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Two new squadrons activate in Alamo Wing

By Master Sgt. Colleen McGee

Wing Public Affairs

Two new squadrons were added to the 26 existing units of the Alamo Wing. A ceremony marking the occasion was held February 6. The 356th Airlift Squadron and the 733rd Training Squadron are now a part of the C-5 Formal Training Unit, Kelly Field, Lackland AFB, TX.

The 356th AS, previously assigned to Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, operated the C-141 weapon system. The 733rd TRS is a new designation activated at Kelly Field to provide administrative oversight to the students at the C-5 FTU.

Both units gain traditions from the former C-5 FTU at Altus AFB, Okla., where C-5 aircrew training began in the 1960's. The process bringing the new squadrons to the Alamo Wing was a long one. Initially the concept was briefed to Congress in 2002, according to Lt. Col. John Martino, 733rd TRS Commander.

"It (bringing the new squadrons and the C-5 FTU to Kelly Field) was challenging and fun," said Lt. Col. Fred McMahon, 356th AS Commander. Colonel McMahon's squadron is responsible for the formal flying training courses and the instructors.

"The initial Cadre is an awesome group of people," said Colonel McMahon. He explained the instructors and



Photo by Master Sgt. Colleen McGee

Left to right, Col. Del Lewis, 433rd Operations Group Commander, Lt. Col. Fred McMahon, 356th Airlift Squadron Commander and Lt. Col. Rick Martino, 733rd Training Squadron Commander, marked the activation of two squadrons at Lackland AFB's Kelly Field C-5 Formal Training Unit. The 733rd TRS is a new squadron while the 356th AS is being reactivated at the training facility. The 356th AS patch and flag were brought to Lackland from Wright-Patterson AFB where the squadron previously operated the C-141 weapon system.

evaluators come from all across the Air Force.

"Altus built a proud tradition," said Colonel Martino. "Here we are, the Reserve, with help from the active-duty (to take on the C-5 aircrew training mission). Quite a team."

Colonel Martino spent some time working at the Air Force Integration office and knows first-hand that the mission requires more than just one unit doing a great job to be successful.

"There were a lot of relationships built along the way," said Colonel Martino. He listed cooperative efforts from Air Mobility Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the 37th Training Wing, the host unit at Lackland.

The C-5 FTU is the first unit of its kind to be owned and operated by AFRC. Though there are other flight

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Be an unrivaled wingman

Col. Howard Seid

Vice Wing Commander

Busy. There is no other word for the current pace of the Alamo Wing. As we transition into becoming the official C-5 Formal Training Unit, continue with deployments, fly missions in support of world-wide operations and spin up for the Operational Readiness Inspection, it is more important than ever to be that unrivaled wingman for your co-workers and those under your command. The only way we will continue to be successful is to continue to watch out for each other.

One of the best ways to be an unrivaled wingman is to really get to know the people you work with. You should know each member of your team well enough to recognize when they are tired, discouraged or distracted.

If they are tired, lend a hand or get them the breaks they need. If they are distracted, know how to constructively redirect them to the current task and know how to tell them the work they do is valu-

able.

Never let an opportunity for appropriate recognition get by you. Use the Air Force awards program when the situation warrants it and tell them they make a difference.


As I've spent time in the seat of command, I've learned about the many jobs behind the scenes that never get recognized. I've had a chance to visit maintenance back shops, meet hard working administrative types who make sure pay and orders are all on track and I've had a chance to hear from the supervisors about how hard their teams are working. Remember that your job, no matter what your job, is just as important to the mission as mine. Each of us has to be an expert in our area and each of us depends on and is depended on by others to get our personal piece of the mission done. No one succeeds alone. Know your wingman and make sure your wingmen know you. 



Photo by Master Sgt. Collen McGee

Col. Howard Seid, 433rd Airlift Wing Vice Commander, carried the annual Cowboy Breakfast Committee's breakfast meal out to those on the flight line unable to get away from mission requirements and enjoy the meal.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Lucinda Valenti, 925-3556

Alamo Wing Chaplain

The End Piece

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

- Jeremiah 29:11

One Valenti Family Holiday tradition involves a fight over the end piece of cake. You see, it is not an ordinary piece of cake.



