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cherish for a lifetime!



**440th Troop Carrier Group's
50th Anniversary Insert**

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50th Anniversary Insert



Tech. Sgt. LaRhonda Wells displays her cherished 440th memories.

photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Hibben

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COMMAND PERSPECTIVE

Time is short, prepare for your future

by Col. Timothy Ward
440th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

The 440th Airlift Wing will officially reside at Pope AFB, N.C. on May 6, and the wing elements still in Milwaukee will be a detachment to the Pope wing. All eight 440th C-130's will be reassigned to Pope AFB by the end of August. One month later, the last UTA will be held here at General Mitchell ARS. I hope this timeline will help us focus on the things we need to accomplish in a limited amount of time.

Stay ahead of stress and frustration

The strains and stresses of base closure and realignment have made coping and adjusting a little easier for some, while others find it more difficult to recognize their limits and know when to ask for help. People having problems should:

- Seek help through the chain of command when appropriate:
- Civilian employees can get help through the Employee Assistance Program. Call the Civilian Personnel Office at 482-5025.
- Assistance is available through the wing's military mental health counselor, Capt. Sean Hoyer (a traditional reservist) at 482-5099 or 6009
- Assistance is always available at www.militaryonesource.com

Get ahead of training and requirements

Training requirements and certifications only last so long, so make sure you are scheduled to renew those expiring elements during the February to May UTAs. The June, July and August UTAs in Milwaukee will focus on wing transition and closure. Little or no training will be scheduled during these months. Mobility and training requirements include health assessments, physicals, weapons training, chemical and biological warfare, professional military education, career devel-

opment courses, aircrew check rides and other annual requirements. Reservists will greatly aid in the success of this transition by making sure those squares are filled.



Finalize all personnel actions for your next military job before April 15

The wing will benefit by having all current 440th members remain at GMIAP through the September UTA due to the many relocation and closure tasks that must be completed. The April 15 deadline is needed to ensure all personnel actions can be completed before these positions come off the books on Sept. 15. Wing members must complete one of these actions by April 15:

- Receive and accept an offer from another AFRC base (including Pope) through the AFRC Clearinghouse
- Complete transfer action to the IRR (*Best option if awaiting Clearinghouse or other offers*)
- Complete transfer action to the Guard or other branch of service
- Complete retirement or separation requirements. **WARNING!** Being registered in the Clearinghouse with no offer made or accepted does not meet this requirement!
- Effective date of a transfer must be no later than Sept. 15. Reservists who fail to finalize their follow-on military status by April 15 will be involuntarily transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve on April 16. They will not be able to earn pay and points.

Attend scheduled briefings, seek information, ask questions

The wing will continue to provide briefings to assist its members with priority placement, reloca-

Gen. Mitchell IAP-ARS UTA Training Plan								
FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Training UTA	Training UTA	Training UTA	Training UTA	Transition No Tng	Transition No Tng	Transition No Tng	Transition No Tng	Closure Status No UTA

440th Airman saves memories today to cherish for a lifetime

By Senior Airman Erica Neubauer

The list of people leaving the 440th is getting longer every day and it seems to be becoming increasingly important for wing members to hold on to the memories they have collected at this unit through the years. While some people collect t-shirts, signed pictures or photographs, Tech. Sgt. LaRhonda Wells from financial management started scrapbooking memories and putting together what she calls her “I love me” wall years ago.

“I have an extra bedroom that is my home office,” said Sergeant Wells. “When it came to decorating it, I wanted something to reflect all of my travels and since the room had huge blank white walls I framed all my 440th awards, letters, and certificates since I joined the military.”

Wells has a signed photograph from retired General Wesley Clark, her boss when she was deployed to Stuttgart, Germany, and while he was the commander of EUCOM.

She has another wall covered with extra postcards from all the states and countries she

has visited or been deployed to and framed photographs that are special to her and didn’t make it into the scrapbooks.

Sergeant Wells started scrapbooking in high school. Her scrapbook inspiration comes from her mom.

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*Tech. Sgt. LaRhonda Wells
440th Financial Management*

“She saved all my important papers, awards, honorable mentions in school papers,” said Sergeant Wells, “and when I graduated from Rufus King High School she gave me the book as a graduation present. It had things in it that went all the way back to my kindergarten class.”

