

# KANZA SPIRIT

## 931ST AIR REFUELING GROUP



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## 18th ARS deemed “MISSION READY”

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The 931st Air Refueling Group received an overall rating of “mission ready” during the group’s Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation visit.

Evaluators from Headquarters Air Mobility Command conducted the ASEV, covering aircrew performance, Standardization/Evaluation and training programs.

### Aircrew Performance

The team conducted 37 flight evaluations with all evaluated aircrew members exhibiting a high degree of professionalism and crew resource management and coordination. In addition, all 18th Air Refueling Squadron aircrew members were given closed book and bold face examinations; all crewmembers passed the exam with an overall average of 98.7%. The overall aircrew performance was graded **Outstanding**.

### Standardization/Evaluation

Ten Stan/Eval programs were reviewed during the visit. Four were graded excellent, five were graded satisfactory and one was graded marginal.

The overall standardization/evaluation grade was **Satisfactory**.

### Training Programs

The ASEV team evaluated seven training programs. Six were graded satisfactory and one marginal. The overall grade for training programs was **Satisfactory**.

### Overall

The 931st ARG is capable and ready to execute its global air refueling mission. They prepared a robust schedule to demonstrate to ASEV evaluators their aircrews’ abilities and unit’s programs. Overall, the 931st ARG is graded **Mission Ready**.

“The unit did a great job pulling together to prepare for this inspection, very rarely do you see a unit of our size get through an ASEV without a single aircrew testing or flight downgrade,” said Lt. Col. Keith Kontz, 931st Air Refueling Group chief of Standardization/Evaluation.

Editor’s note: Some information contained in this story was taken from the official ASEV report of the 931st Air Refueling Group.

## THIS UTA

### DFC Presentation

Fourth Air Force Commander, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Duignan, will present the Distinguished Flying Cross to Majors Michael Moeding and Marco Moor in a ceremony at the base theater at 8 a.m. Saturday. All available group members are required to attend. Sign-in will be done at the base theater at 7:30 a.m.

### Passports

Passports will be available during the UTA in the 18th Air Refueling Squadron conference room from 1 p.m to 2 p.m. Saturday. Passport photos will also be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 1120. For more information, see page 7.

### Dining Facility

Effective Nov. 1 the Chisholm Trail dining facility new hours of operation are:

**Breakfast: 6:30 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.**

**Lunch: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Dinner: 4 p.m.- 6 p.m**

### Chapel Service

Chapel service will be held at 7:45 a.m. Sunday in the Southwind Conference room. All group members are welcome to attend.



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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the November UTA.



This weekend we welcome Maj. Gen. Robert Duignan, 4th Air Force Commander, to McConnell Air Force Base. Gen. Duignan is joining us to present two deserving 18th Air Refueling Squadron pilots with the Distinguished Flying Cross. Please join us for the awards ceremony and the General's remarks on Saturday at the base theater. This ceremony is mandatory for all available personnel. Unfortunately, we must press ahead with hard to get to items like physicals and flight training. The ceremony will start at 8 a.m., but please show up at the base theater to sign in at 7:30 a.m. so we can have everyone in place at the start time. The dress is uniform of the day – flight-suits and BDUs.

The next six days – the UTA and four days of annual tour – are our final push to success on the Unit Compliance Inspection. Please take this opportunity to complete all training, mobility, medical and personnel requirements for the year. This will help all of our programs be ready for the inspectors. After your individual requirements are done, I encourage you to look for ways to help your unit succeed. Help run self-inspection checklists, be open to helping other units, lend your support to general clean-up and all of those little things that send an initial good impression to the inspectors. I also encourage you to take some time to renew friendships and have some fun while we all pull together for success.

I'm confident we will close out the year in the best shape we ever have been. I'd like to personally thank you for your support and professional excellence. Looking ahead to December, I have invited Col. Stayce Harris, the 459th Air Refueling Wing Commander at Andrews Air Force Base, M.D., to join us Saturday of the December UTA. She will provide some valuable mentoring for our officers. Sunday of next month we are planning a light schedule and post UCI celebration and Holiday party activities – including children's activities.

