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Greatest Generation: A Time to Remember

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Welcom Home Jennies

Jacklynn Ray and daughter, Abby, waved their flags Jan. 29 as the C-130J carrying Capt. Darren Ray and other members of the 815th AS and 403rd Wing touched down upon their return from supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. **Read more on Pages 10-11**

What's Happening?

Know of an upcoming exercise or unit deployment? Are there special events planned at your unit? Contact your UPAR or call Public Affairs at 7-2056.

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Parading Around

Known as one of the best attended Mardi Gras parades along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Pass Christian parade organizers invited 403rd Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Richard Moss and the Hurricane Hunters to act as Grand Marshals Feb. 6. Lt. Col. Jon Talbot, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, his daughter Heather Talbot and 2nd Lt. Mike Anderson throw trinkets to the crowds from the back of a convertible arranged by a local business.

Gulf Wing Salutes

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March 5-6**



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(Top) During the January UTA, designated people from units throughout the wing took part in a Contaminated Air Processing System exercise. Eager to feel the breeze across his face, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Wattier, a utilities systems journeyman with the 403rd Civil Engineering Squadron, removes his mask in the final stages of CAPS training.
 (Above) After their return from missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, troops from the 96th Aerial Port Squadron received decorations from Brig. Gen. Richard Moss, commander, 403rd Wing. The 96th APS, a geographically separated unit, located at Little Rock AFB, Ark., is attached to the 403rd Wing.
 (Right) Chief Master Sgt. Michael Stanley, supply enlisted logistics manager, 403rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, receives the flu mist vaccine during the January UTA.



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Photo by TSgt. Michael Duhe



Photo by TSgt. Bobby Bracy, 403rd MXS, UPAR



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(Top Left) With more than 100 years combined experience at the 403rd Assessories Flight, (Left to right) Tech. Sgt. Ronald R. Rivard, Master Sgt. John W. Higginbotham and Senior Master Sgt. Warren G. Rodkey, part with the Wing, sharing goodbyes with squadron friends at their retirement ceremony in January.
 (Above) Lil Bill, the 403rd Wing's miniature C-130 aircraft, made an appearance at the Purple Heart parade in Biloxi Jan. 22. Master Sgt. Kathy Wheelock and Senior Airman DeAngela White were among troops from the 403rd Maintenance Group who volunteered to take Lil Bill out for a spin.
 (Left) Standing tall, members of the 403rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, await Lt. Col. James Shore, commander, to make his rounds during the unit's annual in-ranks inspection. The unit also conducted promotion ceremonies after the inspection, during the January UTA.



Photo by SrA Michael Eaton

(Left) Senior Master Sgt. John Mooney, senior recruiter, 403rd Recruiting Squadron, drives the Air Force Reserve recruiting van onto the ice at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum before a Seawolves hockey game. The event was held in appreciation of all military on the Coast. The 403rd RS threw out cups and other giveaways to the crowd. The Seawolves frequently host military appreciation nights with special ticket offers for ID cardholders.

Hometown News

Telling your Air Force story

A salute to remember

By SrA Michael W. Eaton
Staff Writer

When she walked into the hospital room, the newly promoted lieutenant colonel had no idea that five minutes of paperwork would have such an impact on her ailing father.

Lt. Col. Jamie Correll traveled to California last September to spend time with her dad, Andrew Correll, whose health was deteriorating.

During her first visit to the hospital, she was there only moments when a nurse entered with a piece of paper in her hand. She passed it to Mr. Correll and said it was a newspaper article she thought might warrant his attention.

He looked at it a moment as Colonel Correll stood at the foot of the bed.

"I had absolutely no idea what he was reading, but what happened next was totally unexpected," she recalled.

Her father sat up in bed and smiled at her. He rendered a sharp salute and said, "Congratulations, colonel! That's a far cry from my corporal days in the Army!"

She could tell her father was very proud of her, Colonel Correll said. Mr. Correll passed away Nov. 24, shortly after that visit. Although the story of



Lt. Col. Jamie Correll in the early days of her 25-year military career. She is currently the chief of 403rd Military Equal Opportunity.

her last visit with her father is difficult for her to talk about, Colonel Correll said it was one of the proudest and most memorable moments of her 25-year career.

The article was about her recent promotion placed in her father's hometown newspaper through the Army and Air Force Hometown News Release Program. The article's headline read, "MV man's daughter promoted." In addition to her promotion, the article mentioned some of the colonel's other career accomplish-

ments.

Colonel Correll, chief, 403rd Wing Military Equal Opportunity, said she was surprised at the impact the article had and even though she is a seasoned military officer, she had no idea that taking five minutes to fill out a DD Form 2266 would reach so far across the country.

Colonel Correll said she learned first hand how the program gives members and their families a true sense of pride about accomplishments through military service and how it can help boost morale.

"Often times, Reservists and Guardsmen are not aware of the pride their loved ones have for the military jobs they do," she said. "My family hadn't seen me in uniform since some of my earliest days of military training."

She stopped by the 403rd Wing Public Affairs Office shortly after her promotion to ask for a form. She spent a few minutes filling it out and turned it in.

"It was surprisingly simple. Most of the information on the form is addresses for your loved ones," she said.

