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# Cultivating the Warrior Spirit

by Lt. Col. Joseph Almodovar  
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To this day I can't recall hearing the roadside bomb, or improvised explosive device that struck our civilian sports utility vehicle as we drove along a Baghdad highway in 2004. The explosion completely blew out most of our windows, filled the interior with flying glass, dust, and smoke and shattered the windshield. Fortunately no one in our vehicle was hurt. However, a civilian driving behind our vehicle was killed. The attack demonstrated the type of warfare that all airman need to prepare for, the type of warfare that has no battle lines. Everyone in the war zone is a frontline troop, this type of warfare is called asymmetrical.

The global war on terrorism is an asymmetrical war, and will likely not present our nation, and military, a circumstance in which we are engaged in battles with a large opposing force.

We will more that likely continue to engage small enemy pockets, or cells, in remote less developed countries, like Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, etc... As a result, there will be no frontlines, similar to Iraq. We, as airmen, need to prepare ourselves, and our up-and-coming airmen, to be engaged in ground action. We need to become battlefield airman. I am not suggesting that our airmen become snipers, infantry, or scouts. However, we do need to develop basic battlefield skills required to survive asymmetrical warfare.

I believe there are three fundamental areas that we need to develop as battlefield airman, in addition to our military occupation skill. First, there are the battlefield skills such as reading a map, using global positioning systems (GPS), knowing how to use a military radio, administering first aid, understanding a five paragraph operations order (OPORD), and being proficient with your weapon. These are battlefield skills that many of our airmen weren't required to know in previous

conflicts. In the past, support airmen were located well behind enemy battle lines, and skills like reading a map and being fully proficient with your weapon, were meant for infantry.

Iraq and Afghanistan have proven that this former way of thinking is obsolete. Anywhere in our current war zones you may be subject to attack via ambushes, or indirect fire such as mortars and rockets

Knowing your weapon capabilities and how to use your

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battlefield airmen."**

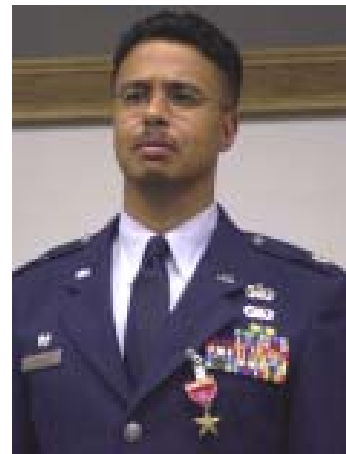
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440th LRS Commander

weapon are critical skills required on the asymmetrical battlefield. As airmen, we must become masters of our weapons.

In Iraq, I witnessed a senior airman, who was assigned to a convoy headed to Fallujah, ask a Marine how to load bullets into a magazine and how to lock and load the magazine into their M-16 rifle.

On another occasion, I witnessed and Air Force officer attempt to weapon clear a M9 pistol with the magazine still in it. The officer did not understand why a bullet kept ejecting each time the slide was pulled back. I pointed out to the person the magazine was still in the weapon, at which point the officer properly cleared the weapon. Learning to use our weapons under enemy fire is the last thing any of us wants to happen.

The second area that I believe needs to be considered is our physical conditioning (PT). The new fit to fight program is addressing this area. Carrying extra gear (battle rattle), working longer hours, spending long hours in extreme temperature conditions are some of the reasons why we must



Lt. Col. Joseph Almodovar

maintain our fitness levels. Airman should work at maximizing their fitness scores, and not focus on trying to meet the minimum score required to pass. PT not only helps with physical conditioning, but it also helps sharpen our mental skills, that are critical during a stressful event, like an ambush.

Finally, we need to develop our warrior mentality. We see the warrior spirit in our Marines and Soldiers with their HOORAHs and haircuts and uniforms. Providing airman with technical skills and equipment is important. However, a warrior spirit is the key ingredient to ensuring our success on the asymmetrical battlefield. Our airman need to operate, think, and react under direct and indirect fire; a warrior mentality will ensure we execute under fire.

If we want a warrior spirit to become ingrained in our culture, we must start cultivating this spirit during basic training, officer training school and other professional in-residence courses. In today's Air Force, and the Air Force of tomorrow, we must all become battlefield airman with a warrior's heart.

We are serving during a time when the world and Air Force reserve are experiencing drastic changes and challenges. Our ability to be flexible and adapt to change will be taken to new extremes. Success will only come to the units, and battlefield airman, who can accept the changes we face, and dare to lead the way.

