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New graduates literally first in their class

By Master Sgt. Collen McGee

Wing Public Affairs

Three men walked away from Kelly Field on Lackland AFB, Texas secure in the knowledge that they were each the first in their class. The three are the first to finish C-5 training at the new C-5 Formal Training Unit Complex here.

The new aircrew consisted of flight engineer Senior Airman Raymond Montanino, and pilots 1st Lt. Paul Sloan and 2nd Lt. Blair Preston. The trio took initial classroom training at the Altus AFB, Okla. school and then came to the new complex here to get their practical flight training.

The three climbed down the ladder Oct. 20 and asked “did we pass?”

They had to wait for that answer until the final debriefing.

“They were the perfect students,” said Maj. Kevin Kelly the instructor pilot. “I’m spoiled already, but I know the kind of instruction they received at Altus and the quality shows.”

The three will return to their home units with new skills and the knowledge they were a part of a pivotal point in history where, for the first time, an Air Force Reserve unit trained aircrews from all Air Force components, active duty, Guard and Reserve.

“For years, old pilots would ask young pilots ‘where did you learn that son?’” said Col. Delbert Lewis, 433rd

Operations Group Commander. “For years the answer was Altus. You guys will be able to say ‘I learned it at Kelly Field, Lackland.’”

Colonel Lewis had some special words for Senior Airman Montanino, a native of San Antonio, serving on active duty.

“You will be an expert of the airplane systems,” Colonel Lewis told him. Colonel Lewis explained that the flight engineer was the technical expert of the front end crew and has a large amount of responsibility for the safety and success of each mission.

Airman Montanino will go from Kelly Field to his first active-duty assignment at Travis AFB, Calif., Lieutenant Sloan returns to his New York Air National Guard wing and Lieutenant Preston will serve at the new ANG C-5 wing in West Virginia.

The next students in line for formal C-5 initial flight qualification training began just hours after the first three graduated. Students are transferring from the Altus AFB, facility to the new Lackland complex in 25 percent increments each quarter. By the final quarter of fiscal year 2007, all C-5 aircrew students will get their ground and air training from the Air Force Reserve’s 433rd Airlift Wing.

A ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 30 will emphasize the Total Force Concept of Air Force Reserve, Air

National Guard and regular Air Force components working together toward a common goal – training C-5 aircrews to maintain our nation’s air superiority.



Photo by Master Sgt. Collen McGee

From the top, pilots 1st Lt. Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Paul Sloan and flight engineer, Senior Airman Raymond Montanino are the first to graduate from the new C-5 Formal Training Unit Complex at Lackland AFB.

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America soars on Air Force wings

By General T. Michael Moseley

— *U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff*
WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The United States of America depends on its Air Force to defend the population, deliver global effects and jointly accomplish national objectives to an extent unseen in the history of mankind.

In my 35 years of service, many things have changed. Yet, what has remained constant is the extraordinary dedication, courage, and skill of the men and women we call "Airmen" who deliver for the nation every minute of every day in air, on the surface, in space, and cyberspace.

I am often asked: What does the Air Force contribute? What does our national investment in air, space and cyberspace power bring to America? Let me share with you some observations of our Air Force that have inspired me since I was a new Second Lieutenant -- fresh from commissioning at Texas A&M University -- and continue to fill me with pride as the

Eighteenth Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

I see Airmen (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard and Civilians), vigilant at their post, who provide first warning of threats world-wide through space, air and cyber systems that never sleep and never blink.

From satellites that provide early warning, to over-tasked unmanned aerial vehicles and surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, Airmen operate the world's most advanced sensor network. They watch the globe -- to include North Korean preparations for missile launches, Iranian nuclear programs, and the dangerous borders between warring nations. Airmen are America's global eyes and ears, likely the first to tip off of an emerging threat to Americans and America's interests.

For the rest of General Mosley's commentary, log on to <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123029134>

Chaplain's Corner

An Alamo Wing Thanksgiving Prayer
Chaplain Lyle E. Von Seggern, 925-3556
433rd Airlift Wing, Alamo Wing Chaplain

"Know that the Lord is God, it is He who made us, and we are His; we are the people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever..."

- Psalm 100: 3-5

Almighty God, we thank You that "by the dawn's early light" we still see our flag of freedom, as well as our C-5s, flying over the "land of the free and home of the brave."

We thank you that our maintainers are willing to put down their forks and pick up wrenches so that a feast of supplies will be delivered to our brothers and sisters in uniform all over the world. We thank You that our

teammates have chosen to sacrifice sitting around a family table to standing around an operating table providing the world's best medical care.

We thank You that some of our warriors are willing to eat from a MRE instead of from HEB. We thank You for helping us have the strength and courage to not just sit in the stands and watch a tackle but get on the field and tackle tyranny and terrorism with our own effort.

We thank You, dear Lord, as we ask You to help us honor, all those who have gone before us who gave up a soft couch for a grave to keep "Thanksgiving" alive in the United States of America. Dear God, please bless our families and our Nation as we Thank You for allowing us to serve them. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Command Chief leaves wing L.E.G.A.C.Y.

