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## From the Commander - 2009 Year in Review

BY COL. RUSS A. WALZ



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a measurable objective look at how we did.

Our goal was to safely train and equip battle-ready Airmen to meet any assigned state and federal mission.

We executed an \$81 million budget flying 6,105 hours with no Class A/B or Weapons accidents. This is accomplished with Technical Order compliance, outstanding attention to detail, and unwavering professionalism.

The Operations Group had a goal of less than 10 percent Requalification Training. The 114th averaged 3 percent. Congratulations to Major Kestel who is the first unit-selected graduate to complete the Weapons Instructor Course in the last 23 years.

The 114th Fighter Wing accomplished ASA and AEF mission-focused training through both day and night intercept training with Civil Air Patrol, two mobile training team exercises with Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, a large force exercise to Maple Flag, Canada, and a Tucson live munitions deployment.

The Maintenance Group's goal was a 72 percent mission capable rate and exceeded those expectations with 74.5 percent mission capable rate. Total abort rate expected was 4 percent maximum and we achieved 3.35 percent. The Maintenance Group also surpassed the 960 MSEP inspections at a 92 percent pass rate by accomplishing 1,360 inspections with a 94.6 percent pass rate.

Mission Support Group performed CBRNE training for 95 percent of the personnel, with 97 percent being initial training, 98 percent refresher training and 90 percent TQT.

The Group deployed 337 personnel to nine different countries around the world throughout the year.

Communications ensured the successful migration to Exchange 2007 with 100 percent of the base migrated.

The 114th Medical Group immunized 96.5 percent of the personnel, exceeding the goal of 95 percent. Dental went above and beyond their goal of 90 percent of dental readiness by reaching 96.5 percent of the force. Nearly 97 percent of our personnel passed the

One year ago the Wing established what we wanted to accomplish for 2009. As we look back to last year, I'd like to share with you what our goals were and take

program fitness standards this year and 95.6 percent of the base population was tested.

Our goal was to position the 114FW for a community based Active Associate unit with an advanced fighter to follow.

The Fighter Wing flew 3,700 hrs in fiscal year 2009, bringing our total of accident-free flying hours to 12,923. The Logistics Evaluation and Standardization Team evaluation resulted in the unit receiving a 99 percent complies in critical areas with the team reporting, "the best inspection they've seen in last 3 years."

During the Unit Compliance Inspection we achieved 99 percent complies or complies with comments, "Mission Support Group stands out as one of the best units inspected," and three areas rated, "Best Seen to Date."

The unit also accomplished briefings with Air Combat Command's integrated staff, NGB/A8, and the Deputy Director of ANG on associations and potential future missions.

Our goal was to increase positive visibility of the unit at the local, state and national levels.

With a goal of recognizing a minimum of 10 percent of personnel with awards and decorations, we recognized 11 percent locally in addition to AEF decorations.

The Air Show and open house were a big success and we saw over 150,000 satisfied attendees.

Our goal was to recruit to 18 PAA end strength within two years.

The recruiting team reached our 100 percent manned goal within 13 months. Great job!

As we reflect on 2009 and the previous decade, you should be extremely proud of what you have accomplished. The events of 9-11 led to an Operations Tempo in the Air National Guard that has never been seen before. The contributions, commitment and sacrifices by you and your families will be of historical perspectives. As we enter 2010 and a new decade, we will continue to challenge ourselves and grow as a unit, and I look forward to working alongside of you continuing our proud heritage of excellence.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. NANCY AUSLAND

# 2009 Airshow come and gone

BY COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SGT. LANE J. MUNGER



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The eagerly anticipated Airshow for 2009 has come and gone. The Air Guard played a major role in its success and I thank everyone once again for all the hard work put into this event. People

are still commenting on how well organized everything was.

I knew for myself that watching the F-22 Raptor would be the event of the day. I stood in awe as it literally danced through the sky in sometimes unbelievable maneuvers that truly demonstrated our superiority. The Raptor was the event of the day until I attended the dedication of the Operations Building.