Her form along with a few others was sent the next day to the Hometown News Service, a field-operating agency that helps family and friends learn of accomplishments and activities of Airmen and Soldiers all over the world.

The Hometown News Program sends press releases and other print and electronic news products to vari-

ous media outlets, regardless of location or size. Every year, thousands of news releases are distributed to the network of media agencies that subscribe to the free Hometown News Service. Last year, more than 750,000 individual news releases were distributed to more than 14,000 newspapers, television and radio stations.

Colonel Correll said she recommends taking full advantage of the Hometown News Program. Although that special moment with her father was the result of being in the

right place at the right time, it never would have happened had she not filled out the Hometown News Release form.

Colonel Correll's story is not unique. Recently, another 403rd officer shared his experience with the program. Lt. Col. James Linder, commander, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, also credits the Hometown News Release Program with helping provide a memorable moment for his mother.

Colonel Linder is from Deer River, a small town in northern Minnesota.

"My change of command took place in July and I thought it would be something my hometown newspaper would run," he said. "It was important to me because my mother was unable to come here to Keesler for the ceremony because of her health."

After filling out his form and submitting it to public affairs, an article about his assumption of command ran in his hometown paper in early November. Colonel Linder said he spoke with his mother shortly after the article ran, and she was very proud of him. His mother passed away on Nov. 30.

"I was happy to provide her maybe one last warming moment and enjoyed hearing her talk about it," said Colonel

Linder. "It is one of my last memories of my mother and I will cherish it forever."

Events that qualify for a Hometown News Release include completion of basic training and technical training, promotions, commissionings, awards and decorations, arrivals, appointments, assumptions of command, education (such as CCAF degree completions), completions of training, reenlistments, retirements and sports competitions (interservice to international).

The Hometown News Release program is managed by the Public Affairs Office. To get forms or submit a form call 228-377-2056 or stop by the office in Bldg. 0223, Rm. 121.

Public Affairs provides forms to any award recipients who receive an honor at Wing Commander's Calls and people who request them.

In addition, all Unit Public Affairs Representatives have copies of the forms they can share with people in their units.

"Our UPARs and staff have done a good job of handing out the forms," said Tech. Sgt. James Pritchett, public affairs assistant, "however, I know there are a lot more people out there who just don't take the time to fill out the forms. This program is here not only for the Airmen, but also for their families. Take five minutes and turn one in the next time you have an accomplishment and see what kind of impact it can make."



(Above) Lt. Col. Jamie Correll filled out a Hometown News Release Form about her promotion. By taking a few moments to turn in the form, she ensured her family would learn of her accomplishments through news articles placed in newspapers, on television and radio stations in her parent's hometown. (Left) Andrew Correll who served as a corporal in the Army, was so proud of his daughter when he read about her promotion that he rendered a sharp salute from his hospital bed.

Medical evacuation missions heat up

Hurricane Hunter and Flying Jenny crews recently supported teams from the 908th and 622nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons at MacDill AFB, Fla.

Medical specialists training to prepare patients for air transport improved their skills while getting to know the new C-130J and WC-130J aircraft.

Master Sgt. Patrick Weir, an air reserve technician from the 908th Airlift Wing, said the improvements in the aircraft and its increased cargo capacity make the aircraft more suitable for their operations.

"Any plane that gets my wounded soldiers to where they can get treatment faster and safer can make the difference between life and death," said Sergeant Weir.

Soon after this training mission, the Flying Jennies responded to a real-world MEDEVAC Jan. 28, picking up 20 injured troops at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Senior Master Sgt. Larry Loeding, one of the load-

masters tasked on the mission, said the C-130J improved the overall mission in numerous ways.

"We're able to fly more missions with the J-model because we fly faster and more comfortable," said Sergeant Loeding. "We flew a total of 7.8 hours that day, and in that time we dropped off troops at three locations in Texas, one in Kansas and one in Oklahoma.

"And we were able to keep them (the injured) more comfortable - it always seemed like in the other models (the C-130H and C-130E) the heater would only work in the summer and the air conditioner in the winter."

Preparing for the mission, Sergeant Loeding and the loadmasters installed seats on the sidewalls for patients; however, there were six patients who were too injured to walk. To aid the immobile troops, the loadmasters set up a center in the middle of the aircraft where they could remain secure during the flight.

"One guy was a burn victim in Afghanistan, and the other was in a Humvee explosion in Iraq," said Sergeant Loeding. "These people had their primary medical care completed at Scott (AFB), and now they were going back to their home base for leave or for secondary care."

Thanks to the crew and the improvements on the C-130J, Sergeant Loeding said the mission was a success.

"It feels good doing a real-time mission, and it feels good doing the job that these planes were made to do," he said.

During the MEDEVAC

training mission at MacDill, Maj. William Bundy, 403rd Operations Support Flight, praised the capabilities of the J-model.

"It's awesome, absolutely the best," said Bundy, pointing out the various features of the aircraft to several local crews who were touring the aircraft.

Bundy said that in the four years he has been flying the aircraft, he's never experienced a serious problem.

For nearly a half-century, the older model C-130s have been used in humanitarian and military conflict operations across the globe.

