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Reservists have partial predictability in war

By Tech. Sgt. Colleen McGee

Wing Public Affairs

This is the first in a series of articles highlighting different careers and Alamo Wing people as they perform their duty under the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept. In this series you will hear from different perspectives about the adaptation to deployed life and how the job compares to work at home station.

Nearly 100 members of the 433rd Airlift Wing departed last month for various locations throughout the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility. They are part of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force structure and they knew they were going to war.

The AEF manages its people and equipment in a way that gives them a little predictability. For Reserve units like the Alamo Wing, it helps plan ahead when it comes to deployments.

Because of the cycling of AEF deployments, Reservists have a much better idea of when they will deploy and for how long. They have answers to some tough questions for their civilian bosses and their families.

"I volunteered last December for deployment in May," said Senior Master Sgt. Kathleen Null, 433rd Personnel superintendent, from her deployed location at Sather AB, Baghdad, Iraq. Sergeant Null is the superintendent of



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Colleen McGee

Lt. Col. Mario Pastrano, a Health Services Administrator with the 433rd Airlift Wing, took some time on deployment day to explain to local reporters what he and his people will be responsible for during their deployment. The Reservists will operate the Casualty Aeromedical Staging Facility at Balad AB, Iraq. It will be their primary responsibility to get the wounded out of Iraq and on to Germany or the US for more definitive care. The CASF at Balad will be the last stop in country for most of those wounded in Iraq.

Personnel Support for Contingency Operations, at Sather.

For many who deploy, the duties are the same no matter where they go. For the personnel specialists there are some marked differences.

"On deployments, we provide service to active-duty members on their personnel programs and we maintain strength accountability," said Sergeant Null.

Those deployed to joint operating locations have even more of a difference in duties.

"Learning a new organizational structure is a challenge," writes Sergeant Null. But learning another rank system and all the service specific jargon adds even more to the level of difficulty of the daily job.

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Group commander bids adieu

By Col. Geoffrey Morrison

— Medical Group Commander

Remember how your parents said as you get older, time really flies? Well, they were right!

It seems like only yesterday when I raised my hand and took the commissioning oath. My parents, Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Maxie Morrison, pinned on my second lieutenant, butter bars. I was so excited and proud to be able to serve my country. Now, 31 years later, I still feel the same.

As I reflect back over those years, two things appear to me to be constant – change and people. The Air Force, like everything else in life, keeps changing. Many of these changes resulted from going from the cold war to the war on terrorism, from the fall of the Berlin Wall to September 11th, from up-sizing to down-sizing and from big budgets to almost no budget. Whatever the catalyst of change, it is the people that determine the end result of success or failure.

We, members of the Air Force, more specifically the Air Force Reserve, accepted change in stride and excelled. The



433rd Airlift Wing, and in particular the men and women of the 433rd Medical Group, were at the tip of the spear. It was the knowledge we were a part of something that is greater than the sum of its individual parts and the bonds formed that I enjoyed most and will sorely miss as I retire.

To the members of the 433rd Medical Group, it was a privilege and an honor to serve with you. I am confident you will continue in your tradition of excellence in service to your country and as part of the Air Force Reserve family.

I know more change is just over the horizon. So, I leave these final words of wisdom – embrace the changes with open enthusiasm and make it your Air Force. Ensure you know your craft as you never know when you will be called upon to perform and always be prepared and ready.

As I close my career I am reminded of the closing lines of General Mac Arthur's speech, "...and like the old soldier of that ballad, I now close my military career and just fade away, an old soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the light to see that duty."

May God Bless You All! 

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Lyle Von Seggern Alamo Wing Chaplain

Alamo Wing Outstanding in God's inspection Report!
LCI (Leadership, Confidence, Intensity)

This is the one I esteem: the person who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My Word.

