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931ST AIR REFUELING GROUP



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'Cops' conquer Kirkuk

931st SF return from deployment



SENIOR AIRMAN K.L. KIMBRELL
931ST ARG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Six members of the 931st Security Forces have returned home after deploying to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq to serve as a vital piece of a four team squadron.

The 931st SF team, along with the 916th SF out of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., 514th SF from McGuire AFB, N.J. and the 349th SF based at Travis AFB, Calif. teamed up to form the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

The team arrived at Kirkuk AB to better than expected living conditions.

"The living facilities were really nice," said Staff Sgt. Jared Arrington, Force Protection Supervisor, 931st SF. "We expected to live in tents, but we got hardened shelters."

This was the first deployment for more than half of the 931st troops, but it didn't seem like such.

Deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq:
From left to right: Senior Airman Luke Mahoney, Master Sgt. Gary White, Senior Airman Patrick Strange, Staff Sgt. Jared Arrington, Senior Airman Ryan Jarboe and Staff Sgt. Tyrel Askren.

"It was the first for four of them," said Master Sgt. Gary White, chief, 931st Security Forces, "I could not have asked for more professional and expert individuals."

The 506th ESFS mission is to detect, delay, deter and destroy any and all enemy aggression to personnel and the installation.

"We provided perimeter and patrol coverage to and around the base," said Sergeant White.

Some members of the team experienced an event they won't soon forget.

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THIS UTA

Fit Test Schedule

Saturday

9:30 a.m., 18th ARS
1:30 p.m., HQ ARG,
OSF, MSF

Sunday

9:30 a.m., AMXS
1:30 p.m., CES

Questions about testing or scheduled times should be directed to your unit fitness monitor.

Commander's Call

The quarterly commander's call will be held at 7:30 a.m., Sunday at the Robert J. Dole Community Center Ballroom. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Dean J. Despinoy, 507th Air Refueling Wing Commander.

Prayer Breakfast

Lt. Col.(Chap.) David Fulton, 931st ARG Chaplain will host and be the keynote speaker at the annual event Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at the base dining facility. All members are welcome to attend.



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the April UTA. This weekend promises to be jammed packed as we are doing mass "Fit to Fight" testing, hosting Brigadier General Despinoy, and having a Group Commander's Call.

Fit to Fight is an important commander's program. I expect folks to take the time to improve or maintain their physical fitness. It is the Air Force standard. If you are not meeting the standard you need to work hard to get there. This will impact your career if you cannot attain the score the Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command require. Also, I expect scoring to be accomplished with unwavering integrity. Commanders need to be sure the proper ROE (Rules of Engagement) are used for this testing.

Brig. Gen. Despinoy will be here Sunday for our Commander's Call. When you see him please congratulate him on getting his star! He will also be addressing the group during the call. You can bet his words to us will be very interesting and inspiring.

I would like to thank all the men and women in the group for their outstanding professionalism and great attitude during the recent visit of the 18th Air Force Commander. Maj. Gen. Hawkins was extremely impressed with our group.

Finally, I want remind everyone of the upcoming severe weather season. Please have a plan at home for protecting yourself and your family. Please know what to do when you are here. If you are unsure please get with safety and clear up any doubts you may have. As always think safety and practice your ORM!

You are all great Americans. Thank you for your time and dedication.

Have a terrific UTA!



Karl J. Hurdle, Colonel
931st ARG Commander

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UTA SCHEDULE

Next UTA: May 6-7

June 10-11

July 15-16

August 12 -13

AIRMAN BATTLE UNIFORM FINALIZED

BY MASTER SGT. MITCH GETTLE
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The new Airman Battle Uniform is ready for production and will be available in fiscal 2007, said the Air Force deputy chief of staff of personnel.

Many factors were considered in developing the final uniform selection, with the concern for Airmen being at the top of the list, said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice.

"We were looking for a uniform that would be easier to maintain," he said. "We wanted to provide a uniform that the Airman wouldn't need to spend a lot of out-of-pocket expenses to maintain."

Also, Airmen's feedback throughout the process was beneficial in adding new pockets on the uniform.

"We listened to the Airmen's request where they wanted pockets to hold small tools and when they wear body armor the existing shirt pockets are not accessible or usable," General Allardice said. "It will have the four pockets on the front of the shirt, and also a small pencil pocket on the left forearm and two pockets on the lower legs. In addition, inside the side pockets and inside of the breast pockets there will be smaller sewn-in pockets to hold small tools, flashlights or cell phones."

