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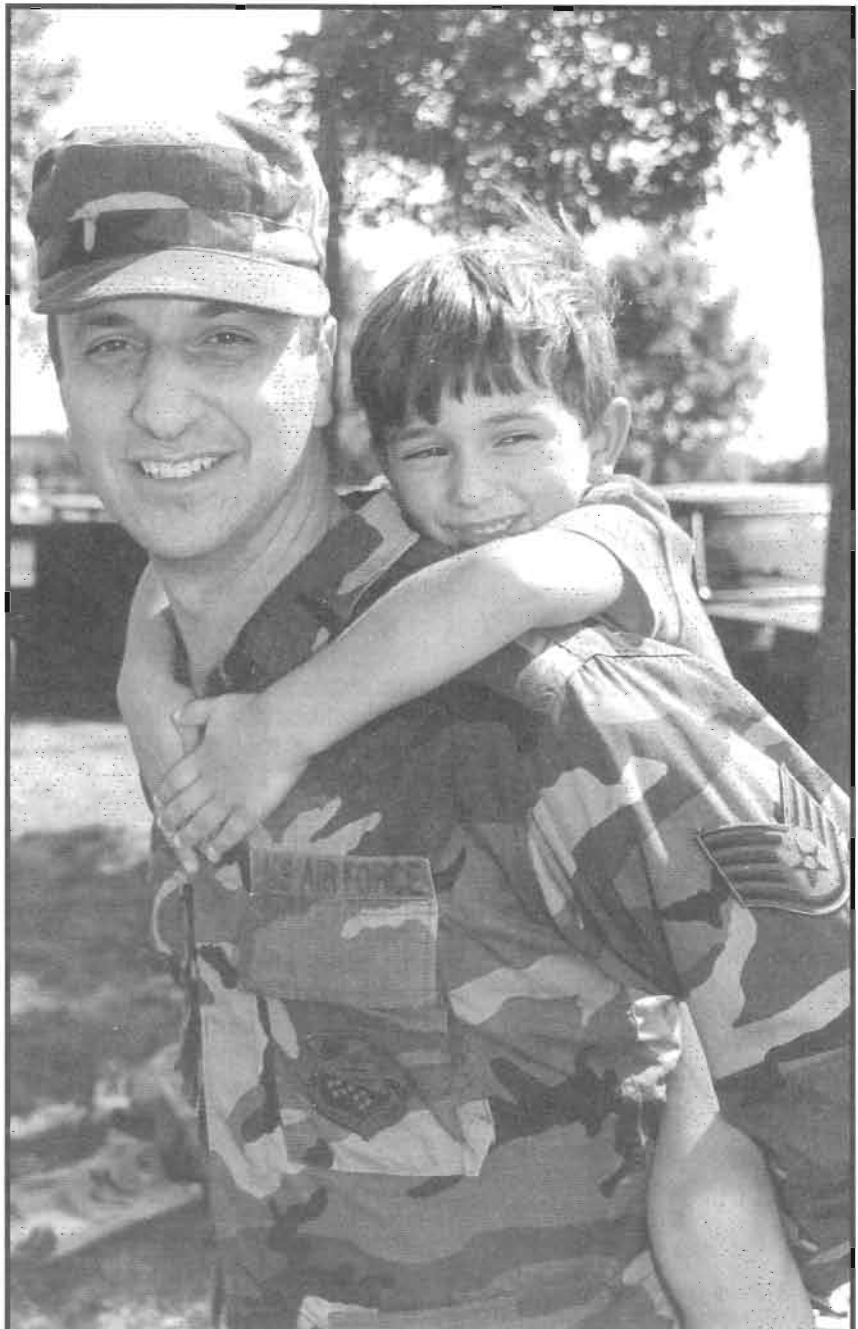
Salute to our
'support troops'
on the home front

Family Day

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Staff Sgt. Gino Marchetti, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and his son, Rocky (5), enjoyed the annual Family Day, Sept. 13. For more photos, see Pages 8-9.



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UTA schedule

Nov. 7-8 ▶ UTA entrees:
Dec. 5-6 NCO Club (dining
1999 hall closed); see
Jan. 9-10 Page 16 for
Feb. 6-7 details.
March 6-7 ▶ UTA pay
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934th Airlift Wing on the Internet:
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Commentary

Play it safe

Approach Readiness Exercise with safety in mind

Col. Ronald Weight
Vice Commander

A hearty thanks to everyone who worked so diligently to make our military ball and Family Day a resounding success. Nearly 400 people attended the ball, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve. Family Day had great attendance as well. We can't say thanks enough to the family members' contributions to our wing's success.

Readiness Exercise

While none of us enjoy Operational Readiness Inspections, we do have to practice certain processes periodically. The exercise over the October unit training assembly will be our first ORI-type practice since October 1996. The primary goal of the exercise is to use it as a training opportunity.

All units were asked what they wanted. The scenario was laid out from those inputs, to include chemical attacks. However, you won't find yourself in your chem masks for hours at a time. The scenario will have you in and out of your mask in short order to ensure you know proper procedures.

During the exercise, don't be afraid to stop an operation if you think it is unsafe. We cannot afford to have anyone hurt or equipment damaged.

Leadership Development Program projects

Sometimes the wheels of progress grind ever so slowly. However, I have recently increased the speed of addressing LDP projects. During the past month, 120 past LDP class participants received letters informing them that functional offices of primary responsibility have been assigned to determine the feasibility, with five already closed out.

Until now projects seemed to be little more than academic situations.

We asked our noncommissioned officers to attend this class and work hard, we provided little feedback on their projects.



Weight

Hopefully, this will show everyone in the wing their ideas are important. While every idea submitted may not be implemented, they will be given a fair look in terms of feasibility and improvement potential. All it takes is a little effort to put your ideas down on paper and some data or information to back up your idea.

The oldest project I found was on "Military Clothing Sales," dated Sept 8, 1991. **Problem:** "The military clothing sales department within the Base Exchange is frequently understocked with the most commonly-needed items. This does not allow the Reserve personnel of the 934th Tactical Airlift Group to properly wear the military uniform."

Recommendation: "The establishment of a well stocked military clothing sales as a separate entity within or near the BX. This would enable members of the 934th TAG to properly and effectively wear their uniforms."

Finally, seven years later, we see our Military Clothing Sales Store almost ready to open for business. The only member of this LDP class team still in the 934th is **Tech. Sgt Dawn Flipp**, 934th Operations Support Flight.

I want to thank all the NCOs who completed LDP projects. I will at least get answers to everyone who completed the class within the last three years.

Continue suggesting ideas for process improvements. Your ideas are important to all of us. □

Air Force

▶ **Zero tolerance:** Zero tolerance of discrimination and sexual harassment has led the Air Force to deem equal opportunity a readiness issue. Unless workers feel their environment is free from discrimination and harassment, cohesion and effectiveness will break down, according to officials.

Avenues to file an equal opportunity complaint or concern include the chain of command, social actions, the inspector general, senior enlisted advisor, chaplain and security police. Also, a dedicated hot line established in 1995 collects more information on harassment and discrimination and is available to report possible incidents.