# Tip of the Spear

## **440th Communications Flight charges ahead with Theater Deployable Communications**

By Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

Embracing the latest communications technology for the battlefield, the 440<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight's new mission includes Theater Deployable Communications. The TDC concept task the 440<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight with unit training codes and state of the art equipment that allow the unit to integrate seamlessly with other Air Force combat communication units in deployed locations worldwide.

"The 440<sup>th</sup> is now at the tip of the spear," said 440<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight Commander Capt. Scott Jones. "We can now be key players in any area of responsibility, and are postured to support the 'warfighter' in any contingency."

Jones explained only a few reserve units have this new mission, and TDC is part of a larger reorganization of communication units throughout the Air Force.

The TDC packages are equipped with state-of-art hardened communications equipment that is completely integrated with active duty Air Force's deployable communication operations. From a personnel perspective, the 440<sup>th</sup>'s TDC team includes network engineers, computer specialists, ground radio technicians and satellite technicians.

440<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight reservists completed initial training called "Jump Start" at Duke Field, Fla., where they trained hands-on with the 514<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, a unit from McGuire AFB that has the most deployed communications experience in Air Force Reserve Command.

The reservists mastered different skills while deployed for Jump Start. They worked with radio frequency modules that allow high bandwidth wireless communications network connectivity in the area of responsibility. The TDC team learned how to set-up a deployed network with Basic Access Modules called "BAMs."

"We call it LAN in a can," said Captain Jones. "But what it really means is that we have the ability to create a computer and phone network anywhere in the world with communications

reach-back to higher headquarters."

The reservists also worked with Red Data Modules, high tech cryptographic units for secure messaging in the war zone. Back in Milwaukee, they continue on the job training, and anticipate playing a significant role in international contingencies, air expeditionary flight taskings and the Global War on Terrorism.

"With this stronger mission, we are definitely part of the big picture," said Captain Jones. "TDC is a critical capability for joint operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and other future military contingencies."

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Master Sgt. Denis Sanford adjusts a microwave transmitter during Jump Start training at Duke Field, Fla., as reservists from other units watch.

*Photo by Master Sgt. Chris Fox*

# An Inspiration for the Ages

***Tuskegee Airman devoted life to inspiring others to strive for greatness***

by Tech. Sgt. Keith Battles

Duncan Lowry Galloway made Milwaukee his home in 1957. By the time he settled here he had earned a master's degree in education from Bradley University and a bachelor's degree in industrial arts from Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. Both degrees were earned with help from the G.I. Bill.

For the next 35 years, Mr. Galloway taught industrial arts (now, commonly called "shop class") to middle school-aged children in Milwaukee. This native of Alton, Ill., loved teaching kids how to build and repair things.

Oh, and by the way...Duncan Galloway was also a Tuskegee Airman.

## All for one

When most people hear the Tuskegee Airmen story, the pilots get most of the attention glory. But ask anyone who has ever been in the military and those veterans will tell you that completing a mission is a total team effort. For each of the Tuskegee Airmen who were pilots, there were up to 10 military or civilian ground support troops assigned to them.

Airman Galloway was inducted into the Army Air Corps in 1942 at Fort Custer, Mich., and was trained in Quartermaster school for eight weeks. He was later stationed at MacDill AFB, Fla. His job in our modern day Air Force is equivalent to an information management specialist or the 3AO career field. When he heard that a new, all black, fighter squadron was being formed, Galloway was intrigued. He wanted to be part of history so he volunteered to be part of the cadre of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group at Tuskegee, Ala. Galloway worked in the orderly room as an operations clerk. He kept meticulous records

on such things as the pilot's flying status, aircraft readiness and training.

When the 332<sup>nd</sup> was shipped overseas, their totally segregated, but self-reliant group settled at Ramatelli Air Base in Italy. Their isolation from their white counterparts stung the then 21-year-old Galloway. In an April 1995 interview in *The Milwaukee Times*, Galloway shared some of his thoughts about his experiences:

"I guess sometimes I would think, 'What am I doing way over here in Italy fighting some war I had nothing to do with?'" Galloway said. It was kind of frustrating. All of the skills you learned while in the service and then you come back to America and couldn't use them."

## Still segregated

Many returning black servicemen of World War II were still relegated to sitting in the back of the bus or restricted from entering or leaving certain neighborhoods among other indignities. According to many of these veterans, they were treated better in Europe than they were at home. That is, until the military itself was desegregated.

Galloway served in the military from 1942 until October, 1945 when he was released from active-duty at Fort McCoy, Wis. He had no way of knowing that 12 years later, he'd return to the Badger state permanently. After graduating from college and working as a teacher in Illinois for a spell, the school he worked in was reorganized. Mr. Galloway did not agree with some of the changes, so he started looking for change of venue. He moved to the Milwaukee area when he learned that there were teaching opportunities there.

