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By Col. Timothy E. Tarchick
934th Airlift Wing commander

'Gear up, heading 155'

Man, does time fly... It was just yesterday, wasn't it, on April 1, 2006 that I took command of the 934th Airlift Wing from Col. Jim Muscatell? So now, 49 months later, the "gear comes up" as I write to you for the last time as your commander. My family and I head south again to Marietta, Ga. as I take command of the 94th Airlift Wing at Dobbins Air Reserve Base May 9. We all knew this time would eventually get here. My picture gets lowered on the wall in the command suite to the "former commander" section. I get the exit interview with PA, going away dinner and good-byes. I hate good-byes. My change of command speech will reflect on some of the last four years of our accomplishments in greater detail so I will keep this column short and sweet.

This has been a very rewarding assignment for me, both professionally and personally. I will never forget when Maj. Gen. Jim Bankers, the 22nd Air Force commander at the time, called me and told me we were going to have to move to Minneapolis. I called my wife and told her the news and she said "We're not moving"! For obvious reasons, it is hard to move from Florida to Minnesota in the winter. Well, after I reminded her of the basic premise that families need an income to buy food, clothing and shelter, she agreed. Then we really found out why we moved here. The Lord brought us to a church in downtown Minneapolis that has simply rocked our world.

Anyway, we have been through a lot together. As a *team* we have **EXCELLED** in **EVERYTHING** put in front of us. Think about that for a moment. From every Major Command inspection to all the deployments to the Area of Responsibility to the thousands of other things we do day in and day out, year after year, **YOU got 'er dun!** You

have taught me a lot and I trust you learned from me. That is what it is about, improvement.

I can tell you that every day I wake up, come to work and I strive to do the right thing and find ways to improve. Improve myself and the Wing. I know most of you do as well. That is what makes this wing so great. The 934th AW is a shining star in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command and it is simply because of the people in it--**YOU**--that make it what it is.

For me, this has been another career highlight. The people in this wing, traditional reservists, Air Reserve Technicians, full-time civilians and contractors are some of the hardest working people, repeat, hardest working people I have ever been associated with. You simply amaze me. I am so proud of all of you for what you do and what you have done while on my watch but I am most proud to have served with you. Please give your new commander, Col. Darrell Young, the same level of effort and support as you have given me and if you do, this unit will continue to excel to even greater heights. **I will be watching your future achievements and I will smile warmly inside when they happen.**

Lastly, please thank your families and your employers for the support they give you because we all know that if they are not behind you, the mission suffers here.

In closing, I say again **THANK YOU** for everything you have done to enhance the mission while I have been your commander. From my family to you and yours, God bless you all and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

I love "ya'll", see ya around the pattern.

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On the cover

Firefighters are tested during an aircraft evacuation exercise during the 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit here March 7. (Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer)

Commander reflects on time as ‘Flying Viking’

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams
934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

After four years, an operational readiness inspection and numerous other higher headquarters inspections, mobilizations and deployments, Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, is ready to say goodbye.

Next month he relinquishes command to Col. Darrell Young and assumes command of the 94th Airlift Wing at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

“Not to be disrespectful to any other wing I have been in, but this is the finest wing I’ve ever been associated with,” Colonel Tarchick said. “I have said that over again in commander’s calls, staff meetings and community events. There are great people in the wings all across the Air Force and Air Force Reserve. This wing, for me, has been the finest wing I’ve ever worked with in my 32 years in the Air Force Reserve.”

He assumed command in April 2006 after having spent four and a half years as commander of the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., an assignment he calls, “the most exciting mission that I’ve ever been at in my career.”

Immediately upon his arrival in Minneapolis, he was confronted with enormous challenges. The unit was preparing for a unit compliance inspection a precursor to the dreaded Operational Readiness Inspection.

“When I first got here, we had six inspections in the first seven months,” he said. “We were going right into UCI prep, which is where we are right now. I came into it fresh and didn’t know anybody, and the units got it done.”