By 1st Lt. Carla Gleason
Wing Public Affairs

Command Chief Master Sgt. Carlos H. Massiatte retired from the Air Force after 33 years of service during a ceremony Oct. 14.

Hundreds of people showed up to the ceremony to honor the Chief for his service to the 433rd Air Lift Wing.

“Did I do this alone? Absolutely not,” said Chief Massiatte during his farewell speech to the Alamo Wing. “It was team work and effort that brought us all this far.”

Chief Massiatte offered the 433rd an acronym to live by -- L.E.G.A.C.Y.

L - Loyalty

E - Excellence

G - Greater love

A - Attitude

C - Commitment

Y - You and your family

“Remember your legacy is leaving an impact on our country and our world,” said Chief Massiatte. “Never forget that you are honorable professionals serving in an honorable profession for an honorable cause.”

Photos by 1st Lt. Carla M. Gleason



Left: Chief Master Sergeant Carlos H. Massiatte, 433rd Airlift Wing Command Chief, salutes the members of the Alamo Wing at the culmination of his retirement ceremony Oct. 14.

Below: Chief Massiatte makes a special presentation of flowers to his wife, Evelyn for her dedication and support throughout his military career. Chief Massiatte served in the Air Force for 33 years beginning in 1973.



Left top: Master Sgt. Osvaldo Villarreal, 433rd Honor Guard, presents a flag to Chief Massiatte during a special flag ceremony.

Left bottom: A special enlisted saber cordon comprised of two members from each Air Force enlisted rank gathers to honor Chief Massiatte for his service to the Alamo Wing. Chief Massiatte served as the wing's command chief for three years beginning in 2003.

Holiday Food Safety

Food and fun are packed into holiday celebrations for many people this time of year. How many times after a holiday gathering, however, have you felt a little “out-of-sorts” and blamed it on eating too much? While overindulging can cause an upset stomach, so can eating improperly handled food. Keep the fun in your festivities by following these practices to help prevent food borne illness based on recommendations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

HOLIDAY BUFFETS: Prepare a number of smaller platters and dishes ahead of time. Keeping perishable foods over 2 hours in the “danger zone” of 40 degrees F. to 140 degrees F. is a leading cause of food borne illness. Hold hot foods at 140 degrees F. or higher and cold foods at 40 degrees or lower until serving time.

At buffets where food is set out for guests, serve smaller bowls of food and set out fresh food bowls as needed. For added safety, put foods on ice or over heat to keep them out of the temperature “danger zone.”

LATE ARRIVING GUESTS: Avoid letting any cooked food, meat or poultry remain in the danger zone -- between 40 degrees F. and 140 degrees F. -- for more than two hours.

If you have hot foods in the oven, you may be able to hold them safely until your guests arrive, advises USDA. Put a meat thermometer in the thickest part of your roast, poultry or casserole center. Adjust oven temperature so food maintains an internal temperature of 140 degrees F. or above.

An oven temperature of 200 to 250 degrees F. should be sufficient. To prevent dryness, cover dishes or wrap with foil.

TRAVELING WITH FOOD: When traveling with food or assigning foods to guests to bring, consider the type of food and the distance traveled. Cold foods should not be off refrigeration for more than two hours, including the time they are at room temperature during serving. Hot foods must be kept hot.

People traveling a long distance might bring non-perishables such as rolls, breads and cookies. Those traveling an hour or less might more safely bring the perishable foods. Wrap hot foods in foil and towels to keep warm. Place cold foods in a cooler with ice or gel packs. Plan to serve foods shortly after guests have arrived.

REFRIGERATE PUMPKIN PIE: A pumpkin pie is a form of custard and, like custard, must be kept in the refrigerator. Foods which contain eggs, milk and a high moisture content, must be kept refrigerated. Bacteria love to grow in these types of foods.

DON'T EAT COOKIE DOUGH: As much as you may want to nibble on your favorite cookie dough, it's best to wait until the cookies are baked. Uncooked eggs in cookie dough may contain harmful bacteria, such as Salmonella.

This advice is especially important for younger family members. Younger children, whose immune systems aren't fully developed, are more susceptible to food borne illness.

More Holiday Safety Tips

Be careful of these potential holiday food disasters:

- ◆ Allow ample time to thaw a turkey. Never thaw a turkey at room temperature. For an eight to 12 pound turkey thaw one to two days; for a 12 to 16 pound turkey two to three days and for a 16 to 20 pound turkey three to four days.
- ◆ Shrimp cocktail where the shrimp are not kept on ice
- ◆ Cheese and crackers that sit at room temperature for hours
- ◆ Holiday cheese balls that sit on the buffet table for the entire evening
- ◆ Dips for crudites that are not kept on ice
- ◆ Roasted turkey that is allowed to “rest” on the counter for an hour before serving, then STAYS on the counter until leftovers are offered later in the evening.
- ◆ Cream pies that are not kept refrigerated
- ◆ Sandwich meats that are stored on the counter or buffet table for long periods of time

Online resources

American Academy of Pediatrics
<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/deceptis.htm>

American Red Cross
<http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/tips/winter.html>

National Safety Council
<http://www.nsc.org/library/facts/hol-season.htm>

U.S. Fire Administration
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/safety/tips/holiday.shtm>



Know the technique: Scrub your hands for 15 to 30 seconds with regular soap and water (it doesn't have to be antibacterial soap to work) before rinsing. Studies show it is the length of time spent washing, not the type of soap, that makes the difference.

