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## Total Force effort saves 3-day-old infant

By Capt. Bruce Hill, Jr.  
and Master Sgt. Colleen McGee

*Wing Public Affairs*

**T**he Parkers are a U.S. Coast Guard family stationed at San Juan, Puerto Rico. They were excited and happy about the birth of their second child and had a very normal delivery.

That was until two hours after delivery when their newborn, Stuart Parker, began experiencing life threatening breathing complications that would send any loving father and mother into an emotional state of shock.

"It was a total surprise," said Mrs. Parker, the infant's mother. "Everything was perfect until two hours after his birth. I have yet to even hold him for the first time."

The Parker family, whose plan was to get Stuart to a proper medical facility that can best treat him for his condition, knew he needed to be transported to the United States for specific care that wasn't available at the Puerto Rican hospitals.

"Many of the doctors are educated in the U.S.," said Maj. John Bryant one of the two nurses on the 433<sup>rd</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron team. "They know what to do, but don't have the equipment to do it."

The Parkers turned to the internet for information on medical treatment



Photo by Capt. Bruce Hill

**Reserve and active-duty air and medical crews joined to save the life of a 3-day-old military dependent. The boy flew from Puerto Rico to Wilford Hall Medical Center July 20. The aeromedical evacuation crew was from the 433<sup>rd</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, the Reserve aircrew was from the 446<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at McChord AFB, Wash., and the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygen Machine team was an active-duty crew from the 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing at Wilford Hall Medical Center. They brought the boy to WHMC for treatment. Pictured are Maj. (Dr.) Jeanette Gonzalez, left, 859<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron pediatrician, and Senior Airman Jayme McUlob, right, a 433<sup>rd</sup> AES medical technician.**

and technology available in the states.

Initially they were going to Florida, but an internet search for the care needed for Stuart turned up Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, said Mrs. Parker

The Parkers had a Coast Guard medical liaison officer helping with arrangements that officially got a total force team headed to San Juan. Within hours, a Reserve Aircrew from McChord AFB, Wash., flying a C-17 from

March ARS, Calif., was on the way to take a Lackland AFB, Texas Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygen Machine team from the 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing and a Reserve AES crew from the 433<sup>rd</sup> to transport the boy to WHMC.

"Stuart's condition was really up and down until the last 36 hours," said Lt. Seth Parker, Stuart's father, a U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue Controller, Sector San Juan. "Because of

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# Letter to Airmen: Recognizing the total force

Honorable Michael W. Wynne highly skilled team, the  
Secretary of the Air Force Guard and Reserve train

**C**ongratulations! As the leader in Total Force Integration, the Air Force continues to benefit from one powerful, cohesive team formed by our Active Duty Airmen, Air National Guardsmen and Air Force Reservists. In my travels around the Air Force, I see this synergy firsthand and realize that our training and operations make it impossible to differentiate between the three components. Whether it is the C-17 landing in the combat zone or the mechanic working on F-16s in Vermont, the Total Force is making it happen.

We simply could not accomplish today's dynamic mission without the Total Force integration of our Guard, Reserve and active duty force. Gone are the "strategic reserve" days of the Guard and Reserve. Today, our total force sacrifices daily through extended deployments in the most challenging missions we have. As an integral part of this

to the same high standards set by our active duty, operate the latest equipment and participate in every mission across the spectrum of operations.

Our active duty, Guardsmen and Reservists stand side by side on our fight in the Global War on Terrorism. Nowhere was this more apparent than in the recent air strikes that killed the leader of Al-Qaeda on Iraq, Abu Al Zarqawi. In Balad, the 332<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron mirrors where our Air Force is going: an Active Duty Commander, an Air National Guardsman as Operations Officer and a Reservist as First Sergeant. The collective efforts of Active, Guard and Reserve forces continue to yield tremendous successes for the Joint Team and our Nation.

So what does this mean for you, the

(See, **SECAF**, Pg. 3)

## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Lyle Von Seggern,  
Alamo Wing Chaplain  
As Refreshing as Rain

*"He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy;*

*He will crush the oppressor.*

*He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.*

*He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth."*

Psalm 72: 4-6

**S**ometimes our souls suffer drought. We may go through a lot of suffering and pain and forget about the aquifer level of our spirit. Or we might be so concerned about reaching a goal

or finishing a project we neglect our spiritual condition. Without realizing it, our devotion to God can dry up.