Isaiah 66: 2

It's hard to be humble when you are a part of the best Wing in the Air Force, which is the world's most respected military. It's hard to be humble when you're the San Antonio Spurs of the Air Force Reserve! It's hard to be humble

when the Nation looks to you first during crisis. With His help, even under the above situation, you continue to "walk humbly with God". You are the definition of "Leadership, Confidence, and Intensity!"

The Living Lord salutes you for your sacrifice and service. He thanks you for always going above and beyond. He recognizes you for "trembling at His Word". He stands with you to fight the good fight of freedom. May you receive His victory and love today. God bless you and your families as you are esteemed in His Holy Name.

Know the sun signs for Summer safety

Sunburn

Symptoms: Skin redness and pain, possible swelling, blisters, fever, headaches.

First Aid: Take a shower, using soap, to remove oils that may block pores preventing the body from cooling naturally. If blisters occur, apply dry, sterile dressings and get medical attention.

Heat Cramps

Symptoms: Painful spasms usually in leg and abdominal muscles. Heavy sweating.

First Aid: Firm pressure on cramping muscles or gentle massage to relieve spasm. Give sips of water. If nausea occurs, discontinue.

Heat Exhaustion

Symptoms: Heavy sweating, weakness, skin cold, pale and clammy. Weak pulse. Normal temperature possible. Fainting, vomiting.

First Aid: Lay victim in a cool place. Loosen clothing. Apply cool, wet cloths. Fan or move victim to air-conditioned place. Give sips of water. If nausea occurs, discontinue. If vomiting occurs, seek medical attention.

Heat Stroke (Sun Stroke)

Symptoms: High body temperature (106+). Hot, dry skin. Rapid, strong pulse. Possible unconsciousness. Victim will likely not sweat.

First Aid: Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 or get the victim to a hospital immediately. Delay can be fatal. Move victim to a cooler environment. Try a cool bath or sponging to reduce body temperature. Use extreme caution. Remove clothing. Use fans and/or air conditioners. Do not give fluids.



If you intend to celebrate Independence Day in the traditional, explosive manner, follow the safety rules for using fireworks and...

Don't get Smoked on the 4th of July

These rules and a little common sense should help you and your family stay safe this year.

Rule 1: Use only professionally-manufactured fireworks with the Department of Transportation, class "C" listing label.

Rule 2: Never allow minor to use fireworks without supervision.

Rule 3: Never play with fireworks if you have consumed alcohol or any mind-altering substance.

Rule 4: Be sure to have plenty of space around you, ideally a 50-foot circle, before you set off fireworks. Be sure there are combustibles are in that radius of safety.

Rule 5: The ground within this radius of safety should be clear of debris and be level and hard. This will help prevent fireworks from tipping over. It also facilitates your own escape if something should go wrong.

Rule 6: Never set off fireworks if it is windy. In addition, make sure the path the rocket will take is clear of anything or anyone.

Rule 7: If a fireworks device misfires, stop immediately and back away from it to a safe distance. Wait at least two minutes before you approach it again. Do not attempt to relight the same device.

Rule 8: Use safety goggles and wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants. Avoid wearing 100% cottons, nylons and rayons, which can ignite and melt on your skin.

Rule 9: Never toss a fire cracker near a person, vehicle or structure.

Rule 10: Keep sparklers away from other people when in use and avoid twirling them in the air. These devices burn at about 1,000 F.

Rule 11: Never purchase and attempt to light professional-grade fireworks. These should be used strictly by professionals.

Rule 12: Store fireworks in a cool, dry area and in their original boxes. Avoid storing them in garages or within dwellings.

Rule 13: Keep a Class ABC fire extinguisher in the area where you intend to ignite your fireworks. Water fire extinguishers will not extinguish these flames. In addition, if a lit sparkler should come into contact with your skin, it will continue to burn until it exhausts its supply of energy. The type of burn that this type of fireworks produces is extremely painful in nature and often requires surgery and skin grafts to correct.

Rule 14: Never use fireworks indoors.

Rule 15: Always expect the unexpected and be ready to act.