My husband, David, makes this Cassata that is covered in a hard chocolate casing so the end pieces are nothing but chocolate. Well worth the fight. We have been known to send the end piece to my sister in N.C. to make her feel like she is with us. We have cut the end piece into tiny pieces so everyone gets some. An in-law has unknowingly eaten the end piece and 4 years later has not heard the end of it. The end piece is truly the best of the cake. My hope and prayer for the 433rd Airlift Wing during 2007 is that it is full of end pieces. That is God's hope also.

Blessings,
Chaplain Lucinda Valenti

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training units in the command, the facility at Kelly Field is the first to combine active-duty and Reserve instructors and evaluators to train aircrew in all three components of the Air Force, Reserve, Guard and active-duty.

Col. Del Lewis, 433rd Operations Group Commander, also cited the spirit of cooperation needed to continue the successful training of Air Force C-5 aircrews.

"If you are going to form a good team, you want the best," said Colonel Lewis. "We have the talent and wherewithal to pull this off but it will take people."

Colonel Lewis said it would take the people of the Alamo Wing, the host base and the community to keep the mission successful. He challenged attendees to carry the standard even higher.

"What we want here is a true 'Galaxy' University," said Colonel Lewis.

Air Force Assistance Fund campaign begins

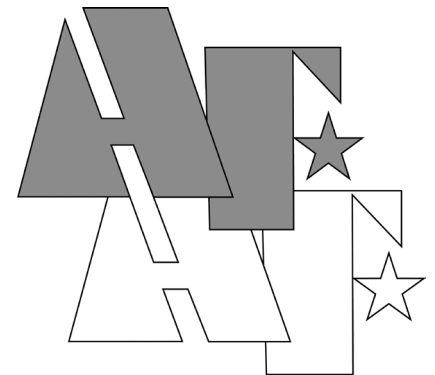
The 433rd Airlift Wing's campaign runs March 12 through May 19.

Those interested in donating or getting more information may contact their unit representatives or the Wing coordinators. Wing representatives, 1st. Lt. Clayton Lawrence and Senior Master Sgt. John Hinshaw, both from the 433rd Training Squadron, may be reached at 671-2410 or 671-2059.

The Air Force Assistance Fund

supports four official Air Force charities: The Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund, the Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

For more information see the Air Force news story on-line at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123040598>



The Alamo Wing remembers ...

Women who served in the Women Air Force Service Pilots, or WASP, were officially designated as military veterans on November 23, 1977, nearly 33 years after they were deactivated.

"This is not a time when women should be patient. We are in a war and we need to fight it with all our ability and ever weapon possible. WOMEN PILOTS, in this particular case, are a weapon waiting to be used."

————— Eleanor Roosevelt, 1942



Note Worthy



Promotions



Robert Aguilar, 356th AS
Spencer Seale, 356th AS
Mark Sherwood, 356th AS



David Compton, AMDS
Daniel Garcia, AES
Freddie Kondoff, 68th AS
Gabriel Maciaz, AW
Alejandro Molina, MSS
Megan Scharfenstine, AMDS
Mindy Stifflemire, AES



Herman Aguilera, 556th RHS
Jeremiah Carlton, MSS
Don Davis, AMDS
Jared Harris, MXS
Samuel Hawkins, 556th RHS
William Holland, MXS
Benjamin Reid, AMXS
Brendan Wilcoxson, AES



Rashaud Alderman, 74th APS
Richard Bryant, 556th RHS
Jonathan Leger, 74th APS
Ricardo Martinez, CES
Jason Osburn, MSS
Jonathan Peck, 556th RHS
Heather Sneed, ASTS



Kevin Leshar, 710th IOS



David Acosta, MSS
Jose Hernandez Jr.