Wells has been a part of the 440th Airlift Wing since the beginning of her Air Force career in 1994, and says it has been one of the best decisions of her life. She also said that her motivation for the “I love me” wall and scrapbooking comes

from a desire to count her blessings and to save pieces of her history.

“Since African American history has always been limited when it came to history in our educational system,” said Wells, “it was my way of knowing that African Americans can and have provided a great contribution to this country. My books are just my way of remembering this.”

Sergeant Wells plans to stay in the 440th after it moves to Pope AFB, where she will no doubt continue collecting memories and making scrapbooks.

“Being a part of the 440th Communication Flight and now Financial Management, I know that I can get as much as I can out of the experience by contributing and participating for as long as I am a member,” said Sergeant Wells.

“I never wanted to sit back and just watch the world, I wanted to contribute even if it seemed small, because I believe it all adds up and makes this country what it is today.”

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tion, retirement, base closure and other important issues throughout the next several months. Watch for meeting times and locations, and take advantage of these benefits.

Only one military master per person

People can only be assigned to and work for one military organization at a time. It is possible (but not legal) for a person to be gained by another military unit before out-processing from the 440th. I learned from the judge advocate that earning income from the 440th while assigned to another unit would be considered fraud. Playing this game may end a military career abruptly, or result in worse penalties. Personal integrity and an unblemished military career are worth far more than a few man days.

Promotion eligibility

The last local promotion cycle for technical sergeants and above occurred on Feb 1. Pope-bound folks from the 440th will move to a position of equivalent rank if one is available on the Pope unit manning document. No promotions will occur due to a transfer to Pope. Once the initial Clearinghouse hires have been made at Pope, it will be up to the 440th supervisor (at Pope) to make promotion recommendations where there are eligible and deserving candidates matched with open vacancies.

Final notes

It is amazing how our wing continues to excel. Three members of our Financial Management team were recently selected as AFRC’s

Outstanding Comptroller, FM Senior NCO and FM NCO for 2006. Please congratulate Maj. Rick Jellison, Master Sgt. Chad Lawrence and Tech. Sgt. Keith Lauzon (now with the Michigan Air National Guard) on their outstanding achievement.

Every wing member is doing a tremendous job in keeping our planes and people running as well as ever. The fork in our road is just ahead, and our teamwork, clear focus and good common sense will serve us all well as we complete our task in Milwaukee.

440th boasts AFRC's "Top Cops"

Four Airmen earn Security Forces awards



Master Sgt. Demaine Milbach

"They are the result of selfless service and hard work throughout our squadron."



Master Sgt. Ian Lindauer

By Senior Airman Amanda Hill

Four members of the 440th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) earned four Air Force Reserve Command awards for their work in 2006.

Master Sgt. Demaine Milbach, 440th SFS squad leader, received the 2006 AFRC Col. Billy Jack Carter Award that goes to a Reserve Security Forces specialist who has made the most significant contributions to the unit's mission in a given year. This is the top individual SF award given in AFRC and the first ever awarded in the command's history.

Master Sgt. Ian Lindauer, a 440th SFS fire team member, received the AFRC Security Forces Senior NCO of the Year Award (Active Guard Reserve) for his professionalism and mission dedication in combat arms.

Staff Sgt. James Biedenbender, a 440th SFS fire team member, received the AFRC Security Forces NCO of the Year Award (AGR) for his outstanding performance and service in homeland defense missions including security operations in support of visits to Milwaukee by the U.S. president and vice president.

Senior Airman Bruce Sherwood, a 440th SFS fire team member, received the AFRC Security Forces Airman of the Year Award (AGR) for his superior homeland defense and deployment performance.

Sergeants Milbach, Lindauer and Biedenbender swept the SFS award categories. This is the first year in the history of the 440th SFS that this many individuals have won awards at the AFRC level. The 440th SFS received more individual awards than any other security forces squadron in AFRC.

"I am beyond proud of our award winners for 2006. Although these are individual awards – there is nothing individual about them. They are the result of selfless service and hard work throughout our squadron. Our award winner's outstanding performance is truly representative of the sustained excellence of the 440th Security Forces Squadron," said Maj. Timothy Martz, 440th SFS commander.