From Staff Reports



(Above at left) Sitting on the rear ramp of a WC-130J Maj. Jackie Jacobs, standards and evaluations flight nurse from the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala., gives a crew briefing explaining the aeromedical evacuation exercise at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

(Right foreground) Capt. Judith Mate, 622nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla., helps carry a litter onboard a 403rd Wing C-130J during exercises at their home base in January.



Photos by Lt. Col. Michael Odom



(Left) After Senior Airman Adam Patrick checks the status of his "patient" he and other medical troops will carry the litter onboard a C-130J transport for evacuation. Patrick and others from the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron practiced their mission with the aid of C-130Js from both the 815th Airlift Squadron and the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron in January.

(Below) Monitoring equipment helps medical technicians determine the status of their patients during flight. Staff Sgt. James Chaney, 908th AES checks on one of his simulated patients during a recent training mission. The unit worked with 403rd Wing aircrews in order to learn more about the logistics of evacuating patients on the Air Force's newest airlifter. With a larger capacity, the C-130J can carry more litters than the older model Hercules aircraft.

(Bottom) Medical personnel onboard during MEDEVAC exercises frequently check with their patients to make sure everything is okay. Due to the loudness of the engines, it is sometimes necessary to yell questions and response like Capt. Ray Gibson, of the 908th AES does here.



Photos by Lt. Col. Michael Odom

J-model: 815th crews return from desert duty

By TSgt. James B. Pritchett
Editor

Faster, farther, higher, safer. Aircrews and maintenance teams from the 815th Airlift Squadron are changing attitudes and proving the effectiveness of their bird - the Hercules airframe known as the C-130J.

As the first unit to take delivery of the J-model in 1999, the 815th Airlift Squadron's Flying Jennies of Air Force Reserve Command's 403rd Wing have led the way in training, evaluating and certifying the Air Force's next-generation airlifter. It's only fitting that they were called on to support the first Air Force Reserve Command combat mission for the C-130J.

In December, two Jenny aircrews, a maintenance package and support staff deployed to Southwest Asia to become part of a joint airlift mission and put the J-model through its paces in a combat theater.

For several months before deployment, the unit worked doggedly to ensure the aircraft was released in all categories of the critical types of missions needed to perform in combat. Everything from engines-running offloads to blackout night-vision airdrops were completed with results exceeding the expectations of even the most enthusiastic crew members.

"I can say without any hesitation that I prefer the C-130J. I feel so confident in the J-model's capabilities that I have absolutely no reservations about flying it into the AOR," said Capt. Darren Ray, a pilot with the deployed airlift squadron. "I don't think that you can find one person who is qualified on the J-model who can deny its capabilities and would prefer to fly any previous version of the C-130."

When they arrived in-country, some of the first hurdles the Jennies encountered were the misconceptions and outright misinformation about the C-130J.

"The amount of erroneous information out there about the new aircraft amazed me. Crews who fly the H and E-models out here had a lot of false



Courtesy Photo

While serving in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, loadmasters frequently used night vision equipment to perform their missions. Loadmasters from the 403rd Wing (from left to right) Master Sgt. Morton Smith, Tech. Sgt. Jason Krause and Senior Master Sgt. Todd Patterson, deployed in support of these operations in December.

impressions about the J-model," said Maj. Jeff Ragusa, aircraft commander and tactics pilot for the deployed Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron. "This surprised me even more considering how long we have been flying this aircraft. When we got here people thought we were not qualified for tactical missions, and said they had heard the aircraft couldn't even land on an expedient [dirt] landing zone which is something I personally have done many times."

"At first, tactical airlifters will be somewhat resistant to accept the J-model, but when everyone learns of its capabilities every C-130 squadron will want the J," said Captain Ray.

Once the Jennies touched down and immediately started flying missions, opinions began to change. Within the first few weeks in the desert environment, they were frequently asked for walk-through tours and orientation flights by maintainers and aircrew flying the older versions.

"The C-130 E and H model maintainers are jealous," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Reach, a communication and navigation systems specialist with the deployed squadron. He attributes the

J-model's computerized diagnostic systems with making it much easier for him to complete his mission on the aircraft.

Aircrews are equally excited about their successes in the C-130J.

"The C-130J is performing beyond my expectations. The tools that are available in the J-model make it possible for the crew to operate safer and with much more situational awareness. We have all of the required information at our fingertips. Landing at an unfamiliar, unlit airfield during the hours of darkness is much easier in this airframe," said Captain Ray.

"I feel that during this deployment, we have proven that the J-model is combat ready and has the ability to accomplish the mission better than its predecessors," said Capt. Dan Windham, who is also a pilot with the deployed squadron.

Mission planners quickly realized the capabilities of the J-model. Airframe enhancements, new engines, digital instruments and a condensed crew all contribute to the effectiveness of the new airlift platform.