Three days prior to the 9/11 tragedies, Duncan Galloway succumbed to cancer at the age of 82. Mr. Galloway and Vivian, his



Duncan Galloway

## Who were the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II?

The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen, at a time when there were many people who thought black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism. They came from every section of the country, with large numbers coming from New York City, Washington, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit. Each possessed a strong personal desire to serve the United States of America to the best of his ability.

Those who possessed the physical and mental qualifications were accepted as aviation

cadets to be trained initially as single-engine pilots and later to be either twin-engine pilots, navigators or bombardiers. Most were college graduates or undergraduates. Others demonstrated their academic qualifications through comprehensive entrance examinations. Enlisted members were trained to be aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen and other career fields.

The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941, and completed training nine months later.

*Tuskegeearmen.org*

## DIVERSITY

wife of nearly 50 years, shared an elegant home in Brown Deer, Wis., for almost 35 years. Vivian - like her husband - was an educator. She taught fourth graders here for almost 30 years. The Galloway's raised two children, a boy and girl, who are successful in their own right and who still reside in the Milwaukee area.

### Proud past

Mrs. Galloway showed a recent visitor the photos, letters and articles about her husband Duncan's career as a Tuskegee Airman. As she did so, his life and legacy permeated the room. Vivian proudly displayed the scale model P-39, P-40, P-47 and P-51 fighter aircraft that Mr. Galloway built in his spare time and had on display in their basement. She spoke proudly of how he thoroughly enjoyed visiting countless schools after his retirement in 1984, to share the Tuskegee Airmen story; not for his personal gratification, but to serve as inspiration and motivation for future generations of young

African-Americans. He also remind the students to always set their goals high and to never forget this important part of their history. Today, there are four national memorials commemorating who, what, where and how the Tuskegee Airmen made history. The national Tuskegee Airmen organization offers scholarships to high school seniors who excel in math and the sciences. Monuments or museum displays can also be found in the historical Fort Wayne area in Detroit; Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio; and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Galloways were the best of friends. They shared a love of international travel, swimming, singing in the church choirs, and in true Milwaukee fashion, they shared a love of bowling. When asked Mrs. Galloway was asked what she thought Mr. Galloway would like to be remembered for she replied without hesitation, "He *really* loved being a Tuskegee Airman, because they were pioneers. He wanted the kids to know their story."



Vivian Galloway

Scale models built by Galloway of aircraft flown by the Tuskegee Airmen still fly high.



### Tuskegee Airmen - Go Figure

**992**

Graduates received their commission and pilot wings from the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Ala.

**450**

Graduates who served overseas in either the 99th Pursuit Squadron or the 332nd Fighter Group.

**1,578**

Missions flown by Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.

**15,533**

Sorties flown by Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.

**32**

Tuskegee Airmen shot down and captured POWs.

**66**

Tuskegee Airmen killed in action.

**950**

Railcars, trucks and other motor vehicles destroyed by Tuskegee Airmen.

**1**

Destroyer sunk by P-47 machine gun fire.

**0**

Bombers lost while being escorted by Tuskegee Airmen assigned to the 332nd.

**150**

Tuskegee Airmen received Distinguished Flying Crosses.

# GENERATIONS OF HONOR

SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN, MARINES, COAST GUARDSMEN



*On Nov. 9, 1967, the F-4 flown by 1st Lt. Lance P. Sijan of Milwaukee, Wis., was hit by North Vietnamese ground fire and exploded. Although badly wounded he was able to parachute from his stricken plane...*

*Even with no food and very little water he managed to avoid capture for 45 days...  
...he was unable to walk but did manage to pull himself backward through the jungle...*

*When not being "interrogated" he attempted additional escapes with the only results being beatings...*

*he developed additional respiratory problems including pneumonia in January 1968. After many months of ill treatment, his health, but not his spirit, broke...*

*1st Lt. Sijan was removed from his cell during the night of January 21, 1968 and died the following day at Hoa Lo according to his Vietnamese captors...*

*Lt Sijan was promoted posthumously to Captain on June 13, 1968. On March 4, 1976 he was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor.* - Excerpt from <http://www.af.mil>



Whether the date was November 9, 1967, or today's date of November 5, 2005, United States military members up and down the ranks help turn the pages of time through conflict and war; life and death; past, present and future. These ordinary men and women make the history that was and will become a reality through extraordinary and sometimes unimaginable acts of courage in accomplishing their mission.

