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Staff Sgt. Brady Kiel, 27th Aerial Port Squadron, participated in June's deployment to Korea for training and support of the active-duty force. For the story, see Page 7.



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UTA schedule

Sept. 12-13 ▶ UTA entrees:
Oct. 3-4 Saturday,
Nov. 7-8 spaghetti,
Dec. 5-6 chicken.
Sunday,
▶ UTA pay date: pepper steak.
Aug. 12 fish.

934th Airlift Wing on the Internet:
<http://w3.afrc.af.mil/units/934aw/default.htm>

Commentary

Ready to rumble

Wing inspection provides opportunity to shine

Col. Richard Moss
Commander

The time has finally arrived. After

several months of hard work by all, this weekend we demonstrate to the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Inspector *Moss* General we are the best in the command.

By the time you arrive for the unit training assembly, a team of approximately 30 individuals will have been hard at work for two days conducting our Unit Compliance Inspection. The UCI is unlike previous inspections where inspectors delved into every nook and cranny to see if a unit has "crossed the t's and dotted the i's." Instead, the team will be running the UCI guide – posted on the G-drive, with answers – to determine if we, the 934th Airlift Wing, are in compliance with those critical areas and special interest items that have "go to jail" implications.

No longer will each unit receive a grade. Areas will be graded only at the wing and group level as satisfactory or unsatisfactory. The team will also determine if we have the necessary

Fond farewell

Enlisted force honors Kross with Order of the Sword

Gen. Walter Kross
Commander, Air Mobility Command

Last Saturday night [July 18], 1,200 of our enlisted from all over the world – active, Reserve, Guard – gathered in a hangar at Andrews Air Force Base [Md.] to induct me into the Order of the Sword.

I want to thank each of you for this

processes in place to ensure sustained compliance and if those processes are disseminated throughout the wing. Those processes that can serve as the benchmark for other units to improve their processes will be identified as "best practices."

To many, the UCI may appear to be transparent, because it will concentrate on evaluating past performance based on data already available to higher headquarters and the deployment of processes. Some of you may not even realize an inspection is in progress. However, each of you play a vital part in the wing's success, because the team will in reality be evaluating the culture of the 934th Airlift Wing.

What I expect them to find is a unit comprised of extremely dedicated and hard-working individuals – individuals who know their jobs and are continually striving to improve their processes.

As in any inspection, the first impression the team gets is extremely important. Let's make sure we present the image of a team with exceptional work ethic and outstanding conformance to dress and appearance standards. The adage, "The unit that looks good is good," definitely is true.

You have all worked hard to get ready. I appreciate your efforts and am confident the IG will confirm what we already know – the 934th Airlift Wing is the best. □

significant induction, spearheaded by our superior noncommissioned officer corps. I consider this to be the most significant honor of my 34-year professional career.

Instead of *receiving* this tremendous honor, I should be honoring you for the magnificent work that you do every day for all mankind. God bless you for what you do. (AMC News Service) □

World

F-16 fires at Iraqi radar site

Hours after a U.S. fighter fired a missile against an Iraqi radar site June 30, the secretary of defense said he saw no other signs of aggression.

Four British aircraft assigned to Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia received cockpit indications they were being targeted by an Iraqi missile site as they flew near Al Basrah in southern Iraq. Within seconds, a U.S. F-16 also flying with coalition forces fired one High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile at the source of the radiation.

The secretary said the incident "could be simply an isolated example" because coalition forces had not seen the Iraqis moving their radar and tracking systems in any aggressive manner. *(Air Force News Service)*

Team provides Air Force honors

The active duty Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., represents the Air Force in ceremonial functions in the capitol area and around the world. Specific duties include:

- ▶ Rendering military honors for Air Force members and their families during funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery.
- ▶ Arrival/departure ceremonies for dignitaries.
- ▶ Wreath-laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Arlington.
- ▶ Change of command and retirement ceremonies. *(AFNS, "must run")*

Local

Bonus specialties announced

Bonus career fields in the 934th Airlift Wing for July 1-Dec. 31 were announced last month:

Aircraft maintenance. Guidance and control, 2A1X2; communications/navigation, 2A1X3; electronic warfare, 2A1X7; turbo prop, 2A6X1B; aircraft fuel systems, 2A6X4; aircraft electronics/environmental, 2A6X6.

Logistics. Traffic management, 2TOX1; vehicle operations/dispatch, 2T1X1; fire truck mechanic, 2T3X2A; vehicle maintenance, 2T3X4; vehicle body maintenance, 2T3X5; control and analysis, 2T3X7.

Aerial port. Air transportation, 2T2X1.

Services. Services, 3MOX1.

Medical. Medical material, 4A1X1; biomedical equipment, 4A2X1.

Aeromedical. Aeromedical services, X4NOX1.

☉For information on positions in these bonus specialties, call recruiting, Ext. 1456.

Military ball set for September

The wing's military ball will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The event will mark the 35th anniversary of the wing and the Reserve's 50th. "The Looking Glass Band" from Offutt Air

Force Base, Neb., will provide entertainment. Uniform is mess dress or semiformal for military members and formal attire for civilians.