Rule 16: Enjoy the Holiday and the rest of the Summer safely.

Remember to be the Unrivaled Wingman to those around you at work and at home.

Information courtesy of the 433rd Airlift Wing Safety Office.



Activities, Air Force Issues, ways to ...

Get Involved

Volunteers needed at Wilford Hall

The Volunteer Services Office at Wilford Hall Medical Center is recruiting volunteers for four or more hours each week.

Volunteer opportunities include: main information desk, patient escort transportation service, pharmacy and others.

For more information call 292-6591 or 292-6592. Or, visit WHMC, Volunteer Services Office in Room 1C33 weekdays.

Victim advocates sought

Sexual Assault Prevention and Outreach is seeking volunteers to serve as victim advocates for Team Lackland.

Advocates need to complete a 40-hour class to qualify.

Call 671-0107 if you are interested in volunteering as a victim's advocate and for future class schedules.

You have a chance to ...

Make the wing better for everyone

The HRDC is short for Human Resource Development Council. This wing group is comprised of four committees geared towards the development of the reserve members.

Made up of four working groups, Recruiting and Retention, Mentoring, Training and Outreach, this award-winning council is working for the betterment of the 433rd Airlift Wing.

The group has earned several awards for the achievements and innovative programs generated by the members involved.

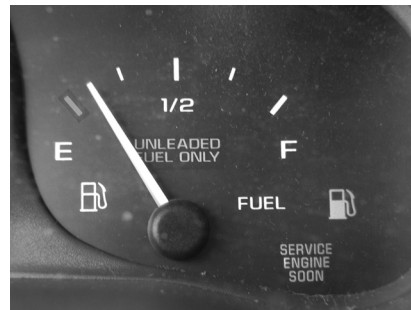
Recruiting and Retention...this

Gas got you down?

The 433rd Airlift Wing Ride-share program is currently seeking a program manager. No experience needed.

The ride-share program is still underway, however is in need of an active manager. Anyone interested in participating in saving gas, by carpooling to San Antonio or even just across town, this might be an alternative to the gas crunch.

Only your name will be given out for others to contact you by using the



global directory. You get together and decide the where and when. Only upon request we will limit your name to be given only to individuals in your own squadron, from your area.

If you would like to join the ride-share program, please send your name and what area you live in to diane.laube@lackland.af.mil.



group focuses on the well being of the unit from the issues surrounding retention to getting new faces into our wing.

The recruiting side of this group has focused on recruiting for the 433rd AW. Although our reserve recruiters cannot recruit only for the 433rd AW, they work hand in hand with this committee to bring new members to the wing.

This group heads up the recruiting mission at the Wings Over Houston Air Show each year with representatives from each squadron recruiting for their squadron and serving as an

example of their reserve career field.

Having someone right there who does the job is the best way to give first hand knowledge and credibility to the work place.

If you think outside the box and would like to enhance your career while contributing to the wing, this may be the group for you.

Interested or have a solvable issue? Call Senior Master Sgt. Diane Laube at 925-7865, or e-mail diane.laube@lackland.af.mil Meetings are on Saturdays of the A UTAs at 9:00 a.m. in Bldg. 828.

Deployment:

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“We don’t just maintain information for Sather AB but for Camp Victory which has a lot of Joint Service positions,” said Sergeant Null. “Learning Army, Navy and Marine lingo and rank isn’t easy.”

Learning isn’t something that stops once a deployment is over. Sergeant Null is on her second deployment and knows the experience she gains will increase the corporate knowledge available to those back at home.

“I teach the PERSCO course for Air Force Reserve Command and felt I needed more and updated deployment experience for teaching a course on deploying in this field,” said Sergeant Null.

She also uses the deployment as a chance to brag about the Air Force Reserve.

“I use it (deployment) as an opportunity to spread the word about being a Reservist to active duty. I think I have recruited two members already,” said Sergeant Null.

