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By Col. Darrell G. Young
934th Airlift Wing commander*

From the outside looking in

As the new guy coming in I would like to take a little time to introduce myself and pass on some of my early impressions of this wing. I am a military brat so you could say I grew up in the Air Force. My father retired from active duty as a senior master sergeant and bought a home in Northern California. I went to school in Sacramento and entered the Air Force in the early 1980's.

I joined the reserve out at Travis Air Force Base in 1993 and have never looked back. I have had several great assignments since then and I'm excited about this one. I am deeply honored and humbled by the chance to serve with each and every one of you.

As I stood outside looking in during the recent 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit I was really struck by how well every facet of the wing was performing. Many times when you are inside an organization you lose touch on how you stack up against other units. We have a tendency to think we are just doing our job and we are just average. In fact, many times we tend to dwell on the problems we have and think we are the only ones struggling with these issues. I would like to clear things up right now; you are doing fantastic!

A few months ago, when I

learned I was coming here, I naturally started to follow the wing and pay attention to how you were doing on all the major programs measured by 22nd AF. As I sat and examined the metrics I clearly saw that in almost every category the 934th AW was leading the way. During the SAV I had many, more experienced, team members come tell me they were very impressed with this wing because you were doing so well.

As a matter of fact this wing only received about half of the write-ups a typical unit receives during these visits; half of the write ups! That is a pretty incredible feat given all the things you have had to contend with over the last few years. When people, who know this wing, found out I was coming here they had nothing but good things to say.

I was told that I was fortunate because this was a great wing with great people. Someone even said it was the "shining jewel" in 22nd AF. Well, from what I have seen, heard and the data I have collected I can say I agree!

I look forward to working with all of you over the coming years. I know we will face many more challenges but I also know that we will meet each one of them with the professional spirit that all of you have and continue to show.

*Col. Young takes command of the 934th during a ceremony May 2.

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On the cover

934th Communications flight sets up their new mobile communications package. See page 5 (Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer)

Be ready to wear uniform with pride

By Chief Master Sgt. Robert N. Cluka
934 AW Command Chief

The military uniform goes back centuries; as armies trained and organized they dressed in uniforms. From the Romans to the British, uniforms gave members a sense of pride and loyalty to their countries, it gave leaders the ability to recognize and direct their armies on the battle field, a great advantage not all leaders had. During the Revolutionary and Civil Wars the Continental Army and the armies of the North and South were unable to supply and cloth their troops. Some of the uniforms worn by the North looked closer to the uniforms of the South, confusing both sides and in some cases causing deadly decisions.

We must be prepared not only to don our uniform, but wear it with pride. To say I only wear my blues once a year, or I didn't have time to update everything, or the AFI changed and I wasn't aware of the requirement is no excuse. We must take the time to show off our blues whenever we can. Not only to keep our uniform up to date, but also for the sense of pride that it gives us.

We are a nation at war, and members of the armed services are fighting and dying protecting our nation in uniform. That alone should motivate us to ensure when we're out in public we are looking sharp and within the standards that the Air Force has set forth. We must also understand and wear the uniform properly within work areas and within our installations. To mix and match any combination because it keeps

me warmer, or it fits me better, or that item wasn't in stock, reflects poorly on us as Airmen, leaders, and members of the Armed Services.

I recently attended a high school function that required the class to dress formally. I saw a young man wearing his dress greens from the Army National Guard. I thought wow, he looks sharp. As he approached I saw that he was wearing an earring. I was shocked and my wife asked me if you were allowed to have earrings in uniform. I said no and he knows better. He offended several generations of vets, and for what? To impress his buddies?

In the 28 years of serving my nation, I too have taken for granted the opportunity to wear my uniform. Other than my wife and children most of my families have never seen me in uniform. My parents had only seen me in uniform when I was a young Airman. I had plenty of chances to wear my blues or invite them to one of the many events when I was in my blues, but just didn't seem to have the time. Recently my family saw me in my blues for the first time in many years. The same day I laid my father to rest at the Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley.