Tickets are \$35 for officers, \$30 for master sergeants through chiefs and civil servants, and \$20 for technical sergeants and below. Retirees pay according to their rank at retirement. The lower price of \$20 was achieved from the military ball committee's "Egg in Your Face" fund raiser, which grossed \$877.

☉For more information, call **Capt. Mauréen Banavige**, Ext. 3452, or **Master Sgt. Bob McGonigal**, Ext. 3421. Tickets are available from unit first sergeants.

Paint-A-Thon seeks volunteers

The wing needs volunteers for the annual Metro Paint-A-Thon. Preparation will be done after work on Monday, Aug. 3, and painting, after work on Thursday, Aug. 6. Volunteers paint the exterior of a local elderly or disabled person's house.

☉To sign up or get more information, call **Master Sgt. David Hammer**, Ext. 1240, or **Senior Master Sgt. David Cormier**, 934th Maintenance Squadron, Ext. 1354.

Computer training offered on weekend

Computer software training will be offered during the August drill at the lab in Bldg. 852:

Saturday, Aug. 1

- ▶ 8-10 a.m.: Beginning Excel
- ▶ 10 a.m.-noon: Beginning Power Point
- ▶ 1-4 p.m.: Open lab/one-on-one or on-site training

Sunday, Aug. 2

- ▶ 8-10 a.m.: Beginning Word
- ▶ 10-noon: Beginning Access
- ▶ 1-4 p.m.: Open lab/one-on-one or on-site training

☉Call Ext. 1260 to make a reservation or request individual or on-site training. Additional classes available during the week are listed on the base's computer bulletin board.

Uniforms, books, school supplies needed

▶ The North Hennepin Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, needs uniform items for cadet use. Of special need are old-style blue dress uniforms, flight caps and shirts. Donations may be deposited in the blue collection box outside the CAP offices, Bldg. 852, second floor.

☉For information, call **2nd Lt. David Shogren**, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, pager number 526-3418.

▶ **KD Steward**, Base Supply, needs donated children's books, first- through 12th-grade level. He is helping establish the first library for his hometown of Mayersville, Miss. Sets of encyclopedias are also needed.

Also, Steward is collecting school supplies for children of the Rice Marion Residents' Association, St. Paul, Minn., to be distributed Aug. 24-Sept. 6. Needed items include paper, pencils, erasers, rulers, back packs, calculators, notebooks, tablets, double-sided tape, pens, crayons, three-ring binders, colored pencils, glue, scissors and small tissues.

☉Call Steward for details, Ext. 1535.☐

News bytes

Family Day '98 set for September

Family Day '98 plans are firming up for Sunday, Sept. 13, starting with lunch at 11 a.m. Though some plans are still in progress, here's what's planned to date:

▶ **Lunch:** Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, beans, potato salad and coleslaw for \$1.50, free pop.

▶ **Static display aircraft** other than a wing C-130 not confirmed at press time.

▶ **Unit displays and information tables** in one of the hangars, including health and military benefit issues of interest to military members, wing civilians and families.

▶ **Children's games and activities**, including "mini-zoo."

▶ **Book fair.**

▶ **Rummage and craft sale:** Military members, Department of Defense employees and family members only may bring items for an individual/family table, with a 10 percent donation suggested for the Friends of Family Readiness. Items may also be donated for sale by FFR, with unsold items being given to charity. For details or to reserve a table, call **Patricia Botkins**, Ext. 1516.

▶ **Special-interest vehicle show:** Any classic or show vehicles invited, including cars, trucks and motorcycles. To list a vehicle, call **Dave Pudney**, Ext. 1324.

Flight nurse chosen for umpire duty

Mark Davidson
Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Alan Lawver, air reserve technician flight nurse for the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, served as an umpire recently at a major competition. However, he didn't have to make any close calls at home plate or toss anyone out of the game for arguing with his call.



Lawver

Lawver was selected as an umpire at Rodeo '98, a biennial readiness competition showcasing worldwide air mobility operations. The event was held at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., June 21-25.

"I had to submit my resume to 22nd Air Force several months ago to be considered for the umpire position," he said.

Lawver, assisted by two noncommissioned officers, was lead umpire for the C-130 configuration enplaning event. Three areas

evaluated were medical emergencies, equipment preflight preparation and configuration enplaning of the aircraft.

"We evaluated 12 C-130 AES aircrews from the Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, Air National Guard and Canada," said Lawver. Two officer nurses and three enlisted medical technicians made up each crew.

Competitors were first evaluated on their crew briefing. The next requirement involved configuring the aircraft for a standard mission, securing patients in litter stanchions within 90 minutes. "This evaluation required enplaning 29 litter patients and 20 ambulatory patients onto the aircraft," said Lawver, "plus evaluating very quickly the medical condition of each patient."

Umpires also checked supplies and equipment the aircrews carried on the aircraft such as cardiac monitors, patient oxygen systems, litter stanchion poles and straps, and basic supply bags.

"We spent about three hours with each competing AES aircrew, evaluating them and writing up observations on their performance," said Lawver. "We then turned in the observation sheets to the scorekeepers, who did the actual scoring of the event."

He said he brought home more ideas on how to use training opportunities and train people in simulated emergencies. "I also learned that units should train as if they were always competing," Lawver said.