Air Force leaders chat on 'Cyber Command'

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyber space.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to "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."

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new "cyber command," to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

"To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war," the general said. "We will foster

a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains.

"This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force."

Air Force leaders begin planning for the new cyber

command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

"The chief of staff of the Air Force is going to gather his senior officers and talk about the new domain, in which, according to our mission, we are going to fly and fight," she said. "Our objective is to come out with a course, a vector, that will set us up for transforming our Air Force, to get us ready for the fight of the 21st century."

To see the full article, go to www.af.mil/news



How do we prepare, mass, deliver precision strike in cyberspace?

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne spoke to the Precision Strike Association Oct. 19 at Johns Hopkins University.

During his speech, the secretary addressed the issues of cyberspace dominance, the "information mosaic," and the future of precision strike.

Secretary Wynne also reflected on the evolution of these issues. For precision strike, he cited how in World War II it took 1,500 B-17s dropping 9,000 bombs to destroy a given target. But, today one B-2 Spirit bomber can strike 80 different targets on a single mission.

He also posed pointed questions to the audience concerning these issues and their future in military operations.

"These future technologies all share a common backbone: they assume that we have Cyberspace dominance, making Cyberspace a center of gravity to protect and exploit," Secretary Wynne said. "This is why Air Force Chief of Staff General (T. Michael) Moseley and I are standing up a Cyberspace Command, devoted to exploiting this domain."

More information on Secretary Wynne's speech can be found on the Speeches section of Air Force Link: <http://www.af.mil/library/speeches/>

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'Wounded Warrior Insurance' not limited to war wounds

By Tom Philpott

Stars and Stripes

Servicemembers, particularly Reserve and National Guard, might not understand yet how their military insurance has been enhanced to cover traumatic injury, whether suffered in war or at home even while off duty.

The new Traumatic Injury Protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is still referred to as "Wounded Warrior Insurance" by proponents who pushed it through Congress last year with surprising speed.

Most of the 2,700 recipients to date are wounded warriors, say officials. They qualified for TSGLI retroactively because of injuries sustained in combat areas since Oct. 7, 2001, the day U.S. troops entered Afghanistan.

But for injuries incurred after Nov. 30, 2005, the phrase "wounded warrior" fails to capture the breadth of TSGLI. That's because any servicemember, active or reserve, who has Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and suffers a traumatic injury can be eligible for the trauma pay.

A reservist might qualify if he loses a limb in a car crash while commuting to his civilian job. A National Guard member might qualify if paralyzed in a diving accident on vacation.

Understanding this is important because members hit by traumatic injuries have to apply to their service for TSGLI payments. That's why officials in the VA and DOD have embarked on an outreach campaign to get details on TSGLI to all servicemembers.

"Our concern right now is primarily those people not on active duty who may be injured," said

Thomas Lastowka, director of insurance services for the Veterans' Benefits Administration.

Payments help servicemembers and families handle the extra expense and strain of adjusting to life-altering injuries. Payments range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, depending on severity of their trauma.

The most compelling testimony at the hearing came from Army Sgt. John Keith with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Keith was injured by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq in November 2004. He spent 60 days as an inpatient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and five months more, with his wife and two children, living in a single hotel room while he received physical therapy.

Keith said he used his "savings and more" to keep his house near Fort Hood and pay utility bills while his family stayed with him in Washington, relying on a rental car and eating every meal out. As his bank account dwindled, Keith heard about a wounded warrior bill moving through Congress. He didn't know if it would bring him financial relief, however, until told that TSGLI would apply retroactively to severe war wounds since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

"I remembered thinking that my government really is trying to take care of my family," Keith told senators. Even if his injuries cut short his Army career, Keith said, TSGLI has left him more ready for the future.

For more information on TSGLI visit: www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm.



Photo by Master Sgt. Colleen McGee

Open wide ...

Senior Airman Johnny Holiday, 433rd Security Forces Squadron, opens up to ensure his deployability.

Being ready means Lt. Col. (Dr.) Brian Beck, a dentist with the 433rd Aerospace Medical Squadron, makes sure Airmen have no dental conditions that would cause problems while deployed to an austere environment.

Dental examinations are part of the annual physical. Every other year, an Air Force dentist does a full exam on each Airman. In between Air Force examinations, Airmen must have a civilian dentist sign a DD form 2813 to ensure readiness.

Family Support now Airman & Family Readiness

WASHINGTON --Air Force family support centers are called something else now, but Airmen and families can expect the same quality services they received in the past.

“Family centers today support and maintain mission readiness,” said Brenda Liston, chief of community support and family readiness at the Pentagon. “They assist individuals and families adapt to the challenges and demands of our transforming military community and consult with leadership to provide services specific to the immediate and long-term readiness of the organization and its members.”