My father would have enjoyed seeing me in uniform, a veteran of 30 years he would have understood the special feeling you get from wearing a uniform. Take advantage of the time you service and wear your uniform with pride.

Help wanted: Reservists are best recruiters

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

As the nation continues to face tough economic times in the midst of a recession, some out-of-work civilians still have an option left to explore – the Air Force Reserve. In March 2010, the U.S. unemployment rate was at 9.70 percent for the second consecutive month, and some analysts are predicting a double-dip recession where things will continue to get worse before they get better.

"In this economy, it is great to have an asset, opportunity or avenue to find work," said Senior Master Sgt. Hal Bradshaw, 934th Airlift Wing senior recruiter. "We got a pretty good organization now but we need to keep that up."

Enlistment bonuses are currently being paid for the most critical slots to fill - flight engineers, loadmasters, air transportation specialists and command post personnel, though other openings

are available to keep the wing properly staffed.

"We try to recruit against projected losses. We typically lose about 13-14 percent of our people each year for different reasons," Sergeant Bradshaw said. "It takes anywhere from six months to a year to get a non-prior service person back from technical school. If we have to wait to send them to school, it takes longer.

One of the biggest tools at the recruiter's disposal is the Get One Program, designed to provide incentives for referrals from unit members. The Get One Program has been re-designed in recent years. Instead of receiving leather portfolios as incentives for referrals, reservists can now take part in a tiered system with incentives like digital camcorders, GPS navigation systems, laptop computers and satellite

radio receivers.

"The best recruiters we have out there are our reservists. They are the ones who exemplify what the reserves are about," said Sergeant Bradshaw.

The program has worked well for the 934th Airlift Wing in the past. Unit referrals led to the wing receiving second place in the nation last year for Get One referrals.

Sergeant Bradshaw attributes the increase in referrals to the state of the economy.

"I think a lot of it has to do with the economy. It's forcing people who were prior service into the Reserve component to help make ends meet. 'Get One's' are ideal candidates because Reserve members bring people in. The reservist will not bring people

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Communications Flight

Provided by Tech. Sgt. Christian Krug

Welcome home Staff Sgt. Scott Haynes from his deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Welcome newcomer, Senior Airman Steven Becker who transferred into the unit (Palace Chase) from Shriever AFB, Colo.

Master Sgts Warren Wruck and Christian Krug each received Meritorious Service Medals.

The Army Achievement Medal was awarded to Tech. Sgt. Terry Neff, Tech. Sgt. Curt Richter, Staff Sgt. Sean Stretch and Staff Sgt. Lesley Carhart for their work during last year's Army Global Medic exercise.

Goodbye to Master Sgts. Dana Moog and Charles Schuppan.

Staff Sgt. Sara Beale completed A-plus certification.

Civil Engineers

Provided by Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson

Senior Airman Brittany Fitzmaurice provided the squadron with a Privacy Act Briefing; I wish I could tell you more, but it's private information.

Welcome Staff Sgt. Timothy Peterson into the CES fold; he transferred from the Army into the blue.

Col. Ochs presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Senior Master Sgts. David Sowers and Steven Nicolai, and the Commendation Medal to Tech. Sgt. Donald Doose. Congrats.

Employers Day is Aug. 7

Show your civilian boss
what you do on Reserve
weekends

Forms available on the 934
AW Website:
www.minneapolis.afrc.af.mil

Energy spot checks coming to 934 AW

By Carlos Batista
934th Airlift Wing Energy Manager

Energy conservation continues to be an important issue for federal facilities. Although, the 2005 Energy Policy Act requires a two percent annual energy reduction goal in terms of British thermal unit per square foot, the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act established a three percent goal in all areas of consumption when compared against a 2003 baseline. What else can we do? Be energy aware!

In order to increase energy awareness at here, 934th civil engineers will be assisting building occupants in conducting "spot checks" by using a checklist provided in the energy management

plan. Hopefully, this checklist will indicate if the facility is performing well in regards to energy conservation.