Saturday evening, the July 25, after the crowds had dispersed, Building 37 was dedicated to Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Philip G. Killey. It was a very fitting and absolutely deserving dedication. Gen. Killey is truly an inspirational leader that the South Dakota Air National Guard was proud

to have serve as our wing commander, adjutant general, director of the Air National Guard, and commander of 1st Air Force. As I sat there and listened to the accolades and tributes, I could only smile and acknowledge that all that was said was true. The validity of the honor bestowed upon Gen. Killey was iron clad!

As Gen. Killey was given the opportunity to speak, he spoke of the history of the 114th Fighter Wing and all that it has accomplished during its existence. More importantly though, he spoke of the people of the 114th Fighter Wing. Some of these were names I hadn't heard in a while, but the General was dead on.... without our people, the 114th is just a number. Never forget the people, the heritage of the unit, and the challenges that were overcome, for these are the pieces that help form our history. History is inextricably linked to identity. If you don't know your history, and who came before you - who are you?

As I sat there, I could not help but think of all the retirees and events that touched my life during my 31 years here. Names and faces that few now may know or recognize. I wondered

how many Airmen that day had walked by Bade, Grocott, Eisenmenger, Luvas, Clauson, the infamous Carl Koch, and even Gen. Killey himself without the knowledge that these people all had a part in the history and shaping of the unit. No matter the names or rank, they were all a piece of the cog that helped the gear turn forward. Indeed, it was all about heritage; about remembering the experiences and wisdom of those who came before, what they passed on to us, but more importantly, I thought about what we would pass on to those who will come after we are gone.

Thank you, general, for sharing your thoughtful remembrances' on that perfect evening in July. In a day and age where it's easier to forget what came before and live only for today, I know you motivated many to remember and some to be inquisitive about the past... our past... and those who make up that past.

So is our heritage as a unit important? I'll let you be your own judge on that. I've heard it said that if you don't know your history... you don't know anything...you're just a leaf that doesn't know you're part of a tree.

# Chaplain's Corner: *Serving Airmen at home and abroad*

BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ) DAVID E. STEVENS



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Every Airman has a job to do to fulfill the mission of the 114th Fighter Wing, and the larger mission of the Air Force throughout the world. A chaplain is no different. It is true that most of the time, I work to keep strong the spiritual health of our troops in the normal routine of UTAs at Joe Foss Field. 2009 was different, serving a 130 day deployment to Southwest Asia. Even though I have been back for a couple months, part of my mind during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons

keeps wandering back to the faces of the excellent people that I worked alongside and encountered during my time away.

Each chaplain took turns in sober duties, part of the team that would meet the C-130s arriving with the caskets of fallen warriors in transit back home. The base commander insisted that the chaplain team would meet every arriving plane night or day. Troops would arrive to honor the deceased, line up in formation and give military respects. The general then would enter the plane with base leadership and the chaplain who would give a concise invocation to honor the dead. The chaplain would take time to interact with the pilots and flight team, thanking them for their service to our fallen heroes.

The Victory Chapel was a close-knit group of chaplains and chaplain assistants who worked long hours and took care of each other off hours. One of the memorable events was the welcome gathering for our newly arriving Wing Chaplain and Command Chaplain. This was

the occasion of a full BBQ out in the main plaza area as we took a break from DFAC food. Our Aussie chaplain was the grill master, with real steaks, lamb chops and other cuts of meat. We rounded up some other

goodies from downtown on the local economy. After hanging out and enjoying the company, we still had so much food left over that we began inviting anyone passing by to grab some left-over food.

Without a doubt, the chaplain has the best job in the AOR. I get to lead worship with military and civilians who need a break from the "Groundhog Day" endless routine to renew their spiritual core. I visit with troops in their shops, flightlines and other places as they showoff with pride their piece of the mission. I encounter them in more difficult circumstances: bad news from back home, burnout or a host of other life situations. Wherever the troops are working or playing, there is their chaplain. I am proud to serve here and abroad as an Air Force chaplain with the finest uniformed and dedicated troops in the world.