How many inches of inspiration do you need right now? Is your soul green as a golf course, or is it time for some spiritual showers? Maybe we need to pray about our loved ones who are already in a Stage 10 drought situation.

The Good News is the Lord is ready, willing and able to bring relief. He is just a prayer away. Invite Him to revive you today. If you need a prayer partner, please call your Chaplain Service team at 925-3556. God bless you and your beautiful refreshed soul.



# Traumatic injury insurance not just for combat wounds

By Karen Naccarelli

— Veterans Affairs Insurance Service

Some Air Force reservists may not be aware they don't have to be on active duty or serving in combat to receive assistance if they become severely injured.

The Traumatic Injury Protection program, which is part of the Service members' Group Life Insurance plan, went into effect Dec. 1, 2005. Traumatic SGLI pays benefits of between \$25,000 and \$100,000 to seriously injured service members.

The program has a retroactive provision for people injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom before Dec. 1, 2005.

"TSGLI was developed because the administration and Congress wanted to address the plight of injured service members and their families who were facing financial difficulties," said Thomas M. Lastowka, director of the Veterans Administration Insurance Program.

Veterans' organizations expressed the need for financial assistance because family members were leaving their homes and jobs behind to be with injured members at a medical or rehabilitation facility far from home during an extended period of recovery.

"This resulted in situations where service members and their families were living under very tight economic conditions while the member was recovering from a serious injury and often incurring large debts," Mr. Lastowka said.

The strain on service members and their families often makes the recovery process more difficult, according to Mr. Lastowka.

"TSGLI is designed to provide rapid financial assistance to help members and their families during this difficult period," he said. "The feedback we have heard on TSGLI so far has

been positive. TSGLI is accomplishing its mission and making a difference in the lives of injured service members, veterans and their families."

The program covers traumatic losses such as loss of limbs, quadriplegia, or loss of sight, hearing or speech. Payments depend on the severity of injuries. A complete list of covered losses is available at [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov).

Reservists in the Selected Reserve, including those in the Air Force Reserve Command unit program, are covered by Traumatic SGLI even if the injury did not occur in the line of duty because they are covered full time by SGLI. For example, they are covered if they suffer a loss due to a traumatic injury at their civilian job.

If traumatic injuries occurred before Dec. 1, 2005, while supporting Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom, some are eligible for retroactive Traumatic SGLI payment if traumatically injured and suffered a qualifying loss between Oct. 7, 2001, and Nov. 30, 2005. They did not have to be enrolled in SGLI at the time of injury to qualify for retroactive payments.


If service members suffer a loss due to a traumatic injury and subsequently die, their SGLI beneficiaries can receive a Traumatic SGLI payment.

However, they must have survived at least seven days after the traumatic event for their beneficiaries to receive the payment.

The program does not cover losses due to physical or mental illnesses or diseases, except in the case of certain infections or a biological, chemical or radiological weapon. The VA compensation program provides for people with these kinds of conditions.

Other program exclusions include losses as a result of committing or attempting to commit a felony, losses due to suicide attempts, self-inflicted wounds, or willful use of an illegal or controlled substance, unless used on the advice of a medical doctor. People who do not have basic SGLI coverage are not covered by the program.

More information about Traumatic SGLI is available on the VA Insurance Web site at [www.insurance.gov/sgliSite/legislation/TSGLIFacts.htm](http://www.insurance.gov/sgliSite/legislation/TSGLIFacts.htm). To file a claim, people need to download the certification form from the VA Insurance Web site at [www.insurance.gov/sgliSite/legislation/TSGLIFacts.htm](http://www.insurance.gov/sgliSite/legislation/TSGLIFacts.htm). They can also obtain the form by calling an Air Force representative at 210-565-3505 or e-mailing [casualty@randolph.af.mil](mailto:casualty@randolph.af.mil).

(Air Force Reserve Command News Service) 


## SECAF: Continued from Page 2

individual Airman? First, this means that we have a healthy respect for those Total Force members that support our mission. Second, we need to adhere to the set standards, to ensure that as we assemble the total force we remain prepared to execute the assigned mission. Third, we need to use the diversity represented by the Total Force to continually look for better ways to accomplish our mission.

Total Force has moved from the

future concept to today's reality. One team, one fight, with a shared, disciplined combat focus. The continued dedication and service of all Airmen – Active, Guard and Reserve – make a grateful Nation proud. Thank-you for all you do!