Two Air Guard teams tied for first place in the C-130 configuration enplaning event, Minneapolis-St. Paul's 133rd Airlift Wing and Wyoming's 153rd AW. Overall winner of Rodeo '98 was the 3rd Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Reservist recruits five members

Mark Davidson
Public Affairs



Gillie-Harp

"Recruiting is everyone's job" is a saying Senior Airman Jeanette Gillie-Harp takes more seriously than most Air Force reservists.

The air cargo specialist from 27th Aerial Port Squadron recruited five reservists from her former Naval Reserve unit into her present unit, earning her incentive gifts through recruiting's "Get One" program. Her success came through personal contacts and visits with her old unit.

"I joined the 934th in 1996 due to leaving the Naval Reserve because of the high-year tenure program," she said. "I had worked with 27th APS people as a Naval reservist when we did some air cargo terminal training here. The Air Force people seemed to like doing their jobs and they talked about some interesting annual tour trips in the United States and overseas that made me think about joining this unit."

In the fall of 1997, Gillie-Harp's former Naval Reserve unit was notified that it would close. "I received an invitation from a unit officer to go over to my old base and talk about the Air Force Reserve," she said, "particularly my job and experience in the aerial port."

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Viking Search:

Combat arms training

Clip this for a colleague or family member and assist recruiters in their search for new reservists.



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

Specialty code/unit: 3P031B; 934th Security Forces Squadron.

Job description: Instructor in fundamentals and techniques of marksmanship, including weapon safety, firing positions, disassembly and assembly, care and cleaning, sight adjustment, and breath and trigger control for rifle, pistol and other small arms.

◀ **Staff Sgt. Larry Little, combat arms training instructor**

Civilian job equivalent: Combat arms instructor for civilian police department.

Training: Must first attend all required training for security forces training for 15 weeks, followed by combat arms-specific training for approximately 10 weeks, all at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Recent travel locations: England, Florida, Georgia, Texas.

What's great about the job:

- ▶ Teaching others and watching them improve as a result of your instruction.
- ▶ Opportunity to travel to other locations and provide training.
- ▶ Pride in membership in a small cadre of combat arms instructors.
- ▶ Flexible scheduling of annual tour days.

Contact: 934th Recruiting Office, (612) 713-1456. □

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Gillie-Harp talked to 25 naval reservists on their December 1997 unit training assembly for about one hour. "After I was done, about 10 people approached me and asked me more questions about 27th APS and the 934th," she said. "Five of those people joined the 934th in early 1998, and I have had six more calls from other naval reservists that I referred to the recruiters."

She sees the unit bonus program as a plus for the aerial port that can help get people to join the unit. "The hands-on training with the unit equipment makes the job more interesting," she said, "and the ability to do your annual tour to support the active duty stateside or overseas is an added incentive."

Gillie-Harp is happy she helped her former Naval Reserve friends find a place in the Air Force Reserve. "This helps them continue their military career, and it helps the 27th APS," she said. "And I also have received four hours UTA time off, with pay, for each person that joins."

For information about the Get One program, call recruiting, Ext. 1456.

Member survives waterfall mishap

Tech. Sgt. Janet Byerly

Public Affairs

Senior Airman Jill Shepard has the vacation story to top all vacation stories. But it's a story she almost didn't live to tell.

She was on vacation with her friend, Derek Ranew, when they decided to stop at the Cross River near Schroeder, Minn., for a little sightseeing and hiking. She was familiar with the area, having visited there last fall.

"I noticed the water was a little higher than it was the last time I was there," said Shepard, a medical technician with the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

So, despite a sign which read, "Warning slippery rocks -- dangerous falls. Lives have been lost here," Shepard and Ranew decided to climb on the rocks alongside the rushing river.

As they climbed around on the rocks at the edge of the upper part of the river, Shepard slipped. She reached for Ranew's hand but couldn't hold on and tumbled into the river.



Shepard

"The water carried me about eight feet over a waterfall into a swirling basin," she said. "I was underwater, and all I could see was the swirling, white foam. I knew I was going to die."

She was less than 12 feet away from the next waterfall's drop off -- which would carry her 75-100 yards, straight down.

"I fought to the surface," she said. "I realized there was nothing I could do. I prayed, asking God to help me out of this situation. Death to me seemed imminent.

"Just then," she continued, "the water gave me a little push toward the face of the waterfall. It was a flat, smooth rock wall with no place to hold on. Somehow I just pressed myself into that space. The water was streaming in my face, just pouring over me."

Flat to the cold stone, Shepard said she prayed, sang and "thought a million different thoughts."

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"I thought about the key in my pocket and wondered how Derek was going to get in the car," she said. "I thought about my funeral. I thought about my family. My thoughts were all over the place."

Every so often, the water rushing over her and the air swirling about made her shirt puff out, and that buoyancy threatened to pull her away from the wall where she clung. But somehow, instead of being pulled away from the wall, the air would go out of her shirt, and she would continue to hold on.

Meanwhile, Ranew had reached a restaurant approximately 100 yards away and called 911.

"I was in the waterfall for 15 minutes," she said. "I couldn't see or hear. But after a while, I did open my eyes and saw that my hands were white from the cold. I would guess the water temperature was about 60 degrees."