The new uniform design is a pixilated tiger stripe with four soft earth tones consisting of tan, grey, green and blue. The ABU will have a permanent crease and will be offered in 50-50 nylon-cot-

ton blend permanent press fabric eliminating the need for winter and summer weight uniforms.

Will the new ABU need to be starched and pressed?

"Absolutely not," he said. "Our uniform requirement is we want a uniform that you wash, pull it out of the dryer, and wear it. This requirement meets the ease and cost effectiveness needs in maintaining a uniform."

He speaks from personal experience and added that in the long run it will save Airmen money on dry cleaning costs.

"I tested this uniform. I wash it, take it right out of the dryer and wear it," General Allardice said. "We don't want people putting an iron to it."

The fit of the uniform was also a concern for Airmen.

"We're making them available in more sizes to fit the body better," he said. "We've taken the time to produce more sizes and tailored them for men and women."

"This is the uniform of the future," General Allardice said. "Eventually when enough of these uniforms are manufactured, we will phase out the BDU and desert combat uniforms."

The current projected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is fiscal 2011.

The only thing that needs to be determined is if patches will be worn and the Air Force chief of staff will make that determination soon, General Allardice said.



ABU ACCESSORY ITEMS

-- Suede cowhide boots in matching green-gray color; like the desert boot these will be polish-free and available in men's and women's sizes.

-- The word color for the name, U.S. Air Force, and rank is midnight blue; nametapes and rank insignia background will be tan and will be sewn on using a matching tan color thread.

-- The ABU adopts the battle dress uniform hat style for primary use and the floppy hat design will be used in some deployed areas.

-- A tan T-shirt will be worn; Airmen will be required to maintain one tan T-shirt with an Air Force logo on the front and Air Force written on the back.

Busting the myths: Common Access Card

What your 'smart card' really contains

MR. RAYMOND BRANT
AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill – Rumors and urban legends are circulating that the “gold chip” on the Common Access Card (CAC) contains people’s DNA, family member information or even a complete copy of a worker’s official government records.

“This simply is not the case,” said Major Martin Solis, Chief, Identity Management Branch at the Air Force Communications Agency. The gold computer chip is where the CAC gets its “Smart Card” nickname. The chip contains personal information which is essentially the same information that was contained on previous ID cards such as name, rank, date of birth, along with gender, meal entitlement code and organ donor election (military only). Additionally, the chip contains computer programs or applications, which protect the information on the chip, yet allow the information to be read by appropriately configured government computers and websites.

Besides those basic functions, the gold chip contains three electronic “certificates”, which are unique identifiers registered by DoD and assigned to each CAC owner. These certificates provide official electronic verification of your identity and also allow you to digitally sign and encrypt e-mails.

IDENTITY: The identity certificate is used to grant access to the network and protected websites such as the Air Force Portal and Defense Travel System. By using this identity certificate on the chip instead of the less secure user name and password, we’ve made it more difficult for our adversaries to gain unauthorized access to our networks. For example, a hacker would first have to get their hands on a CAC and then guess the Personal Identification Number (PIN). As a safeguard, the chip’s self-protecting application only allows three guesses before the chip becomes locked (at which point a user would

have to personally visit the Military Personnel Flight or find a specialized CAC Pin Reset workstation). This mechanism prevents unauthorized use of the card – a security precaution that effectively renders a lost card worthless to an adversary who might stumble upon one.

DIGITAL SIGNATURE: The digital signature certificate is used to “digitally sign” documents and e-mail. A digital signature is more difficult to “forge” since your unique identifier is used to create the digital signature. Likewise, a digitally signed e-mail will give you assurances that every letter, comma, period, space, etc., is exactly what the author put in the document.

ENCRYPTION: As the name implies, the encryption certificate protects your data by “scrambling” your e-mail into something incomprehensible by means of a key or code, so that it can be reconverted only by an authorized recipient holding the matching key or code. As such, electronic encryption protects email from being intercepted and read by unauthorized individuals. When using the unclassified network, referred to as the NIPRNET, this encryption is especially useful for Privacy Act Information, Official Use Only and other sensitive but unclassified data. However, one very important note is that even

with digital encryption, classified information is still NOT authorized on the NIPRNET.

“As we progress within the Information Warfare battlefield, the Department of Defense will continue to increase security and protect personal information both on the card, and on the network,” said Major Solis. We all have a role to play in protecting our networks. The information that travels across our network is far too valuable for us to become complacent. The Air Force must, and will, continue to bolster its network security to protect operationally sensitive and personal identity information. Using the “Smart Card” with its gold chip to log on to our networks is one key step in that direction, so make sure you are ready!