The hot line is manned during duty hours and can be reached by calling (800) 558-1404 or DSN 487-7849. (*Air Force News Service "must run"*)

Reserve

▶ **Anthrax shots start:** Air Force reservists scheduled to deploy to Southwest Asia for 30 days or more will receive the anthrax vaccine as part of their pre-deployment preparations. Reserve officials, however, would like to see the threshold for receiving the vaccine dropped to 14 days, the typical deployment time for most reservists.

The first phase of the vaccination plan runs through December 1999. Phase two, January 2000 to December 2002, will involve vaccination of military members assigned to units subject to early deployment to high-threat areas. During phase three, January 2003 to December 2004, everyone not involved in the first two phases will be vaccinated. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)

▶ **Anthrax news, part two:** Officials want to ease women's concerns about the anthrax vaccine and pregnancy. Doctors in the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta say the vaccine has no special risks if given to a pregnant woman, because the vaccine is not made with "live" material. However, normal precautions dictate that vaccinations of any kind are not advised for moms-to-be.

With the anthrax vaccine, one reason for not vaccinating a pregnant woman is the potential for lower immunity rates for the mother. Because of immunity changes during pregnancy, doctors are not sure the mother would develop the level of protection against the disease she should.

☐ For more information about anthrax, visit the Air Force site: <http://www.af.mil/current/anthrax> (*AFRCNS*)

Local

▶ **Chicago airlift:** The Friday unit training assembly airlift from Chicago to Minneapolis, Oct. 2, has been cancelled because of operational requirements. A readiness exercise, including deployment of 400 members to Camp Ripley, Minn., is scheduled for Oct. 1-4. The Sunday evening airlift from Minneapolis to Chicago is still scheduled for Oct. 4.

▶ **Combined Federal Campaign:** The 1999 Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Sept. 28 in the Twin Cities. This year's theme is: "Each day is

a gift ... live accordingly. According to **Capt. Bonnie Tremblett**, project officer and chief of 934th Mission Enhancement, the campaign involves nearly every federal agency in the nation, and 21,000 local federal workers contributed around \$997,364 last year.

Agencies supported by CFC contributions include everything from the local Boy Scouts to the American Red Cross. "Something to keep in mind when it comes time to give," said Tremblett, "is that while you may not benefit directly from any one agency, you or a family member may indirectly realize the generosity of someone who gave a gift."

☉ Contact Tremblett at Ext. 3541 or unit-level representatives for more information.

▶ **Chapel news:** **Chaplain (Capt.) John Echert III** will take part in the readiness exercise on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Camp Ripley, Minn., so there will be no Catholic Mass at the base chapel at home station that day. He will be back for regular services on Sunday, Oct. 4. In the absence of **Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Perry** Oct. 3-4, **Chaplain (Maj.) Bob Linaberry**, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee, will conduct the Protestant service on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m.

☉ Call the base chapel for details, Ext. 1226 or 1227.

▶ **ID card system down:** The 934th Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section will not be able to issue ID cards Oct. 26-29, according to **Tech. Sgt. Steven Robinson**, section chief. An upgrade to the system is being installed, and should communication line difficulties be encountered, it is possible the service may be down an additional day, Oct. 30. Anyone needing an ID card during that time will need to delay plans, as the Air Guard's host system will be down as well.

☉ For more information, call Ext. 1085 or 1507.

▶ **Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10:** This year's theme is "Fire Drills - The Great Escape." The theme encourages people to practice their home escape plan and emphasizes quick, decisive response in the event of a smoke or fire alarm.

Base members will win prizes if they know this year's theme when the fire chief makes Fire Prevention Week calls.

▶ **Lodging news:** Following the launch of a quality of life program to upgrade lodging facilities at Air Force Reserve Command installations, rates have been increased.

Rates throughout the command are now \$13 per night for visitor quarters, plus \$5.50 per guest, and \$21 per night for distinguished visitor and chief/senior noncommissioned officer rooms, plus \$9.50 per guest.

Also, Bldg. 711 will be closed, Oct. 23-Nov. 1, as new furniture arrives. Bldg. 716 will be used for lodging needs. ☐

New!
**Commander's
Hot Line
713-HOTL**

Call 713-4685 to record questions for the wing commander. Callers may remain anonymous.

Questions of general interest will be answered in the *Viking Flyer*.



News bytes

Wing teams recognized in UCI

Staff Sgt. Larry Dean
Public Affairs

During the Unit Compliance Inspection, inspectors honored two teams on base whose programs were deemed worthy of sharing with other Air Force units.

The inspectors honored a team from the 934th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters and one from the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Firefighters recognized include Master Sgts. Russ Carnes and Randy Polansky, Tech. Sgts. Anthony Feigum and Harold Naatz, and Staff Sgts. Dan Schaefer and Shawn Wimmergren. The aeromed team members were Chief Master Sgt. Don Hohn, Tech Sgt. Chris Knowles and Staff Sgt. Stefania Strowder.

Aircraft fire exercise

Inspectors recognized the firefighters for their outstanding performance in an egress exercise, fighting a fire on a C-130 and getting people to safety.

Carnes said, "The important word in this honor is 'team.' It really is an honor, not only to the people mentioned by inspectors, but to the entire fire department. Our people live and die as a team, and to be honored for our efforts in completing the egress exercise portion of the inspection safely, efficiently and effectively reflects the training we complete together."

He added that the firefighters had been working hard to improve their performance through split unit training assemblies to prepare for the inspection.

"This really helped us, since we could work on areas needing improvement without interruptions, improving our efficiency in working together," Carnes said. "We have a great group of people and outstanding retention here. Working together with a familiar group such as ours makes it easier, but the honor caught us off guard. We all see it as just doing our job. Teamwork will always be the key to our success. Our lives depend upon it."

Aeromedical enlisted training program

Hohn said inspectors were impressed with the enlisted training program and its administrative procedures, thus the honor to the AES team. "This is a very welcome honor since we have worked very hard to improve our training program," he said.

He added the inspectors noted how well documented training records were and how user friendly their procedures for training and tracking were. "This unit has done a lot to improve our training program during the past nine months and with a new training NCO [noncommissioned officer] as well [Strowder], this is a special award."

Hohn also noted the unit has made a substantial commitment to its enlisted members to update training and records. "That commitment is critically important since there are so many medical training requirements for our people," he said.

The team felt the six part training folders, procedures for training and documentation were among the best seen to date, according to Hohn. "All of our enlisted people now have the six-part folders," he said, "and we're working to incorporate our sustainment training into these folders. And, for consistency within the unit, although not required, we have also used the six part training folder format for our administrative personnel. Our team has done a real thorough job in getting and keeping these updated."

Both teams received certificates and superior performance coins to recognize their hard work.

Recycling measurement changes

Cherie Huntington
Public Affairs

A new measurement starting Oct. 1 for the wing recycling program will challenge members for innovative ideas and continued vigilance, according to Doug Yocum, scientist with Base Civil Engineering.

"Our main focus will be keeping waste from being disposed of," he said, "using two primary methods: recycling and reuse."

Though the methods may seem familiar, the "new" comes in the method of measuring success. Previously, bases were challenged against the baseline year of 1992, with a goal to cut waste disposal in half by 1997.

Now, the "nonhazardous solid waste diversion rate" is the measure, according to a recent memo from the deputy undersecretary of defense for environmental security. "This must be greater than 40 percent," said Yocum, meaning 40 percent of the base's solid waste must be recycled or reused.