Shepard continued to pray throughout the ordeal. She realized no one was going to come in and get her, and she had to make a move.

"As I pushed away from the wall, I saw they'd strung a rope across the river between me and the next waterfalls," she said. "As I started away from the wall, the people on shore yelled, 'Don't move!' because they weren't ready. But it was too late. They threw me a rope, and that missed. They threw me another rope, and that also missed. Finally, on the third throw, I grabbed the rope and was pulled to safety."

Throughout the experience, Shepard said she didn't panic; she felt an incredible peace.

"I know that peace came from the Lord," she said. "He was asking me, 'Do you trust me? ... You are being held here by me, unlike others who have been swept away by this river.'"

"I'm a really strong Christian," she continued, "and I believe this whole accident was a testimony to the power of God. My purpose here is not done."

Other than a case of hypothermia and losing her wall, Shepard was none the worse for the incident. She revisited the site recently and was amazed by the river and what she had survived.

Hockey team seeks more players

Cherie Huntington

Public Affairs

The 934th Flying Vikings hockey team seeks new players to take to the ice in October for its fourth season.

Fifteen committed players are needed, according to **Orin Johnson**, who is the coach and organizer plus an air reserve technician with the 934th Maintenance Squadron.

"Last year, we had eight or nine solid players, and we need at least 15 to commit to playing every game," he said. Fourteen games are played in this city industrial league, from November to early March, all on Sunday nights. Games are normally played at the Pleasant or Highland rinks in St. Paul, Minn. A couple of practices are usually held in October.

With their league fee for ice time funded by 934th Services, Johnson said team members bought new jerseys last year plus ended the season on a high note with a 2-0 shutout of the Air Guard team. "Each player kicked in \$25 that covered ice for two practices, and we had some left over," he said, "so this year the extra money will go toward jerseys for new players and maybe a tournament."

He added that some players started skating only two or three years ago, and others, like **Cam LeBlanc**, 934th Logistics Group, were college players. Any member of the 934th is eligible to play. At the games, general seating is open free to the public.

To sign up or ask questions about wing hockey, call Johnson, Ext. 3500. □

Viking Victors:

Lt. Col. Louanne Page

New position: Commander, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Education: Bachelor's in nursing, Mankato State University, Mankato, Minn.; master's in business administration, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.

Hobbies: Fishing with friends, learning to golf, Worldwide Wrestling Federation wrestling fan, gardening roses.

Civilian career: Certified case manager and qualified rehabilitation consultant intern, Concentra Managed Care, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Professional organizations: Reserve

Officers Association, Certified Case Manager Association, American Nurses Association, chief executive officer for local fraternal charity organization.

Goals: "Successfully complete Air War College, do my best at whatever task I'm working on and to view obstacles as opportunities."

Comments: "I've been with the unit for nine years, and it was because of the men and women of the 934th AES that I decided to apply for the position of commander."

Family: Husband, **Lawrence**; daughter, **Stephanie** (17); live in Eden Prairie, Minn. □



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

Handled with care in Korea

Aerial port members excel in managing all kinds of cargo, from pallets to passengers

Master Sgt. Tim Turner
Public Affairs

Although the 747 from Minneapolis to Seoul, South Korea, was delayed more than two hours, **Master Sgt. John Maki** didn't mind. "It sure beats taking a C-130," he said. "That would be a three-day trip."

Maki is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 27th Aerial Port Squadron's special handling section. "It's hard to believe that in less than 12 hours, we traveled halfway around the world to an entirely different culture," he said. "We spent two weeks working with American and Korean aerial port personnel trained the same way we are, using the same equipment we do. It was a worthwhile tour."

Year-round tasking

Maki was team chief for 19 local aerial port members who deployed to Osan Air Base, June 6-20. While there, they received training and assisted the 100-plus active-duty members of the 631st Air Mobility Support Squadron.

All year, the 631st hosts two-week rotations of Reserve and Guard aerial port squadrons from the United States. Among the variety of tasks the 934th team accomplished was loading/unloading aircraft other than the C-130, such as the C-141 and C-5A; working in the 631st's special handling section to care for explosives, hazardous/high-value cargo and other materials; and working in ramp services, operating 40K and 60K cargo loaders — 40,000-60,000 pound cargo capacity — to load/unload equipment and supplies from aircraft.

Busy pax terminal

One of the more challenging tasks aerial port members handled during their two-week tour was operating Osan's passenger services terminal.



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

Staff Sgt. John Dittrich was one of the aerial port members deployed to Korea in June.

Every Tuesday, a 747 arrives from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., loaded with about 360 Department of Defense civilians and military members — plus their spouses and children — starting a one-year tour in Korea.

After those people get off the plane, another 360 people who have just finished their one-year tour board the 747 to return to the United States. "The amazing thing is the entire unloading and reloading of that plane must be completed in two hours and 20 minutes," said **Staff Sgt. Rob Rozik**, Reserve coordinator for the 631st. "The 934th aerial port people lived up to this challenge and did a great job for us."

"A number of us with expertise in passenger services handled the entire loading and unloading of these people," said **Staff Sgt. Jody Knight**, passenger services specialist. "We processed all the departing passengers, checked their baggage and gave them seat assignments in the two-hour-and-20-minute time frame. It was a fantastic experience."