Armed Forces of the United States




Air Force

Buster, Myth

	Pay Grade	Rank
E-12	MrA	
	Issue Date	2006MAR10
	Expiration Date	2006MAR10

Geneva Conventions Identification Card

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CAC, VISIT THE AF PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE WEBSITE AT: [HTTPS://AFPKI.LACKLAND.AF.MIL](https://afpk.lackland.af.mil)

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“On October 23, 2005, in the early morning hours we received incoming 107mm rockets near our main gate area. I arrived to find a large convoy just sitting there, so I tried to get some of the patrols to get with the convoy commander to get them moving,” explained Sergeant White.

Incommmmmmmmmming.

“As I am doing that (trying to move the convoy) a rocket was fired, so I called it in,” said Sergeant White. “As I was calling it in, I looked up and saw the rocket coming my way so I hastily tried to take cover in front of my Humvee.”

As if that weren’t enough, try adding injury to insult.

“As I was doing that (taking cover) I rolled my ankle on some rocks and fell onto my back,” said Sergeant White. “Because I was on my back I was able to watch the rocket fly over and explode beyond my position.”

Talk about a series of events.



‘MSGT GARY WHITE’

“It was an eye opening and self-rewarding experience,” said Sergeant White. “I am proud to be a part of history.”

“I was scared at first, but it quickly turned to anger when I realized that I had rolled my ankle,” said Sergeant White. “I made my way upon my feet and noticed that the convoy was still there.”

Extreme circumstances can get the best of anyone.

“#*\$%,” said Sergeant White. “I then reiterated my instructions to the convoy commander.”

As previously stated, an experience they won’t soon forget.

“My troops thought this incident was hilarious and take every opportunity to



‘507th ESFS’

The mission was a success, a lot due to the whole ‘team’ concept.

remind me,” said Sergeant White.

After spending 191 days at their luxurious desert outpost, it was time for them to return home.

The return flight was an adventure in itself.

The team left Kirkuk and flew to Kuwait, then onto Qatar, then back to Kuwait, then eventually to Baltimore, Md. and finally to Wichita, Kan.

“The journey home was fun to say the least, but it really didn’t bother me as long as we were headed west,” said Sergeant Arrington.

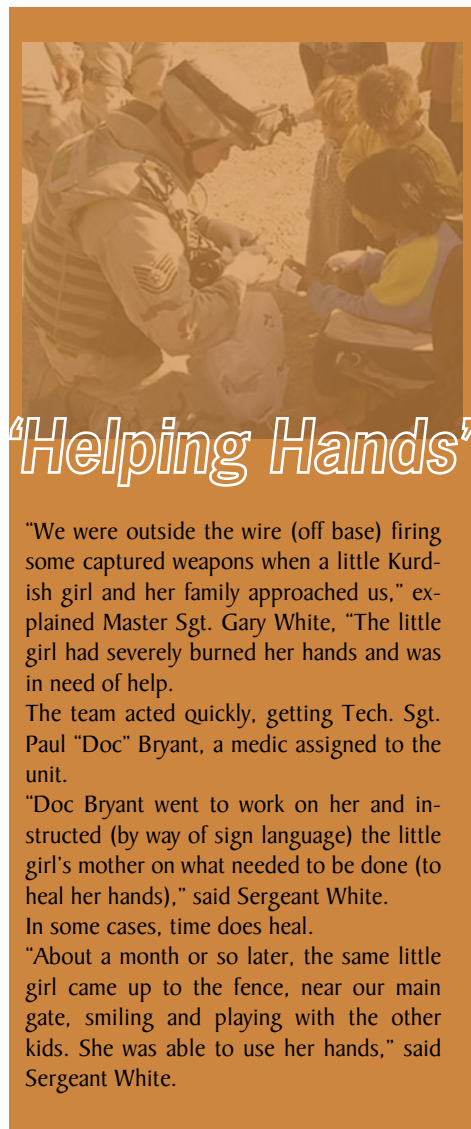
The mission was a success, a lot due to the whole ‘team’ concept.

“The teamwork went well from start to finish. We had a very exceptional group of people who believed in the mission and as a result, accomplished it,” said Sergeant White.

As they stepped off the plane at the airport, here in Wichita, they beamed with pride and were anxious to see their loved ones.