Awards

Colonel Howard A. Seid, 433rd AW Vice Commander, would like to congratulate the following AMN/NCO/SNCO award winners for the 1st Quarter, FY07. The competition was keen and all personnel are to be commended for a job well done. The winners in their respective category are:

Airman

Senior Airman John Castillo, Jr., AMDS

NCO

Tech. Sgt. Enrique Trevino, OSS

Senior NCO

Senior Master Sgt. David A. Freeman, AMXS

Blue Suit Award Winners

Congratulations also to the winners of the Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Award for 2007.

Senior Airman Ruben Torres, ASTS
Tech. Sgt. Alan Brinkerhoff, AMXS
Master Sgt. Dionicio (Nicho) Gutierrez, AW
Senior Master Sgt. Juan Villarreal, ASTS
Capt. Warner Tse, MDS

Congratulations to these outstanding 433rd Airlift Wing members.

Reenlistments

Senior Master Sergeant

Paul French, MXS

Master Sergeant

Bryan Davis, AMXS
Gonzales David, MXS
Kaskie Gregory, CES
Kemp Evelyn, 710th IF
Anthony King, 74th APS
Robert Lara, MDS
April Matherly, MSS
Steven Tyler, ASTS

Technical Sergeant

Anthony Brown, 433rd TRS
Ruben Cepeda, CES
Dwayne Edwards, MXS
Richard Flores, MXS
David Galley, MXS
Brian Gleason, 556th RH
Jeffrey Madison, 68th AS
Arthur Marin, CES
Rolando Montalvo, MXS
Dwight Stewart, MXS
Ramon Zarate, MXS

Staff Sergeant

Allison Butts, 433rd TRS
Christian Calderon, 74th APS
Scott Campbell, MXS
Chad Evans, AW
Jose Gonzalez, 26th APS
Gloria Hofilena, 26th APS
Candler Horton, ALCF
Trina Morrow, MXS

Senior Airman

Jeremy Albrecht, CF
Joseph Huebenthal, MXS

UTA SCHEDULE

March

A UTA March 3-4
B UTA March 17-18

April

A UTA April 14-15
B UTA April 21-22

May

A UTA May 5-6
B UTA May 19-20

Reserve flight medics get wounded home

By Staff Sgt. Bethaney Watson

Wing Public Affairs

The 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is getting the war wounded to medical facilities closer to their homes once they arrive in the U.S.

The 433rd AES works with the detachment out of Scott AFB, Ill. for this rotation, while Travis AFB, Calif. and Andrews AFB, Md. are two other stateside bases receiving patients that need to be transported within the country.

“We’re transporting people coming back from the theater,” said Tech. Sgt. Lisa Hassell, a medical technician with the 433rd AES.

“Their first stop is at Andrews AFB, Md. then, when they get to Scott AFB, we transport them back to their home station if they’re not returning to duty or to a hospital for continuation care,” said Sergeant Hassell.

The squadron is made of primarily AES crews from all across Air Force Reserve Command who serve on active duty for one year. During that year they rotate between Scott AFB and their home units.

“Two nurses and three medical technicians are assigned to each medical evacuation crew and they rotate about every 60 days,” said Sergeant Hassell.

Sergeant Hassell’s crew returned home December 23 and is scheduled to do another 60-day tour in February. The period between rotations can leave them with mixed feelings.

“I was satisfied that we got the first 60 days out of the way but, at the same time, I felt we should be out there longer because there were more people out there,” said Sergeant Hassell.

Serving the wounded warriors is the most rewarding for both Major Howard and Sergeant Hassell each for different reasons.

“Taking care of the patients, making



U.S. Air Force Courtesy Photo

Maj. Barbara Sewick, left, a nurse, and Tech. Sgt. Lisa Hassell, a medical technician, are both deployed from the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron to support the 775th Expeditionary Aeromedical Squadron’s mission of transporting wounded within the United States. The stateside mission is performed primarily by Reservists on 60-day rotations.

them comfortable and doing the best I can to take care of their needs,” Maj. JoAnne Howard, a 433rd AES flight nurse, said were most important to her.