Staff Sgt. James Biedenbender

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Senior Airman Bruce Sherwood

AFRC names new Command Chief

Chief Troy McIntosh to succeed Chief Jackson Winsett next month

A Reservist at the Pentagon will become Air Force Reserve Command's command chief master sergeant March 8. AFRC Commander Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley selected Chief Master Sgt. Troy J. McIntosh from among 10 nominees for the position.

Air Force reservists from all categories - traditional reservists, individual mobilization

augmentees, Air Reserve technicians and Active Guard Reserve members - applied for the command's top enlisted position. Chief McIntosh has been the superintendent of the AGR Management Office in the Pentagon since April 2005. He will be the fifth command chief that AFRC has had since it became a major command in 1997 and the 13th person to hold the job in the

Air Force Reserve since March 1973. He will succeed Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett, who has served as the AFRC command chief master sergeant since November 2004.

Chief Winsett plans to retire from the Air Force Reserve in March.



Submitted photo

DET 1 UPDATE

First North Carolina Reservist starts drilling with the 440th Airlift Wing at Pope AFB

By Senior Airman Erica Neubauer

The first North Carolina reservist started drilling at Pope AFB with the 440th Airlift Wing's Det 1, Jan. 6-7.

Senior Airman Melissa Nader separated from active duty at Pope AFB in July, 2006. She had worked in squadron aviation resource management. Her husband is a loadmaster in the 2nd Airlift Squadron at Pope, so Nader decided to join the 440th at Pope as a reservist. She will be working in Life Support.

"Hopefully I will be able to go to the school for life support some time this summer," she said.

Nader is a full-time student at Fayetteville Technical College working towards her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She is originally from San Antonio.

RESERVE PAY FOR 4 DRILLS

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PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE														
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS															
O-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1821.20	1830.12	1868.16	1934.48
O-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1592.88	1615.80	1648.96	1706.84
O-8	1127.08	1163.96	1188.48	1195.32	1225.88	1276.96	1288.84	1337.36	1351.24	1393.04	1453.44	1509.20	1546.44	1546.44	1546.44
O-7	936.52	980.00	1000.16	1016.16	1045.12	1073.72	1106.84	1139.84	1172.96	1276.96	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1371.72
O-6	694.16	762.56	812.60	812.60	815.68	850.68	855.28	855.28	903.88	989.84	1040.28	1090.68	1119.36	1148.40	1204.76
O-5	578.64	651.84	697.00	705.48	733.60	750.48	787.52	814.68	849.76	903.52	929.08	954.40	983.08	983.08	983.08
O-4	499.28	577.96	616.52	625.12	660.92	699.28	747.04	784.32	810.16	825.00	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64
O-3	438.96	497.64	537.12	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12
O-2	379.24	431.96	497.52	514.32	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88
O-1	329.24	342.64	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	724.72	740.56	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	514.32	524.88	541.60	569.80	591.60	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	414.20	442.36	458.68	475.40	491.84	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32
WARRANT OFFICERS															
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	779.44	806.20	833.00	860.00
W-4	453.60	488.00	502.00	515.80	539.52	562.96	586.76	609.88	633.84	671.40	695.44	718.96	743.32	767.32	791.84
W-3	414.24	431.52	449.20	455.04	473.60	494.84	522.88	550.56	580.00	602.08	624.08	633.52	643.28	664.56	685.76
W-2	364.36	385.16	403.40	416.60	427.96	459.16	483.00	500.68	518.00	529.84	539.84	558.80	577.64	596.72	596.72
W-1	321.76	348.08	365.72	377.12	407.48	425.80	442.04	460.16	472.16	483.04	500.72	514.16	514.16	514.16	514.16
ENLISTED MEMBERS															
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	548.08	560.52	576.16	594.60	613.12	642.88	668.04	694.56	735.04
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	448.64	468.52	480.80	495.52	511.44	540.24	554.84	579.64	593.40	627.32
E-7	311.88	340.40	353.44	370.76	384.20	407.36	420.36	433.36	456.56	468.16	479.16	485.88	508.64	523.36	560.56
E-6	269.76	296.80	309.92	322.64	335.92	365.88	377.52	390.44	401.80	405.80	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60
E-5	247.20	263.72	276.44	289.52	309.84	327.32	340.20	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28
E-4	226.60	238.20	251.08	263.80	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04
E-3	204.56	217.44	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56
E-2	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52
E-1 >4	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52
E-1 <4	160.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Photo by Liz Stoeckmann

Lt. Col.'s Andrew Kraft and Timothy Reynolds explain the flight plan for their mission.

