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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year Combat Airlifters!

I am excited about the upcoming year and all of the opportunities that will be presented for you to shine. 2011 will be monumental and rewarding, and my three focus areas remain unchanged: Safe flying and mission execution, seamless BRAC transitions, and ORI success!

This month the 2nd Airlift Squadron's deployment and the Operational Readiness Inspection provide all commanders and Airmen the chance to showcase their talents. I know all of you have been working hard to prepare for both. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed. I expect nothing less than to help successfully deploy our active-duty counterparts and to impress the Inspector General through all phases of the ORI. Remember that your attitude will determine the outcome of both. Stay positive and engaged, and we will be successful.

Remember to stay focused on safe flying and mission execution during your day-to-day activities. Take time to do things right the first time!

We are rapidly approaching the BRAC completion date. Continue to work with our Army, active duty and civilian partners to achieve all our mandates. I am confident we will make Pope Field the DOD standard for joint and total-force partnerships.

It is every Airman's responsibility to turn in their orders, 40As, travel vouchers, medical paperwork and other administrative files in a timely manner. It is also your responsibility to stay engaged with your overdue training and CBTs. We should all be current on everything prior to the ORI, but I want you to make it a priority to STAY current and SUSTAIN your operational readiness throughout the year!

This month and every month, remember our core values: Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence In All We Do. Stay on the righteous path and focus on the future.

We've come a long way, and I appreciate your efforts to uphold our mission: to provide total force mission-ready Combat Airlifters and equipment, anywhere, anytime. January is our time to rock; let's show the IG what it means to be a Combat Airlifter!



Col. Merle D. Hart
Wing Commander

Mission

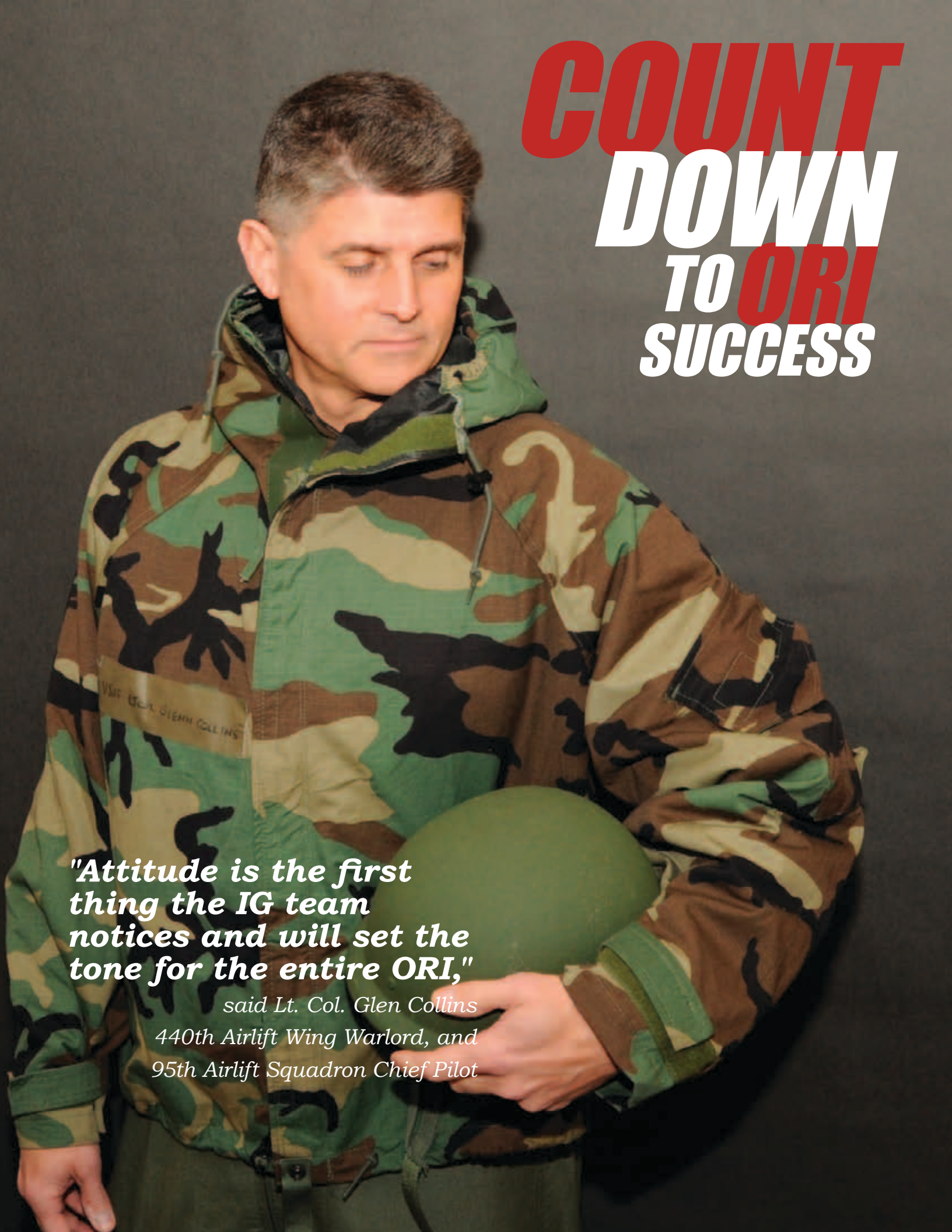
Provide total force, mission ready Combat Airlifters and equipment, anywhere, anytime!

Tactical Vision

Obtain full operational capabilities in functions, facilities and personnel, and set the DOD standard for joint and total force partnerships.

Top Four Priorities

- Provide an operational combat ready force
- Preserve the balance between Airmen, their family and their employers
- Be a model for joint and Total Force Partnerships
- Provide quality equipment and facilities while preserving an Airman culture



COUNT DOWN TO ORI SUCCESS

"Attitude is the first thing the IG team notices and will set the tone for the entire ORI,"

*said Lt. Col. Glen Collins
440th Airlift Wing Warlord, and
95th Airlift Squadron Chief Pilot*

6 Axioms for the Operation Readiness Inspection

By Lt. Col. Glen Collins, 440th Airlift Wing ORI Warlord

The 440th Airlift Wing is nearing the culmination of its continuous preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection. The efforts of each Airmen will be validated during the inspection which commences January 30, 2011. The wing has prepared well and continues to display a mission oriented attitude. I am impressed daily with the work ethic, ability and spirit of the Airmen in the 440th Airlift Wing. I look forward to watching our Airmen excel at the ORI and beyond. While we have accomplished a multitude of milestones to prepare for the ORI, I will highlight what I consider the top six performance axioms to ensure success:

1 Perform your duties to the best of your ability. Know your Mission Essential Task Lists.

Simply perform your duty as you normally do. Do it with pride. Know your mission essential task lists thoroughly and demonstrate job proficiency. Proficiency in job performance results in increased confidence. All else will naturally fall in place thereafter. Remember, the METLs are the open book test. Thorough understanding will be your path to personal and wing success.

2 Know the Air Mobility Command and Inspector General Special Instructions, 16 AUG 2010 (SPINS) and approved ORI simulations.

There are specific rules articulated in the SPINS and approved simulations. Know them and abide by them. Thorough knowledge demonstrates to the IG team that you are prepared and care. That, in and of itself, provides you with instant credibility with the inspection team.

3 Practice, Practice, Practice.

One fourth of the overall inspection grade is dedicated to the Ability to Survive and Operate. Ensure proficiency in donning your Mission Oriented Protective Posture equipment and be comfortable performing your duties while in a protective posture.

4 Airmen's Manual, 10-100.

Attach your Airmen's manual to your body at all times. Refer to it when asked a question by the IG team. It's really that simple.

5 Attitude, Attitude, Attitude.

A positive, can do attitude is everything. It will be the force multiplier which will allow you to overcome all obstacles. It is infectious and serves as a boost to other Airmen. Attitude is the first thing the IG team notices and will set the tone for the entire ORI.