“I enjoy it,” said Sergeant Hassell. “I’ve been doing it for 18 years this month. It’s a true satisfaction to get them where they need to be going.”

Not all of the crewmembers have that much experience, but the 60-day rotations provide opportunities to gain more hands-on training and mission experience.

“For the most part, the experience level is high,” said Sergeant Hassell. “They’ve gone out two or three times already. Most of the nurses work in critical care units in their civilian jobs and the med techs have been deployed several times,” said Sergeant Hassell.

“A crew would fly every third day and we ended up doing 13 missions the 60 days that we were there per crew.”

One mission stood out for her.

“We brought some patients to Minneapolis, Minn. for rehab,” said Major Howard. “One was a Marine who was paralyzed and could only blink his eyes. There was a lot of care involved. He couldn’t communicate his needs very well so we really had to watch for other signs of discomfort or any other of his needs.”

On this flight, the Marine’s parents


were on board. Involving them in the care of their son was a way to extend care to them for Major Howard.

“We also let the parents be more involved because they could tell what his needs were and they seemed to appreciate it,” said Major Howard.

For Sergeant Hassell, a certain connection with each service member she cared for stays with her.

“They’re so young and being a mom, it really gets to you,” said Sergeant Hassell. “My son is 17 and most of these guys are 19 to 21. Their spirits and their attitudes are uplifting considering what they’ve gone through, said Sergeant Hassell.

Often, military members feel forgotten when their duties don’t take them to the front lines. But more and more, Airmen are coming to realize how integral every task is to over-all mission success. In the medical evacuation mission, those stateside moves can easily impact the patient the most.

“The fact that we’re stateside isn’t any less important than being overseas,” said Sergeant Hassell. “We’re the last people they see before they go home. Once they get to us, they’ve been in the system for three to four days and they’re ready to go home. It’s very rewarding to be involved in the mission of taking care of the soldiers,” said Maj. Howard. 

Who's Who in the... Alamo Wing



U.S. Air Force Courtesy Photo

Tech. Sgt. Raffaele Dickerson from the 433rd Airlift Wing, Brig. Gen. John Fobian, 433rd AW Commander, and Maj. Michael Nelson, from the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron all are currently deployed within the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The three Alamo Wing members are due to return during the first part of May.



Photo by Master Sgt. Nicho Gutierrez, Wing chaplain assistant

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Martin, a maintainer with the 433rd Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight, was one of several members of the Cowboy Breakfast Committee who began cooking at 3:30 a.m. for the annual Rodeo Breakfast. The meal was free and coincides each year with the Rodeo Breakfast put on in San Antonio during the Annual Stock Show and Rodeo.

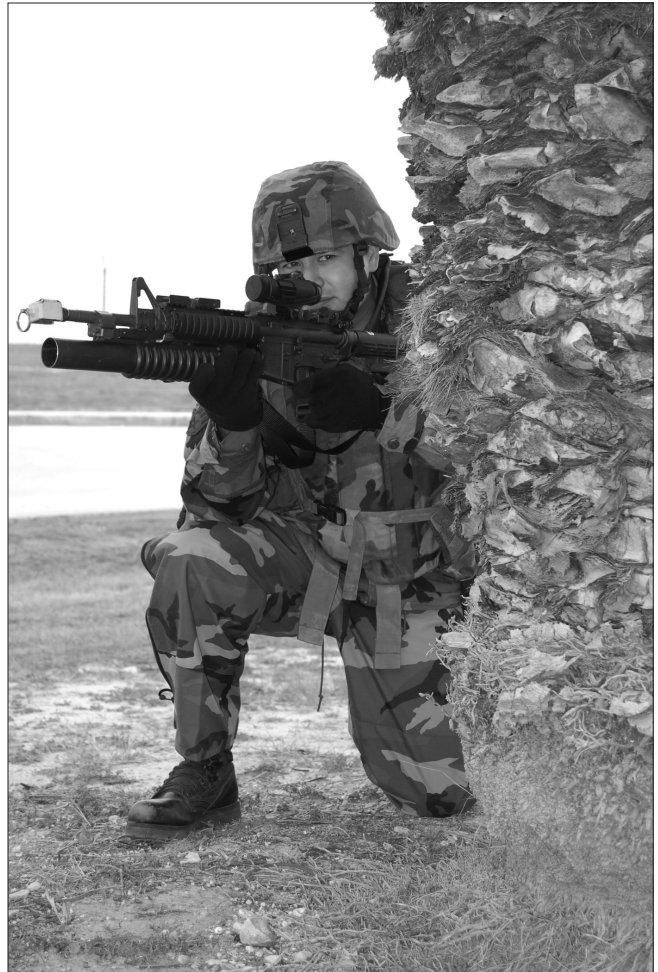
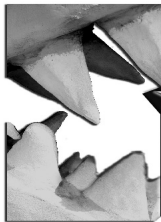