“It’s really great to be home with my wife, son and even my car,” said Sergeant Arrington.

“It (the deployment) was an eye opening and self-rewarding experience,” said Sergeant White. “I am proud to be a part of history.” (All photos provided by 931st SF)



‘Helping Hands’

“We were outside the wire (off base) firing some captured weapons when a little Kurdish girl and her family approached us,” explained Master Sgt. Gary White. “The little girl had severely burned her hands and was in need of help.

The team acted quickly, getting Tech. Sgt. Paul “Doc” Bryant, a medic assigned to the unit.

“Doc Bryant went to work on her and instructed (by way of sign language) the little girl’s mother on what needed to be done (to heal her hands),” said Sergeant White.

In some cases, time does heal.

“About a month or so later, the same little girl came up to the fence, near our main gate, smiling and playing with the other kids. She was able to use her hands,” said Sergeant White.

Request DD-214 online

Military veterans and their next of kin can now request copies of their DD-214 and other military records through a new Web site established by the National Personnel Record Center.

The center hopes to eliminate its mailroom processing time with the site and speed up responses to requests. By law, the center is required to obtain a written signature verification by fax or mail within 20 days of an online request. The new site is located at:

[HTTP://VETRECS.ARCHIVES.GOV](http://VETRECS.ARCHIVES.GOV)

Free Theme Park Admission

Here's to the Heroes provides a single day's free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place or Adventure Island for the service member and as many as three of his or her direct dependents. Any active duty, active reserve or ready reserve service member is entitled to free admission under the program. Anheuser-Busch operates nine U.S. theme parks. For a complete listing and information on how to obtain your free tickets, log on to :

WWW.HEROSALUTE.COM

PADD deadlines set

Airmen must designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition (PADD) of their remains should they become a casualty.

The PADD designation will become a part of the member's Record of Emergency Data as required by law.

Most Airmen will add their PADD information to their virtual Record of Emergency Data by following the instructions in the Virtual MPF. Personnel at deployed locations need to contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their record.

Organizations using the DD Form 93 or the United States Air Force Academy Form 0143 to record emergency data must ensure Airmen are briefed on this new requirement and designate their PADD in the remarks section.

PADD information should include the designated person's name, relationship to member, address with zip code and telephone number.

The PADD will be responsible for the disposition of remains only. The member is still required to designate separately the recipient(s) of any other benefits and entitlements.

AMXS Chili Feed Winners

Winners for the annual event are as follows:
1st Place - SMSgt Earnest Goethe
2nd Place - SSgt Edward Cropper
3rd Place - SMSgt Greg Bourgeois
HOTTEST Chili - SSgt David Severt
The event raised more than \$150 to be used for unit activities.

Voicemail Password Change

It has been a year since the new Voicemail system has been installed. For security reasons, passwords must be changed annually. Detailed instructions are listed below:

1. While logged in to your mailbox, press 8 4.
2. Enter your password, then press #. {your password is your phone number forward (1234) or backward (4321)}.
3. Enter your new password, then press #.
4. Repeat step 3.

AFNEWS seeks *Shirt* material

In an effort to bring more awareness to the first sergeant career field, Air Force News Agency is searching for photos and video of first sergeants in action. Additionally, AFNEWS is looking for commentaries from first sergeants about their experiences in the position. Please send commentaries and photos to:

NEWS@AFNEWS.AF.MIL

SPIRIT SPOTLIGHT

Senior Airman Patrick Ake is a Wichita, Kan., native who joined the Air Force Reserve a year and a half ago.

Job Title: Electrical Power Production Engineer

Civilian job: Full time student at Wichita State University

Favorite way to relax: Cleaning and organizing my room

What annoys me: People acting like they have a vast amount of music knowledge when they cannot get past mainstream pop (popular genre).

Most influential person in my life: Yann Tiersen. Who knew the French could be so inspirational through music?

What I'm listening to: Patrick Wolf (Electronic Alternative)

What I'm reading: Salem's Lot, by Stephen King

If I won \$1 million, I would: Open my own recording studio with the most up-to-date technology.



Civil Engineer

Reservists earn awards for GWOT service

Website ensures deployed Airmen receive decorations

JERRY WHITE
AFRC HISTORICAL SERVICES

Air Force reservists who deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism need to ensure they receive credit for their service.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 30,000 have been mobilized and thousands more have volunteered to serve at home and abroad.