Recycling still king

For a base this small, Yocum said, recycling will remain the No. 1 effort in meeting that goal -- particularly the continued recycling of cardboard and paper. But when applying the new measurement against previous quarters, the base would score only around 27 percent.

And in walking around the base, quietly observing recycling habits, Col. Richard Moss, wing commander, doesn't always like what he sees.

"We need more recycling in high traffic meeting areas," Moss said. "Because no recycling bins are nearby, many

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recyclable items are simply being put in the trash."

Both Moss and Yocum see a great need for more awareness of the recycling program across the base. "I know information on the program is making it to certain levels," said Yocum, "such as to members of the Chiefs' Council, because they've come to me asking questions. But for other folks who don't yet know about our efforts, it's going to be tough."

"Part of this is an education thing," said Moss. "If we don't have a process people feel good about supporting, it's not going to work."

Suggestions welcomed

For that reason, Moss encourages base members to do some thinking about the program. "We will gladly accept any ideas to improve awareness or help our recycling effort," he said. "What would make you want to recycle more?"

Anyone with suggestions can contact Yocum, Ext. 1909, contribute their ideas to the wing suggestion program or call the newly-established commander's hot line, Ext. 4685.

Medical Red Flag offers training

Mark Davidson
Public Affairs

Nine members of the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron participated in Medical Red Flag, Aug. 15-29, at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Members attend this training every four years, according to Lt. Col. Ray Kundel, flight surgeon, who served as commander of the 61-person unit during the exercise. Six other Air Force Reserve Command units took part.

The exercise provides a realistic atmosphere for participants to practice their wartime mission. "Our job is to get the patients ready and stable for the flight, then to get them on the aircraft," said Master Sgt. Paul Fischer, first sergeant for the squadron as well as the exercise.

"The first week was spent in the classroom with classes taught by Air Force reservists," said Airman 1st Class Sonny McKinney, a medical technician on his first deployment. Participants were housed in open-bay, 12-person tents called "hutments."

An exercise provided challenges during the second week, said Master Sgt. John Wulfing, enlisted nursing supervisor and the exercise senior enlisted nursing supervisor.

"We spent one day putting up tents, one day putting together the triage area and one day getting supplies in place, he said. "This part and the 12-hour exercise were taught and evaluated by the active-duty Army."

Four large tents were connected, each with a specific purpose, said Senior Airman Debbie Edwall, medical logistics technician.

"Each patient was assigned to a specific tent depending on the severity of their wounds," said Edwall. "My job was to keep all the tents supplied with blankets, different medicines and medical supplies and equipment."

The exercise started at midnight and lasted 12 hours. "Four nurses and six to eight medical technicians would treat 12-18 patients per tent," said 2nd Lt. Cheryl Costello, nurse, "taking care of them and getting them ready to be airlifted out."

C-130 static display aircraft were used for loading the patients, with daytime temperatures reaching 105 degrees, dropping only to around 90 at night.

"We were also in different levels of simulated attack during the exercise," said Edwall, "and a couple of times we had our entire chemical warfare suit on with masks while we were working."

The two weeks of training provided worthwhile experience, according to Kundel.

"This training is important because once we are in a combat situation, our actions must be second nature," he said, "and this training helps us be ready."

Two attend Phoenix Stripe program

Staff Sgt. Larry Dean
Public Affairs

Two members of the 934th recently took part in Air Mobility Command's "Phoenix Stripe" orientation program, a "Year of the Enlisted Force" initiative. Master Sgt. Steve Nicolai, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Bob McGonigal, 934th Logistics Support Squadron, attended one of the 12 scheduled sessions at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.



Nicolai

AMC staff said that the program is designed for enlisted people in the ranks of staff sergeant to master sergeant to orient them to the command, engage in open two-way communications with command staff, and to contribute ideas to be worked with other YOEF initiatives.

"I think this program is really beneficial to all and recommend that anyone who has the opportunity to take advantage of it," said Nicolai. "Sergeant McGonigal and I were randomly selected from those who applied to attend Phoenix Stripe."

He said the program helps give enlisted members a better understanding of issues and decisions that come from the command and the chance to provide feedback or raise concerns.

"There were many things that I learned during Phoenix Stripe," Nicolai said, "that impact the policies and decisions

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McGonigal

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Member assists 'Mirror Force'

Cherie Huntington
Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Bernadette Koehle, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, recently assisted in an Air Force Medical Service project called "Mirror Force."

This term refers to a goal of reserve medical forces "mirroring" those of the active duty.

Koehle, superintendent of medical administration, worked Aug. 3-14 in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., alongside a small team of active-duty, Reserve and Guard members. Her task: handling thousands of training surveys from medical service members, active and reserves, aimed at promoting "seamless," optimized

made by top management. For example, I had no idea that, back in 1992, the Guard and Reserve averaged 40,000-50,000 mandays a year, and now we average almost 450,000."

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Koehle

use of medical forces.

"I was very impressed with the whole concept and how they're going about making mirror force a reality," said Koehle.

Her squadron had been contacted by a former commander, **Col. James Kottcamp**, searching for dependable talent, according to Koehle. Kottcamp, the new Air Force Reserve Command medical representative for Mirror Force, requested **Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Lake**, senior enlisted manager. When she was not available for the tasking, Koehle volunteered.

"I was very nervous about the tour at first," she said, but once she studied material available on the Mirror Force project, she felt more confident. "Invitations are nice, but I like to know in advance what to expect and know I'm qualified. I want to do a great job."

She spent most of her first week compiling survey data and the second week, contacting dozens of units to gather more information or late surveys. Finally, toward the end of the tour, she volunteered to prepare a short-notice, Power Point briefing for Kottcamp.

"Luckily, I'd learned how to do Power Point briefings at Senior NCO Academy," said Koehle.

The team invited her back to work on the ongoing program in the future.

Hanson earns 'Get One' kudos

Staff Sgt. Larry Dean
Public Affairs



Hanson

Maj. Ken Hanson, 934th Operations Support Flight, recently joined the growing list of base people who have successfully recruited members to join the Reserve, receiving recruiting's "Get One" award for those efforts.

Hanson signed **Tech. Sgt. Jason Velasquez** and **Capt. Karla White**, and

both now serve with him in the base intelligence office.

"Velasquez joined the unit in May and White, in July," Hanson said. "Jason already had a strong interest in the work we do in intel, and we talked about it over a casual lunch one day."

Hanson added that he talked similarly with White, who had been off of active duty for three years. "For both of them," he said, "it was just a matter of asking the basic question, 'Have you ever thought about joining the Air Force Reserve?'"

"In White's case," Hanson continued, "she missed the work and camaraderie of military life. I challenged both of them to check out what the Air Force Reserve had to offer them. They did and made the choice to sign."

Hanson said he welcomed the additions to his staff. "I'm delighted to have both working with me now," he said. "Both have and will continue to make significant contributions to the base."

Hanson received a certificate of appreciation and Get One business folder to recognize his efforts in recruiting the new talent into the 934th.

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Wing roundup

27th Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Mark Pierson
The air drop upload and drop zone recovery team for September unit training assembly successfully loaded three aircraft that dropped six heavy equipment platforms and five containerized delivery system loads. In addition, 24 pallets of humanitarian cargo, destined for Bolivia, were loaded aboard two C-141 aircraft. Eight pallets of humanitarian cargo also were built up in preparation for airlift to Honduras. Our unit also continued preparing for the October readiness exercise or REDEX, hosted at Camp Ripley, Minn., for the first time.