One of the benefits of Reserve duty is the relative predictability for deployments.

“We knew we had the deployment in January so we had plenty of time to prepare,” said Sergeant Null.

Another bonus is in the flexibility of using an all volunteer system.

“The way that AFRC does the buys (for deployments) is great,” said

Sergeant Null. “You may not always get what you ask for but you don’t get stuck with something you didn’t ask for.”

And as for those tough questions, the two most often asked questions are: When are you leaving? And, when are you coming back?

Most AEF tours of duty last 120 days plus a few days on each end for travel. Folks know in advance if they are going because they volunteered and most have time to get their world as ordered as possible before departure. Some rotations, depending on mission requirements, are able to be split into two 60-day cycles in order to offer more flexibility. 🏠

AETC bases unstuck during sticker shortage

By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons
AETC Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command officials announced, AETC command installations will not enforce the year tab (AF Form 2219) vehicle decal requirement until further notice.

It will become easier for Airmen to enter AETC bases during the current year tab shortage.

The Air Force has experienced a

prolonged shortage of DOD vehicle registration stickers (DD Form 2220) and year tabs (AF 2219). The shortages were caused by vendor and supply issues.

Although the supply of registration stickers is reaching sufficient levels, the year tab supply is still below demand.

“With no solution readily available, I’m implementing a command-wide policy directing AETC installations to not enforce year tab requirements until

further notice,” said Lt. Gen. Dennis R. Larsen, AETC vice commander.

“This move will not affect the security of the bases,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Spurlin, chief AETC Security Forces Operations branch. “...because installation entry controllers will continue to require ID checks for all vehicle operators entering each base.”

“Installations should continue to order AF Forms 2219 (year tabs) and issue them when possible to help AETC Airmen avoid delays entering

other DOD installations,” said General Larsen.

Security Forces squadrons on AETC installations collocated in the vicinity of other DOD installations will work with their counterparts to obtain agreements to eliminate any difficulty entering those other installations during this shortage. 🏠

DD Form 2220
(Enforced)

AF Form 2219
(Not enforced)



Alamo Wing Command Post best in AFRC

By Staff Sgt. Bethaney Trapp

Wing Public Affairs

Aircraft arrive and depart. Events happen on schedule. Incidents arise to threaten the daily schedule. Problems get solved and the Wing continues to run like clockwork. There is someone behind the efforts. Someone has all the data and knows how to get the right people the right information at the right time.

That behind-the-scenes focal point is the 433rd Command Post.

“It’s like the brain of the Wing, the eyes and ears, the Wing commander’s representative,” said Staff Sgt. Gabe Maciaz, 433rd Command Post controller. “We keep everything running smoothly.”

For a large wing, information is the fuel keeping everything running smooth. Command Post is the clearinghouse for that information. It all has to come together to get the mission accomplished.

“We collect, gather, analyze and distribute information under time constraints. We should be the first to know and the first to disseminate information,” said Tech. Sgt. Angelica Kimber, 433rd Command Post controller.

The 433rd Command Post provided the command and control capability during Hurricane Katrina relief operations, which directly contributed to the Wing’s C-5s evacuating over 500 passengers and airlifting over 600 tons of cargo.

Rising to the occasion during the hurricane relief efforts is just one example of the many things the 433rd command post does.

Another example is the activity during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom when the 433rd Airlift Wing flew over 350 sorties, transported over 4,400 tons of cargo and 5,200 personnel in support of the Global War on



Photo by Maj. Elena Milford

Staff Sergeant Robert Huizar, a controller with the 433rd Command Post, spends a large portion of his day on the phone, taking down information and then redistributing that information to those who need it to keep the mission flowing. Sergeant Huizar was individually recognized by Air Force Reserve Command as the Command Post Airman of the Year for 2005 for the work done during hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Together with the award-winning command post staff, Sergeant Huizar helped facilitate the information needed to make it possible to fly into the disaster affected areas and bring in much-needed supplies and evacuate those who needed it.