The inspections gave Col. Tarchick an opportunity to examine how well the wing performed under pressure. He is most proud of the work ethic and professionalism shown by wing members.

“The thing that I’m most proud of is that we have hit every pitch that has come across the plate, over the fence. Those pitches are inspections, deployments and everything and anything that came our way,” the colonel said. “The wing shines because of the people in it. This is shown by the numerous individual and unit awards that this organization and our people have won over the last four years. Everything this wing touches turns to gold. The work ethic (here) is something I will always remember.”

Of all the things for a wing commander to accomplish, one goal eluded Colonel Tarchick during his four years here – establishing an installation Continuity of Operations Plan.

“We have all of these requirements that are for the Air Force Reserve, but yet in reality we have the Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Navy/Marine Corps Reserve. If something happens to the base, it’s just not going to happen necessarily to the 934th, it could happen to another organization,” he explained.

“I wanted to do a Continuity of Operations Plan and I didn’t get to it. Really, that’s the only thing that I should have accomplished but didn’t. I ran out of time. Hopefully,



Colonel Tarchick talks about his four years as the 934th Airlift Wing commander. (Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer)

I’ll transfer that over to Colonel Young and he’ll pick up the ball.”

Colonel Tarchick doesn’t think he’ll feel sad to leave Minnesota, however. Thoughts of warmer weather, no snow, and the challenge of leading another now occupy his thoughts. A long time football fan, the colonel used a sports analogy to best describe his thoughts on leaving.

“As we see in the NFL, when a coach continues to take a team to the Super Bowl, they get to a certain point where they need to move on, start over and try to take another team to the Super Bowl. If I were looked at as a coach, I feel that we’ve gone to the Super Bowl by hitting all those inspections and events with a high level of excellence each year and after every event. I feel like I’ve accomplished as much as I can. It’s time to move on and take the leadership abilities that the Lord has given me to Dobbins to try to take that wing to the next level,” he said.

In a final message to wing members, Colonel Tarchick appreciates the efforts they have made to be successful during his tenure.

“I truly mean it from my heart to thank you for everything that you’ve done since I’ve been the commander. I’ll be looking for your accomplishments and I’ll have that warm fuzzy inside of me and I’ll be smiling. There are great people here and I’ll miss them,” he said.

So what does the colonel hope his legacy will be as his name gets added to the roster of former commanders at the 934th AW?

“I tried to do the right thing, legally, morally, ethically and safely. I tried, every day, to come to work to improve the wing. It’s all about the mission and our people and helping it succeed,” he said. “I tried to do it with integrity and with character. I tried to honor people and treat them the way I wanted to be treated.”

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Hurts one-affects all, preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty

By Lisa Thomas

934th Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

Did you ever observe a situation that caused you concern or made you feel uncomfortable and you didn't know what to do? Did you want to help but didn't, and later regretted it? Maybe you weren't sure there was a problem or you figured somebody else would take care of it. This situation is more common than you thought and is called "The Bystander Effect".

When it comes to sexual assault we want to be a "pro-social bystander". This means we will be the person to intervene when we see a fellow Airman in a potentially dangerous situation. When it comes to sexual assault, Airmen have a responsibility to look out for each other. It is up to us to recognize when a fellow airman needs help and to step in.

April marks the Department of Defense's sixth observance of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This observance was designated to address an important concern in our ranks – the reduction of sexual assault of service personnel. The 934th Airlift Wing has a no-tolerance policy towards sexual assault.

It is no secret how damaging sexual assault can be to a victim. However, the damage goes way beyond the victim, affecting a unit and beyond, degrading readiness and the military's ability to work effectively as a team. This year's focus is on the power of the bystander and the belief that when we all get involved, we can reduce the number of sexual assaults.

SARC 24-Hour Hotline 612-919-1673

Communications Flight

Provided by Tech. Sgt. Christian Krug

Welcome home Staff Sgt. Rene Allende from a recent postal Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment.