  
Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force

# Activities, Air Force Issues, ways to ...

# Get Involved

Alamo Wing members are encouraged to invite their civilian bosses to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Bosses' Day. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your civilian employer's commitment to your reserve duty or to help them understand what you do when you are on duty with the Alamo Wing. The event includes a flight in a C-5 and some face-to-face time with the Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. John Fobian.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Bosses' Day nomination form

November 18, 2006

(Please print or type information legibly)



Reservist's Rank/Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Business Mailing \_\_\_\_\_

Address w/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's complete email address \_\_\_\_\_

(please "X" your choice) I will \_\_\_\_\_ I will not \_\_\_\_\_ join my boss for the picnic.

Official rules: Each reservist may submit ONE civilian employer or supervisor; due to flight regulations, ART supervisors are not qualified. More than one supervisor may be nominated, but selection will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Completed forms must be received by Public Affairs no later than Friday, November 3. Forms may be mailed to: 433 AW/PA, 203 Galaxy Rd, Suite 103, Lackland AFB, Texas 78236-0112. Forms are also available on-line at <http://www.433aw.afrc.af.mil/>. Due to limited seating aboard the aircraft, nominated bosses will go through a selection and approval process administered by the wing commander for the orientation flight. Those bosses selected for the flight will receive a letter of invitation from the commander informing them of their selection. Please do not promise your boss a seat aboard the aircraft.

Bosses will also receive aerial port, aeromedical evacuation, and maintenance shop tours. Reservists may join their bosses for the picnic, immediately following the flight, for approximately \$9; caterer and location is not yet determined. This cost covers the troops' meals; bosses' meals will be paid for separately. Payment is due in cash ONLY, no later than 3 November. Final details will be announced in your unit Commander's Call topics. For more information, please contact Ms. Elsa Martinez at (210) 925-1347 or Public Affairs at (210) 925-5194 or by e-mail at [433aw.pa@lackland.af.mil](mailto:433aw.pa@lackland.af.mil).

# Reservists, employers to be jointly recognized

WASHINGTON – Air Force Reserve Command is seeking nominees for Citizen Airman and Employer of the Year Awards. Deadline is July 31.

The awards recognize an enlisted reservist and an officer who deployed in support of current operations from Jan. 1, 2005, to Dec. 31, 2005, and the respective employers for supporting their activation and deployment.

Unit reservists give their nominations to their wing commanders for endorsement and submission to the numbered air force commanders.

Individual mobilization augmentees assigned to Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver submit nominations through their chain of command to the ARPC commander. Other IMAs submit nominations to their unit commander who sends them to the Readiness Management Group at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Air reserve technicians and members of the Active Guard and Reserve cannot enter.

Reservists type their nominations on an Air Force Form 1206; employer nominations are typed on a single 8 1/2- by 11-inch bond paper. Both use point paper or talking paper format – bulleted short statements or key points.

Packages should explain reservists' contributions to the Air and Space Expeditionary Force or contingency, and the employer's support of the Air Force Reserve.

In addition to nominee's name, job title, organization, mailing address, commercial phone number, fax number and e-mail address, each nomination should include the same information on the nominator.

Other requirements are a one-page biography on each nominee and a 70-

to 80-word citation that captures the essence of the achievement.

Commanders have until Aug. 21 to submit nominations to HQ USAF/REI, 1150 Air Force Pentagon, Room 5D712, Attention: Chief Master Sgt. Valerie Barnes, Washington, D.C., 20330-1150.

A panel in the Office of Air Force Reserve will review nominations and submit them to the commander of AFRC for approval.

The Air Force Association will recognize selected reservists and employers at its annual convention in Washington in September. The reservists will receive a plaque. The employer will get an eagle trophy.

The awards program pays the travel expenses of each employer and thier spouses. Units fund the selected reservists' trips.

(AFRC News Service)

# TRICARE offers new health care coverage for Reservists

TRICARE Reserve Select is a premium-based health coverage plan for Reserve Component members and their families. A recent DOD policy expanded coverage for Selected Reserve (ANG, unit, IMA) and IRR members released from a qualifying period of active duty and unable to find a position in the Selected Reserve.

The plan now has three eligibility tiers available to members of the Selected Reserve and qualifying IRR members. Each tier has separate eligibility criteria and premium rates. Coverage may be purchased for the member or member and family. All tiers require members to commit to serve in the Selected Reserve for

the period of TRS coverage in writing in the form of a DD Form 2895, Agreement to Serve in the Selected Reserve for TRICARE Reserve Select.