Terrorism, more than any other C-5 Air Force Reserve Command unit.

Day to day, command post has a never-ending checklist of responsibilities, not to mention millions of phone calls.

“Within 10 minutes (of getting to work), I have enough phone calls to keep about 20 people on hold,” said Tech. Sgt. David Pizana, 433rd Command Post Controller.


“As a command post controller there are various things we do. With the C-5, we relay command and control instructions for launch, executions, diversions, evacuations and recovery of forces,” said Sergeant. Pizana.

“There are procedures we have to follow when getting an aircraft ready to go. There are approximately 37 steps that we go through to get an aircraft ready,” said Sergeant Pizana. A few of the steps include, obtaining

the orders for the mission, confirming there is a fully mission capable (FMC) aircraft that has been released from maintenance, calling each member of the aircrew, verifying a pre-flight inspection was completed, notifying the inbound station of the incoming aircraft and continually monitoring the mission status of the aircraft.

“Everything involving this wing and the aircraft come through here,” said Maj. Jose Saenz, Officer in Charge of the 433rd Command Post.

“On our command and control coin it says *always vigilant*, that’s really our credo regardless the time of day or incident,” said Sergeant Kimber.

The command post staff’s ability to get the right information to the right people at the right time was recently rewarded when they were recognized as AFRC’s Large Unit Command Post of the Year for 2005. 

DOD increases Foreign Language Pay

The Department of Defense announced May 10 an increase effective June 1 in Foreign Language Proficiency Pay, or FLPP, for service members who qualify.

The fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes the secretary of defense to increase FLPP pay from a maximum of \$300 per month to a maximum of \$1,000 per month for qualified active-duty members and offer a \$6,000 per year bonus for qualified Guard and Reserve members.

Enhancing the department's FLPP program is a critical facet of the overall defense language transformation

Line walkers:

something as simple as a washer, a nut, a bolt or a cotter key can render it unserviceable.

FOD is expensive but preventable.

"If we take the time to just get in the habit of looking around the ramp as we are walking around the airplanes it will make a difference," said Colonel Seid.

But the potential cost of FOD can be much higher than the money required to fix a few fan blades or replace an engine.

"It's a silent killer," said Master Sergeant Dan Rodriguez, quality assurance supervisor and the wing FOD monitor. "If it's not contained it can bring one of our aircraft to the ground"

FOD doesn't differentiate due to rank and neither does participation in FOD prevention.

"We have to have everyone, from the top down participating," said Sergeant Rodriguez. "It's very important because when a FOD incident occurs it has no limits, it has no rank. It can hurt anyone from a civilian to the general flying the plane. It can kill anybody."

But foreign objects pose more than a threat to aircraft in flight, damage can be extensive even before an air-

initiative. The program aims to:

- ◆ Encourage people with a language capability to identify themselves in order to employ the language skills existing in the force.

- ◆ Encourage more people to study a language. The Defense Language Program must stimulate the acquisition of language skills and be able to maintain language skills of strategic importance to the department.

- ◆ Encourage people to increase their language proficiency to cre-

ate a cadre of language professionals operating at an advanced level of proficiency.

- ◆ Increase the capability in languages of strategic need to the department.

The enhanced program will emphasize languages needed to support the war on terrorism, the recommendations of the Quadrennial Defense Review and those of strategic importance to DOD. For more information, contact your MPF FLPP testing office.

(Air Force News Service)

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craft leaves the ground.

"Rocks can also cause damage as we are taxiing around the ramp," said Colonel Seid. "Our large engines throw loose rocks behind them at over 100 mph. This can obviously cause damage not only to our people but to buildings and vehicles."

Injury, death, property damage, each one can have a major impact on mission capability.

"Our mission capability is very important right now because our mission is going to increase," said Sergeant Rodriguez. "We can't allow something as simple as a washer to impact our mission. With the schoolhouse coming on... we can't afford to have failure

due to FOD."