Previously known as family support centers, they are now called Airman and Family Readiness Flights. The new name reflects a change in focus and scope that started evolving in Desert Shield/Storm in the early '90s.

Changes were formalized in 2003 when A&FR flights changed to a community readiness consultation model.

Staff members now provide consultation services to commanders and assist in developing policies, services and processes which enhance individual, family and community readiness. Traditional services such as the Relocation and Transition Assistance Programs, personal financial management, Air Force Aid, spouse employment and personal and family life education remain the foundation of service delivery.

The centers also opened up to accommodate the Total Force.

“The scope of responsibility has widened to include all Department of Defense military and civilian personnel and families,” said Ms. Liston, “as well as Guard, Reserve, other eligible

uniformed members, military retirees and their eligible family members.”

During testimony on Capitol Hill earlier this year, the top general responsible for family support stressed the importance of taking care of Airmen and their families.

“In war, our top priorities are to accomplish the mission and to take care of our people,” said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for personnel. “Back on the home front, the best thing we can do to support the men and women who are in harm’s way is to take care of their families.”

Ms. Liston said she is proud of the group of Airmen and civilians who work hard to provide support for families.

“Our Airman and Family Readiness staff do a great job of accomplishing that dictate,” she said.

Mission Essential

Airman and family readiness are essential to maintaining mission readiness.

With that vision in mind, the 433rd Airman and Family Readiness Flight provides the necessary support to help ensure our nation’s and our wing’s military readiness and retention by helping individuals and families adapt to the unique demands of Reserve

life and to assist commanders in responding to personal and family concerns.

The 433rd Airlift Wing Reserve Commander and unit leadership promote individual and family wellbeing and effectively address individual and family concerns with various programs designed to meet needs and help families plan for deployment.



Family readiness



Rapid mobilization of the Air Force Reserve is crucial to the defense of the nation. We cannot expect early warning or guarantee extended alert periods to prepare.

Once activated, there is no guarantee you will have time to get your affairs in order. You owe it to yourself, your family and your unit to prepare now by visiting the Airman and Family Readiness Flight

for a Family Readiness packet.

Decide early where you will keep your FR packet and your important documents and information such as; wills, power of attorney and banking information.

Make sure your spouse, or those caring for your interests while you are deployed, knows where to get any information they need while you are gone, and in the event something ever happens to you.

Family Day under A



A letter from Any Airman to my family.

You've been there when I deployed. You supported me even when I missed your birthday and other special days because of Reserve training.

You were still waiting and keeping our home together when I returned from deployment. You read me your first report card over the phone while I was away at training.

For this one day I hope you understood you are the reason I can keep doing what I do with the Alamo Wing. I couldn't serve without you.

Love,

Your Alamo Wing Airman



Alamo Wings

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Treviño

Wing Public Affairs



The annual 433rd Airlift Wing Family Day held a variety of events for wing members and their families. Events included a blood drive, a 3.1 mile foot race and a petting zoo.

The day began at 7:00 a.m. with a 5K fun run and fitness walk at the Bennett Fitness Center on Kelly USA.

After the run came the main event, food, family and fun.

A prayer, offered by Chaplain Bill Grace, kept the rain away long enough for everyone to enjoy live music, play games, mingle with clowns, ride horses and most of all, enjoy the company of friends and family.

One highlight of the day was a mass re-enlistment of eight Alamo Wing members at Stillman Park. Brig. Gen. John Fobian, 433rd AW Commander, administered the Oath of Re-enlistment as friends and family gathered to watch.

For some of the younger set, four legs and some bouncing around were the pinnacles of the day.

“My daughter loved the pony rides, the horses and especially the bouncy obstacle course,” said Senior Airman Corey Delgado, a newcomer to the Alamo Wing.


Airman Delgado, formerly an active-duty Airman, was impressed with his first Alamo Style Family Day.

“The participation was great,” said Delgado, an information management technician with the wing staff. “There was a good show of support.”

Some in the wing who’ve experienced previous family day events considered the day one worth remembering.

“This year’s family day was one of the best ever,” said Master Sgt. Arthur Allen, a readiness technician with Airman and Family Readiness. “It was a great success having events for kids and adults. It was a well rounded family day. I wish everyone could have been there,” he said referring to deployed members.

Family Day 2006 proved a marked improvement over 2006 because of the combined Unit Training Assembly and because of the children’s activities.

Senior Airman Jesse Hernandez, another admin troop with the Alamo Wing, said “It was a lot bigger than last year due to the combined UTA. It came out nice and the weather held up. The good thing about it was that the kid’s activities were free.” 



All Photos by Staff Sgt. Carlos Treviño

Alamo Wing Airman and Family Readiness

Family programs and support

Information and Referral Service:

Provides information about the installation, employment, training, scholarships for children and adults and other viable community resources, linking customer requests with available and appropriate service providers. This is the cornerstone of the Family Support Program.

Counseling and Prevention Services By Appointment: Counseling and prevention services focus on prevention and development to enhance the well being of reserve members and their families.