Chicago radio station covers 440th aircrew training mission

Carol O'Keefe, producer and community affairs director/on-air personality for WLS-AM in Chicago, interviewed 440th Airlift Wing Commander, Col. Merle D. Hart; 440th Operations Group Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Paulus; 95th Airlift Squadron Director of Operations, Lt. Col. Robert Oates; and the aircrew members assigned to a C-130 proficiency training flight on Jan. 9. Interviews focused on the mission and history of the 440th, recent deployments and experiences, the effects of BRAC and relocation to Pope AFB, and an explanation of what the training flight would entail. WLS radio (AM 890) broadcasted a two hour show across 38 states and the internet.

440th Fire Department offers quick response to local emergencies

By Dennis Mehring
Public Affairs Director

Firefighters from the 440th Airlift Wing Fire Department (FD) responded to two airport runway emergencies on Sunday, Jan. 21, and Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The 440th FD was called to respond on Jan. 21 when a Northwest Airlines DC-9 lost an engine just before take-off about 11:30 a.m. The jet skidded 400 feet past the end of the runway shaking up the 99 passengers on board and slightly injuring one.

Mitchell airport closed for about 35 minutes after the incident and reopened at 12:07 p.m., though some flights were delayed. By 2 p.m., flights were back on schedule, airport spokeswoman Pat Rowe said.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that “the Federal Aviation Administration’s Flight Standards Office is investigating the cause of the engine problem and why the plane skidded. It was snowing fairly heavily at the time of the incident.” According to the National Weather Service, 2.5 inches of snow had fallen at the airport by noon. The aircraft was still on one of the airport’s two commercial runways Sunday night.

Mr. Wayne Tryba, was the assistant fire chief on duty during the evening of Jan. 24. He said that he received a call for assistance from the civilian airport’s primary alert system at 8 p.m. Two small aircraft, a Cessna 402 and a Beechcraft 99, from the same civilian freight handling company, had collided resulting in a fireball on the taxiway next to runway 25 Left which crosses over S. Howell Ave. The 440th Airlift Wing has a mutual aid agreement with the civilian airport so the 440th FD is routinely notified and responds to all emergencies.

Eleven firefighters were on duty at that time and all 11 responded on two crash vehicles and in a command vehicle. The weather at the time of the incident was about 15 degrees and a light snow was falling.

Mr. Tryba said that the AF firefighters deployed a hand line to extinguish an interior fire on one of the aircraft and helped extinguish the remaining exterior fires at the accident site. According to Tryba, 440th firefighters treated one pilot for minor burns and remained on the scene for one-and-a-half hours before returning to the 440th fire house.

22nd Air Force Human Resources Development Council needs junior officer and NCO to fill positions

The 22nd Air Force Human Resources Development Council is looking for a junior officer and NCO to fill open positions on the Council. The junior NCO can be an Airman.

Interested people should submit a military resume or biography (a civilian resume is acceptable), a letter of recommendation from their wing commander and a letter that answers two questions to Col. Michael D. Kim, 22 AF vice commander. The questions are:

- 1) Why do you want to be a member of the Command HRDC?
- 2) What do you bring to the Council or why would you be the person we are looking for?

Colonel Kim will rank all nominations in priority order, and send those names to Air Force Reserve Command for final approval within 30 days. A selection letter or non-selection letter will be mailed from AFRC after the selection process is complete.

HRDC is a working council, and will require at least four TDY’s a year of 3-6 days each plus work to be done at home station. Persons that miss two consecutive meetings in any 12 month period may be asked to resign. Trip reports will be required after each meeting.

Master Sgt. Rod Hage (HRDC@afrc.af.mil) is the AFRC POC, and can answer any questions regarding the selection process or the Command HRDC program. His phone numbers are: DSN 497-1345, (478)327-1345, and 1-800-223-1784, extension 7-1345.

The commander’s letter must include a statement that the wing commander will support and fund the TDY’s for the individual nominated, and acknowledge that it will include 12-24 man days (plus travel days) each year for three years. Convention fees vary, but range from \$175-\$500 per event. Send nomination packages to Colonel Kim at 22nd AF, 1364 Chennault, Dobbins ARB, Ga. 30069-4904, or by e-mail at michael.kim@dobbins.af.mil.