PHOTO BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. LEMUEL CASILLAS, USAF

Chaplain (Maj.) Stevens poses near the Victory Chapel where he served while deployed.

# 114th Operations Group 2009 Year in Review

COL. MICHAEL A. MEYERS  
114TH OPERATIONS GROUP COMMANDER



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114th Operations Group has experienced an extremely busy and diverse 2009. We began the new year preparing for a high visibility Unit Compliance Inspection which took place in March. Our top-notch enlisted and officer Airmen responded in South Dakota fashion, demonstrating an extremely high level of enthusiasm, professionalism, and confidence. Our Superior Performance Teams included Aircrew Flight Equipment led by Chief Master Sgt. James R. Bradshaw and the Intelligence Shop led by Maj. Brandon W. Eskam. In addition to team recognition, individual superior performers were Maj. Eskam, Staff Sgt. Mark S. Kreul, and Staff Sgt. Drew A. Popham, all from Intelligence section. Also cited as superior performers were Capt. Steven R. Schultz for his work with the Electronic Combat and Weapons area, and Master Sgt. Steven R. Jansen for his work with the Aviation Resource Management shop. Especially noteworthy was the work Maj. Eric J. Gerber accomplished in preparing the Operations Training program for the inspection. We are proud of the entire group for the manner in which they prepared and demonstrated utmost pride and professionalism to the inspection team.

In May, we responded to a short notice Air Combat Command tasking to provide critical support for the Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis Air Force Base. We deployed jets and personnel and gained valuable training for our aircrew and support team.

Shortly thereafter, we deployed eight jets and 100 Airmen to Cold Lake, Canada for a Maple Flag Exercise

where we were able to train with our NATO Allies in a massive flying exercise. This was also the beginning of our formal spin-up program in preparation for a rapidly approaching Air Expeditionary Force tasking.

July was Power on the Prairie month. Maj. Gerber led a huge team of military and local civic leaders in planning for the largest and most successful airshow ever for the Sioux Falls area. Record-setting attendance, the Blue Angels, the F-22 Demo Team, and numerous other flying and static displays, as well as nearly perfect airshow weather were key ingredients to a positive perception for the South Dakota Air National Guard.

In August, we deployed yet again to Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., for a summer Snowbird with the primary objective of employing live bombs and bullets. We expended a total of 87 weapons and fired over 3000 rounds of 20mm bullets with a hit rate of 100%.

We continue to man a 24/7 Homeland Defense Air Sovereignty Alert Detachment at Langley Air Force Base, Va., Our pilots have responded at all hours of the day and night in almost flawless fashion. We are at the forefront of a mission the U.S. President has termed "No Fail."

In September, we formally began spin-up for our third AEF deployment since 2006. We hosted the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron from Hurlburt Air Force Base, Fla., for two weeks to assist with Close Air Support training very similar to what we will see while we are deployed. The team operated from Norfolk, Neb., underneath military special use airspace while we provided on-demand air support. Demanding scenarios and challenging weather conditions made for extremely valuable and realistic training. We again hosted the 23rd STS

for two weeks in October for a top-off training opportunity emphasizing advanced combat scenarios and night operations. The majority of the Operations Group will deploy in December to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This year we said goodbye to several longtime unit members. Maj. Matthew Fritz left after a long tenure, transferring to the Florida Air Reserve Component at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., Maj. Leslie Zyzda-Martin accepted an assignment to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., working for the 561st Joint Tactics Squadron. Chief Master Sgt. Bruce E. Anderson left us after serving as our First Sergeant for many years and Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Bartmann left the military for the civilian world.

