chief's and Enlisted Advisory Councils. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Williams)

ballengee@afrc.af.mil or roger.ferrell@afrc.af.mil.

Dental plan available for reservists

Officials from the base dental clinic remind reservists that information on the United Concordia Dental Program is available at the clinic.

For a single person, the premium is \$7.63 per month, they said.

Participation in this program provides a maximum of \$1,200 per year.

For airmen basic through senior airmen, there is no co-pay for diagnostic, preventive and emergency treatment, they said.

To enroll in the program, contact United Concordia at 888-622-2256, or online at www.ucc.com.

Information is also available in the customer service section at the Military Personnel Flight.

HRDC seeks volunteer speakers

The Human Resources Development Council is seeking volunteers to work with their recruiting subcommittee by speaking at local schools, job fairs, etc. Anyone interested can contact Senior Master Sgt. Larry Giles at (612) 713-1454 or Lt. Col. Mike Huttner at (612) 713-1724.

OWC makes donation

The Officers Wives Club donated an additional \$1,000 to Family Readiness, in addition to their \$2,000 contribution earlier this year.



Ann Groskreutz helps participants in a children's art activity held last month at the Officer's Club. The club recognized April as Month of the Military Child and hosted a free meal for children of club members.

Council takes issues to wing's senior leaders

by SrA. Stephanie Witty
staff writer

Enlisted members of the 934th Airlift Wing have a representative on their side, the Enlisted Advisory Council is gaining momentum to become a very important asset for the enlisted force to help solve issues.

"The Enlisted Advisory Council is the eyes and ears of the enlisted force at the junior level," according to Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander.

"Members of the EAC are working to voice the needs of unit members, keep morale at its highest level, and develop leadership and management abilities in our junior non-commissioned officer corps.

"There are things that people want to bring up and do it anonymously, that is what the Enlisted

Advisory Council is for," according to Command Chief Master Sergeant Richard Grewe. "The EAC has a function of identifying problems and advising upper management so that they can be solved."

The EAC informs the wing commander and the command chief master sergeant on issues of the enlisted force morale and welfare, seeking routes to resolve these issues.

The wing commander and the command chief master sergeant then task EAC members to execute solutions.

The EAC also hopes to get involved in other future projects.

The council is interested in fundraising to contribute to things on base, for example, defraying the cost of tickets to the military ball for low ranking airmen.

It is composed of two volunteer representatives from each unit, one primary and one alternate, ranging in rank from senior airman to tech sergeant. At least one representative is present at all meetings.

EAC representatives encourage enlisted members to give input. A problem cannot be fixed unless it is known.

"I always tell newcomers, we know we are a good unit, but to make the unit better we have to be involved, you need to bring it up so somehow it floats to the top," said Grewe.

Unit first sergeants can pass along the names of EAC members.

The organization will also place suggestion boxes near orderly rooms to submit suggestions.

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. Barbara A. Dock, 934th Security Forces Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Master Sgt. Pamela S. Russell, 934th Airlift Wing.

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj. Howard S. Bell, 96th Airlift Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Maj. Richard A. Larson, 96th Airlift Squadron, 2nd oak leaf cluster.

Capt. Neal J. Landeen, 934th Service Squadron, 2nd oak leaf cluster.

Senior Master Sgt. Dennis K. McLean, 934th Services Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Ruth S. Beecher, 934th Operations Group.

Air Force Achievement Medal

Lt. Col. Carl G. Lindberg, 934th Airlift Wing, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Maj. Lance J. Ashland, 96th Airlift Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Senior Master Sgt. Richard P. Hunter, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Senior Master Sgt. Roy G. Shives, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Senior Master Sgt. Gary G. Wallenhorst, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Master Sgt. Linda K. Davidson, 934th Operations Support Flight, 2nd oak leaf cluster.

Master Sgt. Marlena L. Gilbert, 934th Airlift Wing.

Master Sgt. Robert C. Howell Jr., 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Master Sgt. John G. Johnson, 934th Airlift Wing, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Master Sgt. Conrad M. Kluck, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

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Master Sgt. Mitchell A. Shores, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

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Master Sgt. Samuel D. Swann, 934th Airlift Wing, 1st oak leaf cluster.

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Tech. Sgt. Clifford A. Hanson, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. Lisa K. Hedman, 96th Airlift Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. James E. Hoffman, 934th Airlift Wing, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Leonard J. Hubbard, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. Stephen W. Hutchinson, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey C. Imsdahl, 934th Security Forces Squadron, 2nd oak leaf cluster.

Tech Sgt. Gregory J. Jacobson, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Stephen E. Kern, 934th Services Squadron, 2nd oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth R. Kruger, 934th Services Squadron, 3rd oak leaf cluster.