**Generations of Honor - Eight personal accounts spanning over 60 years of military history.**



**World War I (1917-1918)** *Deaths in theater: 53,402 | Casualties: 204,002 | U.S. Strength during conflict: 4,734,991 | Living Veterans (estimated): 400*

**World War II (1941-1945)** *Deaths in theater: 291,557 | Casualties: 671,846 | U.S. Strength during conflict: 16,112,566 | Living Veterans (estimated): 3,500,000 (Guest: Capt. Jim Krucas)* Allies fought against the evil totalitarian regimes of Germany, Italy, and Japan to preserve freedom for generations. The 440<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group made its debut ferrying airborne troops, supplies, and wounded from D-Day through the entire European campaign. (1939-1945)

**Korea (1950-1953)** *Deaths in theater: 36,516 | Casualties: 103,284 | U.S. Strength during conflict: 5,720,000 | Living Veterans (estimated): 3,900,000 (Guest: Pvt. Dick Havlik)* Soviet-backed North Korea lunged its troops over the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel into South Korea to subdue its countrymen. President Truman committed U.S. troops to the defense of South Korea. The United Nations created a multinational force under the command of U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur to turn the tide against the Communist invaders. The 440<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Wing (USAF Reserve) was activated then dispersed into different existing units to support in the effort. U.N./U.S. forces rapidly pushed the invaders back into their own territory before Red Chinese troops poured into North Korea to bolster the communist north. After three years, a cease-fire line was established at the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel where a demilitarized zone exists to this day. (1950-1953)

**Vietnam (1961-1975)** *Deaths in theater: 58,198 | Casualties: 153,303 | U.S. Strength during conflict: 9,200,000 | Living Veterans (estimated): 8,300,000 (Guest: Capt. David Serikaku)* U.S. military advisors trained South Vietnamese personnel in deterring the communist elements in North Vietnam after French defeat in 1954. U.S. involvement gradually escalated until North Vietnamese torpedo boats attacked U.S. ships in the Gulf of Tonkin in August 1964. Congress expanded the war by urging the president to take "all necessary measures" to ensure victory. The 440<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing, operating C-119s out of Milwaukee, earned a Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm for its airlift operations between the U.S. mainland and Vietnam from 14 February to 11 March 1968. The war continued with communist gains before an eventual U.S. withdrawal in 1975.

**Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)** *Deaths in theater: 383 | Casualties: 467 | U.S. Strength during conflict: 2,322,332 | Living Veterans (estimated): 1,750,000 (Guest: Senior Master Sgt. Ernie Logemann, 440AW/MXS)* U.S. diplomacy rushed into action in the hours after August 2, 1990 when Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces invaded and subdued its weaker, oil-rich neighbor to the south. The Americans assembled an unprecedented coalition of 32 nations to defend Saudi

Arabia from further Iraqi aggression. Coalition forces initiated combat on January 18, 1991. After a five-week air campaign, Coalition troops invaded and subdued Iraqi forces in 99 hours of combat. 440<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing personnel contributed personnel and materiel to the effort. (1990-1991)

**Somalia (1992-1994)** *Deaths in theater: 43 | Casualties: 153 (Guest: Master Sgt. Tim Wilkinson)* At the end of 1992, outgoing President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. forces into war-torn Somalia to help dislodge relief networks under the control of Somali militia warlords. Under President Clinton the operation became a nation-building effort involving a coalition of nations. In an incident that came to epitomize the political uncertainty of U.N. objectives in Somalia, isolated coalition forces became cut off from others in an attempt to apprehend local warlords. International will for nation-building in Somalia ebbed and military forces largely withdrew by 1994.

**Operation Enduring Freedom\* (2001-Present)** *Deaths in theater: 243 | Casualties: 583 (Guest: Lt. Col. Harry Heflin, 440AW/IG)* The infamous terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 awoke U.S. will to militarily engage Al Qaeda and other international terrorist groups. A Coalition led by U.S. forces targeted Afghanistan's rogue Taliban regime as a terrorist-harboring entity that was to be removed. The Taliban capitulated by January 2002. Coalition forces continue to assist the post-Taliban democratic government.

**Operation Iraqi Freedom\* (2003-Present)** *Deaths in theater: 1964 | Casualties: 7030 (Guest: Master Sgt. John Drossel, 440AW/SFS)* A coalition led by American and British forces attacked the totalitarian regime of Saddam Hussein. Combat operations lasted from March 19 through late April. The Coalition turned over Iraqi sovereignty in June 2004 and Iraqi political factions approved a tentative constitution in October 2005. Peacekeeping and terrorist-hunting operations continue to the present day. 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing aircraft and maintenance units supported OIF from November 2003-September 2005 from bases in Kuwait and Qatar.