Lure of travel

Tech. Sgt. Mark Quinlan, passenger services technician, supervised that process. He emphasized how important that assignment — and other tasks handled by the 934th team during the tour — was to junior members of the squadron.

"If one of our reservists is in their early '20s, with a couple years of Reserve duty behind them," said Quinlan, "then an annual tour overseas like Osan encourages them to stay in long enough to complete 20 good years of service and qualify for a retirement in the Air Force Reserve."

He also stressed why overseas deployments are a positive reenlistment incentive for aerial port members. "We have such beneficial annual tours that members of our squadron definitely want to reenlist after a foreign tour with us," he said. "We travel regularly to England, Japan, Germany, Korea, Hawaii and other places, experiencing a culture you'd never witness if you only toured stateside."

Along with the long hours during the Osan tour, the 27th APS members spent leisure time sampling Korean food, touring Seoul and shopping for Korean clothing and souvenirs. Others experienced the Korean Demilitarized Zone Panmunjom.

Active-duty kudos

Their efforts didn't go unnoticed after completing their tour. "You can't put untrained people to handle all the assignments in our aerial port unit," said **Col. James Rivard**, 631st commander. "Fortunately, the people from the 27th Aerial Port Squadron who helped us for two weeks were well-versed in their taskings. The tour here gave them a chance to do something they may not regularly handle at their home base ... Here they get more experience. Simultaneously, they taught our aerial port people how to do their jobs better ... We look forward to seeing [them] helping us out here again soon." □

Wing roundup

27th Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Mark Pierson
Tech. Sgt. Mark Pierson,
Staff Sgts. Tom Jorgensen
and Martha Grimes, and
Senior Airman Mike
Strohfus decorated and
 entered the unit's stake bed
 truck in the Fourth of July
 parade in Eagan, Minn.

934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Master Sgt. Bernadette Koehle
 The squadron had a
 sustainment training staff
 assistance visit, July 7-12.
Capt. Leslie Kirkpatrick
 and **1st Lt. Gordon Sigl's**
 nursing service sustainment
 training program was lauded
 as an excellent program that
 would serve as a model for
 the Air Force Reserve
 Command. We have two
 local flights and two cross-
 country flights scheduled for
 August.

934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Sanford
 Congratulations to Chief
Master Sgt. Julie Perry on
 her recent retirement,
 effective Oct. 1. When asked
 what she'll be doing now
 that she has more time, she
 responded, "Volunteer at a
 hospice program to help
 cancer patients and their
 families."

96th Airlift Squadron

Airman Jess Lind
 Eighteen squadron members
 completed two rotations in
 Southwest Asia. A total of
 more than 76 sorties and
 113 hours were flown by

assigned forces. Wing Headquarters/ Mission Support Flight

Staff Sgt. Linda Jimenez
 The first joint service
 volunteer certificates of
 appreciation were presented
 to retiring **Tech. Sgts.**
Dennis Dodge and **David**
Ziesmer for their
 outstanding support of the
 family readiness section.

This certificate will help
 recognize key family
 readiness volunteers from all
 branches of the service and
 is signed by all commanding
 officers of military
 organizations in the area.

934th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Randy Matthews
Senior Airman Jim Endres
 returned from a 90-day
 temporary duty assignment
 at Barksdale Air Force Base,
 La., while some of their
 members were TDY to Saudi
 Arabia. **Tech. Sgts. Mark**
Anderson and **Randy**
Matthews served two weeks
 in training at Barksdale, one
 week for the bare base
 structures erection course
 and a second week in the
 power production shop.

934th Communications Flight

Senior Master Sgt. Karen Wilson
 We have been having
 monthly Unit Compliance
 Inspection preparation
 meetings since January, and
 some members will be on
 duty the week prior to the
 inspection to take care of
 final details. We are now
 focusing on completing our
 operational risk management
 and force protection training



Mark Davidson

Limbo, C-130 style

Senior Airman Jamie VanVleet, 934th Maintenance Squadron, scrubbed down an aircraft last drill weekend.

requirements. Also, the unit
 sponsored a radio operations
 booth at the Minnesota
 Military Expo, July 18-19.

934th Logistics Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Alma DelaGarza
Tech. Sgt. Chris Sayre
 returned from a 190-day tour
 in Kuwait, where he served as
 superintendent of the traffic
 management office. **Senior**
Airman Elizabeth Schueler
 and **Senior Airman Tracy**
Meyer were deployed in
 support of Operation Southern
 Watch to issue C-130 parts
 from the War Readiness
 Spares Kit.

934th Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Steven Lerbakken
 Thirty-nine squadron
 members returned recently
 from duty in Southwest Asia.
 The squadron continued
 preparation for the Unit
 Compliance Inspection plus
 welcomed back aircraft 1847
 after a four-month absence.
 The plane had been
 undergoing regularly
 scheduled depot
 maintenance at Robins Air
 Force Base, Ga.

934th Operations Support Flight

Tech. Sgt. Cara Utecht
 Two members participated

in Operation Southern
 Watch -- **Capt. Dave**
Olafson in Saudi Arabia
 and **Tech. Sgt. Lynn**
McGourty in Kuwait. **Capt.**
Karla White and **Staff Sgt.**
Don Obert joined the
 intelligence office.