Because the C-130J crews can trans-

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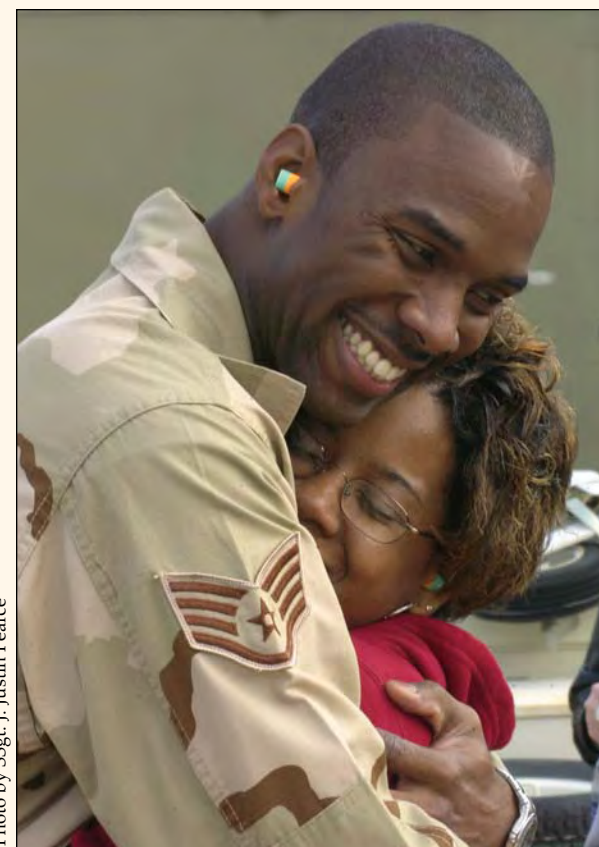


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(Top) Capt. Dan Windham is welcomed home by daughter Elizabeth, 5, who made her own "Welcome Home Daddy" sign for the return of the 815th Airlift Squadron and their support team Jan. 29. Captain Windham's other daughter, Mary, 2, and wife, Marla, also waited with crowds of family members for their loved ones' arrival.

(Above) Moments after touching down, Master Sgt. Morton Smith, 403rd Operations Group, emerged from the top hatch on the C-130J-30 to wave to the families as the crew taxied the aircraft off the runway.

(Left) Staff Sgt. Ronald Martin holds on tight to his wife Youkishala moments before take-off Jan. 20 to support the unit's second rotation. Sergeant Martin is one of the aircraft mechanics from the 403rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron who deployed with the Flying Jennies to keep the aircraft in tip-top shape.



Inside the computer-controlled lathe, cooling fluid pumps onto a fast grinding metal surface. Senior Airman Michael Bauml, machinist and welder, 403rd Fabrication Shop, operates this machine to create machine parts from raw metal. On this particular day, he shaped an axle used on C-130 aircraft.



Photos by SSgt. J. Justin Pearce

(Above) Making the final adjustments on the computer-controlled mill, a machine used to slice and shape metal, Airman Bauml prepares to drill a hole through thick metal to assist in the installation of a grease fitting. Grease fittings keep aircraft parts lubricated and running smooth. (Below) It was like Christmas for Airman Bauml and troops at the machine shop when they got a brand new computer controlled cut-off saw used to chop metal. He tests the new equipment, chopping through a piece of steel like a Ginsu knife cuts through a tomato.

Metal-working Michelangelos

SSgt. J. Justin Pearce
Staff Writer

Growing up on a farm stretching across 40 acres of land, young Michael Bauml had a unique and lengthy chore list to complete before day's end - hauling feed for chickens, cows and goats, and harvesting crops were some of the tasks on a long list.

Feeling creative one summer day, the 13-year-old go-getter decided he would try to make his farm life easier using skills he learned from his father, a machinist by trade.

He gathered scrap tin and metal, and with the aid of a few power tools, welded together a trailer that hooked up to his bicycle. From then on, hauling crops and feed across the farm was a breeze.

Nine years later, Senior Airman Michael Bauml is all grown up, but

still builds and fixes things, making a career in the Air Force Reserve out of his lifelong hobby. An aircraft machinist and welder at the 403rd Fabrication Shop, he is among several troops responsible for building, modifying, designing and replacing C-130 aircraft parts - components which are vital to keeping the aircraft mission ready.

On any given day, Airman Bauml and the team can be found welding, cutting and fitting together aircraft parts - but the job isn't always routine, he said.

"On a good day there's always something interesting to do," he said as the excited kid inside him started to surface. "We might have to fix the stands used to replace engines, or make specialty tools for new C-130s, and you never know where you might wind

up [for on-scene calls] - the flight line, the fuel cell, ISO,

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pulling screws and bolts and other things that need to be removed or replaced."

With 25 years of military service as a machinist and welder, Tech. Sgt. Monty Ashley, who works full time with Bauml, said his team continues to tackle new tasks at the shop.

"We like the creativity," said

Sergeant Ashley. "We have to figure it out on our own and get it done."

Although their job doesn't stir up a great deal of attention, Sergeant Ashley said he and his troops take pride in their role of supporting the flying missions.

"A lot of the stuff we do is internal structure. We don't get the high visibility jobs like putting on decals or touching up the paint," said Sergeant Ashley. "We keep the plane in the air."

Both Sergeant Ashley and Airman Bauml said they enjoy their craft, and

even after fixing things all day at work, they usually end up tackling similar projects at home.

Airman Bauml said he always enjoys a good home project to work on. Recently, his sparks flew for a flight chief from the 403rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Now married to the former Staff Sgt. Linda Adams, his new projects consist of putting furniture together for his new place. Time progresses and projects change, but to Airman Bauml, the trade remains the same.