6 Embrace the ORI.

View the ORI as your opportunity to excel and shine ... and you will.

It has been a privilege to work with each of you as part of the WARLORD Team, and I have every confidence in your ability to perform and to succeed.

GOOD LUCK.

USAF STANDARDIZED ATTACK WARNING SIGNALS FOR NBCC MEDIUM AND HIGH THREAT AREAS

Attack Warning Signals for CBRN

Standardized attack warning signals are used to posture airbases for attacks, warn of attacks in progress, initiate post-attack recovery actions, and return the airbases to a wartime

state of readiness. Although warning signals are primarily designed to provide air, missile, artillery and ground attack warning, they may also be used to warn you if a covert attack with a chemical, biological or

radiological weapon is discovered. Alarm warning signal variations might be used in some geographic regions. If they are, you'll be notified what those variations are before you depart your home station or when you arrive in that region. For example, Alarm Blue is used instead of Alarm Red in South Korea. Alarm Blue will be announced and blue flags will be displayed.



ALARM CONDITION	IF YOU	THIS INDICATES	GENERAL ACTIONS
GREEN	HEAR: Alarm Green SEE: Green Flag	ATTACK IS NOT POSSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPP 0 or AS DIRECTED • NORMAL wartime condition • RESUME operations • CONTINUE RECOVERY action
YELLOW	HEAR: Alarm Yellow SEE: Yellow Flag	ATTACK IS PROBABLE IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPP 2 or AS DIRECTED • PROTECT & COVER assets • GO to protective shelter OR • SEEK best alt. with COVER
RED	HEAR: Alarm Red siren- wavering tone SEE: Red Flag	ATTACK by AIR OR MISSILE is imminent OR in progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEEK IMMEDIATE PROTECTION with OVERHEAD COVER • MOPP 4 or AS DIRECTED • REPORT observed attacks
	HEAR: Ground Attack bugle- Call-to-Arms SEE: Red Flag	ATTACK by GROUND FORCES imminent OR in progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAKE IMMEDIATE COVER • MOPP 4 or AS DIRECTED • DEFEND self or position • REPORT observed attacks
BLACK	HEAR: Alarm Black siren- steady tone SEE: Black Flag	ATTACK is over & NBC contamination and/or UXO hazards are suspected OR present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPP 4 or AS DIRECTED • PERFORM self-aid/buddy care • REMAIN under overhead cover OR within shelter until directed

You have two minutes to go from MOPP 2 to MOPP 4

Personnel identification: Use O.D. green duct tape on front and back of helmet and right breast pocket of body armor.
Ref: AFI 10-2501; AFMAN 10-2602; CONUS AFVA 10-2510; AFVA 10-2511

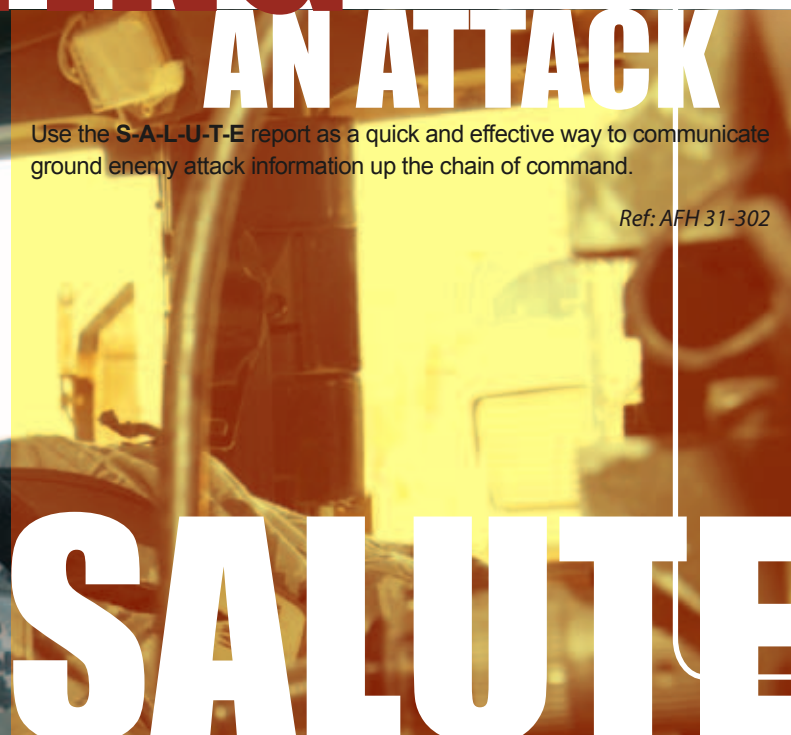
REPORTING

AN ATTACK

Use the S-A-L-U-T-E report as a quick and effective way to communicate ground enemy attack information up the chain of command.

Ref: AFH 31-302

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requires a two-way path of communication between field personnel and command functions.

Picture these events: You're working in an office typing up a report; you're out in the shop repairing a refueling vehicle; or maybe you're out on the flightline guarding an aircraft when you receive word that missiles are being fueled. What do you do?

These are just a few scenarios Airmen will likely encounter during the Operational Readiness Inspection, planned for next month in Savannah, Ga. The bad guys are coming, so we need to be prepared and take the necessary steps to defend ourselves and base assets.

Command & Control

Effective command and control is essential to mission accomplishment and base survivability. You may notice some command and control differences at your deployed location compared to your home station, especially in joint operations.

Unit Workcenters

Respond directly to their Unit Control Center POC when responding to an attack or emergency. They provide vital information about UXOs, troop movement and overall base conditions.

Unit Control Centers

Directs and monitors unit contamination control and dispersal actions. Rapidly provides alarm condition and MOPP Level changes to unit personnel. Directs and monitors unit pre-, trans-, and post-attack actions. Directs unit personnel movement through base Split-MOPP sectors or zones. Monitors unit shelter operations and works closely with shelter managers. Collects vehicles and equipment contamination status reports, logs and upchannels information. Remains in contact with alternate control center (if assigned). Tracks locations of all known contamination and unexploded ordnance that may affect unit's mission. Warns unit personnel of hazards and directs their movements accordingly.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

C2 support elements that direct, monitor, and support the installation's actions before, during, and after an incident. The EOC is activated and recalled as necessary by the Installation Commander.

Installation Control Center (ICC)

Primary focus is flight operations, airbase security and airbase support. Focal point for resource allocation, mission tasking, status reporting and decision making. The commander's senior staff includes senior officers from the medical, mission support, operations and maintenance groups. Senior officers representing major tenants or host-nation forces may be present. Directs FPCON, MOPP and alarm signal changes.

Here are some plausible scenarios and practical steps for everyone to consider while at the ORI:

If There are reports of THEN ACTION

If There are reports of	THEN	ACTION
Missiles being refueled	You should consider a change in alarm and/or MOPP	Elevate status of pre-attack actions. Report information to UCC
Missiles being staged or positioned - launch possible 1 to 3 hours	You should consider a change in alarm and/or MOPP	Elevate status of pre-attack actions. Report information to UCC
If you hear snipers near base - attack probable	Consider change in force protection	Expedite aircraft launch sequence. Report information to UCC
If you hear an active attack on base	Consider change in force protection, alarm and MOPP level	Report casualties and account for all hostilities. Report information to UCC
If you hear protestors at the gate, this means possible aggression and the potential for negative publicity.	Consider change in force protection	Contact Public Affairs. Report information to UCC
If you hear about injury or death to local nationals on or near base	Potential for local unrest is high	Consider change in force protection and alert Public Affairs
If you hear that local nationals working on base have ties to terrorists organizations	Critical information may have been compromised consider likelihood of attack is high	Conduct facility sweeps; alert communications flight personnel, investigate network security and be on the lookout for anything suspicious. Report information to UCC.