Preventing a negative mission impact is something anyone can do. To successfully limit FOD hazards, be aware of the surroundings.


"In a general area, (not on the flight line), foreign objects are very important to police up and not leave anything behind," said Sergeant Rodriguez. "If you see something in the road, either pick it up or report it to somebody. If you are going to penetrate the entry control point (go on the flight line), follow all the FOD directives, remove your hat, and know that whatever you went onto the flight line with, you are coming off the flight line with." 



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Colleen McGee

Awareness of Foreign Object Damage potentials increased wing-wide participation in prevention programs including events like FOD walks. Foreign objects can be loose bolts, washers, wire and even parts of the concrete or the ramp the aircraft are parked on. They can easily be sucked into, or picked up and blown at over 100 mph, by a running engine causing severe damage.



Note Worthy



PROMOTIONS



Rick Moreno, 68th AS



Alma Ducharme, MDS



AMN Lena Ray, AMXS

AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal

Major James Clutter, CES
Master Sergeant William Waddle, CES

AF Commendation Medal

Master Sergeant

David Benavides, 74th APS
Vincent Moore, AMXS

Technical Sergeant

Mai Nguyen, AMXS
Fernando Paredes, AMDS
Estolfo Salinas, MXS
Gerard Sanchez, MXS

Staff Sergeant

Martin Rivera

AF Achievement Medal

Technical Sergeant

Rudy Adame, 74th APS
Staff Sergeant

Roger Cuevas, 74th APS
Jesse Esquivel, AMDS
Michael Rodgers, 74th APS
Senior Airman

Rolando Valdez, MXS

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David Mendoza, TRS
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Gary Harris, MXS
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Fred Powers, MSS
Nancy Reyes, 26th APS

Gustavo Soto, LRS
Bernie Walker, MSS
Staff Sergeant

Jennifer Disanto, CF
Charles Gatees, AMXS
David Leyva, 26th APS
Herlinda Medellin, MDS
Elisha Moseley, 68th AS
Roberto Ruiz, 74th APS
Karen Smith, AES
Danny Wagaman, AMXS
Michael Weeks, 710th IF

Senior Airman

Mark Crail, CF
Samuel Hawkins, 556th RHS
Steven Potter, CES



Congratulations

Brigadier General John Fobian would like to congratulate Master Sgt. Nicho Gutierrez for being recognized as the 2006 National Image, Inc. "Salute to Hispanics in the Military" Meritorious Service Award.

Sergeant Gutierrez is a chapel assistant with the 433rd Airlift Wing. He received the award at banquet for the 34th annual National IMAGE Training Conference and Exposition in Phoenix, Ariz., on May 18.

Remember the Alamo Wing

Juneteenth, known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is an annual holiday, celebrated on June 19 in the United States, commemorating the end of slavery. The holiday originated in Texas; for more than a century, this state was the primary home of Juneteenth celebrations.

Self-respect is the fruit of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself.

————— *Rabbi Abraham Heschel*

Check the safety, secure the scene,

There's a loaded weapon on your desk

By Tech. Sgt. Colleen McGee

Wing Public Affairs

It is locked, loaded and set on full automatic. Various models carry different types of ammunition. It can be set up at a permanent location and lighter versions can be used for mobile operations.

Unlike the M-16 rifle, you don't have to carry it into the dining facility at deployed locations to get fed. But like every other weapon in the military inventory, if someone else gets their hands on it, serious damage can result and the enemy knows it.

That weapon is your computer and the network it is plugged in to.

"The network is under daily, hourly attack all seeking to damage or get into this weapons system," said Master Sgt. Tim Wenger, the Local Area Network manager for the 433rd Communications Flight. "We spend a lot of resources keeping it secure."

Although Sergeant Wenger can't tell the specifics, due to operational security, about the types of attacks and the counter measures keeping the network secure, he did say that there are several programs constantly running on the network at the same time to keep unauthorized intruders out and detect malicious activity.