There are specific eligibility certification periods.

◆Tier 2 and 3: Certification for calendar year 2006 will be conducted from 1 June to 31 August 2006

◆Tier 2 and Tier 3: Initial coverage will be available for purchase from 1 October to 31 December 2006

◆Tier 2 and Tier 3: The eligibility certification period for 2007 will be conducted from 1 September to 31 October 2006

Benefits include routine outpatient care; inpatient care; urgent and emergency care, including ambulance

services; family health care, including preventive screenings and immunizations; maternity services; behavioral health care, including partial hospitalization and residential treatment; annual eye exams; laboratory and radiology services; durable medical equipment and supplies; and prescription drug coverage.

To participate, you and your family must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

If not registered, go to the nearest MPF/DEERS/RAPIDS location or call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at 1-800-538-9552 or go to the website: [www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS) to update your

information.

To enter into the service agreement, you must complete a DD Form 2895 on the Guard-Reserve portal (<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal>), sign the form and take it to your commander for signature. To execute the agreement fax the completed DD Form 2895 and documentation to the HQ ARPC Contact Center and eligibility will be verified. Once your eligibility is verified, you will need to submit the completed enrollment form with your premium payment to the TRS office in your region.

For questions regarding TRS or to have your service agreement certified, contact HQ ARPC Contact Center at 1-800-525-0102.

## T minus 2 ... and counting The third article about the new C-5 Schoolhouse

# The C-5 Formal Training Unit takes shape inside, out

By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons  
*Wing Public Affairs*

**O**pening day preparations continue as the 433<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing prepares to add a new mission to the Lackland flight line. The new buildings are over 60 percent complete and the C-5 Formal Training Unit is taking shape as exterior and interior construction on each is performed simultaneously.

As the buildings take shape, the staff to operate the various parts of the FTU is also taking shape.

Two Detachments are now assigned to the FTU under the 433<sup>rd</sup> Operations Group. Detachment 1 is scheduled to become the flying training squadron and Detachment 2, a student training squadron. The new units will gain squadron designations in the future.

Det. 1, commanded by Lt. Col. Frederick McMahon, is made up of approximately 50 Air Reserve Technicians and 35 traditional reservists. Det. 2, commanded by Lt. Col. John Martino, will have a mix of 15 Active Guard Reservists, Air Reserve Technicians and civilians.

The Dets will operate in a multi-




Courtesy Photo

**The C-5 Formal Ground Training Unit is beginning to take shape as the brick work nears completion. Inside, drywall and electrical work are nearing completion as is the staffing process. On opening day, the elements will come together into the first FTU owned and operated by Air Force Reserve Command.**

command environment. Students will be administratively assigned to Det. 2. All student issues will go through the student detachment and if any administrative action is required the issue will be coordinated with the student's home unit. The 37<sup>th</sup> Training Wing, an Air Education and Training Command unit, provides host base support functions. The Dets, themselves, fall under the Air Force Reserve Command and like the Alamo Wing, are gained by Air Mobility Command.

"The men and women of Dets. 1 and 2 are very motivated and excited

about starting up Air Force Reserve Command's new mission in support of the Air Force's C-5 Formal Training Schoolhouse," said Colonel McMahon. "We have had to enter new territory dealing with a Total Force Integration unit. Everyone involved at all levels, in starting this mission, has overcome tremendous challenges to meet an aggressive time line to get the schoolhouse open on Oct. 1."

The students will come from every component of the Air Force, Air National Guard units, Air Force Reserve and active-duty Air Force wings. 

## The IG Says ...

If you need Inspector General assistance, it is important to know how to get it

◆ If you are unable to resolve your complaint in command channels, review AFI 90-301 Table 2.5 (Table 2.9 when the new version of 90-301 is published) to determine if the complaint should be filed with the IG. You may file a complaint if you reasonably believe inappropriate conduct has occurred or a violation of law, policy, procedure, or regulation has been committed.

◆ Complete the personnel data information on an AF Form 102 (typed or printed legibly) (the preferred format for submitting complaints) so it may easily be reproduced.

Your Wing IG Office: 210-925-7111

◆ Briefly outline the facts and relevant background information related to the issue or complaint on the AF Form 102.