We've also said hello to many additions to the group. 2nd Lt. Dell R. Schledewitz with his wife Erika reported here after completion of F-16 training at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., Tech. Sgt. Kristi Niedert transferred from Public Affairs as a Knowledge Operations Manager. We also welcomed Staff Sgt. Mary K. Snyder and Tech Sgt. Jason Snyder to the Intelligence shop. Senior Master Sgt. Randy A. Wingen transferred to serve as our new First Sergeant and we





welcomed two new pilots from active duty, both from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.. Maj. Saul D. Hage with his wife Kelly and family and Maj. Quenten Esser with his wife Jennifer and family left active duty to proudly serve with the South Dakota Air National Guard. They both bring years of seasoning and experience. Staff Sgt. Jason J. Mundt transferred to the Aircrew Flight Equipment shop from Security and has been selected to attend Undergraduate Pilot Training. Capt. Scott A. Smit and Nebraska native Sean Cappel were also selected for Pilot Training. Our Weather Flight received two new

additions, Airman 1st Class Luke Olson and Tech. Sgt. Dwaine S. Tiedemann.

2009 has been a very busy time with deployments, inspections, exercises, and AEF preparation and deployment. Our people; officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians have all made it happen. We look forward to continued success and challenges in 2010.

PHOTO BY MASTER SGT.  
CHRISTOPHER STEWART

# 114th Maintenance Group 2009 Year in Review

The 114th Maintenance Group is proud of this year's success which reflects the outstanding work ethic of each and every maintainer. 2009 was an extremely demanding year.

It began with our maintainers returning from our second Air Expeditionary Force in two years. Two months later the Air National Guard Logistics Standardization Evaluation Program inspection was upon us, with only three months until the Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection team arrived.

Add a deployment and an Operational Readiness Exercise to finish up in spring. We then threw in two more deployments over the summer in addition to a two

day Air Show. The year wrapped up with the departure to another AEF deployment. Let's not forget that while all this is happening, the unit continued to support the Air Sovereignty Alert mission at Langley Air Force Base.

One of our proudest accomplishments this year is the results of the LSEP inspection. The pass rate for Critical Compliance Objectives was 99 percent, surpassing the F-16 ANG average of 96 percent. The Non-critical Compliance Objectives scored two percent above the F-16 Air National Guard average of 96 percent. And the pass rate on Performance Evaluations was 93 percent, well above the F-16 average of 75 percent. The LSEP

team stated, "best seen in last three years."

This inspection was followed shortly by the UCI. As expected, the unit performed higher than national standards. The Maintenance Group scored an impressive 83.5 percent compliance on more than 273 objectives.

The group's Dull Sword program was recognized as "Best Seen to Date" and the unit's ratings are at the top of the list of all Fighter Wings compared during the last three years.

Following an AEF deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 114th was tasked with supporting a 3,700 hour F-16 flying schedule. Our routine F-16 flying schedule consisted of eight



COL. WAYNE SHANKS, MAINTENANCE GROUP COMMANDER  
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LT. COL. GREG ANDERSON, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON COMMANDER  
LT. COL. KEVIN CURLEY, MAINTENANCE SQUADRON COMMANDER  
MAJ. SCOTT RUST, MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS FLIGHT COMMANDER

morning flights eight afternoon flights, while supporting a 4-ship alert mission at Langley Air Force Base. Due to the relentless dedication and hard work by the 114th Maintenance Group, the wing flew 2,616 sorties while maintaining an impressive 74 percent mission capable rate – 10 percent over the ANG average.

The outstanding reputation of the 114th Maintenance Group can be demonstrated by the accomplishments performed at the national level. 2009 began with our experts in the Metals Technology shop developing and performing a first time field level repair procedure on several F-16 canopy frames. By successfully carrying out the repair procedure on two

aircraft canopies for the 114th Fighter Wing, mission essential aircraft were saved from indefinite grounding since canopy frames are no longer in the supply system. This repair is now used across the Air National Guard fighter community as a common field level repair.

Our unit was asked to kit-proof two Time Compliance Technical Order kits prior to being released to the entire F-16 fleet. One is a critical safety enhancement of the landing light while the other is a software configuration upgrade to seven of the avionics and weapons systems. Technical data was verified along with troubleshooting and resource validation.

To close out a busy year, over 250

maintainers, aircraft, and support equipment are deployed once again in support of OIF. There is no question that our performance will be exceptional and we will successfully complete every mission tasked.