Many of them have served in combat with virtually every unit to see action in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Expeditionary rescue and C-130 airlift units, in particular, have relied on reservists and their equipment to perform the mission.

Any reservist who served in OEF or OIF can go to this site and select the "unit awards" button to review the approved awards, listed in unit order. If there is an award for the expeditionary wing or group they served with and the award dates cover the period they were deployed in the combat zone, the reservist can print out the order, take it and other proof of deployment/assignment to their servicing military personnel flight. The MPF will

then add the award to their personnel records.

CENTAF's unit award approval process is an on-going effort. Reservists who have recently deployed and do not see their unit listed should check this page periodically. Links to information for Global War on Terrorism service medals and individual decorations are also found there. Several Air Force Reserve Command units have received recognition for their service in OEF and OIF.

Anyone assigned to and deployed with these units, including the various support units, such as aircraft maintenance, etc., during these periods are entitled to these awards.

The Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Ala., will add these awards to the unit's lineage and honors history. Units that receive these awards are authorized streamers for their flags and guidons.

As a new award, the Meritorious Unit Award streamer is not yet available in the supply system. However, procurement is in progress and MUA streamers are expected to be available in the near future.



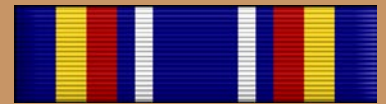
Outstanding Unit Award



Meritorious Unit Award



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

[HTTPS://WWWMIL.CENTAF.AF.MIL/DIRECTORATES/A1/CENTAF%20AWARDS/MAIN.HTM](https://wwwmil.centaf.af.mil/directorates/a1/centaf%20awards/main.htm)

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

This year's event will be held on Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 a.m. in the base dining facility. The event will feature music, prayer and a speaker, our very own 931st ARG chaplain, Lt. col. Fulton. This year's topic will be, "Prayer and our National Purpose." Chaplain Fulton has been an Air Force Reserve Chaplain for 19 years and an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America pastor for 30 years. All 931st members are invited to come and exercise their freedom of religion through prayer and community.

CHAPEL

TRADITIONAL PROTESTANT

4 p.m. Saturdays at building 642 (931st CES)

CONTEMPORARY PROTESTANT

7:45 a.m. Sundays in the Southwind Conference Room

(931st ARG Headquarters)

CATHOLIC SERVICES (BASE CHAPEL)

On Saturdays, Confession at 4 p.m. and Mass at 5 p.m.

On Sundays, Confession at 8:30 a.m. and Mass at 9:30 a.m.

WICHITA WEEKEND

Wichita Symphony Orchestra

April 8-9 — Wichita Symphony Orchestra presents 'Verdi's Requiem', featuring four soloists and the symphony chorus at the Century II Concert Hall. Saturday's performance begins at 8 p.m and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$33 and are available by calling (316)267-7658 or purchase online by logging on to:

www.ticketweb.com

Ricky Van Shelton

April 7 — Kansas State Troopers Association presents the country sounds of Ricky Van Shelton with Amy Chappell at the Century II Convention Center. Concert scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Call Ford Entertainment at 1-866-444-5782 for more information and tickets.

Chicago

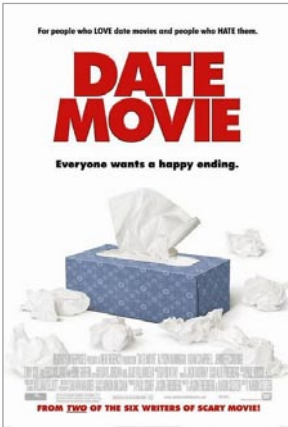
April 8 — The legendary rock band Chicago kicks off the Downing Concert Series to benefit the Wichita Center for the Arts. Concert begins at 9:30 p.m. at Century II. Tickets for the concert range from \$39-\$69 and are available by calling (316)219-4849 or by logging on to:

www.wichitatix.com

At the Movies

DATE MOVIE

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 7pm
1 hr. 23 min. The story of hopeless romantic Julia Jones, who has finally met the man of her dreams, a very British gentleman. But before they can have their Big Fat Greek Wedding, they'll have to Meet the Parents and hook-up with The Wedding Planner.
MPAA Rating: PG-13 for continuous crude humor, including language.



EIGHT BELOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 7pm
2 hrs. An action-adventure set in the extreme wilderness of Antarctica. The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica.
MPAA Rating: PG for some peril and brief mild language

Movies are shown at the McConnell Air Force Base Theater and are subject to change. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime.

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