SIZE: The number of persons and vehicles seen or the size of an object

ACTIVITY: Description of enemy activity (assaulting, fleeing, observing)

LOCATION: Where the enemy was sighted (grid coordinate, or reference point)

UNIT: Distinctive signs, symbols, or identification on people, vehicles, aircraft or weapons (numbers, patches, or clothing type)

TIME: Time the activity is observed

EQUIPMENT: Equipment and vehicles associated with the activity

Fayetteville

Liberty Ladies' NIGHT

From the Cockpit to the Community

By Capt. Torri White

Spouse, mother, pilot, Reservist and military ministry leader, Major Deanna Franks, teamed up with her local church in November to plan a special event for female spouses and military women. The Liberty Ladies Night was held Nov. 4 at Calvary Assembly of God in Fayetteville, N.C., and the night provided entertainment, advice, support, snacks and door prizes for more than 50 women.

After reading the Operation Marriage section of the Sunday newspaper, Franks started thinking about hosting an event for military ladies. Written by columnist Rebekah Sanderlin, a local writer and military spouse, the article touched on specific issues that women face when their spouse is a military member.

"Being a pilot in the Air Force Reserve and a spouse to a military member, I completely related to what she was saying and I starting to wonder - how many military ladies and spouses are feeling the same way I do? It was at that moment that I knew I had to "Just Do IT!" It was my turn to step out of the box and put my feet where my mind was. I decided I wanted to host a night to honor military woman and spouses here in Fayetteville."

One year later after that notion, lots of planning, phone calls and coordination, "Fayetteville Liberty Ladies Night" was held.

"The mission for the night was to provide motivation, encouragement and inspiration for our military ladies in town," said Franks. "Bringing these women together helped them to meet new friends and develop a support system by networking with military women and spouses. Through my church, Calvary Assembly of God where I'm the military ministry leader, I was able to create a night to remember and hopefully make it an annual event."

"I am amazed how the community, the base and the military ladies responded to this event," Franks commented. "The Fayetteville Observer, Paraglide, Chick-Fil-A, Great Harvest Bread Company, Renaissance European Day Spa, Christian Radio 107.3, Pope's Airmen and Family Center, Pope Spouse's Association and Fort Bragg groups not only aided with free advertising, but also gave incredible donations of coupons, gift bags, and family/military support material."

The night was filled with fun and interactive entertainment, including free child care. The guest speakers were Rebekah Sanderlin and Jenny Bruns, both writers directly relating to the life of the military lady, spouse and war, engaged the audience with their messages.

Mrs. Bruns and Mrs. Sanderlin both spoke to the hearts of the military mother and spouse. They expressed through humor and stories their experiences and encouragement for living the life of deployments, PCSing and military changes that every spouse endures. The crowd laughed, clapped and sang as the program concluded.

"The Fayetteville Liberty Ladies evening was true proof to me that just one small thought can lead to so many wonderful things," Franks said. "If even just one lady's heart was touched and uplifted for just that night than that truly means the world to me."

"Every spouse and military woman needs a strong 'tool box' of working knowledge," said Major Franks. "The Airmen Family Readiness Center is a great place to pick up more information."



OPERATION TOY DROP 2010

By 440th Public Affairs Office

Pope Field, N.C., was busier than Santa's workshop on Dec. 11, 2010 as 13 Air Force planes sat patiently waiting to transport paratroopers up, up and away. The holiday spirit filled the flightline and the cost for a chance to jump was simply... a toy.

For thirteen years the 18th Airborne Corps and U.S. Army Civil Affairs Psychological Operations Command have combined efforts to host the Randy Oler Memorial Operation Toy Drop. It provides valuable training for paratroopers with foreign jumpmasters and collects toys for local children in need. The event has gained momentum since 1998, and now includes all services. Army, Air Force and Allied countries come together for combined training and to give back to the community.

"This event is a win-win for everyone involved," said Col. Merle Hart, 440th Airlift Wing Commander. "Our Airmen provide the airlift support and receive training; the paratroopers get to jump and our local children in need receive presents they might not ordinarily get."

Army paratroopers donate a toy and receive a ticket. The ticket gives them a chance to win one of 400 slots to jump on Saturday. The selected paratroopers get to jump from a C-130 or C-17 with a jumpmaster from an Allied country. After the jump, the paratrooper receives a set of that country's wings. Nine countries participated this year: Germany, Botswana, Canada, Chile, Estonia, Thailand, Poland, Latvia and Ireland.

Nine Air Force units provided 13 aircraft, including C-130s and C-17s from active duty, Guard and Reserve units.

Toy Drop's C-130 support was provided by four Active and Reserve units from the 440th Airlift Wing, Pope Field, N.C., 403rd Airlift Wing, Keesler A.F.B., Miss., 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, and the 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins, G.A.

Four C-130 Guard units also participated from the 118th Airlift Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard, 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina ANG, 133rd Airlift Wing, Minnesota

ANG and 143rd Airlift Wing, Rhode Island ANG.

The 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C., supported Toy Drop with two C-17s.

Pope Field C-130 pilots Maj. Tony Franks, 95th Airlift Squadron and Capt. Justin Chandler, 2nd Airlift Squadron, were assigned to coordinate the event for the Air Force.