Immediate Crisis Assistance: Crisis assistance is available to provide short-term support to restore an individual's ability to cope with family life situations.

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS): Financial assistance through the AFAS is available to meet emergency basic needs for servicemembers and their families.

Deployed family support programs

"Hearts Apart" - Free Resources to Stay Connected: Four 15-minute calls per month from member's deployed location and four 15-minute calls per month from your home, visual telephone contact, a \$20 Air Force Aid calling card and a Veteran's of Foreign Wars writing materials kit.

Give Parents a Break: Four hours of childcare free once a month while your member is deployed.

Pillowcase Program: Member's picture is transferred onto a pillowcase for children 10-years-old and younger.

Air Force One Source: 24 hr assistance line for the military

Family Support Network Functions:

Provide services to meet needs of the families of our deployed members.

Teen and College Students: Support for teens includes C-5 and flight simulator tours, education resources, access to recruiters, Military Personnel Flight customer support and the clinic.

Job Rights: Do you know your employment rights once you are activated? Employer support of the Guard and the Reserve is available. Call 1-800-336-4590 for more information.

Bundles For Babies: This AFAS program provides basic necessities for new parents. Childbirth education briefing required and provided.

AFAS Free Phone Cards: Provided once to members on orders for more than 30 days.

Personal Financial Management: Classes available upon request. Call to

Car Care Because We Care: Free oil change, lubrication and safety check for the family vehicle.

Air Force Aid Assistance: Interest free loans or grants available for members in financial crisis.

Emergency Family Life Issues Assistance: Get the help you need for any issue or family crisis.

American Red Cross Assistance: Emergency validation and messages.

For more information about the programs in this section, call the 433rd Airman & Family Readiness Center at (210) 925-3650

see how we can help.

Veteran's Benefits: A National Service Officer is available each month by appointment. Fact sheets are also available on a variety of veteran's benefits.

Operation Uplink: Veterans of Foreign Wars & Ladies Auxiliary provides free phone cards for E-7 and below.

Volunteers: The 433rd Airmen and Family Readiness Flight office is comprised of volunteers, civilians, reservists and family members. Volunteers donate from one to five hours each week. Volunteer with the AFRF and make a difference.



Financial readiness is mission readiness

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Servicemembers and their families need to learn the importance of financial management and smart saving practices, so the Defense

Department is focusing its efforts to make sure troops are prepared for the future, a senior DOD official said here

Oct. 17.

“One of the most important aspects of our responsibility at DOD is to help military families with their quality of life and with the programs and activities that will help them have a full and successful life that we think the military offers,” said Leslye Arsht, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

“We’ve worked hard to put together a comprehensive program of financial assistance and guidance to help military families move toward a culture of saving and planning for the future,” she said.

One of the initiatives DOD is pursuing is a program called Military Saves. This program is under America Saves, a nationwide campaign in which a broad coalition of nonprofit, corporate and government groups helps individuals and families save and build wealth.

The idea behind Military Saves is to encourage military families, particularly young families, to start saving early for retirement and to build a financial safety cushion to use in case of emergencies, Ms. Arsht said. Having

this cushion will prevent families from seeking short-term loans, which often come with high interest rates, she said.

“The military pay system makes it really easy for you to do these allocations in your paycheck,” she said. “These small amounts of money -- \$10 or \$20 a month -- actually adds up to quite a bit when you do it on a regular basis.”

Another program DOD recently launched is Moneywise in the Military, a traveling conference done in partnership with the PBS television network that addresses topic such as staying out of debt, bankruptcy, home ownership, saving and insurance. The first of these conferences was held Sept. 30 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here and was hosted by Kelvin Boston, host of the PBS television series, “Moneywise.”

Moneywise in the Military proved to be popular in its first conference, drawing 200 people on a Saturday afternoon, Arsht said. Boston is a popular television personality who directs his regular programming to middle- and low-income Americans, but has adapted it for military families, she said.

“We see these as very popular activities for every age group, but we think especially important for our young members and their families,” she said. Moneywise in the Military will travel to five installations around the country, and possibly to more locations as DOD develops its relationship with PBS, Ms. Arsht said.

DOD has developed partnerships with nonprofit financial planners and organizations that work through family centers, providing counseling and to help military members in financial trouble, Ms. Arsht said. DOD leaders also encourage servicemembers to use financial institutions on military bases, which offer short-term loans with low interest rates, she said.

“Financial readiness is equivalent to mission readiness,” she said. “We have records and history that show if you are worried about your finances, you’re not going to be as ready or as focused on the mission. So we want to help families address these issues before they become a crisis and to really encourage them to make these sounder financial choices.”

Most military families get into trouble when small emergencies come along and they’re already stretched thin financially, Ms. Arsht said. DOD’s financial readiness campaign aims to teach servicemembers how to save and plan for these emergencies, so they’re prepared and ready to do their job, she said.

“Because we see financial stability and financial readiness as equating with mission readiness, it’s really important to DOD to be able to help our families make good choices, and to start this culture of saving that will keep them from getting into the cycle of debt,” she said.