**Operation Hurricane Katrina (September 2005)** *(Guest: Master Sgt. Andrea McClam, 95AS)* In the two weeks after Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Air Force evacuated 19,000 civilians and 2,600 medical patients out of New Orleans, conducted search and rescue operations in and around New Orleans, rescuing 3,600 people, and flew nearly 200 aircraft in support of Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts. (In the two weeks after Hurricane Katrina) The 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing flew 60.3 hours in support of Hurricane Katrina relief, flew missions including transporting Air Force medical professionals, rescue forces and evacuees, and airlifted 12.5 tons of cargo.

\* Statistics compiled by Master Sgt. Brady Kiel, 440AW/HO. Current as of October, 2005.



# Last call for Troop Carrier Group?

## 440th TCG members reunite for what could be their last time together

by Master Sgt. Brady Kiel  
440th Airlift Wing Historian

The past met the present in September when nine members of the 440th Airlift Wing traveled to

Indianapolis to pay honor to the remaining members of the 440th Troop Carrier Group of World War II service. The 440th Troop Carrier Association held what could be the final reunion due to a dwindling number of surviving TCG members of the storied unit that was formed in 1943, a mere 100 miles away at Baer Field, Indiana.

440th Air Wing Commander Col. Merle Hart led a contingent of

current wing members representing the 440th Operations, Maintenance, and Mission Support groups. The event brought together friends, colleagues and family members of 28 original 440th veterans. Col. Hart briefed the assembly about present 440th deployments and presented each veteran with a photo of a wing C-130 Hercules.

Four flying squadrons of C-47 Skytrain aircraft comprised the 440th

Troop Carrier Group. The Group flew under Ninth Air Force in Europe and earned its first battle experience dropping paratroops of the 101st Airborne in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

The unit went on to earn a Presidential Unit Citation for Normandy operations and Bronze Stars for the Normandy, Rome-Arno, France, Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns.



440th Wing Commander Col. Merle D. Hart, 440th Vice Commander Col. Michael Pierce and Maintenance Squadron Executive Officer Capt. Michael Schmitz look on as Bob Bryan, a former 440th Troop Carrier Group member, points out World War II memorabilia.

*photo by Master Sgt. Brady Kiel*

## Did you know...

When people familiar with General Mitchell Field in Milwaukee hear the name "440th Airlift Wing," images of intrepid C-130 Hercules aircraft come to mind. But the number "440" carries along a rich history of tradition that stretches back to the 1940s.

The origins of the number "440" begin on a humble Indiana airstrip. On July 1, 1943, a unit dubbed "440th Troop Carrier Group" began a torrid pace of events that would last almost 30 months. Troop Carrier Group would move from its inception to some of the most historic

battles of World War II and into the postwar supply of Europe.

Troop Carrier units operated C-47 aircraft and CG-4A gliders in a number of capacities. They took airborne troops into enemy territory, replenished troops with supply airdrops and rescued the wounded.

Troop Carrier burst onto the scene on D Day by airdropping elements of the 101st Airborne from 45 of its aircraft into Normandy.

On March 24, 1945, Troop Carrier carried out its last combat airborne mission in Europe. Throughout

the war, Troop Carrier moved thousands of gallons of gasoline, hundreds of tons of C-rations, clothing, ammunition and After V-E Day, Troop Carrier activities actually increased. The wounded needed transport to hospitals and hundreds of thousands of liberated prisoners and refugees had to be rushed homeward. Emergency food and medical supplies were needed throughout Europe.

The 440th Airlift Wing of the modern era can be thankful that the ideal of defending freedom in the face of adversity was upheld by the group which shares its name.

*Master Sgt. Brady Kiel*

# 440th team places 4th at AF marathon

by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

The 440th Airlift Wing's mens running team took 4th place in the men's military division at the Air Force marathon in September.

Finance officer Maj. Rick Jellison ran the first leg of the 26.2 mile course, followed by Sen. Airman Jeffrey Baumberger of the 440th Maintenance Squadron. Staff Sgt. Michael Bunting, a former 440th member now assigned to a different unit, rounded out the team. Sergeant Bunting ran the last two legs of the race by himself, totalling more than 12 miles.

440th Team 2 didn't place in the top 10, but Maj. Therese Kern, Master Sgt. Janet McKnight, Master Sgt. Davina Wells and Tech. Sgt. Brian Smits don't regret the run.