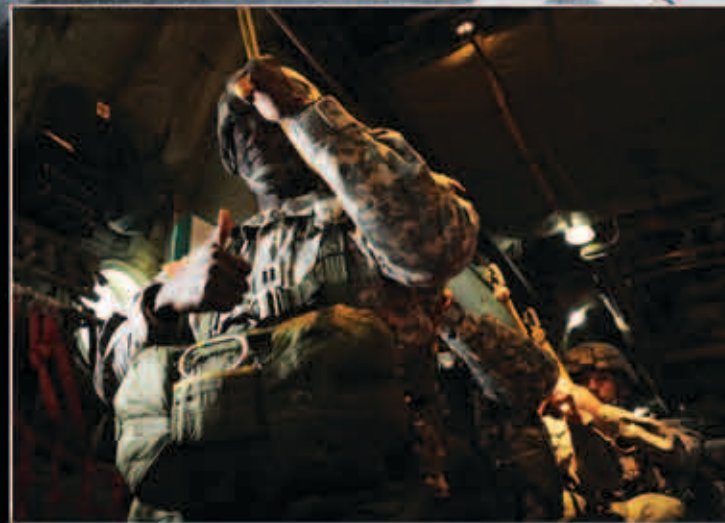
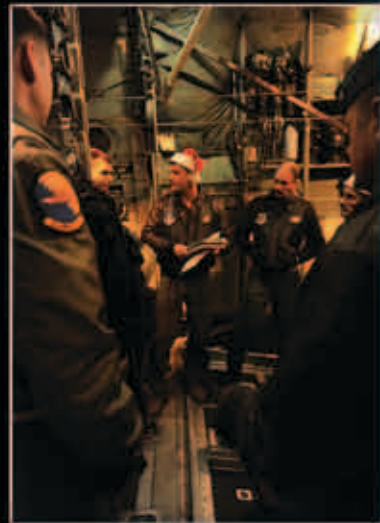
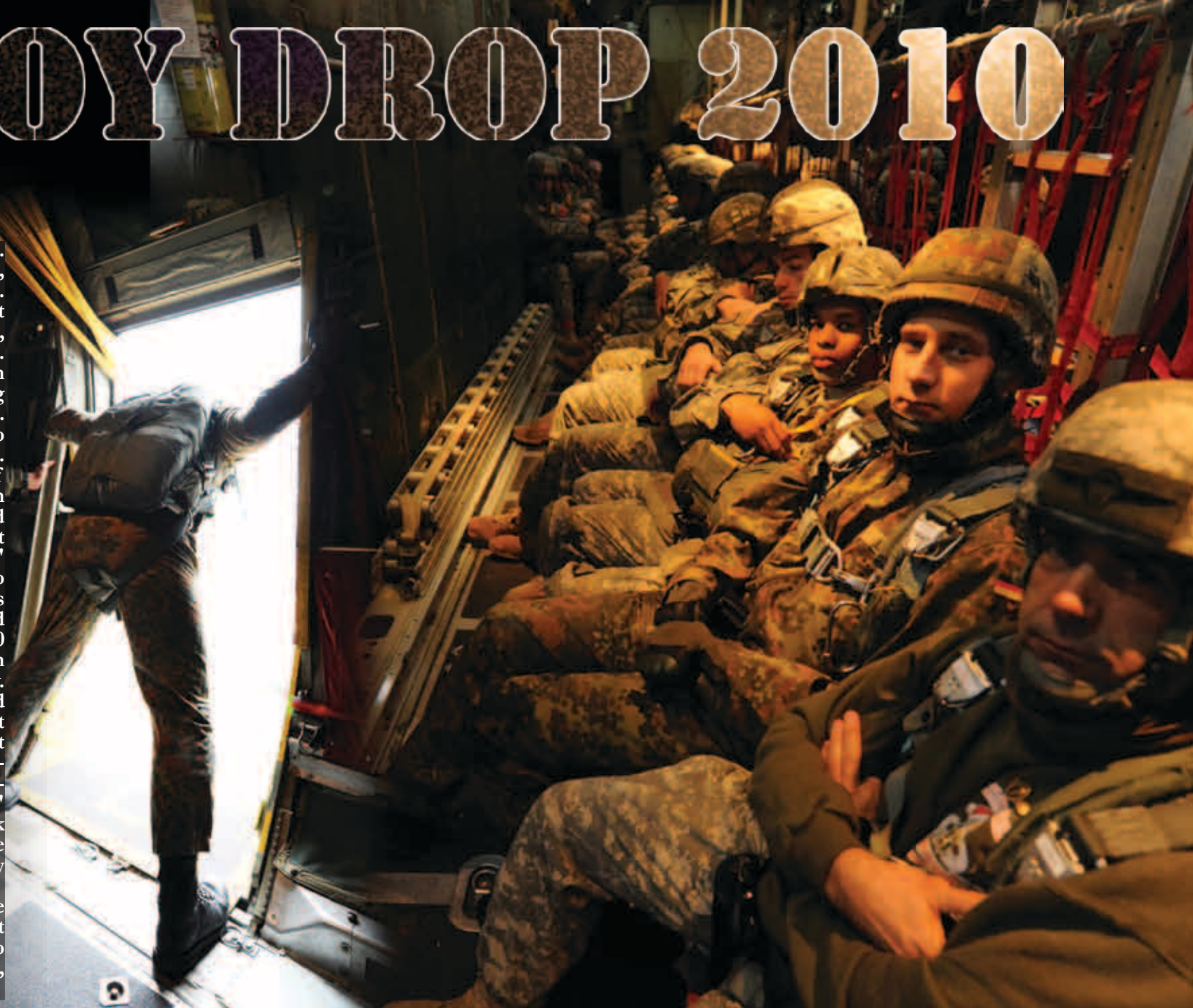
"Both Major Franks and I worked between Green Ramp and Sicily Drop Zone to facilitate flight routing to the drop zone and recovery back to Pope Field. Aircrew flew in a five minute in-trail formation to safely drop the paratroopers," said Capt Chandler. "We felt a big sense of relief when the first trail of 90 jumpers from the C-17 and the 50 jumpers from the C-130 safely landed in the drop zone. We had to monitor the weather closely and completed just under 1300 jumps before the constant rain rolled in."

The toys donated by the participants were sent to 26 different organizations ranging from local children's homes to hospitals. In 1998 when the event originated only 550 toys were collected, and this year more than 7,000 toys were collected. Throughout the years, Operation Toy Drop has donated 45,000 toys to the local community.

"This was a very rewarding experience," said Capt Chandler. "I learned so much about what it takes to coordinate a big event with different agencies. The Army was great to work with, and all-in-all Operation Toy Drop at Pope Field is an ongoing success story for Total Joint Force Integration."

The majority of Operation Toy Drop officially took place on Saturday, December 11, but missions continue throughout the week. The number of jumps by week's end is estimated to total more than 4,000.

"Operation Toy Drop is proof Bragg-Pope is in the holiday spirit," said Col. Hart, "and also proof that our total joint force here is always mission ready to provide personnel, equipment and support, anywhere, anytime."



SPIRITUAL FITNESS & WAR-TIME MENTALITY

By Chaplain David Fink

Last UTA weekend, I forgot my cover at home. This was a problem, since I come in on the Patriot Pope flight, and there was no opportunity to run home and grab it. Unfortunately for me, the only backup I had at my workplace was my trusty Kevlar helmet. Yes, I was the silly-looking guy walking around base with a K-pot on last month, a sight which drew stares and wry grins all weekend long.

But wearing my helmet during a normal UTA weekend was an ever-present reminder for me that we are an organization at war. When we deploy as reservists, whether it's for an ORI or an extended tour on the far side of the world, we go into the experience with a set of expectations that fit our wartime mission. We don't expect plush accommodations. We don't expect to eat and drink the way we do back home. We don't expect to sleep a whole lot. We know we have a demanding job to do, and we gird up our minds and our bodies for concentrated effort in support of that mission. Wearing my helmet this last UTA reminded me of that heightened sense of urgency that comes with a war-time tasking, and that reminder had positive effects on the way I went about my non-war-time duties at home station.

Maintaining a war-time mentality is critical in readying ourselves to succeed in any deployment—including our upcoming ORI. But even more important than this, cultivating such an attitude can actually pay big dividends for spiritual fitness as well. How so? Think about what goes into your bag when you pack for a deployment. You pack your uniforms, your pro gear, hygiene supplies, maybe some extra equipment to help you do your job more efficiently. Your fluffy new synthetic down feather bed? No. Your new 60-inch LED HDTV and Blu Ray player? Not likely. The 40-pound bag of pork rinds you just picked up at Costco? They'll be waiting for you when you get home.

Getting ready for war forces us into a mindset with a relentless focus on our mission: if I don't need it to perform my job or to stay alive, it stays at home. When packing for a deployment, this mentality keeps you light and lean, but the same is true back home. Americans lead lives cluttered with material excess. Most of us work hard, it's true, but we expect that this entitles us to play hard—and that usually translates into buying things we don't need (often with money we don't have!), spending time doing things that have no spiritual or intellectual value added, and neglect-

ing the relationships that matter most.

The Apostle Paul had two favorite metaphors for the Christian life: athletic training and military service. Four times explicitly he compares believers to soldiers in his letters (1 Cor 9:7, Phil 2:25, 2 Tim 2:3, and Philem 1:2) "Everyone who competes in the games," he writes, "goes into strict training. . . . Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air" (1 Cor 9:25-26). I don't know about you, but I often find that when I examine my inner heart, I find a certain aimlessness there. I'm good at staying focused on concrete tasks (usually), but when it comes to my spiritual life, the sense of urgency just isn't what it should be. All too often, I find myself beating the air.

Maybe what we need is the spiritual equivalent of a Kevlar helmet to remind us of our true vocation. Centuries ago, Christian saints used to discipline themselves in extraordinary ways to beat their bodies into submission. Some wore hair shirts or slept on stone floors. Some deprived themselves of food and water to show their bodies who was really in charge. My personal favorite of these "athletes for God" was St. Symeon the Stylite, a fifth-century monk who sat atop a stone pillar for thirty-seven years to pray and meditate. By the end of his life, pilgrims travelled from far and wide across the Roman Empire to catch a glimpse of the famous holy man, and many reported the encounter as making a life-changing impact.