"The list (of background detection programs) is longer and detection is getting better but the probing measures are getting better also," said Sergeant Wenger.

Users never notice security measures until something out of the ordinary happens. According to Sergeant Wenger that's just the way it is supposed to be.

Several things have changed or are in the process of changing that makes

the security of the LAN more noticeable to the average computer user on Lackland.

The recent Operational Readiness inspection also made users aware there are people looking to gain access to their accounts – even if it is a test. And enough people failed to make it worth paying attention too.

"There were 91 people caught in the pre-ORI testing," said Wenger.

During the actual ORI, the incidents were much lower with less than a handful of people falling for the fake phishing scam designed to get computer users to give out their passwords. But the exercise brings one point clearly out into the open.

"There are people out there trying to take advantage of our Airmen," said Sergeant Wenger.

"You wouldn't let just anyone onto the flight line, on-board an aircraft, turn your weapon over to someone you don't know or abandon your post," said Wenger in a parallel example of other weapons Airman traditionally


guard carefully and network passwords.

Protecting the password is not the only responsibility a computer user has.

"Users have the responsibility to stay up to date on their training, report any issues to their Client Support Administrator (formerly called the Work Group Manager) and Report any security compromises," said Sergeant Wenger.

The Communication flight doesn't only deal with the computers. Anything used for communication, wired phones, cell phones and radios are also a part of their area of responsibility.

In fact, one Airman with the 433rd CF is deploying soon to provide ground radio capability to the Army at Qayyarah (Kee-yara), Iraq, or Q-West.

He and about 25 other Airman will provide all the communication capabilities used by the other services at the forward operating base. But that's another story for a future issue of the Alamo Wing. 

One Idea ...



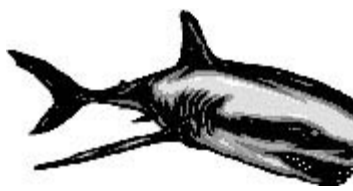
U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos shows off one of several uniform prototypes in the Pentagon on Monday, May 15, 2006. Sergeant Athnos is a member of the Air Force uniform board. This model is the Hap Arnold heritage coat. Another prototype is named in honor of Billy Mitchell.

A news story and other Dress Blue uniform prototypes can be viewed online at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123020472>

A formal survey soon will provide additional opportunities for Airmen to provide feedback and comments. Airmen are encouraged to take the opportunity to directly contribute to how their new service uniform might look.

(Air Force News Service)



News Bites...

DUAL DEERS BENEFITS

Reserve members married to retired active-duty members are entitled to benefits under both the retired and reserve DEERS benefits systems.

For example, the entire family, as established by DEERS enrollment, is eligible for medical care under the retiree Tri-care benefit.

The family, eligible under DEERS, is also entitled to enrollment in the Reserve Dental benefit. This is useful as one benefit may be less expensive than the other.

In order to establish and enroll under both benefits, your Military Personnel Flight must activate benefits in the DEERS system under both sponsors. This is not automatic. Usually families are only eligible under one sponsor at a time when one sponsor is serving on active duty. For more information contact the Military Personnel Flight, Customer Service.

NEW PATCHES

The new command patch for Air Force Reserve Command will soon be available. Reservists are required to wear the AFRC patch, in place of the Air Mobility Command patch, beginning Oct. 1. Initial issue will be through the squadrons. Additional patches will be available at clothing sales.

ST. MARY'S CHANGES TUITION RATE

St. Mary's University will begin offering a tuition rate of \$260 per credit hour for active-duty and retired military, DOD employees and spouses of these groups starting June 1.

The tuition rate is applicable to graduate students, and part-time undergraduate students.

For more information, contact Kathy Worthington at 677-8300.