Your hard work these next six days will allow us to approach the UCI and the end of the year with confidence. Thank you for your dedication.

With Sincere Thanks,

**Clayton Childs, Colonel**  
*931st ARG Commander*

**Who do you know?**

The **Kanza Spirit** staff is looking for story ideas about 931st members who have unique hobbies or jobs, especially those that offer opportunities for unusual and interesting photos. Please contact Staff Sgt. K.L. Kimbrell at (316) 759-3686 or kenny.kimbrell-02@mccconnell.af.mil with your ideas.

**UTA SCHEDULE**

**Next UTA: Dec. 9-10**

*Jan. 6-7*

*Feb. 10-11*

*March 10-11*



# AIR FORCE LEADERS TO DISCUSS NEW

# 'Cyber Command'

BY STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ  
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**WASHINGTON** -- 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 spec-

trum 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."

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is

neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain -- a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

"The domain is defined by the electromagnetic spectrum," Dr. Kass said. "It's a domain just like air, space, land and sea. It is a domain in and through which we deliver effects -- fly and fight, attack and defend -- and conduct operations to obtain our national interests."

The cyber domain includes all the places an electron travels. The electron, which is part of the atom, can travel from one atom to the next. This concept is key to electronic communication and energy transmission.

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[HTTP://WWW.AF.MIL/NEWS/STORY-ASP?STORYID=123028524](http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyid=123028524)



# Big *Dan* on Campus

## 931st civilian finds time to balance part-time job, college schedule and football career

BY STAFF SGT. K.L. KIMBRELL  
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There's a 6 foot tall, 205 pound defensive monster roaming the halls of the 931st Air Refueling Group.

You don't have to fear for your life though, Friends University safety Dan Kontz, son of Lt. Col. Keith Kontz, the 931st ARG Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, isn't here to terrorize our offense and special teams. He's here to help with routine maintenance and grounds beautifica-

tion.

Dan has been employed on McConnell Air Force Base for more than three years.

"I began working on McConnell as a Summer Hire in June of 2003," said Kontz. "I started out working for the 22nd Services Squadron in Emerald City (Robert J. Dole Community Center) and in November of 2003 I transferred over to work for Outdoor Recreation."

Late in 2004, Dan began working for the 931st ARG.

"By the time he came to our unit he had worked on base over a year and was very familiar with doing things the military way and knew many of our unit members," said Lt. Col. Kontz. "Dan is pretty outgoing so at times when we go to lunch together on base I am always amazed how many people he knows."

Dan seems to enjoy his time here on the base.

"Working on McConnell has been an absolutely great experience. I truly feel as though I have the best job a college kid could ask for," said Kontz.

Dan has been on the football field for about a decade.

"I began playing football in Derby, Kan. during my 7th grade year and continued playing at Derby High School followed by Friends University," said Kontz. "This is my 10th football season."

His father claims to be his biggest fan, but also proclaims that "Mom" isn't too far behind.

"I would have to say I am, but his mother seldom misses a game either," said Lt. Col. Kontz.

According to his father, Dan possesses both life and football qualities.

"It is his dedication and commitment to everything he does, the respect he shows to every person he interacts with and always leading by example," said Lt. Col. Kontz.

Recently, Dan decided to bring his two worlds together.

Dan helped Friends University in Wichita, Kan., host a military appreciation night, at which anyone presenting a military identification card was granted free admission.

The McConnell, AFB Honor Guard posted the colors during the pre-game festivities and Col. Clayton Childs, 931st ARG Commander, flipped the coin for the event.