I have no intention of following St. Symeon's example—nor do I suggest that you. But compared to his astounding motivation and focus, my own personal program of "spiritual fitness" seems rather meager. But that's no excuse for getting slack, for living off the spiritual equivalent of pork rinds, as we so often do. All of us can start small. (Even St. Symeon began his career by starting off with a 4-meter pillar; only later in life did he work up the 15-meter pillar for which he became famous!)

As you begin your new year, let me encourage you to find one way in which you build a new spiritual discipline into your personal life. Maybe it's just carving out ten minutes a day to read and meditate on scripture, or to pray for your co-workers. Maybe it's committing to fasting from TV or the internet for one evening every week, freeing up time to spend doing something more constructive. You may feel foolish at first—like I did last month as I walked around in my K-pot. But you won't regret the results.

FIRST CLASS AEROMEDICAL GRADUATES



By Jerry Green

History was made November 19, 2010 at Pope Field's new Aeromedical Evacuation Formal Training Unit when the first class of students graduated. The AE FTU, also known as Detachment 1, 440th Operations Group, 440th Airlift Wing, was officially designated on February 1, 2010 and eight months later they began their first class.

After 25 days of rigorous text book study, simulator training and flight missions, 20 students, a mix of Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and active-duty forces, gathered in their classroom for the final phase of their training - graduation day.

Upon completion of the official ceremony, the commander of the FTU, Col. Martha Soper addressed the audience.

"You are now part of the best AE teams in the United States Air Force. You are highly qualified and after your first tour, you will definitely be experienced," said Colonel Soper.

Colonel Soper also praised her team of 10 instructors.

"This is the best motivated, highly-qualified group of instructors I have ever met. I am extremely grateful for your work." Ms. Jenny Harstock, military liaison for Senator Kay Hagan, attended the ceremony. Ms. Harstock, who is also a member of the North Carolina National Guard, spoke of her appreciation for the courageous work that Aeromedical Evacuation Technicians

do for the wounded warriors.

"This really comes close to home. My husband is in the war zone with more than 150 soldiers under his command and I am truly grateful to know there are soldiers like you, standing by, to care for my husband and his soldiers if any of them get wounded," said Ms. Harstock.

Col. Michael Dankosky who oversees the Air Force Reserve Command aeromedical section spoke of the intensity and importance of the FTU training.

"For more than 50 years we have needed this type of training. In the past it has taken 120 to 180 days to become fully trained. You did it in 25 days," said Colonel Dankosky. "That is a tribute to your instructors and to your personal ideals as medical professionals. Thank you, Col. Soper and your team for all you have done here."

Sitting in the audience was Mr. and Mrs. Chet Holden who drove up from Zepher Springs, Fla., to watch their daughter Capt. Melissa Holden graduate.

"I have trekked after this little girl since she was three, and I am extremely proud of her accomplishment today," said Mr. Holden. "I wouldn't have missed this for anything." During the ceremony, Captain Holden, a member of the 43d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and her Silver Team were awarded, best team in the class.

"This was an awesome class. It was

intense," said Senior Airman Amada Pena, a medical technician from the 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Lackland, AFB. "I feel I am ready for deployment."

Airmen Pena has a deployment scheduled for sometime in 2011.

Capt. Christie Livery, 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., felt the intense training prepared her for future deployments.

"It was an awesome experience, and I feel I have earned my wings," said Captain Livery.

In the civilian world, Captain Livery is a registered nurse from Springfield, Ill., and has been in the Air Force for eight years.

At the end of the day's activities the graduates were ready and eager to head back to their home bases located throughout the United States and as far as Ramstein, Germany, and Kadena, Japan.

The 440th AE FTU is committed to train and produce the best aeromedical personnel in the United States Air Force.

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left: Col. Joseph Almodovar, MSG commander and presiding officer, hands Lt. Col. Stephen Higgins the 53rd AP flag during his assumption of command ceremony



Lt. Col. Stephen M. Higgins

assumes command of the 53rd Aerial Port Squadron

By Senior Airman Peter R. Miller

Lt. Col. Stephen M. Higgins is the newly appointed commander of the 53rd Aerial Port Squadron here at Pope Field, N.C. He attended Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas, in 1984, after graduating from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y., and received a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering.

Colonel Higgins was previously assigned to Joint Logistics Operations Center and as a J-4 Desk Officer at the National Military Command Center, Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

At his assumption of command ceremony, Colonel Higgins echoed the words of Col. Joseph Almodovar, 440th Mission Support Group commander, "Our Airmen are priceless. They are by far the most valuable assets we have in the Air Force."

Colonel Higgins resides in Virginia and works at the Pentagon as a civilian G-4 logistician on integrated logistical supply directives to make military logistics function more efficiently.

His mission as an incoming commander is, first and foremost, to keep his squadron ready to support the flying mission and secondly to succeed in the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

"Integrity first," said Colonel Higgins as he described how he planned to accomplish his mission at the 53rd APS. "Service before self, and excellence in all we do. We have to aspire to live our core values, and the rest will take care of itself."

The 53rd Aerial Port Squadron is assigned to the 440th Airlift Wing, Pope Field, N.C. The 440th Airlift Wing's mission is to provide total force, mission ready Combat Airlifters and equipment, anywhere, anytime!

Maj. Marc Henri

takes command of the Force Support Squadron at Pope Field

By Master Sgt. Kevin Brody

On Nov. 6, 2010 Maj. Marc E. Henri officially took command of the new Force Support Squadron at Pope Field, N.C. Col. Joseph Almodovar, 440th Airlift Wing Mission Support Group Commander, was the presiding official. During the ceremony the Mission Support Flight flag was retired and the Services Support Flight flag was re-designated as the new FSS flag.

The new 440th FSS will include the mission support flight and services flight under one commander.

"Three units were combined to develop the core functions of the FSS, said Maj. Marc Henri, FSS commander. "By combining manpower, personnel and services the Air Force created the Force Support Squadron."

"Initially it was the officer positions in these career fields of manpower, personnel and services that were combined, said Major Henri. "Then the next logical progression was to combine the units that make up these career fields."

Creation of one squadron from two flights requires restructuring of units and personnel and

requires changes to careers fields.

"For enlisted personnel nothing will change. Individuals with Air Force Specialty codes in manpower, personnel and services will continue to perform their duties the same way they did prior to the FSS" said Henri. "What will change are the increased leadership opportunities and training requirements for officers."

"The Air Force has combined three different career fields into one," said Maj. Henri. "This is significant because an officer who is assigned duties today under the Manpower and Personnel Flight can be put in charge of a Sustainment Services Flight tomorrow. This gives breath to both officer and civilian positions."

Major Henri went on to say the overall impact on customer service should be seamless. The impact from this change will be streamlined management and broader opportunities for officers.

The organization structure of the FSS will consist of approximately 73 personnel and five flights.

CONGRATULATIONS to these top Combat Airlifters!

The 440th Airlift Wing is proud to announce the winners of the second half and yearly awards! These Airmen are recognized for their contribution to the overall mission: to provide total-force combat ready Combat Airlifters and equipment anywhere, anytime. Please congratulate the following individuals for a job well done!

