

# KANZA SPIRIT

## 931ST AIR REFUELING GROUP



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photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap

Tech. Sgt. Mike Walker moves to a check point during an exercise at McConnell AFB in March. Sgt. Walker is one of the 931st's Military Support Flight Airmen scheduled to be part of personnel support for an upcoming Inspector General Exercise.

## Group preparing for July exercise



An Airman stands guard during the 931st's last Inspector General Exercise in Michigan. The next IGX in July should be the Group's last before the inspection format is changed to accommodate the Air Force's high deployment rate.

**Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap**

*931st ARG Public Affairs*

Nearly a third of the 931st's Airmen are scheduled to participate in an Inspector General Exercise in July.

The location for the actual IGX, scheduled for July 26 through Aug. 1, won't be announced until around late June, said Maj. Clint Burpo, 931st Plans and Programs Chief. The biggest contributors of personnel to the exercise will

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## Fitness tests start this UTA

The Group's first fitness test under the "Fit to Fight" program is scheduled for the April Unit Training Assembly. The Air Force's new fitness standards that began for active-duty Airmen Jan. 1 took effect for Reservist's Apr. 1, according to an Air Force Reserve Command news release.

AFRC instruction states that all Reserve Airmen must complete an initial assessment test by the end of 2004. Airmen who were on the old weight management program must be assessed by June 30.

Each unit within the 931st has been tasked with naming two fitness monitors, one male and one female, who will be responsible for managing their unit's tests and fitness requirements. Group members should direct their "Fit to Fight" questions to their monitors, or they can find more information at:

<https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/hq/sg/FitnessProgram/PhysicalFitness.htm>

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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

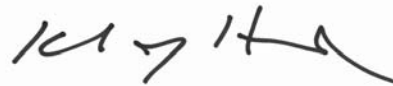
The April and May UTAs promise to be very busy. In April we will begin assessing folks for the new Air Force "Fit to Fight" program. Those of you who were on the old weight management program need to be assessed by June. We plan to start slow and build up to 100 percent assessed by year's end. We do not want to hurt anybody so take it slow.

Domestic violence and the Lautenberg Amendment will also be a hot topic. Commanders will provide you with more information during the UTA. However, if any of you have been convicted of a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence," you need to see your commander and the 931st Judge Advocate ASAP.

The May UTA will be mandatory for the flyers as we conclude the Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit from 18th Air Force. Operational training and standardization programs will be inspected by the 18th AF team. Aircrews will receive closed book exams and checkrides. Operators will be very busy so please give them words of encouragement during this stressful weekend. Think Team Kanza.

Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld and Gen. Jumper have challenged us to reduce our mishap rate by 50 percent over the next two years. The Air Force has suffered a 30 percent increase in both ground and flight mishaps in the past decade (AFRC mirrors the Air Force). Our 4th AF commander, Maj. Gen. Duignan, has instituted a "Back to Basics" campaign to change our philosophy and meet this challenge. There is no excuse for not flowing tech orders or not wearing your seat belt.

Have a safe and productive April and May UTA!



Karl J. Hurdle, Colonel  
931st ARG Commander

**UTASCHEDULE**

**Next UTA: April 17-18**

May 1-2

June 12-13

July 17-18

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(316) 759-3686



# Airman with a Capital ‘A’

**Gen. John P. Jumper**  
*Air Force Chief of Staff*

I am an Airman.

Note that’s with a capital “A.” It’s just one letter at the beginning of the word, but it signifies a great deal. The reason it is capitalized is simple: Airmen in the United States Air Force are the heart and soul of our unique fighting force, and should be identified by a proper noun.

As young children, when we began to read, we learned a capital letter at the front of a word signified something special or important — like our own name, our hometown, and our country. And this was reinforced through our education and professional life. When we see a capital letter, our minds automatically emphasize that

word, and we bestow an increased importance on that person, place, or thing. It is time to formally add our profession to that list of important and special nouns.

You may have seen or heard something about my guidance to capitalize the word “Airman.” It is appropriate to do so, in recognition of our rich history, and to emphasize our unparalleled role in the defense of America.

Our Air Force is the finest air and space force in the world because of the generations of professional Airmen that have devoted their lives to dominating the skies. Capitalizing the word “Airman” recognizes their historic achievements and signifies our unique contributions to fighting and winning



America’s wars. It shows we’ve earned the respect a proper name imparts.