Last year, 934th CES also started to post energy conservation tips on the base marquee sign and will continue to do so. Finally, we will also include energy tidbits on the electronic bulletin board.

In order to maintain mandated office temperature in the winter (68 to 72 degrees F) and summer temperature (74 to 78 degrees F) following are useful tips for conserving energy and will contribute to saving the planet: Turn off lights offices when no longer occupied, dress appropriately for the season, and use window shades effectively by opening them in the winter and closing them during the summer.



NCOs recognized

Chief Master Sgts. Reuban Evans (left) and Steve Orwig light the Chief's candle at the 934th Airlift Wing Noncommissioned officer recognition ceremony April 10. The ceremony recognized the achievements of those enlisted members who have recently attained the rank of staff sergeant, master sergeant and chief master sergeant. (Air Force Photo/Senior Airman Noah Johnson)

You CAN hear me now!

New comm package brings high tech communications to the field

Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer
934th AW Public Affairs

The 934th Airlift Wing Communications Flight is the fifth Air Force Reserve Wing to receive the Joint Incident Situation Communication Capability package. JISSC is a self contained portable communications hub. Within hours of a natural or man-made disaster, communications flight members can have a base communications system, including phone, internet, radio and video conferencing up and running.

JISSC will replace the current theater deployed communications tasking for the communications flight. Rivada and Port Graham Solution are



Members of the 934th Communications Flight practice setting up the emergency communications tent and satellite dish during initial setup up here. The 934th Communications Flight has received a new mission coordinating emergency communication during man made or natural disaster. (Air Force phot/Tech. Sgt. Bob Sommer)

the vendors contracted by the Air Force Reserve Command for this “network in a box”. Contractors spent a week in April training communications Airmen on the set-up and use of JISSC.

“Within hours we can have local police, Red Cross, Fire Departments and the base communicating directly to each other avoiding many communication problems of the past,” said Master Sgt. Chris Krug, NCOIC Communications Flight Operations. “The increased

capability to lend a hand if called upon in a domestic emergency is a definite plus for the Wing,” Krug said.

Each JISSC package, at an approximate cost of \$300,000 each, contains an information technology suite, satellite communication terminals, a 30-foot antenna, two diesel generators and two units for heating and cooling of equipment. Air Force Reserve Command is fielding communication flights to use JISSC as a standard for emergency base communications, members from any base will be able to step up to any system within the command and be fully ready for hands on duty.

“The 934th AW is now ready to react if called upon during local emergencies to assist the National Guard with setting up the infrastructure for emergency communication,” Krug said.

“The training is great, but I am really excited to help out the Guard in real world emergencies if possible” said Staff Sergeant Leslie Carhart, cyber transport technician.

“We are very excited about this new mission and the communication capabilities that we can bring to the installation in the event of an emergency or natural disaster,” said Lt. Col. Rick Erredge, 934th Communications Flight commander.



Tech. Sgt. Scott Inwards (right) of the 934th Communications Flight receives training from Program Manager Eric Brown on setting up network connections of the emergency communications package during initial setup up here. The 934th Communications Flight has received a new mission coordinating emergency communication during man made or natural disaster.

Promotions to:

Senior Master Sgt. Zane Ranum	APS
Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Rice	CES
Master Sgt. Chan Copas	SFS
Master Sgt. Cory DeMuth	CF
Master Sgt. Andrew Fischer	APS
Master Sgt. William Heikkila	MXS
Master Sgt. Ryan Pierce	MSF
Master Sgt. Bradley Taplick	APS
Tech. Sgt. Roger Hauch	APS
Tech. Sgt. Brandon Lancaster	SVS
Tech. Sgt. Vida Protacio	SFS
Tech. Sgt. Robert Quinlan	APS
Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Schroeder	MXS
Tech. Sgt. Kevin McGuire	CES
Staff Sgt. George Ehrlichman	APS
Staff Sgt. Nathaniel George	APS
Staff Sgt. Marc Grewe	CES
Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Harden	MXS
Staff Sgt. Miranda Joyce	MOF
Staff Sgt. Houston Kirkeide	MXS
Staff Sgt. Anthony Misenor	AS
Staff Sgt. Melissa Riedy	LRS
Staff Sgt. Shawn Schroeder	CES
Staff Sgt. Pamela Simonds	ASTS
Senior Airman Amanda Evans	LRS
Senior Airman Adam Sems	LRS
Airman 1st Class Stephanie Klimek	AES

ing after basic training, a recruit can expect to be on active duty for over a year, making it a hard to fill slot.