Dan Kontz replaces lightbulbs in the 931st Air Refueling Group Headquarters building. Kontz performs building and grounds maintenance for the 931st ARG. Kontz has been with the 931st ARG since Sept. 2004 and has been a civilian employee on McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., since the summer of 2003. Dan's father, Lt. Col. Keith Kontz, is the 931st ARG Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. (Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. K.L. Kimbrell)



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After the event, and overall, everyone seems to be happy with Dan's performance, in football and in life as a son, student-athlete and person.

"The Military Appreciation event here at Friends University was very successful due to the efforts and initiative of senior Dan Kontz.

Dan's leadership both on the field and off is evident by his desire to have military personnel recognized for their work and efforts on behalf of our nation," said Joe Zimmerman, Friends University Athletic Director. "I learned even more about Dan

in that his "team first" attitude goes above what transpires on the field or in the classroom. He genuinely cares about people and I believe the success of the military appreciation day was in large part because Dan is a leader and has great ability to pull people together towards a common goal."

Dan's parents echoed similar sentiments.

"As parents we are very proud of Dan and the way he conducts himself and his accomplishments on and off the field," said Lt. Col. Kontz.



**DAN KONTZ**  
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Dan Kontz, a senior free safety at Friends University in Wichita, Kan., has received numerous awards for his performance on the field and in the classroom. Kontz shared the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference defensive player of the year award last season and is a two-time academic all-american, carrying a 3.85 grade point average. Kontz was scouted by the National Football League's New York Giants during the spring. (Courtesy Photo/Friends University Athletic Department)

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Senior Airman Eva Kress of the 931st Aerospace Medicine Flight takes a blood sample from Tech. Sgt. Chris Seneff. Sergeant Seneff is assigned to the 931st Operations Support Flight. (Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. K.L. Kimbrell)



Tech. Sgt. John Sutton of the 931st Aerospace Medicine Flight takes notes as he administers a gas mask fit test on 931st Operations Support Flight Commander Lt. Col. Bob Silvia. (Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. K.L. Kimbrell)



Airman 1st Class Jeremy Smith of the 931st Civil Engineer Squadron receives an annual check up from Dr.(Maj.)Benjamin Lee of the 931st Aerospace Medicine Flight (Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. K.L. Kimbrell)

## Industry Days emphasize Air Force need for new tanker

BY LAURA MCGOWAN  
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### WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio-

Nearly 100 people from industry and the government attended the Oct. 24 kick off of Tanker Industry Days in nearby Dayton, Ohio.

Sponsored by Aeronautical Systems Center's 653rd Aeronautical Systems Squadron at Wright-Patterson AFB, Industry Days enhanced competition through communication with industry and additionally fostered small business participation in the Air Force's number one acquisition priority--the KC-X Tanker.

While Oct. 24 marked the public portion of the KC-X Industry Days, Oct. 25 and 26 were set aside for attendees to participate in one-on-one sessions with the base's Small Business Office representative to exchange information.

According to Teresa Rendon, small business specialist, Industry Days allow small businesses an opportunity to learn about the 'big' program and engage in one-on-one dialogue with the larger corporate world.

"This dialogue then opens the door for small businesses to possibly become subcontractors," said Ms. Rendon.

According to Terry Kasten, director of the 653rd Aeronautical Systems Squadron, Industry Days also allows industry to reach out to the Air Force and develop a better understanding of the proposed acquisition strategy and request for proposal, the process the Air Force uses to solicit bids from contractors.

"This contact creates synergy by providing industry and small businesses a networking forum," said Mr. Kasten.

He added that the event provides a transparency to the acquisition process while also giving industry insight on what it takes to build an entire weapon system.

During a briefing, Mr. Kasten explained why a replacement tanker is needed. He quoted the Air Force Doctrine Document, Air Mobility Operations, March 1, 2006, saying, "Air refueling enhances the unique qualities of airpower across the full range of military operations. It enables operations and multiplies the effects of operations."

He said the KC-X represents a solid recapitalization strategy. It will replace a rapidly aging air refueling capability in the KC-135 with a multi-role capability and will give more flexibility to the warfighter.