934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Master Sgt. Bernadette Koehle, Senior Airman Shana Strozewski
Our unit spent much of the last UTA preparing for the REDEX at Camp Ripley in conjunction with the Army. Several members from Army medical units visited our unit to explain their operations and give an overview of our deployment together. In addition, **Capt. Dan Anderson** visited the Army to make a presentation on our operations. We anticipate a very successful deployment with important training.

934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Sanford
Members are preparing for the REDEX, with six completing Humvee driver

training and eight finishing cardiopulmonary resuscitation training. Also, 25 members completed physical exams.

96th Airlift Squadron

Airman Jess Lind
The squadron flew a heavy schedule on Saturday of the September drill, with six sorties and air drops at the Jordan, Minn., drop zone. Also, plans are progressing on a program to file flight plans electronically with the Federal Aviation Authority, increasing efficiency.

934th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Randy Matthews
Multiple tasks kept members busy during the September UTA. Many shops provided power and other support for Family Day. We also worked on plans and building pallets for the upcoming REDEX and bivouac.

934th Communications Flight

Staff Sgt. Robert Walz
Members scrambled to help other units with communications requests as they prepare for the upcoming REDEX. We anticipate development of procedures to alleviate last minute communications requests.

934th Logistics Support Squadron

Sgt. Martina Delp
Twelve members assisted with Family Day. Transportation provided volunteer bus drivers for the Military Ball. Vehicle operations people

completed Humvee driver training.

934th Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Steven Lerbakken
The squadron launched and recovered six sorties on Saturday of last UTA. Also, modifications are in progress for the auto pilot, global positioning and ground collision avoidance systems, with two aircraft finished. We prepared for the REDEX on Saturday and then staffed two of the children's games on Sunday's Family Day. **1st Lt. Jay Smeltzer** is the new maintenance officer.

934th Operations Support Flight

Tech. Sgt. Cara Utecht
Three members participated in the Air Force Sergeants Association convention held in Minneapolis last month: Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Wills, Master Sgt. Linda Davidson and Tech. Sgt. Bob Buie. Attendees, including the acting Air Force secretary of defense and the Air Force Reserve Command senior enlisted advisor, came from all over the world.

934th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Niklas Hammarberg
During September UTA, members qualified with the M-16A2 rifle in both daytime and nighttime. They also underwent familiarization training on night vision devices, including goggles and a night vision scope.

934th Services Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Pamela Peck
Starting in November, sign-in procedures for meals will change. Instead of signing, diners will run their

identification cards through a scanner. The unit is preparing for the October REDEX and bivouac. Also, welcome back to **Master Sgt. Ruth Duffy**, home after 120 days at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and **Staff Sgt. James Rutz**, back from 120 days at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Wing Headquarters/ 934th Mission Support Flight

Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Boettner
MSF is seeking interested applicants for its commander position. □

Wing around the world: October

27th APS: New Jersey
934th AES: Germany, Hawaii, Illinois, Texas
934th ASTS: Hawaii, Texas
96th AS: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Texas
934th AW HQ/MSF: No travel
934th CES: Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana
934th CF: No travel
934th LSS: No travel
934th MXS: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Nevada, Texas
934th OSF: Texas
934th SFS: No travel
934th SVS: Delaware, Germany

This list shows official travel destinations for wing members, via commercial or military transportation. For space-available travel information, call the 96th Airlift Squadron at 713-1741 or the local Air National Guard wing at 713-2450.

Rain-free celebration closes out summer with fun, sun and lunch-on-a-bun

Family Day

The annual salute to family and friends took place Sunday, Sept. 13, with plenty of treats aimed at the kids, of course.

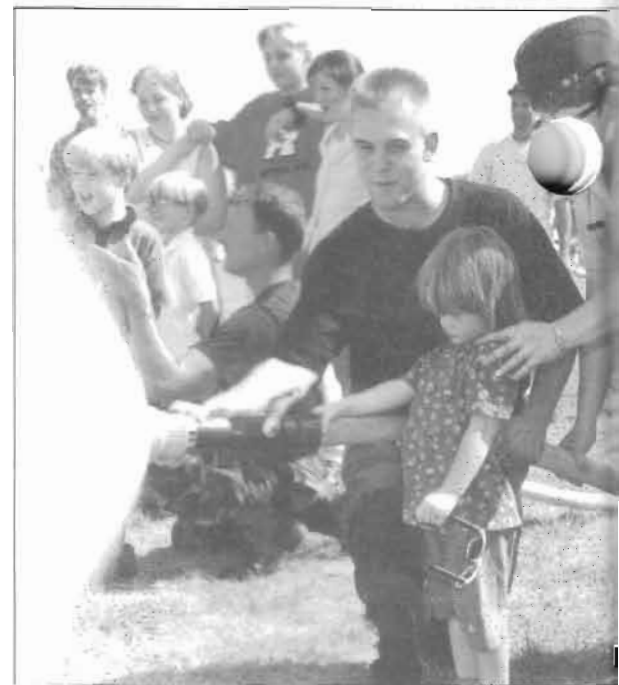
The traditional fun included static display aircraft, unit exhibits, book fair, rummage/craft sale, special-interest vehicle show, games and picnic-style lunch. New this year was a mini-zoo where kids could get a close-up look at snakes, birds of prey, hissing cockroaches and even a hedgehog.

Senator Rod Grams visited the base for the festivities as well, meeting many reservists and touring the lodging facility to see results of recent renovations.

Participation was high, along with a record-high attendance at the previous night's military ball, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve and the 35th anniversary of the wing. A total of 400 attended the ball. □



▶ **Capt. Maureen Banavige, 934th Logistics Support Squadron, brought her son, Jeb (5 months), to his first Family Day.**



▲ **Master Sgt. Colleen Raskob, 96th Airlift Squadron (right), helps a firefighter with the 934th Civil Engineer Squadron how to handle the fire hose. At the far right is Chief Petty Officer Robert Walz.**

Staff Sgt. Robert Walz



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▲ Rosa Hayes (4), daughter of Maj. Charlie Hayes, 96th Airlift Squadron, had a ball swimming in balls.



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

▲ Drew Walz (10), nephew of Staff Sgt. Robert Walz, 934th Communications Flight, enjoyed a fire truck on display.



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

▲ First sergeant (second from left) and her Squadrons show her nieces Mackenzie (3) aims the



Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch

▲ Sarah Brinza (6), daughter of Master Sgt. Joe Brinza, 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, checks out a hedgehog at the mini-zoo.



▲ Master Sgt. Ron Welp (left), 934th Maintenance Squadron, holds his daughter, Nicole (3 months) as he enjoys the day with his daughter, Andrea (12, center), and his wife, Andrea (right).

Mark Davidson



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

Cameryn (3, front) and Chad Marx (5 1/2) prepare for takeoff. Staff Sgt. Pam Russell, legal office, is their aunt.

John and Betty Nowicki



Mark Davidson

Family readiness selects volunteers of the quarter

Patricia Botkins
Director, Family Readiness Program

The joint service family readiness volunteers of the quarter are **John and Betty Nowicki**, who started working at the Family Readiness Center last January.