Before closing, maintenance cannot achieve the level of excellence we enjoy without support from the entire 114th Fighter Wing. The teamwork and dedication of supply, POL, vehicle maintenance, security, civil engineers, medics, force support, and operations all play a huge part in our success. Thanks to a very dedicated group of people. We are the best unit in the Air National Guard.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. NANCY J. AUSLAND

# 114th Mission Support Group 2009 Year in Review

LT. COL. STEVEN C. WARREN  
114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER

Normally I am a man of few words, but the outstanding efforts of the various Mission Support Group Squadrons and Flights over the past year have spurred me to join the other commanders in providing a short message on their accomplishments.

Often not flashy or the center of attention, members of the Mission Support Group consistently show their dedication by performing their duties in a quiet, yet superior manner.

The 114th Civil Engineers continued the squadron tradition of doing more and better work than any unit before while deployed to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. Their active duty commander was duly impressed and now an Air National Guard believer. The continued emergence and maintenance of superior facilities on Joe Foss Field also speak of the Engineers deep pride and masterful craftsmanship.

The 114th Logistics Readiness Flight displayed its unmatched expertise during the Unit Compliance Inspection with numerous individual and team superior performers and several “best seen to date” programs. This was a follow-up to the LSEP where they received one of the highest scores ever given for the inspection.

LRS and the new 114th Force Support Squadron continued its nearly flawless deployments of wing assets and personnel to the AOR through the AEF and ECS process. The FSS emerged out of the previous 114th Mission Support Flight and 114th Services Flight. The FSS continued to provide outstanding daily support to the Wing in the words of their newly coined mottos of, “We Gain ‘em, Train ‘em, Retain ‘em and Sustain ‘em,” and “Fit, Fed, Put to Bed, Buried when you’re Dead” while undergoing the transition. The FSS recruiting team pulled off the lofty goal of getting unit manning back to 100 percent!

The 114th Communications Flight also showed their metal during the UCI with zero areas of Non-compliance. This was

followed up with an outstanding rating during the Wing COMSEC Inspection. The continuous wave of IT upgrades was evidenced by the successful deployment of Exchange 2007 and the Vista platform. The Communications Flight truly solidified the word help in help-desk.

The 114th Security Forces Squadron continued their 24/7 security vigilance in this age of ever increasing security requirements and world-wide episodes of terrorism and violence.

The SFS truly shined during the 2009 Power on the Prairie Air Show. Over a span of two days with a total in excess of 150,000 visitors resulted in loads of praise for the smooth entry and exit processes. Chief Meland’s prayers for rain were again unanswered, but were clearly not needed. The dependable security actions exercised at each and every base event are noteworthy.

The Contracting Office was glad to get their full-time staff back to three and spent the year getting trained and taking courses to become fully qualified. Despite the young staff, they fully executed all procurement requests for the year and developed new and innovative processes through the use of Share Point and electronic forms. Contracting also pulled off a perfect UCI.

As the Commander for the Mission Support Group, I want to thank all of the support personnel who provided the planning, preparation and execution that made all of these accomplishments possible. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “that which we are, we are all the time teaching, not voluntarily, but involuntarily.”

Thank you to the personnel of the Mission Support Group and the entire Fighter Wing for your outstanding teaching and excellence.



# 114th Medical Group 2009 Year in Review

COL. MARK M. MALMBERG  
114TH MEDICAL GROUP COMMANDER

Looking back on the activities of the 114th Medical Group for 2009 shows how busy the entire Fighter Wing has been with the increased OPS TEMPO. The Medical group processed 325 members for deployment, administered 2,061 immunizations, carried out 732 lab draws, 235 physicals, 758 Annual Preventative Health Assessments, 162 hearing tests, and 774 dental exams. Our people also performed eye exams which resulted in delivery of 520 pairs of glasses, ballistic eyewear, gas mask inserts, and 35 pairs of safety glasses.

Our Bioenvironmental Engineering area worked hard this year to keep our Airmen safe in their work environments. Some of

their activities included water samplings, 180 ventilation surveys, 81 industrial respirator fit tests, 75 military gas mask testings, and surveys including air sampling, noise source surveys, and noise dosimeter readings.