Tech Sgt. Dennis W. McClain, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Charles M. Olson,

934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Donald E. Patterson Jr., 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. James R. Regner, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 3rd oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Richard D. Reinhart, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. Ralph G. Rundquist Jr., 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. Timothy L. Stansbury, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. Gary A. Vick, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Mark T. Woodson, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Staff Sgt. Bryan E. Back, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Rodney K. Beck, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 4th oak leaf cluster.

Staff Sgt. Jodie P. Eversman, 934th Airlift Wing, 1st oak leaf cluster.

Staff Sgt. Curtis G. Hochstetler, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 2nd oak leaf cluster.

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Staff Sgt. Jamie D. Van Vleet, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

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Amn. 1st. Class John L. Brown, 934th Airlift Wing.

Officers Club

Lunch: Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner: Tuesday -Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Lounge: Monday from 4-11 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Bar food menu available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bar food menu items reduced 20 percent between 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Sundays: Closed.

Mondays: Dining room closed. Lounge open from 4-11 p.m., and closed Feb. 18

Tuesdays: Special in the dining room. Free buffet dinner for all club members.

Wednesdays: Daily special in the dining room is pasta.

Thursdays: Stir Fry Night in the dining room.

Fridays: Different seafood special in the dining room. Reservations required.

Saturdays: Prime rib for two in the dining room.

May 12: Mother's Day buffet for members of both the Officer and Enlisted Clubs. Seatings are at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Cancellations required 72 hours in advance in order to call people on the waiting list.

Enlisted Club

Breakfast: Tuesday-Friday from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Lunch: Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: Friday-Saturday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Open until 9 p.m. on UTA weekends.

Lounge: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-9:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 3 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Different specials for lunch in the dining room

Wednesday: Different specials for lunch in the dining room

Thursday: Different All-You-Can-Eat buffets for lunch in the dining room

Friday: Different specials for lunch and dinner in the dining room.

Saturdays: Closed for lunch except

Apr. 6 and 20. Different dinner specials in the dining room.

May 31: Two-for one for 1 Steak at the Enlisted Club. Reservations required.

The new lunch menu includes items such as an eight-oz Juicy Lucy, oriental chicken salad, Philly cheese steak salad, and Caesar salad with grilled chicken breast.

North Country Lodge

The North Country Lodge has a new Lodging Touch (Reservation) System. The LTS is the newest reservation system that will allow guests to check out and print out information about the Twin Cities area.

Decorations and personal touches are also being added to make the new facilities more lodge-like, including a moose head in the lobby and elegant dining ware in the suites.

For reservations call 1-888-AF-Lodge or (612) 713-1983/1984.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center will be offering complimentary magnetic massages from 10-4 p.m. on Saturday of the May UTA. Wellness consultants will be on hand to give massages and answer questions.

During May, fitness centers worldwide encourage Air Force personnel to make fitness a regular part of their daily lives as part of Mission Fitness 2002. Each base will conduct special events and programs and a worldwide five kilometer fitness run is planned during Armed Forces Week.

Individuals participating in the program will use stamp cards to accrue points. The more a person works out or participates in mission fitness activities the greater their chances of winning, making Mission Fitness a true "Get Fit and Win" program.

Some events locally include Walk Lake Nokomis, Chairiot Races, golf, and work center fitness challenges.

The Air Force Marathon will be held Sept. 19-21 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The course is a 26.2-mile run that traverses historical places on the base. These include the Air Force Museum, Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Material Command headquarters, the flight line and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

All registered runners receive a t-shirt and patch. Those who finish will also receive a medallion.

For more information on prices, deadlines and to download the registration form, go to the race's website at www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil.

Outdoor Recreation has a number of items available for rent. Items include EZ-UP party canopies, eight-foot aluminum banquet tables, coolers, a super cooker gas towable grill, beverage servers, lawn games, fishing boats, canoes and kayaks, camping equipment and bikes.

All Officers and Enlisted Club cardholders receive a 10 percent discount on rental items. Applications are available at the Outdoor Recreation/Fitness Center office, the clubs and other Services facilities.

Sign up for Hike, Bike and Climb Minnesota Parks fitness contest, which begins June 3 and runs through Aug. 29. Call Bill Garside at (612) 713-1496 for more information.

Current discount tickets available at the Fitness Center include Camp Snoopy, Underwater Adventures at the Mall of America, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, ValleyFair, Minnesota Zoo, Renaissance Festival, Imax Theatre, and the Minnesota Twins (select games).

For more information, contact Bill Garside or Ronna Puck at (612) 713-1496.

Officers' Wives Club

The Officer's Wives Club meets for bridge several times during the month.

Individuals interested in playing on the second and third Tuesday at 10 a.m. should contact Germaine Reuter Dahl at (952) 881-0107.

Individuals interested in playing on the first and third Wednesday should call either Roberta Gronemann at (763) 494-3517 or Inez Gugisberg at (651) 481-1983.

The OWC meets for brunch in the Officers Club beginning at 10 a.m. Apr. 18. The program will include a style show by Bettie Lou.

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