The overall cost of the program is around \$20 billion, which includes the purchase of 179 KC-X aircraft over a 15-year period beginning in 2010. The next major milestone for the program will be the release of the final request for proposal in December or January 2007.



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[HTTPS://AROWSR.AFRC.AF.MIL/AROWS-R/](https://arowsr.afrc.af.mil/arows-r/)

**931 ARG 'Bears'**

Group members who ordered custom 931st Air Refueling Group stuffed bears may stop by the group training office (Room 218, Bldg. 850) to pick up their bears. Additional bears will be available for purchase as well for those yet to get in on this Human Resources Development Council fund raiser.

**DD-214 Online**

The National Personnel Records Center has created a website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of their DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. To obtain a DD-214 or for more information, visit:

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

**Passport and photos**

Passports will be available during the UTA in the 18th Air Refueling Squadron conference room from 1 p.m to 2 p.m. Saturday. Passport photos will also be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 1120.

In order to obtain a passport service-members need to have their passport photo, completed application and original birth certificate or expired passport. Application turn-in and photos will be on a walk-in basis.



If you are turning in an expired passport for renewal, you will need to fill out the DS-82 from the state dept website at :

[HTTP://TRAVEL.STATE.GOV/](http://travel.state.gov/)

If you do not have an expired passport and are using a birth certificate then you will need to fill out the DS-11.

All are required to fill out the application online then print out the product.

**SPRIT SPOTLIGHT**

**Master Sgt. Edwin Espinoza** has served for more than 20 years, including 12 years in the Air Force Reserve.

**Job Title:** Nursing Superintendent

**Civilian job:** Senior Electronics Technician at Rockwell Collins

**Favorite way to relax:** Sleep or ride my bike

**What annoys me:** People who talk too much

**Most influential person in my life:** My dad. He has bone cancer but still carries on and is very positive.

**What I'm reading:** College text books

**If I won \$1 million, I would:** Travel with my family

**What I'm listening to now:** War of the Worlds audio book.



**931st AMDF**

# WICHITA WEEKEND

## Wichita Thunder Hockey

Nov. 3 & 4 — Friday: Wichita vs. Rocky Mountain Rage. Saturday: Wichita vs. Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs. Both games begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Kansas Coliseum. Tickets are \$8-\$16. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit:

[WWW.WICHITATHUNDER.COM](http://WWW.WICHITATHUNDER.COM)

## Power 93.9 Show

Nov. 4 — 93.9 Power Morning Playhouse Presents: A Listener Appreciation Show starring Marques Houston, Brown Boy and Mims. Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at the Orpheum Theater, 200 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kan. General admission is \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit:

[WWW.WICHITAORPHEUM.COM](http://WWW.WICHITAORPHEUM.COM)

## Cosmic Bowling

Nov. 3 & 4 — 7 - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Tornado Alley Bowling Center located at the Robert J. Dole Community Center. \$2.25 per game or \$10 all you can bowl. For more information contact the 22nd Services Squadron at 316-759-6187 or by visiting:

[WWW.22SVSSQ.ORG](http://WWW.22SVSSQ.ORG)

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# At the Movies

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## Flyboys

**FRIDAY, Nov. 3 7pm**

*2 hr. 19 min.* In 1914, "The Great War" --WWI--began in Europe. By 1917, the Allied powers of France, England, Italy and others were on the ropes against the German juggernaut. Some altruistic young Americans volunteered to fight alongside their counterparts in France; a handful decided to learn how to fly.

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 - violence, sexual content



## Fearless

**SATURDAY, Nov. 4 7pm**

*1 hr. 43 min.* The son of a great fighter who did not wish for his child to follow in his footsteps and win. But as his fame as a martial arts master grows, so does his pride. After an ill-advised fight leads to another master's death, members of Huo's family are slain in revenge.

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 - action violence

*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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