Welcome Tech. Sgt. Scott Stark from the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

Some members completed final inventory on the theater deployable communications equipment in preparation to phase in the new and upcoming Joint Incident Site Communications Capability.

Civil Engineers

Provided by Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson

Welcome new first sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Kraft.

Congrats to Senior Master Sgt. Robert Steffens (structures) who received the Meritorious Service Medal; Master Sgts. James Lockwood and Roger Pattie (fire), and Staff Sgt. Shaun Ramsett (emergency management) who received the Air Force Commendation Medal; and Tech. Sgt. Kraig Berger (training), Staff Sgts Curtis Galvez and Matthew Sutton (emergency management) who received the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Congratulations to those who received 2009 22nd Air Force Civil Engineer Awards: Senior Master Sgt. Robert Steffens (Chief Master Sgt. Larry R.

Daniels Award), Tech. Sgt. Paul Long (Maj Gen. Eugene A. Lupia Award), Senior Airman Danielle Hermans (Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia Award).

Well done to Master Sgt. Roger Pattie who earned a Community College of the Air Force Associate in Applied Science Degree in fire science.

Maintenance Squadron

Provided by Master Sgt. Eric Johnson and Staff Sgt. Jose Garza

The squadron had 15 people return from a two week deployment to Puerto Rico in support of Operation Coronet Oak.

Congrats to Master Sgt. Pete De-santis (Avionics flight) who received the Air Force Achievement Medal, first oak leaf cluster, as well as the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for volunteering over 1,000 hours of his time to his local American Legion. Congrats to Senior Airmen

Tyler Koonst and Chris Berens (fabrication flight) who both were awarded Achievement Medals. Airman Koonst also received the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award.

Master Sgt. Tom Donnelly (Electro/Environmental) and Staff Sgt. Matt Henry (propulsion) reenlisted.

Staff Sgt. Chris Kinney (avionics) put in his last UTA in March with the 934 MXS, before moving on to join the 305th Rescue Squadron as an Air Reserve Technician at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Master Sgt. Dan Pekel, is taking a civilian job in the Civil Engineer Squadron.

Travel voucher tip
If you are authorized a rental car, do not purchase prepaid fuel at the rental car center. Turn in receipts for fuel you purchase at service stations.

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SAVvy visitors

Left, Chief Master Sgt. David Wells, (left) 22nd Air Force fire chief, talks with Senior Airman Casey Jones, 934th Civil Engineer Squadron, during the Staff Assistance Visit March 7. Above, Tech.Sgt. Cassandra Carter (right) discusses family care plans with 22nd Air Force Senior Master. Sgt Robert Walter at the 934th finance office during the SAV.

(Air Force Photos/Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer)

ADX PROJECT BEGINS APRIL 19

AIR FORCE NETWORK INTEGRATION CENTER, SCOTT AFB, ILL.—Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport ARS will soon become the fifth Air Force Reserve Command base to migrate its computer users into the Air Force Network.

Over a 3-week period beginning April 19th an Air Force's Active Directory and Exchange (ADX) project team will begin migrating Minneapolis-St Paul ARS, IAP workstations, network users, and email into the AFNet. At this time the 133rd Airlift Wing will not be migrating.

The goal of ADX is to collapse all individual Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard networks into the AFNeT. While this change will be relatively transparent, the migration represents a major change for the Air Force.

Until now, bases or MAJCOMs have operated their networks independently. This approach led to standardization, and security problems, high

operation and maintenance costs, and a lack of enterprise situational awareness. In short, there was no "single" organization or commander responsible for the network. The ADX project addresses these issues. It will place Air Force cyber operations under the operational control of a single commander. This will yield a significant improvement in the Air Force's ability to fight daily virus activity and malicious intrusion attempts. Additionally, ADX will centralize services like email and data storage, significantly improving network security and standardization. Finally, operational costs will be reduced through the elimination of redundant systems and services.