Web sources for financial education

<http://www.mymoney.gov/>

<http://www.saveandinvest.org/>



Lt. Col. Luis Camacho, a nurse with the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, currently deployed to the Air Force Theater Hospital at Balad Air Base, Iraq, assists in loading a burn victim onto a C-17. The patient was transferred to Brook Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston after landing at Lackland AFB on Oct. 14.

Patients are airlifted quickly out of harms way and are usually stateside within 48-72 hours after injury. The rapid aeromedical evacuation and availability of extensive treatment in the theater of operations ensures that 97 percent of all wounded in Iraq, survive their injuries.

Colonel Camacho is serving on a 120-day, voluntary Air Expeditionary Force deployment. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Note Worthy



Awards

Reserve unit wins Keil award

The 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was selected by AMC for the 2005 AMC Aeromedical Evacuation Mobility Air Forces Lillian Keil Team Award. This is the first time a reserve unit/team has received this award.

The award recognizes excellence by a team (two or more persons) making the most significant contributions to the Mobility Air Forces' aeromedical evacuation mission during contingency operations.

The award message is on the AMC web page <https://private.amc.af.mil/a3/a33/A33E/index.htm>.

433rd AES Hurricane Katrina/Rita AE Command Element Members to receive the award are:

- Col. Wayne J Olson, 622nd RSG
- Lt. Col. Thomas J Barry, AES
- Lt. Col. Edward G Gruber, HQ AFRC/DOV
- Chief Master Sgt. Rodney A Christa, AES
- Master Sgt. Kevin D Miles, AES
- Tech. Sgt. Melissa A Gamez, AMDS
- Tech. Sgt. Troy W Remmers, AES

Finance recognizes efficiency

At the end of the fiscal year the 433rd Budget Office elects two members of the wing to receive recognition for their work during the fiscal year. The recognition is based on quality and efficiency.

The recipients are:

**OUTSTANDING RESOURCE
ADVISOR OF THE YEAR**
Martha Ramirez, Maintenance
Group

**OUTSTANDING ORDERLY ROOM
PERSON OF THE YEAR**
Laura De Leon, DET 1

Newcomers

Major

Carolyn Dale-Mumma AES

First Lieutenant

Stephen Lin CES

Master Sergeant.

Wayne Shulz 556th RHS

Staff Sergeant.

Clifford Ferrell AMXS
Bradley Gruselle 556th RHS
Rahim Kidd 556th RHS
Peter Lujan MXS
Donna Stevens AES
Shannon Williams CES

Senior Airman

Mackenzie Brown 556th RHS
Richard Delaney 556th RHS
Corey Delgado AW
Robert Espinoza MXS
Benjamin Kuhlmann CES
Rayvonne Sang 556th RHS
Stepen Sutton OSS

Airman 1st Class

Laura Flores AES
Sara Hodgen 556th RHS
Natasha Hubbard 556th RHS

Airman

Dale Nation AW

Promotions

Brig. Gen. John Fobian, 433rd Airlift Wing Commander, congratulates the following individuals on their selection, through the Promotion Enhancement Program, against a very competitive group of peers throughout Fourth Air Force:



Wayne W. White, MXS



Kimberly A. Rozsypal, ASTS

Reenlistments

Senior Master Sergeant

Pedro Esquivel, OSS
Roberta Valdez, MXS

Master Sergeant

Edward Campos, 68th AS
Steven Flores, AES
Armando Frausto, MXS
Richard Hawkins JR, DET 1
Ernest Reyna, MXS
Gary Shafer, AES

Technical Sergeant

Kenneth Allen, TRS
Joan Bodwell, MDS
David Cameron, MXS
Charles Campa, 68th AS
Roxie Farmington, 74th APS
Enrique Galaviz, OSS
George Hernandez, MXS
Bernalhee Mcfaden, ALCF
Elizabeth Oconnor, AMDS
David Pizana, AW
Mary Rozsypal, AES
David Salazar, MOS
Robert Smith, MXS
Ray Tippit, 68th AS
Kevin Uerkwitz, 74th APS
Michael Vaquera, AMXS
Tammy Vershay, 74th APS

Staff Sergeant

Nelida Balderas, OSS
Irasema Campuzano, DET 1
Alfonso Cerventes, 68th AS
David Compton, AMDS
Eric Flores, MXS
Patrick Flores, 710th IOF
Nicola Marler, TRS
Reynaldo Quiroga, MDS
Troy Remmers, AES
David St George, 74th APS
Latasha Williams, 74th APS
Shannon Williams, CES

Senior Airman

Aaron Adcock, 74th APS
Calvin Alexander, OSS
Richard Delaney, 556th RH
Stephen Sutton, OSS

More opportunities in Air Force

Nine career fields open to prior service members

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- Veterans interested in joining the Air Force or becoming an active-duty Airman once again may be eligible if they have served in one of nine career fields.

During fiscal 2007, the Air Force Prior Service Enlistment Program is available to 40 veterans who have served in the following careers:

- airborne or ground cryptologic linguist.
- combat control.
- tactical air command and control.
- survival, evasion, resist and escape operations, also known as SERE.
- pararescue.
- explosive ordnance disposal.
- premier or regional band.