AF Services offers teen aviation camp

The 440th Airlift Wing Services Division has information and nomination packages for the AF Services Teen Aviation Camp that will be held June 2-7 at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. Teens who are sophomores or juniors in the 2007-2008 school year are eligible to apply.

Youth who took part in the 2006 Teen Aviation Camp are not eligible to apply this year. Interested youth must complete the application and apply through 440 MSG/SV, Ronald Knutson, Services Division chief. Airline or vehicle travel costs to Colorado Springs will be paid by Headquarters, AFRC Services. Lodging, meals, and program costs will be centrally funded at no cost to the participant or their bases. Call the Services Office at 482-5708 for more details.

USAF 4-H camp

The USAF 4-H Ultimate Outdoor & Fitness Adventure Camp for youth ages 13 - 18 will be held at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension 4-H Conference Center in Little Rock, Ark., from June 24 - 29. The camp will be centrally funded to include round-trip transportation, lodging, meals, and camp activities. Unit commanders and first sergeants have more information and applications. Submit applications to Ronald Knutson, 440 MSG/SV, by March 16.

Freedom Award nominations wanted from Reservists

Reservists can now nominate their employer for the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards at www.esgr.mil.

ROA meeting

The last chapter meeting will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday, March 4 at the Drop Zone, Chapter elections and budget will be approved

Correction

Master Sgt. Jennifer Drewitz was the Det. 1 member that came to Milwaukee in December to help with the Air Force Reserve Com-

mand Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) visit. A story in the January Flying Badger incorrectly stated that Tech. Sgt. Jason Drewitz was part of the SATAF visit.

Airman Battle Uniform

The initial airman battle uniform (ABU) wear and distribution plan has been released.

AFI 36-2903 will address all accessories authorized with the new uniform.

Officer promotions

Colonel "selectees"

Lt. Col. Dennis Beatty
95th Airlift Squadron Commander
Lt. Col. Jeffrey Paulus
Operations Group Deputy
Commander

Promotion to Lt. Col.

Lt. Col. Dana Davidson

Enlisted promotions

CMSgt. Terry Studstill
SMSgt. Sandra Gonzalez
SMSgt. Richard Rehbock
MSgt. Thomas Dentice
MSgt. Theodore Lewko
MSgt. James Litscher
MSgt. Kent Williams
TSgt. Lee McCann
TSgt. Dale Sprang
SSgt. Shana Clausen
SSgt. Christopher Hibben
SSgt. Tony Ronczyk
SSgt. Thomas Sadowski
SrA Bruce Sherwood
SrA Derrick Skonecki

Super

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal:

Lt. Col. Gary Schefchik
Maj. Andrew Krafft
CMSgt. Albert Hurlbutt
SMSgt. Patricia Dettman
SMSgt. Wayne Kraft
SMSgt. William Westling
MSgt. Edward Dabrowski
MSgt. Kenneth Erdman
MSgt. Mark Skarban
TSgt. Don Blythe
TSgt. Stephen Koldenhoven

Terrific

The 440th Airlift Wing congratulates the following reservists who received the Air Force Commendation Medal:

Capt. Cynthia Eaton
Capt. Derek Poellet
1st Lt. Kristie Piotrowicz
TSgt. Oleg Katsnelson
TSgt. Kevin Kelder
TSgt. Dean Oakes
SSgt. Rades Isaac
SSgt. John Stauffacher

So long

The 440th Airlift Wing says goodbye to the following reservists who have retired, separated or taken another assignment:

Lt. Col. Judith Pasko
Lt. Col. Michael Slepica
Maj. Anthony Guehlstorff
Capt. Keith Leistikow
Capt. Susan Tubic
1st Lt. John Hoffmann
2nd Lt. Dave Mattila
CMSgt. Thomas Safer
SMSgt. Terry Butz
SMSgt. Frederick Kmiec
SMSgt. Anthony Schmit
SMSgt. Michael Witchek
MSgt. Mary Balling
MSgt. Derrick Bozeman
MSgt. Michael Burzelic
MSgt. Rodney King
MSgt. Gerald Labinski
MSgt. Robert Lesage
MSgt. Eric Pederson
MSgt. Michael Snow
MSgt. Donald Stephany
MSgt. Warren Wruck
TSgt. Rene Arriazola
TSgt. Kevin Converse
TSgt. Chan Copas
TSgt. Michele Davis
TSgt. James Decker
TSgt. Lisa Driggs
TSgt. Angela Gentry
TSgt. Lawrence Harless
TSgt. Donald Henderson
TSgt. David Hoover
TSgt. Patrick Kuminecz
TSgt. Keith Lauzon
TSgt. Aaron McCutcheon