934th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Niklas Hammarberg
 During the June drill,
 members deployed to the
 field near Fort Snelling
 Cemetery for air base
 ground defense training.
 Activities included
 navigating a map and
 compass course, individual
 and team movements,
 deploying "booby traps,"
 field communications and
 chemical warfare training.

934th Services Squadron

Master Sgt. Ron Knutson
 Nineteen members were
 deployed during the July
 drill, leaving just 11 people
 to prepare the five meals
 that weekend, final
 preparation for the Unit
 Compliance Inspection plus
 the annual fitness walk.
 Also, lunch entrees are
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Staff Sgt. Larry Dean
Public Affairs

When it comes to taking out frustrations after a long week, Master Sgt. Ron Knutson, 934th Services Squadron, may have found the perfect outlet — smashing cars.

Though this outlet is kept to the tracks of Wisconsin, Knutson has found competing in demolition derbies the ultimate in both fun and stress release.

"I just love it," he said. "I won the first event I ever entered and have been hooked since."

Knutson's first derby was the Jim Falls, Wis., Labor Day event eight years ago. He drove his 1977 Plymouth Fury into and through the competition as he progressed from the preliminary heat to the last car running in the main event.

"I got started by a friend while I was an auto mechanic here," he said. "After getting hooked, I competed in just about everything I could. That got to be a bit too much, and now I only compete in four events a year — the derbies in Mondovi, Menomonie, Chippewa Falls and, of course, Jim Falls."

Eight years and six winner's trophies later, Knutson has made the demolition derby a family event, not only with painting his car ready to roll, but his 20-year-old daughter, Misty, is competing now as well.

"My daughter has been in two shows now and has done very well," he said. "We still haven't made it into head-to-head competition since we have always been matched in different preliminary heats. We all get together and work on getting the cars ready. My kids get out to help along with nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors fixing up the car and giving it some paint."

The "Knutson crew" had three cars entered in the Jim Falls event last Labor Day — Knutson's, his daughter's and their neighbor's. "I finished first," he said with a laugh, "first one out, that is. It's still fun. After your car is knocked out of the race, you have a real front-row seat to watch the others until only one car is left running."

The object in a demolition derby is to be the final car moving on the track. "Contestants use the rear of their car to try and crunch the front end of the other cars on the track to the point that they can't move," Knutson explained. "Keeping your car running is the prime object, while taking someone else out of the show. It's a blast!"

He explained that the car lineup for heats varies from track to track. Some line up the cars back-to-back, while others use a circle track. "Circle tracks can be more fun, since there are a lot more chases to crunch your competition. As soon as a car stalls or is hung up, they have 10 seconds to leave or they are out of the heat."

According to Knutson, the biggest investment for this hobby is time. "I only paid between \$100-150 for the cars,



Knutson



Courtesy photo

↑ Knutson and one of the "Knutson crew" demolition cars

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and there's a \$25 entry fee for the show," he said. The rest of it's pretty minimal — parts are reusable, and you can paint as detailed or basic as you want. To prepare a car, you basically strip the interior, remove the gas tank and replace it with a five-gallon gas tank strapped to the floor in the back seat and remove the exhaust system. Then you use chains on the doors, hood and trunk."

After the heats, those advancing work rapidly to prepare their cars for the feature event. "It's a tight group of competitors," Knutson said. "A lot of times, the guys who don't qualify for the feature are helping the others prepare their cars. There's a lot to do quickly, like replacing the tires — which are usually flat after your heat, bending the metal back into shape and trying your best to cool down the engine for the final run."

How safe is this hobby? Despite the slight risk of injuries from rollovers, Knutson shrugs and points out that everything in life can be dangerous. "You have to watch what you are doing," he said. "In my eight years on the track, I've never seen a serious injury in one of those heats."

He said the competition is fierce but friendly, with nobody aiming to hurt fellow drivers. "There are strict rules to prohibit intentionally running into the driver's door," he said, "especially with the gas pedal down. Speeds may look fast but are really only about 20 mph, which will do plenty of damage with a direct hit."

Editor's note: Knutson's main show this year will be held on Labor Day weekend's Jim Falls Sturgeon Days Festival. The first show starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4; the second, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 6. He recommends spectators arrive early. □

Looking back on 50 years

Five wing units celebrate six-year anniversaries in August

Master Sgt. David Hammer
Wing Historian

August is the busiest month for 934th Airlift Wing unit birthdays, with five units celebrating.

The units for this month include the 934th Logistics Group, 934th Operations Group, 934th Support Group, 934th Services Squadron, and 934th Operations Support Flight.

All five units were established and activated in the Reserve on Aug. 1, 1992, and all were awarded the

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period of July 1, 1994, to June 30, 1996.

The first three units read like they were pressed from the same cookie cutter with the exception of the name. The unique item for the three groups differing from other subordinate units of the 934th AW is that they use the wing emblem, substituting their own group designation on the

bottom scroll. All other units on base must have a distinct emblem not only from the wing emblem, but also

from every other unit in the Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard.