As part of our Phase II Operation Readiness Exercise, we conducted a Mass Casualty Exercise. Last year thirty-three members of the Medical Group did annual training at Alpena, Mich. for Medical Readiness training. Several of our members attended Airman Leadership School and Master Sgt. Shawn Greer attended the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy and received the prestigious John L. Levitow award. Sgt. Greer is

also an Emergency Medical Technician instructor for the National Guard Bureau and led several courses in Virginia this year.

I am so impressed with the quality and caliber of Airmen we have working in the 114th Medical Group. I'd like to thank each and everyone for their outstanding efforts this past year. I am extremely proud of your professionalism and dedication. What a team!

Let's not forget that the Guard does not exist without the support of our family members and our employers. Please take time to thank them and share my thanks as well. Without their support, the mission would not get accomplished.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. QUINTON YOUNG

# 114th attends Force Support Combat training

SUBMITTED BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. SCOTT SCHAFFER

Seven members from the Sustainment Services Flight attended Force Support Combat Training at Dobbins ARB, Atlanta, Ga., from Aug. 29 to Sept. 5. Members received training in Force Support Expeditionary Conops, Contingency Mortuary and Search and Recovery Operations, Shelters, Field Feeding Platforms, Fuel Fired Equipment, and two blocks of Resource Management.

A Bare Base Beddown plan was also accomplished and briefed on the last day of training.

Of the four units in attendance, the 114th had the highest average test score on the pre-test, the highest average score on the final test, the highest test score on the final test (96 percent by Staff Sgt. Nathan Robertson). Staff Sgt. Nathan Robertson was also selected as a superior performer by his classmates.

Senior Master Sgt. Scott Schaffer, Staff Sgt. Nathan Robertson, and Staff Sgt. Kenzie Huyser were awarded the Seal of Excellence

for scoring above 90 percent on the final test.

Staff Sgt. Jeanette Gadbois was instrumental in lodging by bedding down over 300 personnel in the automated lodging system on the first day of arrival.

Staff Sgt. Carrie Kunkel was the "Team Lead" for the fitness and recreation area and did an outstanding job performing as the lead for her first time.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Johnson and Staff Sgt. Nathan Robertson were noted as "standing out" among the food service personnel and Staff Sgt. Kelsi Larsen successfully operated the Non-appropriated Funds Resale Operation with 100 percent accountability and was also a key player in the completion of continuity books and status boards for "War Day."



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. CHRISTOPHER STEWART

< Members of the Sustainment Services Flight team pictured back row, left to right are; Staff Sgt. Kenzie Huyser, Senior Master Sgt. Scott Schaffer, Staff Sgt. Nathan Robertson. Front row, left to right; Staff Sgt. Kelsi Larsen, Staff Sgt. Carrie Kunkel, and Staff Sgt. Jeanette Gadbois. Not pictured; Tech. Sgt. Brian Johnson.



## Moving In

### Airman 1st Class

- Spencer J. Daniels, 114 STUF
- Isacc L. Randall, 114 STUF
- Jesse D. Swier, 114 STUF