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TSgt. Jeffrey Milner
TSgt. Ivan Pelaez
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SSgt. Malia Rousseau
SSgt. Eloy Salazar
SSgt. Eric Sanford
SSgt. Peter Schumacher
SSgt. Bruce Sherwood
SSgt. Daniel Smith
SSgt. Reginald Steele
SSgt. Gregory Tasch
SSgt. Kristopher Walkosz
SSgt. Mark Weger
SSgt. James Williamson
SrA William Anderson
SrA David Deno
SrA Octavio Diazgonzalez
SrA Dariusz Galezowski
SrA Jason Grube
SrA Brent Hartzell
SrA Gonzalo Lopez
SrA Jeffrey Peterson
SrA Patrick Ryan
SrA Yavuz Senol
SrA Dustin Strekow
SrA Daniel St Pierre
SrA Joseph Tomlinson
SrA Mark Trygar
A1C William Carpenter
A1C Michael Leinen
Amn Danielle Hermans

FINAL NOTES

Top 3 news

440th employee remembered...

Valerie Hurlbutt of the 440th Civilian Personnel office was called to rest on Dec. 17, after a long battle with cancer. She was a 30-year employee of the 928th Tactical Airlift Group Chicago O'Hare IAP and the 440th. She leaves behind her husband, retired 440th Chief Master Sergeant, AI, and their children Greg, Brad and Michelle. They reside in Gurnee, Ill.

"She will be missed much by all her family and friends here at the 440th Airlift Wing," said Mr. Mike Taylor, Civilian Personnel office.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Suite 206A, Evanston, Ill, 60201 or an animal charity of your choice. Info. 847-251-8200.

440th Reservists earn AFRC's 2006 Financial Management Awards

Maj. Rick Jellison is AFRC's Financial Management Comptroller of the year.

Master Sgt. Chad F. Lawrence is AFRC's Financial Management senior NCO of the year.

Tech. Sgt. Keith J. Lauzon is AFRC's Financial Management NCO of the year.

440th and 128th Community Councils combine

On Jan. 12, the 128th Air Refueling Wing hosted the first luncheon meeting of the 440th/128th Community Council in their recently re-named Sijan Dining Hall.

The Council is in the process of adapting Council rules so the business and community leaders will support the 440th and the 128th. The name of the Council will change as the transition develops.

Anyone interested in joining the Council, should contact the 440th Public Affairs Office at (414) 482-5481.

SAVE THE DATE: April 14 Wing Farewell Picnic

- **When:** Saturday, April 14 UTA
- **What:** Farewell picnic
- **Where:** Building 217

Events include commander's call, picnic lunch and band performance.



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Col. Merle D. Hart and Chief Master Sgt. Carmon Francher (center) stand among eight newly promoted NCOs (from left to right): Chief Master Sgt. Terry Studstill, Master Sgt. Theodore Lewko, Senior Master Sgt. Richard Rehbock, Senior Master Sgt. Sandra Gonzalez, Staff Sgt. Christopher Hibben, Master Sgt. Thomas Dentice, Tech. Sgt. Lee McCann and Master Sgt. Kent Williams

TOP 3 promotion recognition and induction held

The 440th Airlift Wing's Top 3 organization conducted the first promotion recognition and NCO induction ceremony of 2007 on Jan. 7, in Heritage Hall. Thirteen people from the wing from both the NCO and senior NCO ranks were recognized. Col. Merle Hart, wing commander, spoke briefly to the newly promoted. Top 3 will conduct another ceremony in March.

"Induction into the NCO rank structure is a significant milestone in an enlisted Airman's career," said Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Koetter, 440th Top 3 president. "A new NCO is charged with greater responsibility. Young Airmen will look at these leaders to set the example."

Sergeant Koetter said the Top 3 group plans to continue these recognition ceremonies at Pope AFB when the wing moves later this year.

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