The 934th Services Squadron was constituted 934th Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Squadron then redesignated as a flight on Jan. 1, 1993; as 934th Services Flight, Jan. 1, 1994; and as 934th Services Squadron on Oct. 1, 1997.

The last unit for the month of August is the 934th Operations Support Flight. It was constituted the 934th Operations Support Squadron and redesignated 934th Operations Support Flight on Oct. 1, 1992. This unit also doesn't have an emblem on file at this time but is working on one. □



Time for a little facelift

Command's logo, slogan change 'as we prepare for new millenium'

Pamela Nault
Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

The signature crown logo of a Rolex watch, the mirror monogram "G" of Gucci and BMW's "ultimate driving machine" slogan all represent images of excellence, quality craftsmanship and state-of-the-art technology. These are the images Air Force Reserve Command is seeking to portray with a new slogan and logo.

With AFRC celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, recruiting officials decided the newest Air Force major command needed a new slogan and logo that more effectively project a clear and concise message — a message promoting the Reserve's role in the nation's defense — while increasing accessions to meet mission requirements.

"The previous slogan, 'A Great Way to Serve,' served us well for the past 20 years," said Lt. Col. Glenn Broadnax, director of recruiting's advertising division at AFRC headquarters. "The logo, a globe with arrow, although only five years old, also needed revision to better reflect the Air Force Reserve today and for the next 50 years."

The new slogan and logo come on the heels of another significant change. Last year, the Reserve began a business relationship with a new advertising agency after 20 years with



another agency.

Following thorough research, the agency recommended a new slogan, "Air Force Reserve — Above & Beyond," and a logo with a stylized aircraft soaring overhead. The new slogan and logo was presented to the Reserve's senior leadership in June.

Broadnax said the "Above & Beyond" signature will be easy to integrate into diverse media forums — electronic and print advertising, public service announcements, Internet publicity, classified advertising, promotional items and billboards.

"As we prepare for the new millennium, the new slogan and logo are more reflective of who we are, and we believe it will make us more visible in the marketplace," he said. (AFRC News Service) □

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal
 Master Sgt. Timothy Duscher, CES (retired)
 Senior Master Sgt. Prentiss Foster, CES (retired)
 Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Goebel, CES (retired)
 Master Sgt. Richard Huffman, CES (retired)
 Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Kennedy, CES (retired)
 Master Sgt. George Olson, CES (retired)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Earl Riisager, CES (retired)
 Tech. Sgt. Daniel Weisser, CES (retired)

Promotions

Staff Sgt. Michael Allen, CF
 Airman 1st Class Dustin [unclear], SFS
 Tech. Sgt. Richard Boudreau, SFS
 Staff Sgt. Jason Brinkman, MXS
 Tech. Sgt. David Butler, MXS
 Senior Airman Clarissa Christian, ASTS
 Tech. Sgt. Michael Garney, APS
 Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hanley, APS
 Tech. Sgt. Joseph Huls, AS
 Senior Master Sgt. Clark Johnson, CES
 Tech. Sgt. Michael Leary, SFS
 Tech. Sgt. Joseph Lenkowski, MXS
 Tech. Sgt. James Lockwood, CES
 Airman 1st Class Sonny McKinney, ASTS
 Master Sgt. Roger Olek, AES
 Senior Airman Kristina Puffer, AES
 Master Sgt. Robert Schabacker, CES
 Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Sommerfield, CES

Staff Sgt. Gregory Teslow, CF
 Staff Sgt. Michael Touney, ASTS
 Senior Airman Angela West, ASTS

Newcomers

(Previous base/status listed)
 Staff Sgt. Albert Anderson, AES, *Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.*
 Airman 1st Class Katy Carroll, AES, *non-prior service (recruited by Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Lake)*
 Staff Sgt. Daniel Copperton, MXS, *Peterson AFB, Colo.*
 Maj. Jeanine Czech, ASTS, *direct commission*
 Senior Airman Cari Dickhudt, ASTS, *Kelly AFB, Texas*
 Capt. Terry Dombrock, ASTS, *Air Reserve Personnel Center*
 Senior Airman James Dreyling, LSS, *ARPC*
 Staff Sgt. Richard Hoffman, CF, *Mountain Home AFB, Idaho*
 Senior Airman Jacob Jazkowiak, APS, *ARPC*
 Staff Sgt. Philip Kinnunen, SFS, *General Mitchell Field, Wis.*
 Airman 1st Class Daniel LaMere, AS, *non-prior service (recruited by Airman 1st Class Richard Raymond, SFS)*
 Maj. Carolyn Lohman, AW, *Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio*
 Capt. Anthony Marcyjanik, SFS, *ARPC*
 Airman 1st Class Melissa Myers, LSS, *ARPC*
 Airman 1st Class Cory Preusse, AS, *non-prior service (recruited by Tech. Sgt. Terry Preusse, AS)*
 Airman 1st Class Melissa Putnam, SVS, *non-prior service*

Amn. Richard Raymond, SFS, *non-prior service*
 Airman Basic Stacie Smith, ASTS, *non-prior service (recruited by Airman 1st Class Liz Quaidoo, ASTS)*
 Capt. Karla White, OSF, *ARPC (recruited by Capt. Ken Hanson, OSF)*
 Senior Airman David Witherspoon, MXS, *Navy (recruited by Master Sgt. Roy Shives, MXS)*

Air reserve technicians

Staff Sgt. Randy Stapleton, MXS, *Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.*

Honors

► **Amn. Barry Torseth, CF**, earned distinguished graduate honors from telecommunications technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The school was four months long and followed a two-month electronic principles course at Lackland AFB, Texas. While at Lackland, Torseth served on a drill team, the "Knights."