John had attended our Joint Service Family Readiness Committee Meeting as chairperson of the Twin Cities Area Army Retirees Council. After he found out about the services the center provided and the need to help staff the center, he recruited his wife, Betty, a former Army Nurse Corps staff nurse.

"I really enjoy my time volunteering at the FRC," said Betty. "It gives me a chance to renew connections with the military, allows me to use my little grey cells ... and to be a resource for service personnel and their families as they adjust to the changing face of the military forces during the present time. I am able to use some of my work experience and learn new technologies and skills at the same time. It's great."

John, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, is the other half of this volunteer team. "I find serving as a volunteer at the Family Readiness Center to be very rewarding," he said. "Many of the situations facing today's military members are similar to those I and my family have already experienced. Basically, been there, done it. I hope my experience can ease today's service peoples' burdens. It also feels good to contribute and work in a familiar environment. The motto 'U.S. Army retired and still serving' has a comfortable ring to it."

After John's military retirement in 1974, he embarked on a civilian career, retiring in 1994. He still chairs the retiree council and also serves on the executive committee, Minnesota Chapter, The Retired Officers Association. As for Betty, she is a member of the Fairview Ridges Hospital board of directors.

Betty and John contribute outstanding volunteer service to our joint service community. I can always depend on them coming into the center each month, helping a military family with their knowledge, experience or expertise. They're a great team! Thank you, Betty and John. □

News bytes

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Airman brings battlefields to life as hobby

Mark Davidson
Public Affairs



Williams

Senior Airman **Jeff Williams** has two military careers. One career involves computers and air-conditioned offices. His other career involves offering spiritual guidance to "wounded and dying" soldiers on hot, smoke-filled battlefields.

Williams, an information systems specialist with the 934th Communications Flight, has been a Civil War reenactor for five years. He performs as a chaplain in the rank of lieutenant.

"I was in a video store in 1993 to rent the Public Broadcasting Service series on the Civil War," he said. "The store manager said her fiancée ran a Civil War reenactment infantry unit in Stillwater, Minn., and was looking for people to join."

After nearly three years with the Stillwater unit, Williams left it and cofounded the 6th Wisconsin medical unit with a colleague from Hudson, Wis. "Our historical research showed that a unit from Prescott, Wis. mustered in with the 6th Wisconsin during the Civil War," said Williams.

The back-in-time experience keeps him involved. "I feel like I'm experiencing time travel when I am in these battles," said Williams. "It's an overwhelming experience I can't create in any other way."

He takes part in an average of 12 presentations annually, usually over a weekend. Performances have taken Williams to Wisconsin, Iowa, Virginia and Oklahoma. "My biggest reenactment highlight was in July at Gettysburg, Pa.," he said. "Our unit was part of the 30,000 reenactors at the 135th anniversary of the battle."

Even though it's a hobby, it can be dangerous when you have reenactors of all ages wearing wool uniforms on a hot battlefield with cavalry and horses pulling carriage-mounted cannons, according to Williams. "One person was seriously wounded at Gettysburg when another reenactor shot him with live ammunition," he said.

Aside from the danger, reenactors have to pay for all travel, lodging, food, and uniform expenses, according to Williams. Hand-stitched wool pants cost \$85; frock coats, \$150; hats, \$32; glasses, \$75; and shoes, patterned after the original, uncomfortable footwear, cost \$105.

The reenactors also try to duplicate the identity of the unit they are in. "We study old letters and diaries, and review unit histories and maneuvers to get a feel for the unit and what they were doing," Williams said.

More information on Civil War reenacting can be obtained by writing to: Twin Cities/St. Croix Civil War Council, 1890 Barclay St., Maplewood MN 55109. □

Expeditionary force

Restructuring plan promises stability in Reserve operations tempo

Reservists can expect to receive more advanced notice about possible deployments and continue to serve them on a rotational basis under the Air Force's new Expeditionary Aerospace Force restructuring plan.

Finding its Cold War structure inadequate to handle recent hot-spot contingencies, the Air Force is changing how it organizes and trains its forces to support regional unified commanders. By the year 2000, the new structure will reflect the kinds of forces and capabilities needed to deal with regional conditions. The EAF will also help to reduce the impact of today's high operations tempo for Air Force people by providing them with responsibilities spelled out a year or more in advance.

Ten air expeditionary forces, made up of bluesuiters from active duty major commands, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard, will form the EAF. Each AEF will consist of fighters, bombers, tactical airlifters, air refuelers, and radar and electronic-warfare aircraft from the various major commands, Guard and Reserve.

"The expeditionary aerospace force is an evolutionary change for the Air Force," said **F. Whitten Peters**, acting secretary of the Air Force. "It will affect the way we think and how we organize, train, equip and sustain aerospace forces. It will also allow us to meet the requirements of the national military strategy and the challenges of a changing global security environment."

Peters and **Gen. Michael E. Ryan**, Air Force chief of staff, discussed the EAF during a recent news briefing.

'Rainbow' unit

In the briefing, Ryan said the Reserve commitment for a forward deployment could take the form of a "rainbow" unit, consisting of several aircraft, crews and support people from two or more units.

"We've done this before with C-130s and fighters in other instances," he said. "If we give the Guard and Reserve a long-lead notice, then their people can arrange with their schedule and their employers to be available when needed. They've done this in the past and say they can do it better in the

future with more notice."

Under this scenario, active, Guard and Reserve units would share aircraft and rotate troops into and out of the theater of operations to cover the duration of the deployment. Most traditional reservists can serve up to two weeks with permission from their civilian employers.

Major role for reservists

"We're pleased Air Force Reserve Command will be an active member of the Expeditionary Aerospace Forces mix and that our people will be able to perform that mission on a rotational basis," said **Maj. Gen. David Smith**, AFRC commander. "Our reservists cannot serve in the Reserve without their employers' support.

"Details on how our people will be deployed, how many will be needed and other key concerns still need to be worked out in the coming months. We are confident that reservists will play a major role in the EAF and will perform that mission in the same superb manner as other taskings."

Three days before the news conference, five KC-135s and crews from three Reserve units deployed to Europe to provide air refueling support for fighter aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia. Three KC-135s from the 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., went to Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom, while a

KC-135 from the 940th ARW, Beale AFB, Calif., and a KC-135 from the 927th ARW, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, to support Operation Deliberate Guard. The Reserve units will support the operation through Sept. 15 by rotating crews and support people throughout the deployment period.

KC-10 crews from the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., are augmenting their active-duty counterparts in Operation Southern Watch. Three crews went to the Middle East July 30. Others will follow to provide support through Sept. 23.

Rapid response

"The Air Force has always had an expeditionary mission," Ryan said, "but we need better organization to manage and train to a wide range of capabilities. Using AEFs, we can rapidly respond to contingencies requiring different types of assets without upsetting baseline Air Force organizations.

"It's an effort to organize in a manner that lets us operate with a truly expeditionary mind-set. At the same time, it would make the most efficient use of our people and resources."

Each air expeditionary force will be on call to handle contingencies for about 90 days roughly every 15 months. Two AEFs will be on alert at any given time.

Another two AEFs will be in a buildup and training phase, preparing to go on alert to relieve the two that are engaged. The other six will be in various stages of training.