◆ List the allegations of wrongdoing BRIEFLY, in general terms and provide supporting narrative detail and documents later when interviewed. Allegations should be written as bullets and should answer:

- Who committed the violation?
- What violation was committed?
- What law, regulation or policy was violated?
- When did the violation occur?

◆ Submit the AF Form 102 to any Air Force IG and setup a follow-on meeting to discuss the complaint.



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the ECMO system, Stuart's condition has been relatively stable."

Those last 36 hours included a few issues the Alamo Wing AE crew was along to solve. One of those involved equipment that prevented the ECMO from being used on the Puerto Rican ambulance. Here, AE personnel enlisted the help of the reserve maintainers on the C-17.

"The aircraft crew chiefs removed the hardware from the ambulance that was interfering with the ECMO machine," said Major Bryant.

According to Maj. Frances Robertson, nurse and medical crew director, the local driver was concerned about the vehicle remodel.

"I don't think the owner was going to be all that happy, but it had to be done and we got the approval through the AE cell at TACC (the Tanker Airlift Control Center) in case there was a repair bill to restore it," said Maj. Robertson.

Another equipment issue came up before Stuart could take the flight attached to the machine that replaces his heart and lungs until they can function again.

"They asked if we had an I-stat machine," said Major Bryant.

Major Bryant explained the I-stat is an instrument that operates as a combination monitor for blood glucose and the level of gases in the blood.

Major Robertson explained both are important for in flight monitoring of how the ECMO is working and, because Stuart was getting feedings intravenously in flight. It was important to monitor and make sure he wasn't getting too much or too little sugar. The AE team had to locate one on the local economy and buy it and install it.

Once the ambulance was ready, and a monitor found, Stuart was taken to the waiting C-17.

At 12:04 a.m., Saturday, the Parkers, along with a 16-person combined medical crew arrived in Texas.

"It's been a blessing the 433<sup>rd</sup> could make it here and send a 16-person crew to support a tiny baby," said Stephanie Parker.

"The amount of dollars spent for one life amazed me," said Senior Airman Van Bell, a medical technician with the 433<sup>rd</sup> AES.

Because life is priceless, the Air Force places top priority on medical evacuation missions.

"We are going because this is a military dependent," said Major Robertson emphatically.

"The 433<sup>rd</sup> has a team of volunteers that are on-call for deployments," said Capt. Jerome LaValley, 433<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing Medical Service Corps officer. "When a mission comes up, we run down the list to see who can make up a team."

"Typically we try to maintain five people per team, a nurse and four med techs (medical technicians) to handle a mission that normally takes 12 to 24 hours to complete," said Captain LaValley.

Support for humanitarian missions can vary.

The five-person crew had two first timers who learned what humanitarian medical evacuation really meant on a personal level.

"When the father went up to the baby (in flight) it hit me, his baby was still alive because of our airlift," said Senior Airman Jayme McUlob.

Airman Bell found opportunity to learn from the ECMO team, and practice skills he's used only in training.

"I asked a million questions to everyone on the ECMO team from the doctors down to the respiratory therapist," said Airman Bell. "There were about five people on that crew and they each took at least 20 minutes to explain everything as if I was going to use it tomorrow."

The AES crew wasn't the only crew with members in a first-time role. The ECMO team leader was a first time

team leader. Major Robertson explained that she went carefully through each task checklist as they attached Stuart to the machine and carefully monitored his condition throughout the flight.

Both Airmen are students in their civilian roles. Airman Bell is a nursing student and Airman McUlob is a student of respiratory therapy and works for a civilian ambulance company.

With learning and training being most of what they do, getting a chance to fly their first real life-saving mission gave them a new way to look at routine training.

"(When all you do is training,) sometimes burnout sets in," said Airman McUlob. "But when this opportunity comes, all those feelings go away."

"It gives you a realistic idea of what you want to achieve (with all the training you get)," said Airman Bell, "of what you want to be a part of."

The educational and life-saving flight went smooth, as did the landing.

"That was the longest descent ever," said Airman McUlob. "I kept waiting and waiting for it (the jolt from landing) and it didn't come."


Major Robertson said there was no bounce and the pilot landed so smoothly he didn't need to use his brakes.

Once on the ground, Stuart was transferred to another ambulance.

As Stuart was being loaded for transport to WHMC, Stuart's parents looked on from beside the aircraft.