"The Air Force Marathon is another way to work toward a fitness goal," said Major Kern, a seasoned marathoner, who serves as the wing's Fit to Fight coordinator. Kern hopes to add another 440th team in 2006, and encourages wing members to start training in early spring.



Runners from the 440th Airlift Wing Team 2 take a break for a photo at the Air Force marathon. From left: Tech. Sgt. Brian Smits, Maj. Therese Kern, Master Sgt. Janet McKnight and Master Sgt. Davina Wells.

# 440th members take 1st place in Trap

by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

What started out as a hobby, turned into a first-place victory for five 440th members who joined a Trap shooting team.

Maintenance reservists Tech. Sgt. Darwin Constantine, Tech. Sgt. Debra Bernhardt, Master Sgt. Laurence Toro, Chief Master Sgt. Robert Manske and 440th contractor Mark Button took home the trophy for top honors in the D-class Trap shooting contest at Warnimont Sportsmen Club in Cudahy. The winning team represents just five of the 15 440th members who shoot clay pigeons every Wednesday night during the summer and fall.

The "500-bird" shooting season lasts 20 weeks, and the shooters take aim with a 12-gauge shotgun at 25 clay pigeons a week. While the shooters don't take the sport too seriously, they do enjoy eachothers company.

"The comraderie and competition with coworkers is a great way to spend time while sharpening your shooting skills," said Sergeant Toro.

Other 440th participants include Staff Sgt. Brad Gardebrecht, Tech. Sgt. Frank Coddington, Staff Sgt. Grefory Collins, Master Sgt. Frank Martin, Master Sgt. James Williamson, Master Sgt. Daniel Yutzy, and Master Sgt. Parul Kudick Trimbom Matthew G; Airman 1st Class Andrew Lamia, and Master Sgt. Todd Ramsey.

Largely comprised of reservists from the 440th Maintenance Squadron, the trap shooting team offers an open invitation to reservists who are interested in refining their shotgun shooting skills. For more information, contact Trap team coordinator, Tech. Sgt. Darwin Constantine, at 482-5550.



## The winning team

photo by Maj. Ann Peru Knabe

From left top row: Tech. Sgt. Debra Bernhardt, Chief Master Sgt. Robert Manske, Staff Sgt. Darwin Constantine, Mark Button, and Master Sgt. Larry Toro.



# Work at 440th a life-changing opportunity, say Aundria A. Lasota Scholarship recipients

**Jo Ann Lindner and Crystal Sanderson were each named recipients of the \$500 Lasota scholarship. Here are excerpts of their essays on how the 440th has impacted them**

As we go through life we are always setting goals that we want to achieve. One goal that I want to achieve, that is very important to me and my future, is my academic goal. I am currently enrolled full-time at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. My expected graduation date is May 2008 with a degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis on Science and Social Studies.

While pursuing my academic goals, I have accepted a position here at the 440th Airlift Wing. It is the best decision I have ever made, I could not be happier. I am extremely privileged to be a part of the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP).

I was given the opportunity to work in real life situations and prepare for the working life style. It is a great opportunity to focus on school and hold a dependable position in the Airlift Control Flight (ALCF). The 440th Airlift Wing cares about education and works with each

individual to meet their needs. The staff respects all employees, civilian and military, which is priceless. It is nice to be in a position where you



Crystal Sanderson

feel valuable to the establishment and you make an impact on everyone around you.

When I accepted this position at the 440th Airlift Wing, I was informed of the Base

Realignment and Closure (BRAC) proposal. BRAC has really opened my eyes to see the kind of team the 440th Airlift Wing is. I have learned that keeping an open mind and a positive attitude is the key to our success. We need to stay focused on our mission and that positive attitude will hold us together.

One of the main missions of the United States Government right now is to fight the Global War on Terror. This has become a concerning issue for many Americans since September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The sight of the Twin Towers falling was horrific and unimaginable, many Americans were panic-stricken. This incident created a lot of animosity towards the terrorists and I think it is important to reconcile this situation.

The truth is that these terrorists are killing millions of people emotionally and physically, not just in our country but in others as well. I back up President Bush with the War on Terror. We need to stay persistent with our beliefs and instill them on terrorist countries, their leaders and followers.

It is imperative that the United States public stays behind our government and our troops fighting the War on Terror. This can halt our fears of another September 11<sup>th</sup> incident and create an alliance with a country that truly believes in democracy and our safety as much as theirs.