Second Half of the Year Award Winners:

Airman: Senior Airman James C. Smalls, 440th Security Forces Squadron

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Clark II, 440th Force Services Squadron

SNCO: Master Sgt. Arnita Tunstall, 440th Medical Squadron

OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR

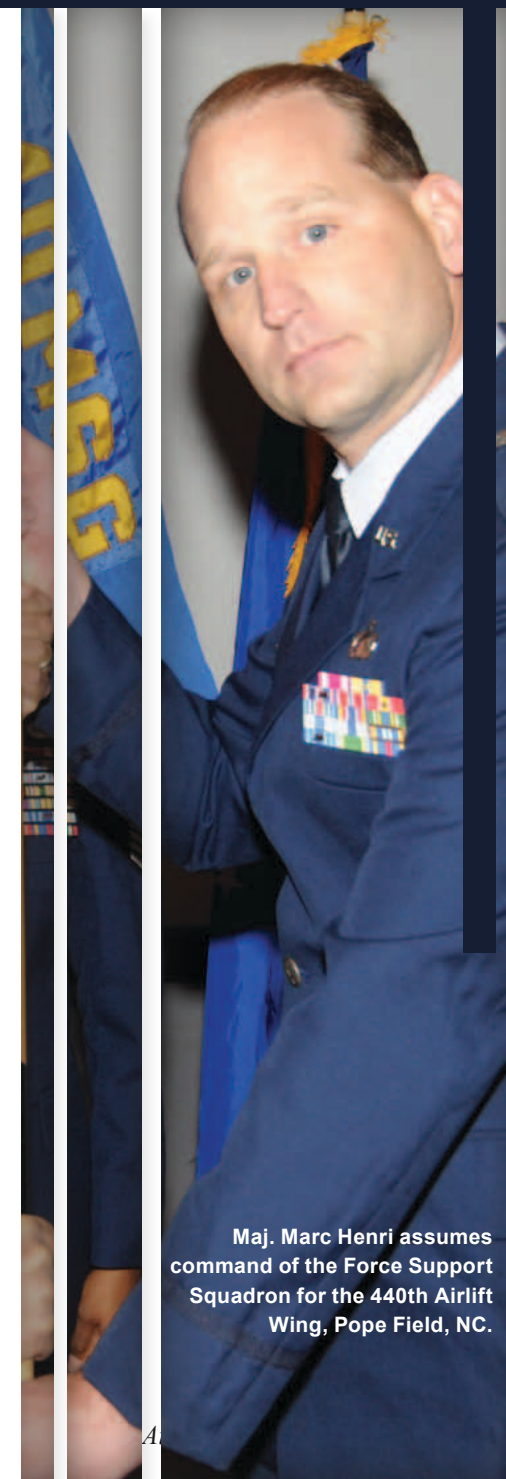
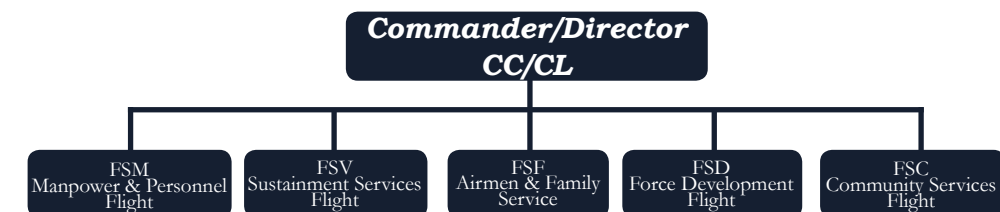
Airman: Senior Airman Johnathon D. McConaha, 440th Logistics Readiness Squadron

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Clark II, 440th Services Squadron

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Arnita Tunstall, 440th Medical Squadron

First Sergeant of the Year:

Master Sgt. Mark Honn, 440th Services Squadron



Maj. Marc Henri assumes command of the Force Support Squadron for the 440th Airlift Wing, Pope Field, NC.

WWII

glider pilots

The Forgotten Aviators

By Tech. Sgt. Don Steuber

When you talk about World War II aircraft, images of the P-51 Mustang, B-17 Flying Fortress, P-38 Lightning, B-25 Mitchell (and the list goes on), but what about the Waco CG-4? This unheralded glider and its crew played a large role in the Allied victory in Europe and was the forerunner of today's modern cargo aircraft.

The CG-4 was designed by the Waco Aircraft Company. It was constructed with tubular steel, plywood flooring and fabric that covered the fuselage and wings. Its hinged nose could be raised to load and unload a variety of cargo and equipment such as: 13 fully-equipped soldiers, an M116 75mm Howitzer, an M3 37mm anti-tank gun, or a single Jeep with a small trailer. Before WWII, aircraft did not have the capability to airdrop

vehicles or artillery. Delivery of these weapons directly onto the battlefield played a critical role in Allied attacks. The pilot then steered the aircraft to a suitable landing area. This type of landing was referred to as a "controlled crash."

"The intrepid pilots who flew the gliders were as unique as their motor-less flying machines," said General William C. Westmoreland, U.S. Army Commanding General for Military Operations in the

Vietnam War. "Never before in history had any nation produced aviators whose duty it was to deliberately crash land and then go on to fight as combat infantrymen. They were no ordinary fighters. Their battlefields were behind enemy lines."

Flying a glider aircraft into battle took great skill, concentration and



Waco CG-4 Glider Aircraft being towed by a C-47 Skytrain

nerves of steel. Because they flew low and slow, they were highly susceptible to small arms fire and flak. Additionally, the CG-4 had no flap system which gave it an alarming sink rate when fully loaded. This made landing even more treacherous. The CG-4 flew in every major European Campaign after June of 1943, and it played a critical role in Operation Overlord (D-Day). Most historians agree that without the efforts

of glider pilots the Normandy invasion may not have been successful. Just over 6000 men were trained as glider pilots during WWII, and estimates are fewer than 500 remain. There will never be another combat glider force in the U.S. military, and these unsung heroes deserve our respect and appreciation.

The 440th Troop Carrier Group, which is the predecessor to the 440th Airlift Wing, had over 50 CG-4 gliders with flight crews assigned to the 95th, 96th, 97th and 98th Troop Carrier Squadron's, during World War II.

Following the war the Army Air Corp decided to expand its glider program which led to the development of larger aircraft capable of carrying more equipment. They also developed the aft mounted horizontally split cargo doors still in use on most military cargo planes today. The Air Force foresaw the need for powered cargo planes that not only had the ability to carry cargo, but could aerially deliver equipment as well. The Air Force abandoned the cargo-glider program in the 1950's and converted several gliders to powered aircraft. The G-18 glider became the C-122 and the G-20 glider became the C-123, and thus was born the modern cargo airlift concept.

MEDICAL SQUADRON

We're Here  Serve You!

By Col. Bruce Fischer
440th Medical Squadron Commander

Once told Colonel Hart that it was such an honor and pleasure to be commander of the 440th Medical Squadron, that "I would do it for nothing." His response was, "Hopefully, it won't come to that." Yet since I made that statement, I have not changed my mind one bit. Working for the people of this wing has been the pinnacle of my career. Despite all the challenges and setbacks, I could not ask to be with a greater group of Airmen. We've been at Pope for three years and have seen incredible changes. With only a hand full of core members from the Milwaukee unit left, we continue to add exceptional people to our team every month.

Our list of accomplishments grows rapidly. We renovated a condemned dorm into a functional and mostly user-friendly facility, worked out sharing agreements with the 43rd Medical Squadron, Womack Army Medical Center and Fayetteville Veterans Hospital, and continue to support the Combat Airlifters of the 440th Airlift Wing.

We were recognized in 2008 as the Reserve Officer Association's Outstanding Medical Unit of the Year and the Air Force Reserve's Outstanding Medical Squadron.

In spite of the move, the facility needs, and the learning curve for working with the active-duty Air Force and Army, we have remained focused on our most importance task...the medical and dental readiness of the wing. We are dedicated to working the process so that every Airman assigned to the wing has the opportunity to know if they are physically ready to deploy at a moment's notice.

Exams: We employ an exam team full of people dedicated to serving the wing to whatever extent is required. Most

UTA: Saturdays consist of a 10 hour work shift with additional hours on Sunday. This is teamwork at its finest. It is our ultimate goal to reduce the wait time in the clinic and increase the medical readiness of our wing. *Thank you for your patience during these growing pains.*

UHMs: *The unit health monitor is the key to success for the exam process.* All health information from the Medical Squadron flows through the UHM. They track exam due dates and advise Airmen when to complete the on-line health assessment. Without this assessment, scheduling an exam is hindered. UHMs also handle issues for non-participation members who are overdue for exams but are not active members of the unit. The importance of a UHM is vital to ensure medical readiness.