Photos by SSgt. J. Justin Pearce

The heat is on when Tech. Sgt. Monty Ashley, machinist and welder, fires up a torch at the 403rd Fabrication Branch's machine shop. He soldered a C-130 oxygen line that transfers liquid oxygen. When he's not welding at work or fixing things at home, he likes to kick back and go fishing. He is an Air Reserve Technician with more than 25 years of service.

Think before you link Computer users on front lines in virus battle

By TSgt. Michael Duhe
Senior Staff Writer

Like many other Americans this year, Santa brought Airmen on his "Nice List" new digital cameras for Christmas. Some of those Airmen however, could wind up on 403rd Communications Flight's "Naughty List" if they bring those cameras to work and hook them up to a government computer system or load their digital camera software on their work computers.

Downloading any software, including programs purchased through the military, is not allowed. Using personally owned software is not authorized without the express written consent of the wing commander and the communications flight.

"You may think the software downloaded successfully," said Rupert Bradshaw, chief technology officer with the 403rd CF. "But your system may fail upon a reboot, or other programs will begin to fail or not operate properly. You may be without a computer for a while because of the amount of time to troubleshoot what you've done, or because the system must be completely reconditioned."

Your local workgroup manager and 403rd small computer staff are your resources for all matters regarding installation, configuration and support, he said.

The unauthorized download of software and personally owned items such as USB storage devices, CD-ROMs from outside sources, Zip drives and cell phones is one of several offenses on the "Do Not" list. Other prohibited actions, which could result in your computer becoming unstable and crashing the next time you reboot or log on, include:

- Changing any computer or printer configuration settings (display settings, browser settings, folder or file permission settings, system tools or services settings, and network printer configuration)
- Downloading files not directly related to your position and from a military, government or other official source



- Using any e-mail service other than the government account provided to you by the 403rd System Administrator
- Forwarding your government e-mail to your civilian work or home e-mail account
- Sharing your password and any drives, folders, files or side by printers
- Remaining logged on to your network account overnight. Log off,

but leave your computer on. ■ Accessing unauthorized websites that are pornographic, sexually explicit, offensive, involve stock trading, or pertain to personal business or money making schemes

"If it's a website that you have any question about, it's probably not something that should be viewed or accessed," Bradshaw pointed out. "Popup windows are the first sign to leave a website. We block about 95 percent of known websites that have popup advertising that could download spyware to your system."

Some things you should do, according to Bradshaw:

- Be aware of physical accessibility to your computer
- Use the "Help" feature included in software programs before contacting anyone for support
- Report suspected viruses, spyware and/or abnormal computer operations immediately
- Report unauthorized computer access and use
- Read the log on scripts when you sign on to your system

If you suspect that your system has a virus or worm, Bradshaw suggests you contact your work group manager and unplug the network cable from your computer (usually a gray or blue wire running to the back of your system).

"This will at least keep the network from becoming infected from your system," he explained. "Let your supervisor know that you may have a potential virus threat on your work computer and that you've contacted your work group manager for assistance."

Waging the war against the cyber bug is everyone's business, according to Bradshaw.

"Our users are the direct line of defense when combating the virus threat that's increasing everyday, so they are the ones who need to help us keep our systems safe," he said.

Bradshaw encourages all computer users to contact either their workgroup manager or the 403rd Wing Helpdesk at 7-7113 if they have any questions or concerns with their system.

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port its cargo faster and farther than their counterparts, missions began to change to take advantage of their abilities, according to the deployed unit's operations officer.

"Due to the increased performance of the aircraft, the missions are completed faster and at safer altitudes. In some cases the J-model is capable of completing a mission in one crew day that would require two days in the older models of the C-130," said Lt. Col. Mark Sheehan, director of operations for the deployed unit. "The aircraft's larger cargo compartment and increased engine performance allow twice as much cargo weight to be carried on each mission."

"It will be difficult for J-model opponents to have any complaints now," said Windham. "The plane is getting it done faster, going farther, and carrying more than the Es and Hs."

Another benefit to planners in using the J-model is the capacity of the cargo area. The Flying Jennies are operating a "stretched" version of the J-model. For the most part the Jennies are carrying troops into and out of threat areas. The longer aircraft can handle up to 128 combat troops, 92 paratroopers, or a combination of passengers and their cargo up to the compartment capacity. Compared with the older Hercules' capacity of 92 combat troops or 64 paratroopers, planners say it makes mathematical sense to use the longer aircraft. Fewer sorties could mean fewer risks to aircraft, crews and troops. While minimizing potential risks ranks above and beyond cost benefits, the Js have also contributed to substantial savings in that arena.

A Jan. 19 Air Force news release quoted Col. Lawrence Gallogly, commander of the deployed unit, who said the J-model "met and in some cases exceeded expectations." He said the aircraft has "performed admirably and all indications are that it is ideally suited for conditions that require higher power and increased cargo-carrying

capacity."

According to Colonel Gallogly, one of the biggest benefits of the J-model has been the aircraft's increased cargo capacity. He explained that two C-130Js can provide the cargo carrying capacity of almost three E and H model C-130s. "This is a force multiplier for the theater commander," he said.