NETWORK PASSWORDS SOON A THING OF THE PAST

By July, the Air Force expects that nearly 80 percent of Airmen and Air Force civilians will use their Common Access Card, or "CAC," to log in to their NIPRNet, or "Non-secure Internet Protocol Router Network," accounts at work. These cards carry digital "certificates" that allow users to more securely identify themselves to a computer network.

Once fully implemented, users can forget their network account names and passwords. Instead, they will log in to work computers by sliding their CAC into a reader and entering a personal identification number. While not all computer systems in the Air Force will require Airmen to use a CAC for login, most eventually will.

For more information, read the Air Force Print

News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123018884>

WEB SITE LETS RESERVISTS CORRECT DUTY HISTORY

Air Force Reserve members worldwide can now correct or change their duty history via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a customer-service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center. Reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://>

arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp. Airmen can click on the "Correct Duty History" link and annotate their changes, attach any relevant supporting documentation and click on "submit."

There is no change to the process for updating current duty information; it still must be done through the local commander's support staff or base individual mobilization augmentee administrators.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Colleen McGee

Air Force Reserve Command Chief, Jackson Winsett, and Senior Master Sgt. Maria Reyes, 433rd Medical Group, share a laugh during a farewell celebration for some of the deploying 433rd MDG staff. Sergeant Reyes was excited to tell the Chief about the MDG teamwork as they deployed.

Who's Who in the... **Alamo Wing**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Colleen McGee

Second Lt. Robin Frailer, a military equal opportunity officer with the 433rd Airlift Wing (right), and Master Sgt. Theresa Cauley, first sergeant for the wing staff, pick through the one dollar book sale at the Family Support Office. The new books were donated by the 37th FSO to fund family support programs in the wing.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Colleen McGee

Senior Airman Shallyn Kubista, from the 433rd Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight, takes inventory before closing her toolbox for lunch. She knows a tool left in any equipment could end up on the flight line and has a potential to cause Foreign Object Damage.



Photo by Maj. Elena Milford

During a recent job shadow program, loadmaster, Senior Master Sgt. Al Moreno, from the 68th Airlift Squadron, taught his shadow how to tie down a piece of cargo. The students were able to learn a little about the various aspects of one career in the Air Force Reserve.

Alamo Wing walks line

By Tech. Sgt. Collen McGee
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pieces of the concrete ramp were removed.

“The reason why FOD prevention is so important is the cost to the Air Force,” said Col. Howard Seid, 433rd AW vice commander.

“We have one of the highest rates of fan blade damage and that cost relates not only to material cost but to manpower cost,” said Col. Seid. “Some of our FOD comes from internal engine problems but much of it comes from our large engines picking up rocks and such off of the ramp.”

The cost per engine can be pretty high and repairs cut into the operating budget of the wing.

“For one of our engines, the rebuild value is about \$2.5 million, a new engine is about \$7 million.”

It weighs 12,000 lbs it produces 48,000 lbs of thrust – even with those types of numbers

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You see them early in the morning before the fighters launch from the unit next door. Airmen, from the 149th Fighter Wing, walking along the taxiway looking for foreign objects that could damage aircraft. In May, Alamo Wing Airmen took walking the line one step farther.

Everyone from the newest airmen to the commanding general of the 433rd Airlift Wing got involved. Every available person walked across parking lots and roads along the aircraft parking ramp.

The goal, to increase awareness and to prevent Foreign Object Damage by finding and removing any object that doesn't belong there. Pallets, broken glass, wire, washers, bolts rocks and loose



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Collen McGee

Lt. Col. Charles Combs, 433rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, clears debris from the bottom of a gate leading onto the flight line during the May, wing-wide, Foreign Object Damage Prevention walk. Members from every work center wandered parking lots, flight line areas and roadways picking up anything that could cause damage to tires, aircraft engines or harm personnel.

UTA SCHEDULE

June

A UTA June 3-4
B UTA June 24-25

July

A UTA July 8-9
B UTA July 22-23

August

A UTA Aug. 5-6
B UTA Aug. 19-20

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