Photo by Master Sgt. Colleen McGee

Senior Airman Abel Anaya, an M-203 grenadier with the 433rd Security Forces Squadron, provides over-watch security during a patrol exercise. Airman Anaya's job during the exercise was to provide cover to his teammates at an entry-control point.



News Bites...

TAX RELIEF

The Main Base Tax Center offers free tax preparation and filing help to active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retirees for state and federal taxes. The tax center is in the Carswell Administration Building, Bldg. 9050, Suite 3700. The building is directly behind clothing sales at 1700 Carswell Ave. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. The tax center will be closed on Fridays. Appointments are required. Call 671-7983, 671-7984 or 671-7985 for an appointment. (37th CPTS)

GOING VIRTUAL

Air Force Reserve Command wants its officers, senior NCOs and supervisors

to establish virtual Personnel Center - Guard/Reserve accounts by April 2. At the same time, the command urges all reservists to get a vPC-GR account, by logging on to <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR>. "Our personnel center is the hub of our transformation efforts, and vPC-GR is our tool to transition reservists to these Web-based personnel services," wrote Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC vice commander, in a memo to unit commanders. As part of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation, the Web-based system allows reservists to conduct personal transactions and access information without visiting a military personnel flight. (AFRC)

UNRIVALED WINGMAN:

In order to execute the sustained missions of the future Air Force, reservists must be prepared to participate more than one weekend a month and two weeks of annual training.

As such, they will be provided clear and realistic service expectations between mandating duty and volunteerism. The Air Force Reserve will embrace participation practices that allow its Airmen to maximize their effectiveness while in uniform. Telecommuting, alternative training assemblies and aligning annual tours with the active-component mission are a few examples of practices the Reserve will expand. Programs are being designed to maximize ways members

can serve while minimizing the need for involuntary service. The Individual Ready Reserve program will also be leveraged for increased participation. (AFRC)

PUPPY POWER

The military working dog breeding program at Lackland is looking for good homes in the surrounding area to volunteer to temporarily keep potential military working dogs.

During the early stages of development, the ideal place for the dogs is in a nurturing family home.

The puppy is brought to Lackland periodically for behavior evaluations and returned to Lackland between 7 and 9 months of age. For more information, call 671-3686. (37th TRW)

On Target!

Members of the 433rd Airlift Wing must maintain wartime skills including the ability to operate and accurately use weapons. A standard sidearm issued when required is the 9mm. Members are rated on their experience from qualified through expert based on their total hits and the location on the target where they strike.



Photo by Capt. Bruce Hill

Hydrate! Hydrate! Hydrate!

One of the most frequent announcements heard on the 'Giant Voice' public address system is the reminder to hydrate.

Even when the weather isn't hot, drinking enough fluids is essential, especially when in full chemical protective gear.

Dehydration does not discriminate so remember to ...

Hydrate! Hydrate! Hydrate!