Units assigned to an AEF will train together during regularly scheduled exercises, such as Red Flag.

Deploying forces for each AEF will be specifically tailored to a contingency in support of war-fighting commanders in chief. Taskings could range from putting bombs on target to air-dropping humanitarian goods in support of disaster relief. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)□

Next millenium's challenges

New commander's enthusiasm fires up future of airlifters

With a focus on mission readiness, the new commander of Air Mobility Command is ready to steer the command into the new millennium and begin a new era.

After just over a week in the job, **Gen. Tony Robertson** has already begun to tackle the key issues on the command's plate, emphasizing AMC will have to continue challenging the "old way of doing business" to continue to be successful.

When he took command Aug. 3, the general outlined three major themes for AMC: maintaining a high level of mission readiness, modernizing equipment and improving mobility processes, and ensuring people and family issues are the No. 1 consideration in the decision-making process.

In line with these themes, other issues Robertson plans to take on as AMC commander include:

Operations tempo

"The pace of operations in AMC continues to strain the force," Robertson said. "Recent efforts to minimize the pain, including returning security forces to eight-hour shifts and reducing temporary duty time, are steps in the right direction. But more needs to be done," he added. "We've got to continue to work that problem. Every once in a while, you have to take a bold step to find solutions."

Modernization of AMC assets

"Modernizing our KC-135 tanker, C-5 Galaxy and C-130 Hercules fleets is critical to both our continued success as well as our ability to claim world-class status as we enter the new millennium," he said.

AMC will continue to push:

- ▶ Acquisition of the world's newest and greatest airlifter, the C-17 Globemaster, completion of its bed down at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and its follow-on bed downs at McChord AFB, Wash., and Jackson, Miss.

- ▶ Modernization of AMC's material handling and ground support equipment fleet.

- ▶ Updated defensive systems for mobility aircraft.

- ▶ Necessary communications, navigation and surveillance equipment and modifications needed for aircraft to meet the stringent airspace performance standards required today and in the 21st century.

Infrastructure

Robertson said the command has made great strides over the past several years in identifying major infrastructure problems in challenges to moving people and

equipment from their home bases through the en route system to forward deployed locations. The command has also made progress in finding the money to overcome these challenges. "Our focus now must be on the execution of those fixes, the synchronization of those fixes with our mobility processes, and on the avoidance of any future backsliding in our capability," he said.

Total force

The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve are the best teammates the active force could ever ask for in this mobility business, he said. "Our relationship and our association with them is, without a doubt, the best in the entire Department of Defense. I consider myself their No. 1 cheerleader and supporter," he added.

"Our goal must be to continue to work in lock-step with our Total Force partners in every modernization effort we undertake, in every process we seek to improve and in every major mobility decision that we make. And if anyone has an idea that will strengthen our relationship even further, feed it to me," he said.

Expansion of global transportation network

As well as commanding AMC, Robertson has charge of U.S. Transportation Command, one of nine unified commands. In that role, he is responsible for meeting DOD's mobility needs.

"It is a phenomenally huge, global mission," he said. "No other country or commercial venture can match our operation. No one can claim the accomplishments of this command. We have to continue and expand that success record."

Fulfilling C-130 "master plan"

Robertson said the C-130s are "back in the fold," having returned to AMC in April 1997. Now, he wants to complete the reintegration of the aircraft into the command and continue to build on its role in future operations.

"Today, we face a period of declining budgets while our 'to-do' list is as long as ever," he said, and outlined three ways to deal with declining resources. "Either you (1) find more resources over which to spread the mission, (2) you start saying 'no' to more lower-priority missions, or (3) you become more efficient.

"We will work on all three, but clearly our first step is to become more efficient, and I can think of no better way to do that than by implementing the three themes," he added.

The air mobility story is told every day supporting operations around the globe, the general added. "We have a lot to be excited about. We have the best mission in the Air Force. Nothing can happen without air mobility." (*Air Mobility Command News Service "must run"*) □

Looking back on 50 years

Dramatic changes earmark end of year for Reserve

The Directorate of Historical Services, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, prepared the following historical chronology, which concludes this series.

November

▶ **Nov. 30, 1967:** Headquarters Continental Air Command published programming plan 67-7, "Implementation of the Military Airlift Command Associate Air Force Reserve Unit Concept." The first associate units began operations in March 1968.

▶ **Nov. 19, 1978:** Two HC-130Ns and 38 reservists participated in the evacuation of survivors and victims from Georgetown, Guyana, following the "People's Temple" incident.

▶ **Nov. 1, 1981:** The Reserve's first KC-10 unit, the 78th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy/Associate, was activated at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

▶ **Nov. 14, 1990:** Dick Cheney, secretary of defense, authorized the call-up of another 72,500 Guard and Reserve members to support operations in the Persian Gulf.

▶ **Nov. 29, 1990:** The United Nations Security Council approved the resolution authorizing the use of "all necessary means" to free Kuwait if Iraq did not withdraw by Jan. 15, 1991.

▶ **Nov. 15-25, 1996:** Reserve C-5, C-141 and KC-135 units participated in Guardian Assistance, a United Nations-sponsored relief operation for Rwandan refugees in Zaire.

December

▶ **Dec. 1, 1967:** President Lyndon Johnson signed the "Reserve Forces Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act, Public Law 90-168. Provisions of the act took effect Jan. 1, 1968.

▶ **December 1989:** The Reserve, Military Airlift Command and

Strategic Air Command associate unit crews made a

major contribution to the Panama intervention, Operation Just Cause. As of Dec. 31, crews had flown 1,500 hours during 455 sorties. They carried more than 5,900 passengers and 3,700 tons of cargo, and conducted air refueling missions Dec. 19-31. AC-130 gunships flew 29 sorties and expended more than 7,000 rounds of ammunition. Other Reserve units were also directly involved.

▶ **Dec. 1, 1990:** Dick Cheney raised from 120,000 to 188,000 the total number of Guard and Reserve members who could be ordered to active duty at one time during the Persian Gulf crisis. □



1948-1998

One-year anniversary reveals strides toward integration

'Seamless Total Force'

Senior officials recently commemorated the one-year anniversary of the historic "Seamless Total Force" memorandum signed by **William Cohen**, secretary of defense, Sept. 4, 1997.

"We have made great progress integrating our active and reserve forces into one team, trained and ready for the 21st century," said **John Hamre**, deputy secretary of defense. "Our military leaders are getting the message. Structural and cultural barriers that reduce readiness and impede interoperability between active and reserve personnel are gradually being eliminated.

"We must now assess the progress we have made," he continued, "acknowledge those barriers to integration that still exist, and, most importantly, set our plans into motion. I am heartened by the constructive dialogue we have had this past year and am confident we will build on that momentum."

Cohen's policy memorandum recognized the increased reliance on the nation's reserve forces since the end of the Cold War. He called on military and civilian leadership to create an environment eliminating "all residual barriers," both structural and cultural, to effective integration of the reserve and active

forces. The memorandum builds on the Total Force policy of previous secretaries of defense dating back to Melvin Laird, former secretary, who coined the phrase "Total Force," initiating the integration of active and reserve forces in the 1970s, during the height of the Cold War.