Moments later they would follow their newborn to the hospital where it is hoped Stuart's critical but stable condition will improve.

"We believe he will be on ECMO for three to seven days," said Mrs. Parker. "We plan on staying here in San Antonio for up to two weeks. As soon as he's off the machine, I'll get to hold him.

"I can't wait," she said. 



# Note Worthy



## Promotions



John Shroyer, from the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was chosen as the new Command Chief Master Sergeant for the wing. He will shadow Chief Massiatte until Chief Massiatte retires in October. Congratulations to Chief Shroyer for being chosen as the top enlisted representative of the 433<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing.



Brent Carson, SFS  
Marc Gibson, OG



Edward Aguilar, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
David Bonin, AMXS  
Richard Brown, AMDS  
Craig Calvert, CES  
Vincent Chandrabose, AMDS  
Edward Gamino, OSS  
James Graves, MOS  
David Heinemann, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Steven Martinez, 68<sup>th</sup> AS  
Collen McGee, AW  
Fernando Paredes, AMDS  
Robert Rodriguez, MOS  
Hector Zamarripa, MDS  
Denise Zamarron, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS



Benjamin Baker, CES  
Lane Boelman, LRS  
Samuel Charleston, TRS  
Modesto Guevara, 26<sup>th</sup> APS  
Mark Henson, MOS  
Noah Hernandez, TRS  
Manuel Humphrey, AMDS  
Travis Hurdelbrink, 74<sup>th</sup> APS  
Joniece Jackson, MSS  
Martin Littlefield, 74<sup>th</sup> APS  
Esther Martinez, 74<sup>th</sup> APS  
Christopher Paschall, SFS  
Erin Ray, AMXS  
Edgar Salazar, 74<sup>th</sup> APS  
Michelle Simpson, AMDS  
Steven Stophel, 68<sup>th</sup> AS  
Desiree Woodman, 68<sup>th</sup> AS



Kristina Bacon, 74<sup>th</sup> APS  
Kristina Estopier, 26<sup>th</sup> SPS  
Gabriel Flores, CES  
Alfonso Gonzalez, 74<sup>th</sup> APS  
Maximillian Huss, 710<sup>th</sup> IOF  
Ryan Koenig, 68<sup>th</sup> AS  
Leonard Laberta, CES  
Brandon Luna, 710<sup>th</sup> IOF  
Christine Malone, AW  
Jose Martinez, MXS  
Thomas McCain, MXS  
Marc Medellin, MXS  
Matthew Ott, AMXS  
Suhael Rivas, MDS  
Alberto Smith, CES  
Kristopher Suniga, 74<sup>th</sup> APS  
John Swisher, MXS  
Brian Yeager, AMXS



Alberto Aguilar, AMXS  
Jaime Arroyo, MXS  
Lauren Brady, AMDS  
Theodore Burr, CES  
Jennifer Cerda, 26<sup>th</sup> APS  
Michael Garrison, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Anthony Garza, MXS  
Michael Johnson, SFS  
John Kitchens, CES  
Amanda Mercado, MSS  
Christopher Montes, CES  
Patrece Rodgers, MSS  
Matthew Sanchez, AMXS  
Reynoldo Sanchez, MOS  
Laskisha Watson, ASTS  
Tenille Williams, MDS



Jonathan Alejandro, ASTS  
Daniel Bermudez, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Mike Brooks, MXS  
Joenath Chincarini, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Jorge Hernandez, MXS  
Christina Oliver, AMDS



Miles Hart, AMXS  
Fernando Razo, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Roger Thompson, 26<sup>th</sup> APS  
David Wilson, AES

## Awards

### Meritorious Service Medal

Capt. Julie Cantu, MDS  
Master Sgt. Louis McFadden, OSS

### Newcomers

The following is a list of the newest members of the Alamo Wing.

#### Major

Douglas Dematthew, CES

#### Tech. Sgt.

Paula Burrow, MOS  
James Nielson, MOS

#### Staff Sgt.

Kelin Gillespie, CES  
Julio Ramos, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Jose Valadez, MXS  
Carlos Yip, 68<sup>th</sup> AS

#### Senior Airman

Tito Carrillo, AES  
Issac Emler, MSS  
Jorge Espinoza, CES  
Jerry Wayne Marmaduke, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Michael Morgan, CES  
Jeremy Tate, MXS

#### Airman First Class

Ricardo Martinez, CES  
Amy Marques, 26<sup>th</sup> APS  
Jonathan Peck, 556<sup>th</sup> RHS  
Michael Valois, AMXS  
Elisa Hernandez, AMXS

#### Airman Basic

David Wilson, AES

Welcome to the premier airlift wing in Air Force Reserve Command.