I am a full-time student at the University of Phoenix in Brookfield, WI, where I am pursuing a Bachelors' of Science degree in Information Technology Management. I plan to complete my education in March 2006. I have been with the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing since May 2001, and have worked with a number of units such as Services Flight, Staff Judge Advocate, and I am currently in the office of Public Affairs.

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf once stated to a group of Corps of Cadets on May 15, 1991 that, "If you leave here with the word "duty" implanted in your mind; if you leave here with the word "honor" carved in your soul, then you leave here with love of country stamped on your heart." Working for the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing has shown me the meaning of these words with experiences and a world-view I could never have received without the help of the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). I have been blessed to know countless personnel who have offered me an extensive education that I would not learn in a classroom. Without STEP, I would not have met my mentors, Mrs. Ann Skarban and Ms. Patricia Myles, both who have had a profound affect on my work ethic, my

ability to expand my horizons and mostly on my life. These women have shown me how to use



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strength and character to pave the way for success and find opportunities at the 440<sup>th</sup> and in life.

On May 13, 2005, I was working in the Public Affairs office when the fateful words of from the Department of Defense confirmed that the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing was on the Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) list. I remember staring at the artifacts in Heritage Hall, wondering where everything would go if the base were to close. As the 440<sup>th</sup> awaits the final recommendations for closure, I just hope that one rumor is true: the 440<sup>th</sup> will remain open.

Among the BRAC news release, the 440<sup>th</sup> has embarked in the Global War on Terrorism since October 2001. One of my favorite, yet most frightening memories of the 440<sup>th</sup> was watching hundreds of Maintenance and Aircrew prepare for deployment to Southwest Asia. Watching families join together to send off these unsung heroes was heartbreaking to see, yet I felt an enormous amount of pride and honor in the troops and the 440<sup>th</sup> at that moment.

More than four years have passed since I started with the 440<sup>th</sup>. I have seen and done many things that few people my age can say they have done. Right now, a long road of uncertainty awaits the 440<sup>th</sup> and I cannot wait to find out where it leads.

# Experience for Yourself!



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**AFRC seeks climate survey participation**

Air Force Reserve Command leaders want everyone in the command – military and civilian – to take part in the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey which began Oct. 1 and ends Nov. 23.

The purpose of the survey is to make things better for people and their organizations. The survey measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of the Air Force. This year’s survey also covers areas such as effective communication, teamwork, judgment and adaptation under pressure.

“Since the survey software protects one’s identity, I encourage everyone to be honest and straightforward in their responses,” said AFRC Command Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett. “The survey data will be as good as the respondents make it. It’s our chance to stand up and be counted.”

The survey can be completed online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer.

Survey results will be released in February to unit leaders.

**Units fly relief missions before Hurricane Rita hits**

A C-130 crew from the 440th Airlift Wing flew to Beaumont, Texas on Sept. 22 to stage aeromedical evacuations from there to Little Rock AFB, Ark. The 440<sup>th</sup> crew was amongst the first Reserve airlift crews from at least three states that flew to Beaumont in preparation for Hurricane Rita before the storm made landfall.

A C-17 crew from the 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash., took off Sept. 22 heading for Travis AFB, Calif., to pick up 400 patient litters and 800 cargo straps. The crew then flew to Beaumont where the equipment was supposed to be pre-positioned for possible use in evacuating non-ambulatory patients. After spending the night, the crew was redirected to fly the equipment to Lake Charles, La.

“We appreciate being a part of the effort to ensure the safety of Americans put at risk by this storm,” said Maj. Keith Franke, an Air Force Reserve pilot who led a C-17 aircrew just a few days earlier transporting relief supplies to Mississippi’s Gulf Coast and New Orleans for victims of Hurricane Katrina. “We have a huge hauling capacity with this aircraft so we, along with other airlift units, can help make sure that what’s needed most gets to where it will be most useful.”

The next day a C-141 crew from the 445th AW, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, arrived to pick up passengers or patients and airlift them to Dobbins ARB outside of Atlanta. Both aircraft may be diverted to other locations as Hurricane Rita nears land.

**Bundles for babies**

The 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Family Support Office is hosting a program from 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 3, in building 102, room 104, for reservists and their spouses who are expecting or had a baby in the last three months. The program will offer information on infant care and handling, child development and safe sleep. Parents will receive a “baby bundle” containing blankets, crib sheet, hooded towel, wash mitts, print diapers, sleep and play outfits and an Air Force Aid Society tote bag. Contact the Family Support Office at (414) 482-5424 or (800) 224-2477 for details.

**Support December blood drive**

The wing’s semi-annual blood drive is scheduled for Dec. 3, in the Heritage Hall, building 102. Reservists, civilians and their spouses are encouraged to donate blood.