"We have seen examples of the elimination of structural barriers, such as the Army's plan to form six National Guard readiness brigades into two integrated divisions under active Army leadership," said **Rudy de Leon**, undersecretary of defense, personnel and readiness. "A major cultural barrier was removed in June, when we started issuing the Total Force green identification cards to Reserve and National Guard members. The one-year anniversary of Secretary Cohen's memorandum is certainly a most appropriate time to recognize our achievements and further Total Force integration."

"Without the daily contributions made by our reserve forces around the world, we simply could not accomplish our missions and protect our national interests," said **Charles Cragin**, principal deputy undersecretary of defense, personnel and readiness. "Total Force integration is not a luxury — it is a vital necessity." (Department of Defense News Release) □

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. Marianne Donaldson, CF, retired

Lt. Col. Rocco Maffei, AW, second oak leaf cluster

Chief Master Sgt. Julie Perry, ASTS, retired

Capt. Barbara Sullivan, AES, retired

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Yasgar, AW, retired, second OLC

Aerial Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. Steven Hanson, AS; first, second and third OLCs

Tech. Sgt. Gene Olsen, AS; first, second and third OLCs

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Daniel Anderson, AES, first OLC

Accelerated promotions

The following are Promotion Enhancement Program advances:

Master Sgt. Dale Ingersoll, MXS

Tech. Sgt. Robert Matern, ASTS

Senior Master Sgt. Robert McGonigal, LSS

Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Ogden, AW

Tech. Sgt. Mitch Shores, MXS

Master Sgt. Terry Strain, LSS



Staff Sgt. Robert Walz

Promotion honor

Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Ogden (left) received news of her Promotion Enhancement Program achievement from F. Whitten Peters, acting secretary of the Air Force, during his visit here, Sept. 1.

Promotions

Maj. Kelly Bankole, AS

Maj. Craig Benson, AW

Maj. Stuart Browne, AW

Master Sgt. John Bruns, LSS

Maj. Barbara Dock, SFS

Capt. (Chaplain) John Echert III, AW

Airman 1st Class Marcus Erickson, CF

Master Sgt. Dennis Geyen, CES

Maj. Kenneth Hanson, OSF

Maj. James Hayes, AS

Master Sgt. Donald Johnson Jr., APS

Lt. Col. James Kirchoff, APS

Maj. Douglas Kveene, AW

Staff Sgt. Robert Larson, ASTS

Master Sgt. Scott Leclair, CES

Maj. James Majors, AS

Maj. Bernie Motschenbacher, OSF

Staff Sgt. Patrick O'Brien, APS

Maj. John O'Conner, AS

Maj. David Olafson, OSF

Senior Airman Barbara Ostler, LSS

Senior Airman Elizabeth Quaidoo, AES

Tech. Sgt. Scott Rian, AES

Staff Sgt. Robert Rodriguez, CF

Maj. Douglas Smith, AS

Amn. Stacie Smith, ASTS

Maj. Daniel Swanson, OSF

Maj. Timothy Swanson, AS

Lt. Col. Stanley Thompson, CES

Tech. Sgt. Gary Vick, MXS

Maj. Mark Zollinger, AES

Promotion selectees (future pin-on)

Capt. Phyllis Price, AES

Maj. David Rezutko, ASTS

Capt. David Tank, AS

Newcomers

(Previous base/status listed)

► Senior Airman Dustin Adams, MXS, Air Reserve Personnel Center

► Tech. Sgt. Lisa Anderson-Levy, ASTS, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

► 2nd Lt. Lance Ausing, ASTS, Minnesota Air National Guard

► Airman 1st Class Daniel Craig, SFS, non-prior service

► Tech. Sgt. Duane Cook, CES, ARPC

► Staff Sgt. Kenneth Ferderber, MXS, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

► Senior Airman Lara Gallagos, APS, U.S. Naval Reserve

► Staff Sgt. Brent Haynes, AES, ARPC

► Senior Airman Adam Herr, APS, USNR

► Tech. Sgt. Calvin Johnson, APS, prior U.S. Navy

► Airman 1st Class Kristen Maloney, SVS, non-prior service

► Senior Airman Jonah Scarset, AS, ARPC

► Senior Airman Andrew Severt, ASTS, MNANG

► Maj. Leslie Snyder, AW, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio

► Senior Airman Richard Thompson, CF, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom

► Senior Airman Wayne Wacek, ASTS, prior U.S. Navy

► Master Sgt. Aaran Weinzirl, MXS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Air reserve technicians

► Capt. Donald Petros, AS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

► 1st Lt. Jay Smeltzer, MXS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Reenlistments

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Addabbo, APS

Tech. Sgt. Suzan Bathurst, LSS

Staff Sgt. Duane Bauer, APS

Staff Sgt. Stacy Campbell, SVS

Master Sgt. Karen Carlen, AES

Staff Sgt. Charles Colstrom, LSS

Airman 1st Class Richard Curtis Jr., MSF

Airman 1st Class Johnette Frazier, ASTS

Staff Sgt. Samuel Garbow, MSF

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Gilbert, OSF

Senior Master Sgt. Richard Glodek, AS

Tech. Sgt. Conrad Kluck, MXS

Airman 1st Class Tracy Meyer, AS

Staff Sgt. Michael Moldrem, CES

Staff Sgt. David Ohrt, MXS

Staff Sgt. Carmine Sammarco, CES

Airman 1st Class Jeffery Spaulding, MXS

Tech. Sgt. Samuel Swann, AW

Achievements

► Majors Elizabeth Erickson and Sharon Turovaara, ASTS, were recognized by the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Surgeon General for their support of the sustainment training initiative and its evolution to TOPSTAR — Top Sustainment Training to Advanced Readiness — at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

► Airman 1st Class Marcus Erickson, CF, earned honor graduate status at the radio/communications systems apprentice course, Keesler

AFB, Miss., June 1-July 14.

▶ **1st Lt. Robert Levy**, AES, was selected as the squadron's "Member of the Month."

▶ **Staff Sgt. Paul McCann**, AW, earned distinguished graduate honors at the finance apprentice school, Sheppard AFB, Texas, June 10-Sept. 10.

▶ **Staff Sgt. Candy Sommers**, RS, won the 22nd Air Force recruiting award for the most non-prior service accessions for the third quarter of fiscal year 1998.

Education

▶ The following members completed formal training courses, **Aug. 16-Sept. 15**, plus earlier courses not previously listed. Information is drawn from the base training directory on the shared G-drive.

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Berry, APS; air transportation apprentice; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; July 17-Aug. 26.

Staff Sgt. Michael Bluntson, ASTS; medical Red Flag; Sheppard AFB, Texas; Aug. 25-28.

Staff Sgt. Kelly Bochniak, AES; medical survival training; Brooks AFB, Texas; Aug. 28-Sept. 3.

Senior Airman Michael Bollinger, AES; medical service apprentice phase I; Sheppard; June 9-Sept. 11.

Airman 1st Class Katy Carroll, AES; basic training; Lackland; July 20-Aug. 28.

Tech. Sgt. Bradley Cooper, AS; loadmaster instructor; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; July 23-Aug. 19.

2nd Lt. Cheryl Costello, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

Airman Basic Kyle Daestad, APS; air transportation apprentice; Lackland; July 17-Aug. 26.

Staff Sgt. Eric Decamp, AS; loadmaster initial qualification; Little Rock; July 8-Aug. 24.