For reservists between the ranks of Senior Airman to Master Sergeant who are in need of steady employment, don't mind relocating and wouldn't mind being on active duty for three years, opportunities are available to become reserve recruiters.

"It's a great opportunity for full-time work with medical, dental and incentive pay. They have to be willing to move, but it is a full time position for any E-4 or higher as long as they have their 5-level," said Sergeant Bradshaw. "You can have no more than 16 years of active service in order to qualify, and you don't have to take a stripe off if you're a Master Sergeant."

For more information on the Get One program, go to www.Get1Now.us.

Those interested in becoming a recruiter may contact Senior Master Sgt. Bradshaw at (612) 713-1454.

Line recruiters are:

Master Sgt. Wendy Albee at the Maplewood office, (651) 773-3738

Tech. Sgt. Chris Westfall, (612) 713-1450

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Williams (612) 713-1452

UTA Dates

<u>Month</u>	<u>934th</u>	<u>133rd</u>	<u>Navy, Marines</u>
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.

Recruiting

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to us if they think that a person has major issues," he said.

The work doesn't just stop at bringing people to the door. It also requires ensuring that the Reserve job is a good match for the applicant.

"Part of recruiting is to find positions that people want to go into. Ultimately, if you put them in a career field that they want to go into, you most likely will be able to keep or retain them over a period of time," said Sergeant Bradshaw. "As long as we have the opening for that career field, we will put them in it. If we don't have it, we are going to let them know we do not have it."

Sergeant Bradshaw said the hardest-to-fill need is for medical laboratory technicians, 4T031 AFSC, due to the higher minimum standards for recruits and the length of the technical school. For the 4T031 career field, completion of high school courses in algebra and chemistry is mandatory, and coursework in biology, zoology and other basic science is desirable. Add a nearly year-long school and seasoning train-

Sergeants Upp&Adam

By Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson





Family first

Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, presents the Air Force Reserve Command Family Readiness Program of the Year award to the 934th Family Readiness staff April 10. (Air Force Photo/Senior Airman Noah Johnson)



Volleyball SAV

The 934th Services squadron gets some help from Air Force Services Chief Master Sgt. Donald Carney on their road to victory in the wing volleyball tournament April 10. (Air Force Photo/Capt. S.J. Brown)



Liesure time for Larry

Larry Voight, 934th Financial Management, receives his certificate of service from Col. Michael Ochs, 934th Mission Support Group commander, at his retirement ceremony March 24. Voight retired with more than 22 years with the 934th AW. (Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)



Bruns says bye

John Bruns receives the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award from Col. Michael Ochs March 25 at his retirement ceremony. Bruns had more than 30 years civil service. (Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)



First in fitness

Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, presents the Air Force Reserve Command Fitness and Sports Program of the Year award to Tom Alber, Chief of Services, and the Fitness Center staff April 9. (Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Paul Zadach)



Thorson through

Lt. Col. Michael Deselich, 27th Aerial Port Squadron commander, congratulates Tech. Sgt. Doug Thorson on his retirement at a ceremony April 10. (Air Force Photo/Senior Airman Noah Johnson)

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Flight School

Jacqelyn Paul, special education teacher with Transitions Plus, steps off a 934th Airlift Wing C-130 after participating in the second annual educators Appreciation Day April 22.. The purpose of the event is to show appreciation to area educators and to give them a better understanding of the 934th and the Air Force Reserve. (Air Force Photo/ Breeanna Martinez)