Applicants must have separated from military service in the pay grade of E-5 or below and have no more

than six years total active federal military service.

Prior-service applicants include those who have served in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy or Marine Corps; Reserve or Guard; or as an individual mobilization augmentee ordered to extended active duty for the limited period recall program. Sister-service veterans must have served in a career field similar to one of the nine specialties available. Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve veterans are eligible for direct duty. No retraining is authorized.

The prior service limitations are a result of force restructuring and are designed to help replenish stressed career fields, said Chief Master Sgt. Edward Vargas, Air Force Recruiting Service operations division superintendent. Force restructuring is part of

the service's force shaping initiative. By 2011, Air Force officials plan to cut the number of Airmen by 40,000 to meet end-strength numbers.

Eligibility requirements in the prior service enlistment program vary. Veterans interested in applying for Air Force active-duty service are encouraged to contact their local recruiter. Veterans can access the www.airforce.com Web site and click on the "Contact Us" and "Locate an Advisor" links either to request a recruiter contact them or to find a recruiting office.

Throughout fiscal 2007, Air Force enlisted recruiting emphasis remains on hiring new non-prior servicemembers. The FY '07 goal is for 27,760 high school graduates or the equivalent, ages 17-28, to join. The Air Force also seeks about 480 college graduates to join its officer corps.

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deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve today, and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past.

"We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world," he said. "This is a long overdue tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who service in the Air Force."


The Air Force Band performed several pieces while a video was shown with clips from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen working in the sands of Iraq.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force para-jumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002.

"As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, 'I'll die a happy man doing the job I love'," read General Moseley. "Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well as the countless others who are like him."

Several aircraft, ranging from World War One bi-planes to today's stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial.

"We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who wear the Air Force blue," said President Bush. "We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today." 



For more information about the Air Force Memorial or the Air Force 60th Birthday, log onto <http://www.af.mil/library/usaf60.asp>



News Bites...

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

The 932nd Airlift Wing at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., continues to hire flight attendants for its C-9C and C-40 distinguished-visitor missions. Applicants must qualify for a top secret clearance, be available to fly a 10-day trip every three months and be within the Air Force fit-to-fight standards. Also, they must pass a board interview process and meet flight physical requirements as a flying crew member. For more details, call (618)-229-7173.

PATCH POSTPONED

Air Force Reserve Command has postponed the mandatory wear of the AFRC patch on battle dress uniforms and flight suits until May 1, 2007. AFRC unit reservists were supposed to start wearing the patch beginning in October, but command officials delayed the date because of a lack of patches. "As patches are issued, members are ex-

pected to wear them on their uniforms as soon as possible," wrote Col. William F. Nadolski, deputy director of manpower and personnel at AFRC headquarters, in a memo to wing commanders and manpower officials.

DEFENSE BILL

Air Force Reserve Command will have a slightly larger force in 2007. The fiscal 2007 Defense Appropriations Act signed by President George W. Bush Sept. 29 funds an end-strength of 74,900 reservists.

That's 900 additional reservists compared to the fiscal year 2006 end-strength of 74,000. The new legislation also approves 10,214 full-time air reserve technicians and 2,707 full-time Active Guard and Reserve personnel.

The defense bill funds a 2.2 percent across-the-board military pay raise for active and Reserve forces as requested in the president's budget earlier this year.

PME PUSH

Master sergeants must now finish the Air Force Senior NCO Academy before they fill a senior or chief master sergeant position in the Air Force Reserve.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, announced the policy in a Sept. 27 memo.

Previously, master sergeants had to complete the top enlisted professional military education before they sewed on senior master sergeant stripes, however, they could fill a higher-graded position as long as they enrolled in the academy within six months of their duty effective date.

The new policy still requires master sergeants to complete the academy before promotion, but it gives added emphasis to the importance of PME by making graduation a requirement of senior and chief master sergeant positions as well.

PROMOTION CHANGES

More Air Force Reserve officers will compete against each other for promotion. Line officers will have less chance to make colonel, and lieutenant colonels won't be able to stay past their mandatory separation date. These are some of the policy changes Air Force Reserve Command implemented for officer promotions starting with the October 2006 AFR Line and Non-line Colonel Promotion selection board.

AIMPOINT OF AN UNRIVALED WINGMAN

To facilitate flexible participation, the Air Force Reserve will meet mission requirements with volunteers first. It will unify and align resources into the most combat-effective organizations possible.

It will bring trained people to the fight. It will structure participation to match the way reservists serve. It will not base personnel policies on "up or out" practices.

Remember the Alamo Wing

On 20 Nov. 1979, Captain Tommy D. Haney landed a burning C-130 at Kelly AFB. The in-flight emergency began about 2000 hours, as the C-130 was about six miles out, making a ground-controlled approach to Kelly. The flight engineer noticed a rapid loss of fuel from number three engine. A visual check confirmed the problem and the captain shut down the engine and notified Kelly tower. The crew landed without injury.