# Free childcare available to Reservists

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Treviño

Wing Public Affairs

An under utilized program offers free child care to Lackland reservists on Unit Training Assembly weekends. Another childcare program is available to parents returning from deployment.

The Air Force Reserve Command picks up the cost for two programs that provide licensed childcare for eligible children of Reservists age 2 weeks to 12 years.

Several other childcare programs are available at various bases. Extended Duty Care and Returning Home Care are the two programs that provide childcare at Lackland for reservists.

These programs are not new. They were in operation in the 1990's for about eight years and reintroduced

about three years ago, said Lorraine Slater, the Lackland Family Child Care Coordinator.

Currently, not many Lackland reservists are using the programs but those who do are consistent.

"They use it routinely," she said about the frequency two 433<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing members use this service. "Most members make arrangements on their own," with family members to take care of their children on drill weekends Slater said. Currently EDC is used by two reservists on drill weekends, with the capacity to provide care for four additional children. Both homes are on base and are contracted and approved by the Air Force.


But the program doesn't require regular use. It can also be used as an emergency drop-in replacement childcare option.

The EDC is a reliable option for child care in case previous plans fall through said Slater. "In a bind, for example, when both spouses have a reserve weekend," she said.

The other program, Returning Home Care, is for members returning from a deployment supporting the Global War on Terror. This program is frequently used by Alamo Wing reservists, said Slater.

With either program, some advance planning is needed.

Members must fill out Air Force Form 1181, provide current shot records and furnish two emergency phone numbers in the area to enroll their children.

For more information call Lorraine Slater at 671-3376 during normal duty hours, or the after hours cell phone at 394-0678. 

## Back to school safety tips

School is back in session this month. With that in mind, there are several important things to consider about situational awareness.

- ◆ Lots of kids running around during certain hours.
- ◆ Watch for students walking between parked cars.
- ◆ Remember the rules for school bus passing. Don't pass on either side until all students are clear and the red lights go out.
- ◆ Speeding in school zones is an expensive and dangerous habit - watch posted limits and know when they are

in effect as each school's times may vary.

- ◆ Slow down in parking lots - here on base the limit is 10 mph. Follow lanes of traffic

### Tips for parents sending young kids to school

- ◆ Remind children to wait for the bus driver to signal it is safe to cross to or from the bus.
- ◆ Choose lunch items that will not spoil without refrigeration.

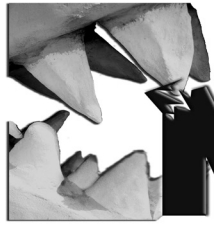
For more information on safe practices, contact the 433<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing Safety Office at 925-7324.

## Remember the Alamo Wing

18 Aug 1945  
Enlisted gunners aboard  
a B-32 shoot down the last  
Japanese "Zero."

It's not the hours you put in  
your work that counts, it's the  
work you put in the hours.

————— *Sam Ewing*



# News Bites...

## **AIR WAR COLLEGE SEMINAR**

The Air War College Non-resident Program is seeking eligible officers and federal employees for the seminar program. If interested, please contact your Education Services Officer. The start date, number of members and meeting frequency are completely up to seminar members. This program is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve O-5 selectees or above, of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, and DOD civilian employees above GS-13. Local contact information: 37 MSS/DPE, Education Services Officer is Mr. Ronnie Folk, 671-0902.

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICES SEEKS HELP**

The Volunteer Services Office at Wilford Hall Medical Center is currently recruiting individuals who can volunteer four or more hours a 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 the Volunteer Services Office, Room 1C33, 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## **ELECTRONIC CLAIMS ENHANCE TRICARE**

TRICARE beneficiaries with other health insurance no longer have to file paper claims for prescriptions filled at most retail pharmacies. Pharmacists can immediately submit electronic claims to TRICARE when beneficiaries purchase medications.

The process allows a pharmacy to receive TRICARE's payment before requesting co-payment. In many instances, the beneficiary can leave the pharmacy with less out-of-pocket expenses and no requirement to file a claim.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story on page 5.