IMR: Here is where I get the chance to step up on the soapbox and preach my message. It is the individual unit member that keeps the train of readiness moving. Individual Medical Readiness is part of the wing's report card. This readiness is based on the medical and dental exam compliance and results, immunizations and optometric needs. The process stalls if there is a disconnect between the Unit Health Monitor and the member, or if the member is deployed and not medically current. *IMR is extremely important to ORI success. Make sure you are medically fit to deploy. If you are not sure, check with your unit health monitor.*

LOD: Line-of-Duty cases increased during recent months. Many are due to the increased operations pace and demands placed on the deployed members. This process is labor intensive. There are many steps to the process and most consist of gathering information and waiting for responses. I can assure you that your medical team acts in a timely manner, and in most instances the delay occurs at levels out of their control.

Fit-to-Fight: For most of you, I feel your pain. Just when we thought we had a handle on fitness, the requirements changed. We needed to step-up the pace and improve our overall fitness. But this fitness does not come without a price. No longer are members able to 'crash prep' a month in advance and pass the test, that is the purpose for the change. We are now required to maintain a level of fitness all year around. Intense training just before the test has led to a dramatic increase in injuries, many which could have the potential for disqualification for service.

My advice to all is to make fitness a part of your normal routine. Mix-up your routine and work multiple muscle groups in various ways. You will be surprised at how this will affect your ability to improve fitness and the overall feeling of health.

Healthy Living: The medical Squadron is blessed with exceptional people with expertise in all aspects of health maintenance. Many have assignments in the private sector that are not reflected in their Reserve duties. Our medical staff is equipped to address just about any question you may have. All discussions are kept confidential, and our aim is to make you a better service member. Stop by to confer with our staff on anything from diet to exercise, to dental or medical related. We love what we do and are more than happy to provide guidance.

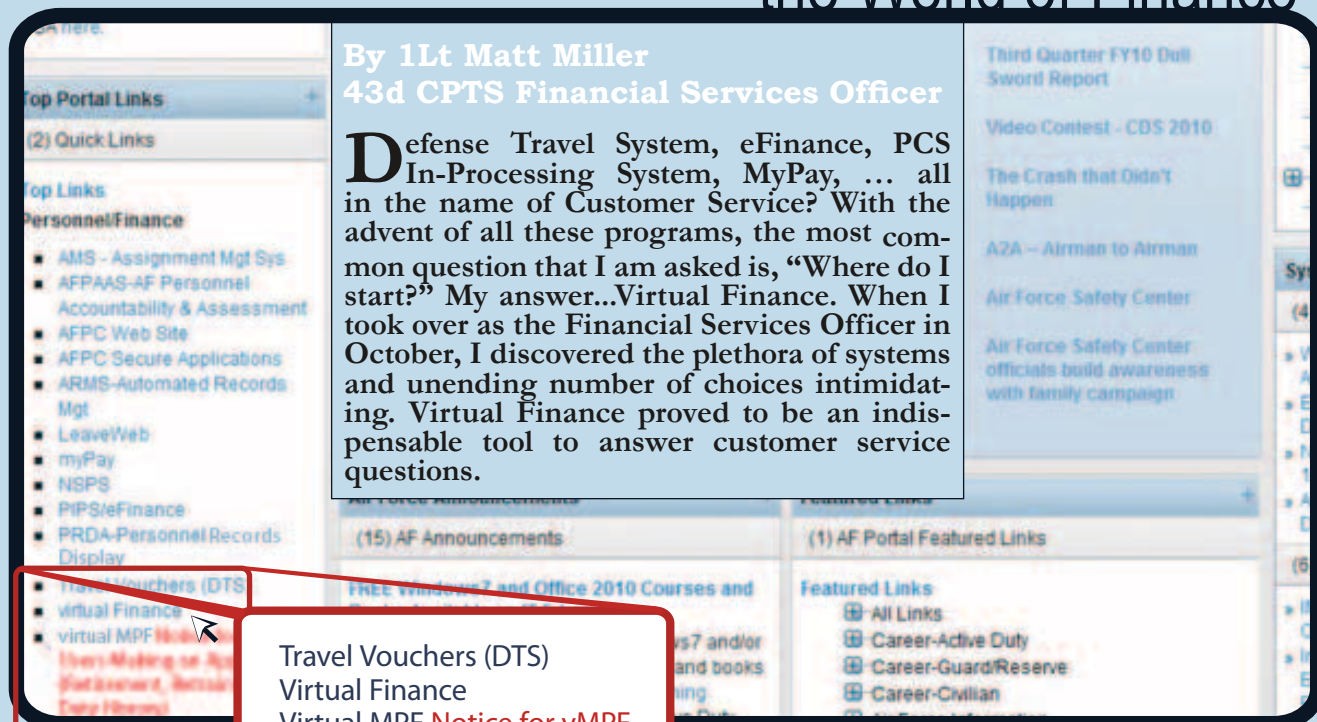
Our number one mission is to serve you. Please contact us if you have any concerns, suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Your perspective and feedback is vital to improving our performance!

VIRTUALLY NAVIGATING

the World of Finance

By 1Lt Matt Miller
43d CPTS Financial Services Officer

Defense Travel System, eFinance, PCS In-Processing System, MyPay, ... all in the name of Customer Service? With the advent of all these programs, the most common question that I am asked is, "Where do I start?" My answer...Virtual Finance. When I took over as the Financial Services Officer in October, I discovered the plethora of systems and unending number of choices intimidating. Virtual Finance proved to be an indispensable tool to answer customer service questions.



Travel Vouchers (DTS)
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Virtual MPF Notice for vMPF Users Making an Application (Retirement, Retraining, or Duty History)

STEP 1- GO TO THE PORTAL- LEFT HAND SIDE- CLICK VIRTUAL FINANCE (see pic)

STEP 2- WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LOOK UP? (see pic)

I Want to Look Up Rates, Travel Pay; I need to..., Military Pay; I need to..., I Submitted My Document; When Will I Be Paid? Each of these topics will present you with more options suited to your particular need.

Virtual Finance is an incredibly easy to use tool that provides accurate and up to date information on your most common questions. I estimate that upwards of 80% of our customer's phone calls or emails could be answered within two or three clicks.

Virtual Finance has recently expanded the virtual Finance Knowledge Base by including approximately 1,000 Frequently Asked Questions and more than 100 "Instant Advice" pages.

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PROMOTIONS

November

TSGT	Vicent Wells	SRA	Christin Curl
SSGT	Mitchell Haas	SRA	Kevin Black
SSGT	James Hemena	SRA	Anthony Pokorny

December

SSGT	Matthew Meredith	A1C	Jashayla Rouse
SSGT	Peter Miller	A1C	Jessica Curl
SRA	Bryan Davis	A1C	John Mann
SRA	Derrick Goodman	AMN	Byron Halsey
SRA	Raymond Riffe	AMN	Marco Pascua
SRA	Evertt Tomlin		

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

November

COL	William H. Bailey	SRA	Megan A. Weidner
LTC	Stephen M. Higgins	SRA	Kelli A. Anderson
CAPT	Courtney R. Merrill	SRA	Brian R. Blue
CAPT	Mae R. Panza	SRA	William A. Holt
1LT	Katrina S. Davis	A1C	Jaques M. Mcelveen
LT	Samuel N. Brown	A1C	Robert J. Pearson
TSGT	Terence L. Carter	A1C	Ronald D. Ragsdale
SSGT	Natira A. Davis	A1C	Takeea S. Wilson
SSG	Robert M. Long	A1C	Johanna N. Womack
SRA	Rafael B. Arcega	A1C	Dequawn T. Blackwell
SRA	Michael J. Mau	A1C	Austin J. Hanna
SRA	Tanasia L.S. Newell	AB	Marco P. D. Pascua

December

MAJ	Jennifer B. Schmidly	SRA	Mandas. Mossbarger
CAPT	Karen L. Knoblock	A1C	Leonardo O. Gomez
CAPT	Courtney R. Merrill	A1C	Hristophert. Watson
CPT	Elizabeth Y. Harris	AB	Teruance T. Holmes
TSG	James Jr. Childress		

PHOTO CAPTION CONTEST



Photo caption contest: Write a caption for this image. Send your response to 440PA@pope.af.mil. The winner's name will appear in the next issue of the Combat Airlifter

440th Airlift Wing Unit Public Affairs Representative Program

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2 The UPAR program helps your unit because: Section supervisors showcase the accomplishments of their Airmen in both their military and civilian accomplishments, hobbies, volunteer work or community service. PA is able to keep in touch with Airman while deployed and highlight the impact they have on our global mission.