How will this affect you?

The most visible change will be in the format of your e-mail address. The migration replaces the old *first.last@minneapolis.af.mil* e-mail address with a standard *first.last@us.af.mil* address. The new addresses will remain with users for the duration of their career,

employment, or affiliation with the Air Force regardless of the base or organization assigned. As more bases join the AFNet, Airmen will be able to login to their accounts from any AFNet base without requesting and creating an additional account. This will allow easy access to the network throughout TDY's and PCS moves. Sites such as the Air Force Portal, Air Force Personnel Center, Defense Finance Accounting Service, will remain easily accessible regardless of your duty location.

At Minneapolis-St. Paul

As this base approaches its projected start date, a team of Air Force Network Integration Center, 690th Network Support Group, and 934th Communications Flight technicians is already busy preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration of almost 1,500 users.

The 934 CF will publish additional information in the coming weeks to ensure the smoothest possible transition into the AFNet.

VIKING VOICES

What do you most look forward to in Spring?



Sandy Sweep
Services Marketing
"I look forward to not having to wear 15 layers of clothing everyday."



Master Sgt. Jack Siemieniec
27th Aerial Port Squadron
"I look forward to having my gutters and roof deiced."



Airman Zachary Allen
27th Aerial Port Squadron
"I look forward to going someplace warm for Spring break."



Capt. Ivan Edwards
ASTS
"I look forward to golf, and being able to run outside."

Air Force Photos/Senior Airman Noah Johnson

Promotions to:

Capt. Mitch Brantner	AS
Capt. Jessica Lind	OG
Capt. Joshua Nelson	AS
Capt. Troy Novak	ASTS
Capt. Lee Place	AS
Capt. Daniel Schie	AS
1st Lt. Eric Stroup	ASTS
Master Sgt. Christian Krug	CF
Master Sgt. Mathew Weber	APS
Master Sgt. Darrin Wilson	OSF
Tech. Sgt. Aaron Palmer	OSF
Tech. Sgt. Mark Graybill	APS
Tech. Sgt. Scott Inwards	CF
Tech. Sgt. Jolene Koch	AES
Staff Sgt. Joseph Wallington	ASTS
Staff Sgt. Bethany Welsch	AES
Airman 1st Class Benjamin Saint	SVS
Airman Charlotte Marshall	SVS

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



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UTA Dates

Month	934th	133rd	Navy, Marines
April	10-11	17-18	10-11/24-25
May	1-2	22-23	1-2/22-23
June	5-6	12-13	12-13
July	10-11	17-18	10-11/24-25
Aug.	7-8	21-22	14-15/28-29
Sept.	18-19	11-12	11-12/18-19

For information on Army training dates call ext. 3127.

Sergeants Upp&Adam

By Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson





Happy trails to Hanson

Roger Hanson, 934th Mission Support Group, receives his retirement plaque from Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, Feb. 25. Hanson retired with more than 36 years Federal Civil Service. (Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)



Ivy league

Tech. Sgt. Paul Ives, 934th Chaplain Assistant, receives his Community College of the Air Force Degree from Col. Tim Tarchick March 6. Ives earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in social services. (Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer)



Flying first sergeant

As part of her First Sergeant of the Year award, Senior Master Sgt. Vicky Kuntz (left) was able to bring in her civilian employers to take a flight in the C-130 flight simulator on base. From left are General Mills Information Systems leaders Mike Meinz, Michelle Rademacher, Mike Martiny and Mike Kirst. (Courtesy photo)

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Standup comedian Michael Kahout entertains 934th Airlift Wing members and their families March 6 at the Services Club. The free show was sponsored by the Year of the Air Force Family program. (Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer)



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Senator Franken visits



Senator Al Franken talks with (from left) Master Sgts. Stephen Hutchinson, Conrad Kluck and Maj. Andrew Staut, March 21. The senator received a mission briefing and toured the base during his visit. (Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)