People who want to donate blood during the December UTA should contact Mary Savarino, blood drive organizer, at (414) 482-5440 or [Mary.Savarino@generalmitchell.af.mil](mailto:Mary.Savarino@generalmitchell.af.mil).

**440th Aircrew accepts Air Force awards for heroic act**

Members of an Air Force Reserve Command aircrew received national recognition Sept. 12 for avoiding disaster over Iraq in October 2004.

After Maj. Rolf W. Breen and his crew were awarded the Air Force Association’s 2004 Reserve Aircrew Award, they accepted Distinguished Flying Crosses from Air Force senior leaders at the annual AFA convention in Washington.

The other award recipients are Capt. Jason M. Schroeder, co-pilot; Lt. Col. John E. Loranger, navigator; Master Sgt. James Grigsby and Tech. Sgt. Robert Sczesny, loadmasters; and Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Hayes, flight engineer.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley; and AFRC Commander Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley presented the DFCs.

The crew from Milwaukee’s 440th Airlift Wing saved not only themselves and their multimillion dollar airplane but also 57 Soldiers on board the C-130 after it was hit by enemy ground fire.

**Be an Angel**

440th members have a long tradition of taking care of each other. The Angel Tree is a way for base personnel to experience the joy of giving by furnishing anonymous gifts for the children of fellow reservists. Military

children are special, and many face unique challenges that other kids don’t face. An extra gift during the holidays can really make a difference and remind them how special they are. Commanders and first sergeants have been asked to identify families.

On Nov. 4, tags will be placed on the Angel Tree, which will be located in the BX. Each tag will list the age and sex of a child, but no names. Base personnel will then be able to select a tag from the tree and purchase a gift for that child. The BX will give a 10% discount for any gift purchased there.

Gift givers need to drop off their unwrapped gifts at the Family Support Office or the BX no later than noon, Saturday, Dec. 3, so that the gifts can be distributed on Sunday, December 4, 2005. Please call Family Support at (414) 482-5424 or 1-800-224-2744 if you have questions.

**The final numbers are in!**

The 440th Airlift Wing has met its Operation Lighten the Load goal of 5,000 lbs. in 2005. The final weight loss recorded was 5,087.

Unit	Total Loss
SVS	313
ALCF	126
APS	863
LRS	268
OSF	94
SFS	416
AS	530
MOF	296
AMXS	204
MSG	129
CES	466
MDS	486
MXS	686
AW/OG	87
CF	123
<b>Wing Total</b>	<b>5,087</b>

**Job vacancy postings**

Area employers have provided vacancy announcements to the 440th. Job openings are posted on the base I-Net under the “Job Assistance” link. As new openings are sent to the wing they will be posted. The Web site is [www.mil.afrc.af.mil/440aw/welcome](http://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/440aw/welcome)

**Way to go MSgt. John Drossel**

Master Sgt. John Drossel, 440th Security Forces Squadron, has been selected to receive the 2005 Capt. Lance P. Sijan Award. This award is designed to recognize and acknowledge the outstanding achievements by a member of the wing.

MSgt. Drossel was previously selected as AFRC’s 2004 Security Forces NCO of the year.

## FINAL NOTES

Members of the 440th CES deployed to the Middle East. From left to right bottom row: Tech. Sgt. Brian Proffer, SrA Nathan Thrun and SrA Luke Morarend. Left to Right Top row: SrA Paul Pendleton, SrA Jacob Kowalski and SrA Scott Adams.



### 2006 Military Ball Announced

The 2006 Military Ball will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago, near the Summerfest grounds. The ball will start at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Plans call for attendance by about 600 people.

Ticket prices have not been determined at this time. More details will be announced as they are confirmed.

### MXG Retiree Reunion in Dec '05

The Maintenance Group is announcing a December 3<sup>rd</sup> Retirement Reunion. All Maintenance Group retirees during the past 2 years of activation will be our honored guests and all Maintenance Group retirees are welcome. During the Operation Iraqi Freedom activation, many people retired and deployed personnel missed the opportunity to say 'Good Bye' to and celebrate with their friends.

If you are from the MXG and retired during this timeframe, or know someone who did, please contact Col. Kitchen at Jane.Kitchen@generalmitchell.af.mil or 1-877-412-0126, Ext 5572. Additional information will be sent out to guests.

The event will be held in conjunction with the Maintenance Group Holiday party, which includes activities, games, and good food and fun for members, families and guests.

Future annual retiree reunions themes will be the C-119 years, the A-model years, the Vietnam years, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

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