► **Staff Sgt. David Wagoner, LSS**, was selected as the airman of the quarter for his squadron. Wagoner serves in special purpose vehicle maintenance.

Education

► The following members completed formal training courses, **June 16-July 15**:
Airman 1st Class Jonathan Berry, APS; basic training; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; June 1-July 10.

Senior Airman Adrian Broberg, ASTS; medical service apprentice phase I; Sheppard AFB, Texas; May 19-July 14.

Airman Basic Kyle Daestad, APS; basic training; Lackland; June 1-July 10.

Master Sgt. Linda Davidson, OSF; Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy; Gunter Annex, Ala.; May 13-June 24.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Duffy, AS; combat survival training; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; June 22-July 8.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Grates, SFS; security forces; Lackland; June 8-19.

Staff Sgt. Josef Kniez, CF; communications/electronics career advancement; Keesler AFB, Miss.; June 15-26.

Staff Sgt. Dean Kuffel, AW; Reserve recruiter; Lackland; May 20-June 17.

Maj. Cam LeBlanc, LG; logistics group commander course; Maxwell AFB, Ala.; June 15-26.

Airman Basic Shirley Meisner, MXS; aerospace maintenance; Sheppard; June 8-July 6.

Senior Airman Thomas Murphy, MXS; aerospace maintenance; Sheppard; June 8-July 6.

Airman Basic Olanrewaju Olaleye, ASTS; basic training; Lackland; May 11-June 19.

Staff Sgt. Paul Olson III, APS; air transportation craftsman; Lackland; July 2-16.

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People

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Staff Sgt. Rebecca Rodriguez, AW; military pay; Sheppard; June 18-July 1.

Staff Sgt. Michael Thrasher, AES; aeromedical evacuation technician; Brooks AFB, Texas; May 12-June 18.

Tourney results

The following people participating in the golf tournament hosted by 934th Recreation Services on June 6 earned gift certificates from the Highland Golf Course Pro Shop, St. Paul, Minn.:

► First place team: LSS. Members: **Pete Huppert, Marty Maher, Donald Mickelborough** and **Rory Schmidt**.

► Longest drive, male/female: **Donald Mickelborough, LSS,** and **Marianne Donaldson, CF.**

► Closest to the pin, male/female: **Cam LeBlanc, LG,** and **Penny Billings, CF.**

► Longest putt, male/female: **Scott Sippel, LSS,** and **Becky Bean, CF.**

Births

► **Ronald Welp, MXS,** and his wife, **Constance,** had a baby daughter, **Nicole Anne,** born June 13, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Retirements

Lt. Col. **Douglas Pederson, AW,** 27 years. □

Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General Conference Periods

Saturday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 2, 1 p.m.

Bldg. 760, Room 170

Fraud, waste and abuse:

Each person, military or civilian, who knows of fraudulent, wasteful or abusive practices, has the right to file a disclosure without fear of reprisal.

Personal complaints:

Military and civilian members may present complaints to the Inspector General, who will treat each matter discussed in confidence, except as necessary in taking official action to resolve it.

People unable to meet a scheduled period may call for an appointment: Ext. 1164/1165/or 1169. □

Services Briefs

NCO Club briefs

► The "**Blue Denim**" band will be featured on the drill weekend on Saturday, Aug. 1.

► A new "**lunch punch**" program offers a free lunch after nine are purchased.

► A two-for-one **prime rib dinner** is set for Tuesday, Aug. 11 – call for reservations.

☎Call Ext. 1655 for details on NCO Club activities.

Officers Club briefs

► **Family Night** is every Tuesday in August, featuring a cookout style and new menu for children -- call for reservations.

► The **Annual Car Classic** will be Saturday, Aug. 8.

► A **hog roast**, featuring live entertainment, is set for Monday, Aug. 17.

► A **golf tournament** will be sponsored by the club on Thursday, Aug. 27.

☎Call Ext. 3678 for more information from the Officers Club.

Recreation services

► A **biking trip** is being planned for August and September – call to sign up.

► **Valleyfair** tickets for adults purchased at recreation services provide a discount of \$4.20 off the regular price of \$24.95. Children's tickets remain \$6.95.

☎Call recreation services at Ext. 1128. Suggestions or ideas may be phoned in or e-mailed to either **Ronna Puck** or **Dave Theisen**.

Volksmarching

The Minnesota Volkssport Association and State Park Volkssporters offer many walking events scheduled through October. Also, there are numerous sanctioned courses throughout the state available year round or seasonally at walkers' convenience. The association offers incentive awards and credits posted at international levels.

☎For information, call **Bob McGonigal** on drill weekends, Ext. 3421 or 3451; **Cherie Huntington** during the week, Ext. 1213; or check the Web site: <http://www.winternet.com/stachour/vm/vmminn.html> □