"It's not whom you work for that gets you promoted, but the people who work for you."

Brig. Gen. Harry J. Huff,

Former Alamo Wing commander upon becoming a brigadier general in Feb. 1974

Who's Who in the... Alamo Wing



Photo by 1st. Lt. Shane Huff

Mr. Kenny Vogel, Bldg. 909 building custodian and all-around helping hand, celebrated his 35th birthday near the end of October.



Photo by Alen Boedecker, Lackland photographer

Tech. Sgt. James Gomez, a hydraulics technician with the 433rd Maintenance Squadron, participated in the annual Ride For the Brand Rodeo's opening ceremonies by carrying the POW-MIA flag in the grand entry parade. The Rodeo, planned by members of the 433rd Airlift Wing, moved from Bandera to Helotes this year, and enjoyed larger crowds in its fifth year. Monies raised are used for scholarships and area charities.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos Trevino

Staff Sgt. Eli Lozano, MXS, Master Sgt. Marcos Hernandez, MXS, Tech. Sgt. Armando Hernandez, MXS, and Tech. Sgt. Jesus Ochoa, SFS participated in the retirement ceremony of Alamo Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Carlos Massiatte. Reservists participate in various official events as part of the official Lackland AFB Wing Honor Guard.

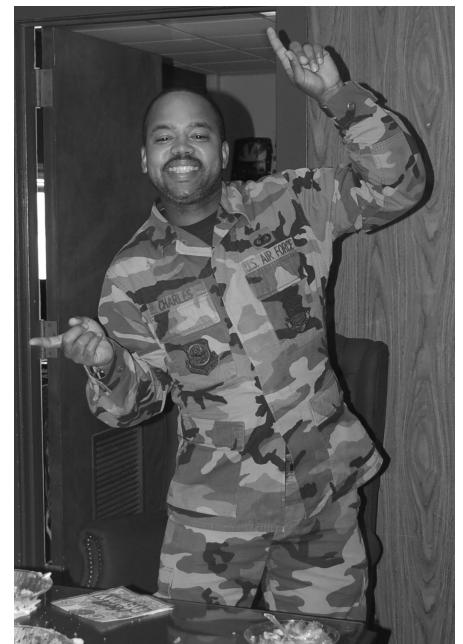


Photo by Maj. Elena Milford

Tech. Sgt. Erving Charles, had his own way of wishing the wing commander a happy birthday. Sergeant Charles, an information manager with the 433rd Command Post, works hard and because he was late to the party, he had to sing and dance for Brig. Gen. John Fobian.

Air Force Memorial attracts thousands

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- On behalf of a grateful nation, the president of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony here attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business representatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike.

"A Soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

The ceremony was the highlight of a daylong open house

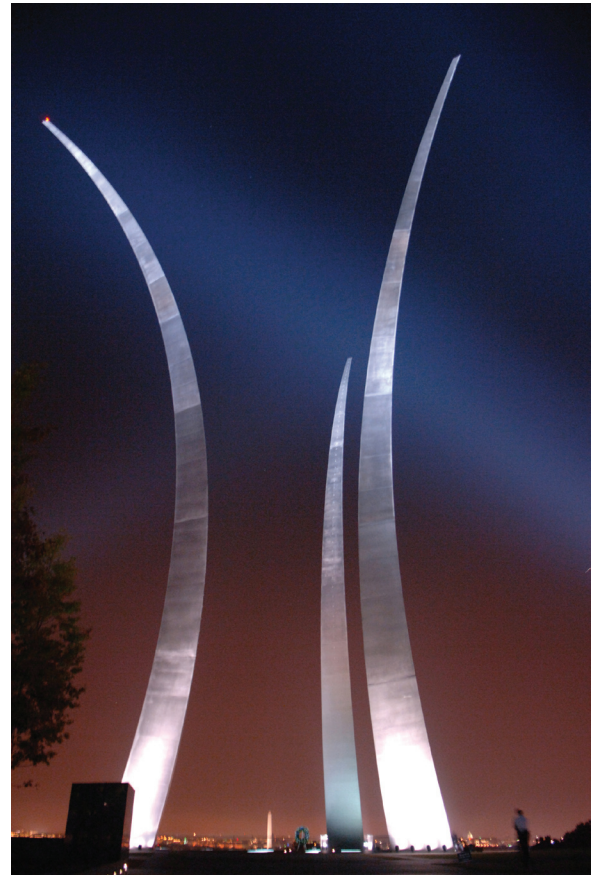
event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon. Huge screens were put up which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony, which took place at the base of the memorial.

That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was

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The Air Force Memorial spires soar toward the night sky, the lights of nearby Washington D.C. glowing in the background. Designed by the late James Ingo Freed, the memorial pays tribute to and honors the patriotic men and women of the U.S. Air Force and its predecessor organizations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher J. Matthews)

UTA SCHEDULE

November
A UTA Nov. 4-5
B UTA Nov. 18-19

December
Wing CC Call
both weekends
A UTA Dec. 2-3
B UTA Dec. 9-10

January
A UTA Jan. 6-7
B UTA Jan. 20-21

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