"We have all enjoyed being a part of this joint mission and working with our active duty and Air National Guard counterparts as a single integrated unit," said Senior Master Sgt. Todd Patterson, staff loadmaster for the Flying Jennies. "A big part of our mission is transporting troops. When they arrive here we transport them forward to their operating bases. We can carry almost twice the number of passengers with their baggage pallets as the classic C-130s."

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Lt. Col. Mark Sheehan

"We are also capable of performing engines running on-loads and offloads at bases that require engine shutdowns by the classic C-130s due to wind blast," said Sergeant Patterson. "This in addition to our Enhanced Cargo Handling System and built in cargo winch has allowed us to greatly decrease our ground times during on-load and offload. This has limited our ground exposure as well as decreased the duty day allowing for more stops."

"Thus far, the aircraft has successfully completed all missions in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the Horn of Africa," said Colonel Sheehan. "This translates into fewer aircraft being exposed to potential threats from insurgents, greater terrain clearance over the mountains of Afghanistan and lower operating costs for the Air Force. The accuracy of the navigation systems and integration of the Heads-Up Displays exponentially increases situational awareness and the overall safety of the aircraft."

Another rotation of Jennies headed into the fray January 20 to replace some of the troops who deployed in December. The 815th Airlift Squadron welcomed home some of its warriors Jan. 29. The unit will spend approximately three months in Southwest Asia supporting operations.

Gospel Fest set for Saturday

The 403rd Wing Black Heritage Committee is hosting its 15th Annual Gospel Fest 2005, Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at Larcher Chapel across from the Commissary.

Gospel Fest is a fund drive to raise money for scholarships awarded to deserving students. The committee also accepts donations which go toward funding the scholarship program.

Last year the committee awarded two scholarships. Scholarship applications are currently available.

For information about Gospel Fest or the Black Heritage Committee, contact Tech. Sgt. Bobby Bracy, Sr. at 228-377-4497 or 251-648-3888.

Employer awards deadline approaches

The nomination period for the 2005 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards is now open.

The Freedom Award recognizes employers who provide exceptional support to their employees who voluntarily serve the nation in the National Guard and Reserve.

The award is the highest in a series of ESGR awards that include the Patriot Award, the Above and Beyond Award, and the Pro Patria Award.

The categories for the Freedom Award include: Major Corporations (100 or more employees), Small Corporations (less than 100 employees), and Public Sector (federal, city, state, municipalities, police and fire departments, or any entity funded by tax dollars).

To nominate an employer for this award, go to the ESGR web site at www.esgr.mil

Lt. Col. Michael Odom is the ESGR ombudsman for the 403rd Wing and can provide additional information about the awards and nomination process. He can be reached at 228-377-2056.

MyPay Mandatory

By now, most of you are aware of the financial self-service system known as "myPay." MyPay enables military members and Department of Defense employees to take care of routine pay issues without involving their military or civilian pay offices. The financial implementation phase has been completed for the military and became effective Feb. 1; hardcopies are no longer available.

Civilians are encouraged to utilize myPay as well. The civilian LES are expected to go electronic March 31. As new information becomes available it will be disseminated to all members.

Spouse Pins

In November the Air Force launched the Spouse Pin program to recognize the hardships and sacrifices made by military and civilian families as the nation continues to wage war on terrorism. Through a Web-based program, service members and Air Force civilians can log on to www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com and register their spouses for a personalized letter signed by the secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff with an accompanying one-inch silver lapel pin.

Recruiting Project

The 403rd Wing Recruiting Office is requesting support from reservists in placing recruiting literature at area businesses. If you own or work at a business that would like to show support for the Air Force Reserve, please contact the Recruiting office at 377-5236, or stop by Bldg. 904 Rm., 136. If you frequently visit a business that you feel may support this program, please

provide its name and location to the Recruiting Office. This is an exciting way for Reservists to become involved in the recruiting process and to show the public that the Air Force Reserve is composed of members in their own community.

MPF Hours

Military Personnel Flight customer service hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on UTA weekends.

This section serves as the initial point of contact between the customer and other MPF work centers. It also administers the casualty assistance program, family member dental plan, identification card benefits and privileges and assists personnel with immigration and naturalization services. This section is also point of contact for the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, establishing and maintaining the unit personnel record group, and awards and decorations.

Chapel Service

To better serve the needs of members of the 403rd, the chapel service previously held in Larcher Chapel has moved to the 815th AS auditorium. The time remains at 7:15 a.m. but the location has changed. The chapel staff is always looking for ways to better serve our members and welcomes your input. The chaplains can be reached at 377-0400.

Medical Jobs

A new Air Force Reserve Health Professions Recruiter, Tech. Sgt. George Adams, is now based at Keesler in the Sablich Center.