Effective training requires readiness mindset

By Capt. Bruce Hill

Wing Public Affairs

During the February Unit Training Assembly, a group of insurgents attacked the gate that used to separate Lackland AFB from Kelly AFB. The insurgents were practice. The defenders were real.

“The more you sweat in training, the less you’ll bleed in war,” said former Navy SEAL Capt. Richard Marcinko in his book, *Leadership Secrets of the Rogue Warrior*.

“That may be the best quote to describe the way we should perceive training,” said Tech. Sgt. Orlando DeLeon, a 433rd Security Forces Squadron Squad Leader.

Sergeant DeLeon has a personal view of training that goes beyond training and into reality.

“Treat your training like it is real world and do your homework because you are ultimately responsible for lives,” said Sergeant DeLeon.

The lives are not limited to those of other Airmen. They can also be those of the innocent.

“Knowing when to pull the trig-

ger, or not, is one of the most important things on the job,” said Sergeant DeLeon.

As the Air Force increasingly handles jobs traditionally done by soldiers, the importance of that distinction is more relevant today.

“We (Security Forces) are doing more of what the Army does now, which is outside the wire,” (beyond the installation perimeter),” said Sergeant DeLeon. “We now do a lot of foot patrols with the Army in cities like Baghdad, Iraq in the real world.”

Training for new missions and unfamiliar environments has to be as realistic as possible.

“Its best if the reservist places himself in the real-world mindset during training,” said DeLeon. “All reservists should regardless of their job.”

Training for the job and training for an Operational Readiness Inspection should both be equally realistic and centered around readiness.


“It is important to remember that training should focus on wartime readiness,” said Brig. Gen. Donald Lustig, Inspector General, Air Mobil-

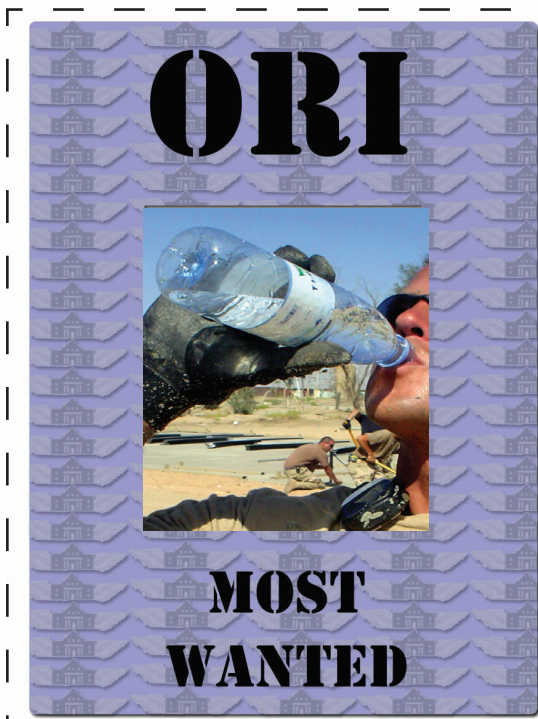
ity Command. “Preparation for Operational Readiness Inspections is important; however, the purpose of the ORIs we administer is to validate wartime readiness. We should focus our training on challenging, realistic scenarios so that we achieve our desired effect-operational mission readiness.”

Besides training for more difficult than expected conditions, the response to those conditions must be realistic.


As chronicled in IG inspection reports, troops commonly simulate the potentially life-saving Atropine injection by using other objects such as clothes pins or magic markers instead of using provided Atropine training injectors.

The common result is an unfamiliarity with the real-world injector that shoots into the users hand or thumb, instead of where it should have gone, into the person whose life the injection is intended to save.

Basically all levels agree, success in exercises, inspections and deployments, depends on training with as much realism and as few simulations as possible. 



ORI



MOST WANTED

The poster features a purple background with a repeating pattern of small house icons. At the top, the letters 'ORI' are written in large, bold, black font. Below this is a photograph of a person's face in profile, drinking from a clear plastic water bottle. At the bottom, the words 'MOST WANTED' are written in large, bold, black font.

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