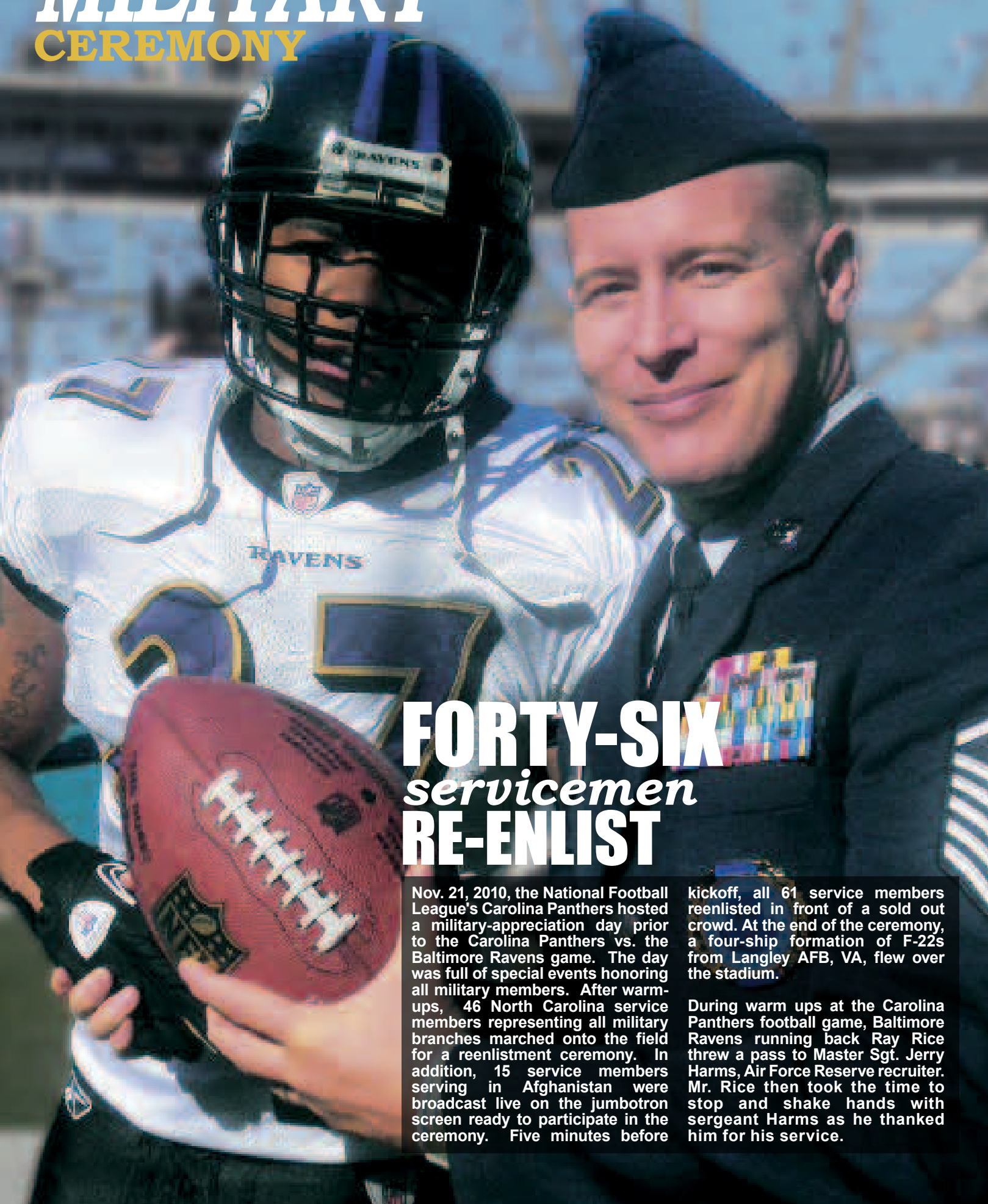
3 The ideal UPAR candidate is: Motivated, proactive and interested in staying up-to-date on unit events and accomplishments. Enjoy taking pictures, video Writing short articles Using social media Looking for career broadening opportunities Ready for a new challenge

4 Benefits of being a UPAR: Highlighted at the wing level for contributing to the public affairs mission Career broadening Meet new people in your unit, showcase their talents Pictures and articles published in print

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6 Interested Airmen should contact the 440th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office? Send e-mail to: 440PA@pope.af.mil, or call Master Sgt. Kevin Brody at 394-3219

MILITARY CEREMONY



FORTY-SIX servicemen RE-ENLIST

Nov. 21, 2010, the National Football League's Carolina Panthers hosted a military-appreciation day prior to the Carolina Panthers vs. the Baltimore Ravens game. The day was full of special events honoring all military members. After warm-ups, 46 North Carolina service members representing all military branches marched onto the field for a reenlistment ceremony. In addition, 15 service members serving in Afghanistan were broadcast live on the jumbotron screen ready to participate in the ceremony. Five minutes before

kickoff, all 61 service members reenlisted in front of a sold out crowd. At the end of the ceremony, a four-ship formation of F-22s from Langley AFB, VA, flew over the stadium.

During warm ups at the Carolina Panthers football game, Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice threw a pass to Master Sgt. Jerry Harms, Air Force Reserve recruiter. Mr. Rice then took the time to stop and shake hands with sergeant Harms as he thanked him for his service.

MUD RUN

Left to Right: Master Sgt. Jason Maney, Master Sgt. Erica Schultz and Master Sgt. Albert Walker represented the 440th Airlift Wing recruiting team, "The Beasts", in the Pope Air Force Base first Mud Run on Nov. 19, 2010. The event was sponsored by the 43d AW and included participants from active duty, AF Reserve, retirees, base civilian employees and Soldiers from Fort Bragg.

The teams were required to complete a 5K course consisting of various mud obstacles along the way. Each team consisted of two males and one female. The "Beasts" completed the course in just over 30 minutes receiving many cheers from the crowd for their excellent show of team work.

For more information about the Air Force Reserve visit www.afreserve.com or call the Pope AFR recruiting office at 910-394-2672.

Combat Aviators



Pope Field

The Get One Now Rules



www.get1now.us

Pope AFR recruiting office at 910-394-2672

All actively participating reservists and Air Force Reserve Civilian employees are eligible to participate. Any military member currently employed in any capacity, or serving with Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service, is not eligible to participate in the Get One Now program or receive awards.

There is no limit to the number of referrals that can be submitted, and they may be accumulated over time.

Referrals that are already processing with an Air Force Reserve recruiter are not eligible to be counted as a Get One Now referral or accession and no awards will be issued.

A referral must be submitted through: this website, by calling 877-786-2372, using on-line chat, or an e-mail option of this website, to qualify for the Get One Now program.

A referral must result in an enlistment within 24 months of entry into the Get One Now program to qualify for an accession award.

Accessions must be achieved during the AFR fiscal year, 1 October through 30 September, to qualify for the Get One Now awards for that particular year.

Information you provide will be used by the Air Force Reserve Recruiting Offices only. Your information will never be sold, rented or distributed to any other branch of the military or to a third party.

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