The Air Force Reserve is in search of qualified health professionals to join its highly

skilled teams. Unit members are encouraged to use the Get One Program www.afreserve.com/getone to submit potential applicants and receive recognition. The following critical AFSCs are available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida units: 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Applicants may even be eligible for a signing bonus or loan repayment. For information and eligibility criteria, contact Sergeant Adams at 228-377-8332 or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil

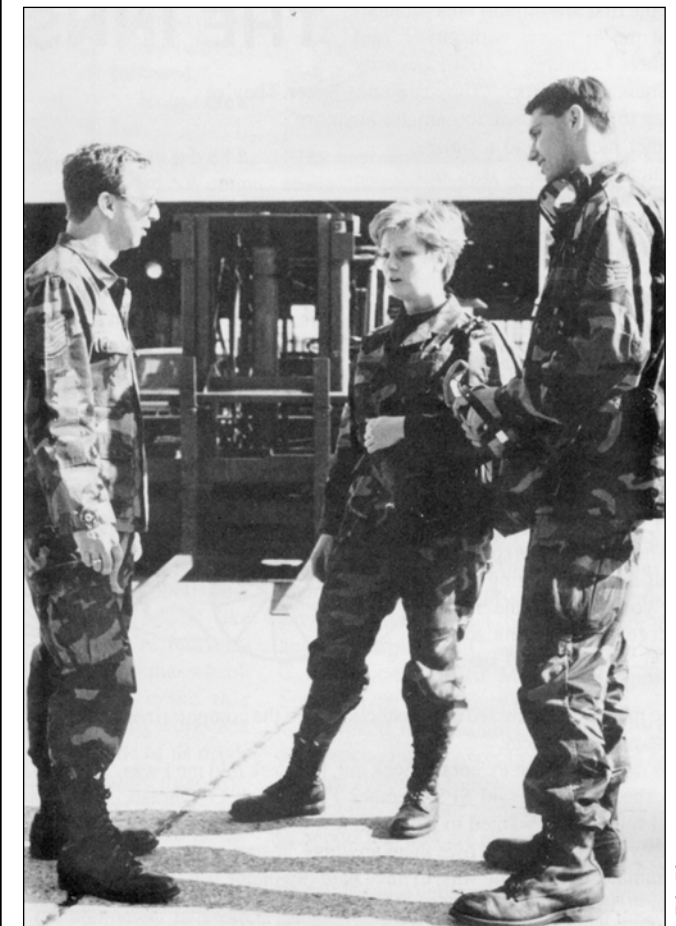
College Money

Reservists activated to fight the war on terror can get more money for college through the Selected Reserve Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Full-time students normally draw a max of \$288 a month. Full-time students activated for 90 days to a year can draw a max of \$402 a month. Those who serve 1-2 years can get up to \$602 for 1-2 years. The amount goes to a max of \$803 for more than 2 years.

Gulf Wing Reflections

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Inspection

Master Sgt. William H. Jones, (left) 41st MAPS first sergeant, talks with transportation specialists Staff Sgt. Cheryl A. Spikenreuther and Staff Sgt. Mark Sarhan during an Operational Readiness Exercise.

What's Happening?

Know of an upcoming exercise or unit deployment? Are there special events planned at your unit? Contact your Unit Public Affairs Rep or call Public Affairs at 377-2056.

AFRC vice commander retires with 39 years

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.—Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, retired after nearly 39 years of military service in a ceremony Jan. 21 at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Ga.

Retired Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, former Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, officiated the ceremony. General Batbie's retirement will take effect March 15.

Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, AFRC's 10th Air Force commander, assumed responsibility for the daily operations of the command during a commander's conference Jan. 21 following the retirement ceremony.

"Needless to say, the operations tempo for this command was near its peak when I returned to AFRC's headquarters as the vice commander in November of 2001," said General Batbie. "The credit for AFRC's continued success goes to the more than 76,000 reservists and 4,000 civilians I had the privilege to work with."

As the vice commander, General Batbie oversaw the day-to-day operations for the Air Force Reserve Command and its headquarters here. AFRC has about 76,100 reservists who train and deploy regularly.

The command is composed of three numbered Air Forces divided into 36 wings, three flying groups, one space group, four space operations squadrons and 620 mission support units.



Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie

He reported to Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, who serves on the Air Staff at the Pentagon.

General Batbie began his military career in 1966 as a U.S. Army armor officer and helicopter pilot. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 1972 as a helicopter pilot and became a fixed wing pilot in 1979 after graduating from the Air Force Fixed Wing Qualification Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas. As a command pilot, he accumulated more than 5,000 flight hours in the A-10, A-

37, KC-10, KC-135, AH-1G, HH-34 and CH-3E.

During his career, he had numerous supervisory and command positions, including director of operations; squadron, group, wing and numbered Air Force commander; and director of Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs for U.S. European Command. Prior to General Bradley's nomination, General Batbie served as the interim AFRC commander after General Sherrard's retirement in May 2004.

In 1983, the general was the first Air Force Reserve officer to be assigned to Europe as a Reserve statutory tour officer. He coordinated Reserve affairs in both the plans and operations directorates and served as negotiator for the establishment of collocated operating bases in Greece and Turkey.

He spent more than seven years at Robins AFB. From June 1994 to September 1998, he was director of plans and programs. While in that position, General Batbie was promoted to major general July 1, 1997. After his tour at U.S. European Command, he returned to Robins AFB as the vice commander for AFRC in November 2001.

General Batbie is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La., where he earned his master of arts degree in business administration. He also earned his bachelor of arts degree in the same program at Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.

AFRC News Service

'Andro' supplement off limits in New Year

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—Airmen who take androstenedione to increase muscle mass will soon have to ditch the supplement and just do extra repetitions at the gym.