## **FAMILY DAY PREPARATION**

Preparations for the annual Alamo Wing Family Day are under way. Each Saturday of each UTA at 3:00 p.m., the committee and any interested volunteers meet to discuss and plan the event.

The event, scheduled for 14 October, includes a 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary hangar dance and will honor Command Chief Master Sgt. Carlos Massiatte's retirement.

Those interested in being a part of the events are encouraged to attend the planning meetings.

## **NEW RESERVE VISION STATEMENT**

Air Force Reserve Command began promoting the new mission and vision statements for the command.

The new mission and vision statements go hand in hand with the Total Force Integration of the Air Force and in identifying the Reserve component as the Air Force's unrivaled Wingman.

The MISSION of the Air Force Reserve is the same as the Air Force: Deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests – to fly and fight in Air, Space and Cyberspace.

Our PURPOSE as derived from Title 10 United States Code is to: Provide combat-ready units and individuals for active duty whenever there are not enough trained units and people in the Regular component of the Air Force to perform any national security mission.

Our VISION: To provide the world's best mutual support to the Air Force and our joint partners – flying and fighting as An Unrivaled Wingman.

## **AFRC BDU PATCH:**

Air Force Reserve Command is in the process of making the wear of the AFRC patch mandatory on

battle dress uniforms and flight suits for unit reservists and headquarters staffers.

These people, who include those assigned to the AFRC headquarters and the Air Reserve Personnel Center, can start wearing the patch now. Oct. 1 is the mandatory wear date for all Reserve members.

The new patch policy does not apply to mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and full-time members of the Active Guard and Reserve assigned outside of the command.

Patches are currently available through your orderly room along with a voucher for sewing them on the uniform.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE PAY**

Being able to speak another language may translate into more money for some military people, including those who do not perform language duties.

Foreign Language Proficiency Pay rates increased June 1 for qualified military members. Air Force Reserve Command people can find more details about FLPP online at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/education/flpp.asp>.

For specific questions about payments and entitlements, reservists should contact their local military personnel flight.

# Who's Who in the...



## Alamo Wing



Courtesy Photo

**Staff Sgt. Manuel Camacho, 433<sup>rd</sup> Security Forces Squadron, in full battle rattle at the Strickland Competition in England. Sergeant Camacho was one of two Alamo Wing security forces members who participated as a part of the U.S. Air Force Reserve team against British Reservists. The AFRC team took second overall and first place in the**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bethaney Trapp

**Staff Sgt. Dennis Hosley removes hardware from a side panel of the C-5 during the inspection phase at the Isochronal Inspection Dock. Major and minor ISO inspections are scheduled for each C-5 after approximately 420 days.**



Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons

**Staff Sgt. Darnell Springer, a medical technician with the 433<sup>rd</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, moves a simulated patient from an ambush location, during an exercise, to the safety of an ambulance.**



# Security Forces return from Patriot Defender exercise

By Capt. Bruce Hill Jr.  
— Wing Public Affairs


Forty 433<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron members returned from a rigorous refresher training course called Patriot Defender, along with nearly 100 representatives of AFRC wings, on Saturday of the July UTA.

The defenders participated in the two-week course at Camp Swift near Bastrop, Texas to maintain readiness in defending airfields.

“Upon arrival we attended classroom instruction the first four to five days, and then practiced in the field,”

said Tech. Sgt. Stacey Kruse, 433<sup>rd</sup> Security Forces Squadron Alpha Squad Bravo Fire Team Leader. They studied land navigation, convoys, patrols, how to contain prisoners of war, urban warfare, rifle fighting, and received training to operate five-ton trucks and two types of humvees.

Patriot Defender teaches Air Force security forces members how to operate under harsh conditions and defend air bases from hostile attacks.

The training is part of a certification that security forces airmen must renew every three years. 



All photos courtesy of the 433<sup>rd</sup> SFS



Far Left: Rifle fighting tactics at Patriot Defender at Camp Swift, near Bastrop, Texas.

Right: Tech. Sgt. Jesus Ochoa and Senior Master Sgt. Mario Pelayo verifying grid coordinates on the land navigation course. Top: A Fire Team about to perform a building entry during Urban Assault Training.

For more on this story see the web at <http://www.433aw.afrc.af.mil/>



## UTA SCHEDULE

**August**  
A UTA August 5-6  
B UTA August 19-20

**September**  
A UTA September 9-10  
B UTA September 23-24

**October**  
Combined UTA  
October 14-15

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