Senior Airman Deborah Edwall, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

Airman 1st Class Marcus Erickson, AF; radio/communications systems; Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; June 1-July 14.

Staff Sgt. Merle Fischer, AES; medical service apprentice phase II;

Scott AFB, Ill.; July 15-Sept. 8.

Master Sgt. Paul Fischer, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

Staff Sgt. Paul Gauthier, MXS; propulsion apprentice; Sheppard; May 8-Aug. 17.

Senior Airman Carol Hess, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

Lt. Col. Ray Kundel, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

Airman 1st Class Michael Larsen, MXS; basic training; Lackland; Aug. 3-Sept. 11.

Staff Sgt. Paul McCann, AW; finance apprentice; Sheppard; June 10-Sept. 10.

Airman Sonny McKinney, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

Senior Airman Ryan Pomeroy, AS; loadmaster initial qualification; Little Rock; July 29-Sept. 15.

Tech. Sgt. David Roach, AS; water survival training; Fairchild AFB, Wash; Aug. 18-21.

Staff Sgt. Gary Robbins, MXS; guidance and control apprentice; Keesler; March 5-Aug. 19.

Senior Master Sgt. Norman Rosenow, LSS; hazardous materials preparer initial; Lackland; Aug. 18-31.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Shelton, MXS; avionics work center management; Keesler; Aug. 10-21.

Airman 1st Class Patrick Sommer, APS; air transportation apprentice; Lackland; July 31-Sept. 10.

Staff Sgt. Mark Story, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

Lt. Col. Stanley Thompson, CES; nuclear emergency team operations; Kirtland AFB, N.M.; Aug. 25-Sept. 3.

Master Sgt. John Wulfing, ASTS; Medical Red Flag; Sheppard; Aug. 25-28.

▶ The following members completed mandatory career development courses. Information is gathered by Unit Public Affairs Representatives.

Staff Sgt. Crealeo Alverio, APS

Senior Airman Jovan Braham, AW

Staff Sgt. James Cullum, APS

Staff Sgt. Laura Kruse, APS

Staff Sgt. Todd Littfin, AW

Engagements/marriages

▶ **Tim Atchley**, ASTS, is engaged to **Susan Besst**, with a wedding date set for Sept. 30, 1999.

▶ **Nathan Behrends**, CF, is engaged to **Aubrey Ainger**, with a wedding planned for next summer.

▶ **Nancy Etzler**, APS, and **Scott Purington** were married Sept. 19.

Births

▶ **Janet Byerly**, AW, and her husband, **John**, AW, have a new baby son, **Eric John**, born Sept. 12, weighing 10 pounds, 9 ounces.

▶ **Jeanette Gillie-Harp**, APS, and her husband, **John**, have a new baby daughter, **Carly Marie Harp**, born Sept. 11, weighing 6 pounds, 12.5 ounces.

▶ **Angie McCullagh**, MXS, and her husband, **Brian**, AW, have a new baby daughter, **Ellie Rose**, born July 8, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

▶ **David Witherspoon**, MXS, and his wife, **Rose**, have a new baby son, **Mark Anthony**, born Sept. 9, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

▶ **Capt. Tim Wollmuth**, AW, and his wife, **Stacy**, have a new baby daughter, **Angela Katherine**, born Sept. 10, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

▶ **Mark Zollinger**, AES, and his wife, **Pamela**, have a new baby son, **Jacob Christopher**, born Sept. 1, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

Retirements

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Dodge, MSF, 30 years

Master Sgt. Marianne Donaldson, CF, 20
Tech. Sgt. Hector Hermosilla, MXS, 20
Chief Master Sgt. Julie Perry, ASTS, 20
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Politte, CES, 20
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Solarz, SVS, 21
Capt. Barbara Sullivan, AES, 21
Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Yasgar, MSF, 22

Tech. Sgt. David Zeismer, MSF, 26□

Viking Search:

Public Affairs



Mark Davidson

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

Specialty code/unit: 3NOX1; 934th Airlift Wing.

Job description: Conduct commander's programs, primarily in three areas: community relations (tours, orientation flights, speeches), public information (news releases, media relations) and internal products (unit newspaper). Most frequent taskings for staff newcomers include writing news stories, taking photos, giving aircraft

◀ **Master Sgt. Darrell Habisch, noncommissioned officer in charge of public affairs**

tours, newcomers' briefings and working on community relations projects.

Civilian job equivalent: Public relations specialist, journalist.

Training: Thirteen weeks, joint service Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Md.

Recent travel locations: Alaska, Florida, Germany, Korea, Panama, Texas.

What's great about the job:

- ▶ Meeting members from every squadron to write stories or take photos.
 - ▶ Great job for people who enjoy writing.
 - ▶ Variety of work taskings in community relations, public information and internal products.
 - ▶ Frequent opportunities to travel.
 - ▶ Opportunities to perform extra days of duty for special projects locally or at other Reserve locations.
- Contact:** 934th Recruiting Office, (612) 713-1456. □

Services Briefs

NCO Club briefs

▶ **Drill weekend meals** will be at the club, Friday, Oct. 2, through Sunday, Oct. 4, because of the readiness exercise. The dining hall is closed. Units will report numbers of reservists expected for meals at the club, and only those on inactive duty status are entitled to free meals.

Breakfast: 6-9 a.m., Oct. 2-4, buffet.

Lunch: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 2, regular menu.

10:45 a.m.-12:30 lunch, Oct. 3, baked chicken or pork roast; Oct. 4, baked fish or chicken Kiev.

Dinner: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 3, buffet with ham and turkey. Reservists who cannot eat during this time may choose from the regular dinner menu, 5:50-8:30 p.m.

▶ **The Jim Elander Two-Man Show**, performing a variety of music, will be featured at the club on drill Saturday, Oct. 3, starting at 8:30 p.m.

▶ **Discount desserts** are offered every Friday and Saturday evening in October — a half piece of pie for only 50 cents after dinner.

▶ **National Pasta Month specials** will be offered at lunch each Wednesday in October, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

▶ **"Football Frenzy"** is featured in both clubs at 7 p.m., every Monday night. There are snacks and drawings for free prizes at halftime.

▶ **"Thanksgiving Feasts"** will be offered at both clubs

on Thursday, Nov. 26. Call either club for details and reservations.

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

Officers Club briefs

▶ **Family Night** is every Tuesday in the dining room, with an all-new kids' menu. Call for reservations.

▶ **A Halloween masquerade party** will be featured on Friday, Oct. 30, with free snacks, judging for best costumes and opportunities to win cash. Call for details.

▶ **Don't forget to vote** — show your "I voted" button in November and receive a free dessert with the purchase of a lunch or dinner.

☎Call Ext. 3678 for Officers Club information.

Recreation services

▶ **In softball play**, Saturday, Sept. 12, LSS forfeited the last game of the season, making CES the 1998 champions.

▶ **Evening movies and board games** will be offered to deploying members during the readiness exercise.

▶ **Chanhassen Dinner Theater tickets** are on sale for \$37, regular \$46.

▶ **UnderWater World** at the Mall of America offers discount tickets more than \$2 off regular prices for base military and civilian members. Tickets are available by mail only, seven days in advance. Recreation services has order blanks.

▶ **Toys for Tots boxes** will be out in November, so start picking up a few new, unwrapped toys now.

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