Under a new law that takes effect Jan. 20, the prohormone androstenedione will be classified as a Schedule III controlled substance. Schedule III substances are those defined by the government as having a potential for abuse. The

drug, commonly called "andro," is used by bodybuilders to help build mass, said Col. (Dr.) Vincent F. Carr, the Air Force's chief consultant for internal medicine services.



"Andro includes a number of compounds which altogether are a precursor to the male hormone testosterone," Dr. Carr said. "Folks take this to bulk up their muscles and increase their ability to weight lift and to gain endurance for their exercise programs."

Spouse scholarships

The 2005 Spouse Scholarship applications will be accepted through March 31. Information and the application is available on the AEF website <http://www.aef.org> or by calling AEF directly at 800-291-8480. Applications were also mailed to Base Education offices in January.

Thirty scholarships are awarded each year to spouses of active duty Air Force, National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. The deadline for applications to be postmarked is March 31, 2005. Recipients will be chosen and scholarships awarded in early May.

Greatest Generation: A time to remember

"Our men cried. We were a combat unit. We'd been to Anzio, to southern France, Sicily, Salerno, the Battle of the Bulge, and we'd never ever seen anything like this."

— American Liberator 1945

By Col. Michael Underkofler
Commander, 403rd Operations Group

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. It was a total war — requiring contributions by all to be waged and ultimately won. Troops endured rotten field conditions and rations, worked long hours for days-on-end, and went years without seeing their families. Stateside, families took in boarders, made do with rationing and Victory Gardens, and everyone worked to keep the industrial machine going. Everyone made sacrifices.

Today, we commonly refer to the Americans who fought this total war as the "Greatest Generation." My grandparents were part of this generation and in my eyes they certainly were the greatest. But most of these Americans seem uncomfortable with this relatively recent adulation.

After the war, most of the women who worked in the factories gave up their jobs to the returning troops and went back to the more demanding job of raising children and running households. Veterans went to college or re-entered the workforce. For whatever reason, families and service personnel generally kept their stories of sacrifices and the horrors of war they had witnessed to themselves.

Many children have never heard the stories and as a nation we've been slow to capture them. This is unfortunate, because first-person stories with unbridled emotion do a better job of grabbing our attention and making us understand how important it is to learn from our past.

This year I hope you'll make a commitment to read about and listen to some first-person stories from the Greatest Generation. These heroes who won World War II for us won't be around much longer. An incredibly worthy story to read about and listen to is that of the American liberators - military members who helped free people from oppression and tyranny. One of these histories chronicles the exploits of the warriors who put an



Col. Michael Underkofler

end to the Holocaust and liberated the Nazi death camps in 1945. This spring, as part of the Keesler AFB Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony, you'll have the opportunity to read and listen to the stories of these veterans.

The Shoah, or Holocaust, was the systematic extermination of six million Jews, approximately two-thirds of the pre-war European Jewish population. Killed along with them were political dissidents, the Roma (gypsies), handicapped, and others deemed undesirable by the Nazis. Starting first as harassment, name-calling, and false blame, the hatred ultimately grew into an accepted practice of annihilation. Families had their possessions confiscated, were forced to live in ghettos, and finally were transported to labor camps where most were abused, then killed, in short order.

In early 1945, the allies were able to push through Europe to the heart of the Nazi-held stronghold. American soldiers were soon witnesses and liberators at the gates of the wretched death camps, and were not prepared for, nor were they able to comprehend the magnitude of the evil that took place. The camps were horrific cesspools where the dignity of human life was

lost. So efficient was the killing machine that most historians would later agree that if the war had lasted much longer, most European Jews would have been exterminated.

The Americans who liberated the camps were deeply affected by what they saw. Tough-as-nails Patton and Eisenhower were so visibly shaken at the camps that they became violently ill. Eisenhower said in a letter in April 1945, "I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'" The American liberators instinctively knew what to do. They took the time to bury and honor the dead and carefully nurse to health the gaunt living who remained.

Remembering the Holocaust is important to Americans, especially those serving in the Armed Forces, for several reasons. It was the American military that liberated the death camps, then exposed and documented what had taken place. America also welcomed many of those who survived and provided them opportunities and freedoms found nowhere else.

By annually and accurately telling the story of the Holocaust and honoring those who died, we help ensure future generations know what can happen if hatred, bigotry, and indifference are left unchecked and unchallenged. Finally, listening to the stories of liberators and remembering the Holocaust helps us to reaffirm what's best in our national culture. It serves as a touchstone for counting our blessings, enduring our hardships, remembering the ultimate sacrifices of others, and the role we as military members play in guaranteeing the dignity and self-worth of all humanity.

This year thank your neighbors and family members from the Greatest Generation. Listen closely to stories from those who were liberators of the Holocaust and other atrocities. Their model of sacrifice and service serves us well in the military today as we confront global challenges.



Photo By SSgt. J. Justin Pearce

We Salute You

Family and freinds cheer on their loved ones from the 815th Airlift Squadron as they return home to Keesler AFB Jan. 29, just in time for Mardi Gras. The returning crew was one of the first to take the C-130J aircraft into combat in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. A second rotation of 403rd Airmen left for the area of operations Jan. 20.

Gulf Wing Go-Getter



Each month Gulf Wing is printed for people of the 403rd Wing, like SrA Rukiya Noel of the 815th Airlift Squadron.

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