### Airman Basic

- Nikita I. Donovan, 114 STUF

## Moving Up

### To Lt. Col.

- Edwin A. Vanderwolde, 114 LRS

### To Capt.

- Joshua A. Stroschein, 114 OSF

### To Chief Master Sgt.

- Daniel H. Weber, 114 MXS
- Todd D. Boone, 114 MDG

### To Senior Master Sgt.

- Blake R. Parke, 114 AMXS

### To Master Sgt.

- Daniel E. Tobin, 114 MXS

Brian S. Nott, 114 AMXS

Kevin C. Winter, 114 MXS

Rick A. Vanderhoek, 114 MXS

Anthony A. Nelson, 114 MXS

Andrew W. Downs, 114 MXS

### To Tech. Sgt.

Justin D. Sisson, 114 AMXS

Barrett J. Gapp, 114 MXS

Collin C. Benson, 114 MXS

Christopher N. Swier, 114 MXS

Scott A. Richardson, 114 MXS

James J. Pavel, 114 CES

Ryan M. Madsen, 114 AMXS

David L. Doty, 114 MOF

Jessica A. Larson, 114 FSS

### To Staff Sgt.

Elizabeth S. Linder, 114 MDG

Cory D. B. Williams, 114 MXS

Ryan K. Glidewell, 114 CES

Joseph D. Sirek, 114 AMXS

Tyler L. Christiansen, 114 MXS

Brant A. Ravenscroft, 114 FW

Nicholas J. Bannwarth, 114 AMXS

Danielle R. Rivera, 114 MDG

Derrick M. Burkhart, 114 MXS

Robert C. Berg, 114 AMXS

Sean M. Cappel, 114 STUF

### To Senior Airman

Ethan A. Selken, 114 MXS

Jordan A. Brende, 114 AMXS

Megan J. Palsma, 114 OSF

Jordan P. Snyder, 114 MXS

Bryce A. Drefke, 114 MXS

## Moving On

Tech. Sgt. Scott R. Olson, 114 LRS, retired Nov. 29, 2009, with over 25 years of service.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald L. Gute, 114 FW, retired Dec. 31, 2009, with over 25 years of service.

Tech. Sgt. Faron D. Brouwer, 114 MXS, retired Jan. 6, 2010, with over 22 years of service.

Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Smith, 114 SFS, retired Jan. 8, 2010, with over 20 years of service

Tech. Sgt. Scott A. Gilderhus, 114 MXS, will retire Jan. 31, 2010, with over 22 years of service.

# 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron recognizes the careers of departing airmen

PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. CHRISTOPHER STEWART

The 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron took time during the December Unit Training Assembly to recognize the distinguished careers of several of their retiring members.

Over 122 years of military service was recognized at a ceremony held for the five members Dec. 6, 2009.



Senior Master Sgt. Debra J. Phelps will retire Feb. 1 with over 32 years of military service. Sgt. Phelps was an Active Guard Reserve member of the unit and celebrated her full-time retirement with the unit Nov. 20, 2009.



Master Sgt. Bradley P. Antonson retired Dec. 31, 2009 with over 20 years of military service.



Tech. Sgt. Rodney M. Satrang retired Jan. 1 with over 23 years of military service.



Master Sgt. George D. Halverson retired Jan. 1 with over 24 years of military service.



Tech. Sgt. Kathryn A. Phillips retired Dec. 31, 2009 with over 23 years of military service.

## Moving On (cont.)

Master Sgt. James P. Prostrollo, 114 MOF, retired Jan. 2, 2010, with over 31 years of service.

Master Sgt. Robert T. Moeller, 114 MXS, will retire Jan. 19, 2010, with over 22 years of service.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald L. Meland, 114 SFS, will retire Jan. 31, 2010, with over 34 years of service.

Chief Master Sgt. Russel K. Larsen, 114 MXS, retired Jan. 11, 2010, with over 36 years of service.



Col. N. Blake Johnson, 114 FW Vice Commander, retired Dec. 31, 2009 with over 32 years of service



Chief Master Sgt. David E. Frock, 114 FW, retired Jan. 31, 2010, with over 29 years of service.

## From the Adjutant General

BY MAJ. GEN. STEVE DOOHEN



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I want to thank each of you and your families for your extraordinary commitment to the National Guard and our Nation. I understand the hardships many of you go through to

keep your commitment to our organization and I salute your courage and dedication.

The South Dakota National Guard has had a successful 2009 and as we look forward to 2010, it will no doubt be another busy year. So take time this holiday to spend time with your loved ones, reflect on your successes of the past year, and prepare of the challenges that lie ahead.



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***Santa, Lt. Col. Kevin K. Callies,  
is given a snuggle by 1-year old  
Lucas Helsper at the South Dakota  
Air National Guard Kid's Christmas  
party held Dec. 6. Lucas is the  
nephew of Tech. Sgt. Keith Helsper.***

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