For 38 years of my life, I’ve been proud to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force. And, whether you’ve worn it as long as I have or just recently joined our team, I know we all feel the same sense of pride. Regardless of the uniform we wear, specialty we hold, the badge over our pocket, and whether we are active duty, guard, reserve, or civilian, first and foremost, we are Airmen.

We are one Air Force and we are Airmen.

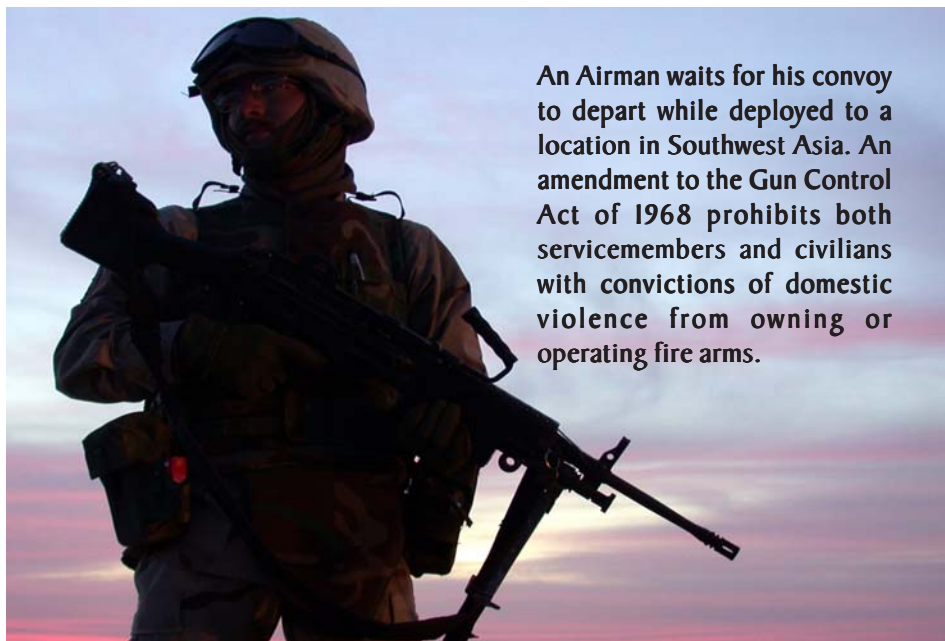
## Servicemembers not immune to gun control law

**Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap**  
*931st ARG Public Affairs*

Airmen and other servicemembers who have been convicted for a domestic violence misdemeanor are subject to an amendment made to the Gun Control Act of 1968.

The Lautenberg Amendment makes it a felony for anyone who has been convicted of a “misdemeanor crime of domestic abuse” to ship, transport, possess or receive firearms or ammunition, and prohibits sales or other dispositions of firearms and ammunition to such individuals.

“People assume the law doesn’t apply to our military, but that’s not the case,” said Maj. David Lind, 931st Judge Advocate. “The Lautenberg Amendment applies to everyone in the Department of Defense.”



An Airman waits for his convoy to depart while deployed to a location in Southwest Asia. An amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 prohibits both servicemembers and civilians with convictions of domestic violence from owning or operating fire arms.

photo by Senior Airman James C. Dillard

The 931st is scheduled to screen all its Airmen for compliance with the amendment beginning the April Unit Training Assembly. Group members will be required to sign a document stating if he or she is guilty of a domestic violence misdemeanor. For Airmen with a conviction, commanders

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# New personnel system coming

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DOD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

The April 1 letter, signed by David S.C. Chu, undersecretary for personnel and readiness, and Navy Secretary Gordon England, stresses that DOD sees the new personnel system as a combined effort.

The system, passed as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allows DOD officials to transform the civilian personnel system to make it more agile and responsive.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the new system would make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DOD to move workers to shortage specialties as national security concerns change, he said.

In the letter, Mr. Chu and Secretary England state, "We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right."

Taking time will allow the department to consult with employees, managers and unions, a DOD spokeswoman said. The letter encourages people to present their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

Department officials are also working with other government agencies as they develop the new system. They are consulting with people at the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accounting Office as the new system takes shape. They are also taking lessons from the Department of Homeland Security, which built its own personnel system after it was formed last year.

Five teams within DOD are looking at process, personnel, programs, requirements and communications, officials said. A sixth team will draw recommendations from these five together in one package. That proposal is scheduled to be presented to Secretary Rumsfeld and other senior leaders in April.

Once approved, senior leaders will work with Con-

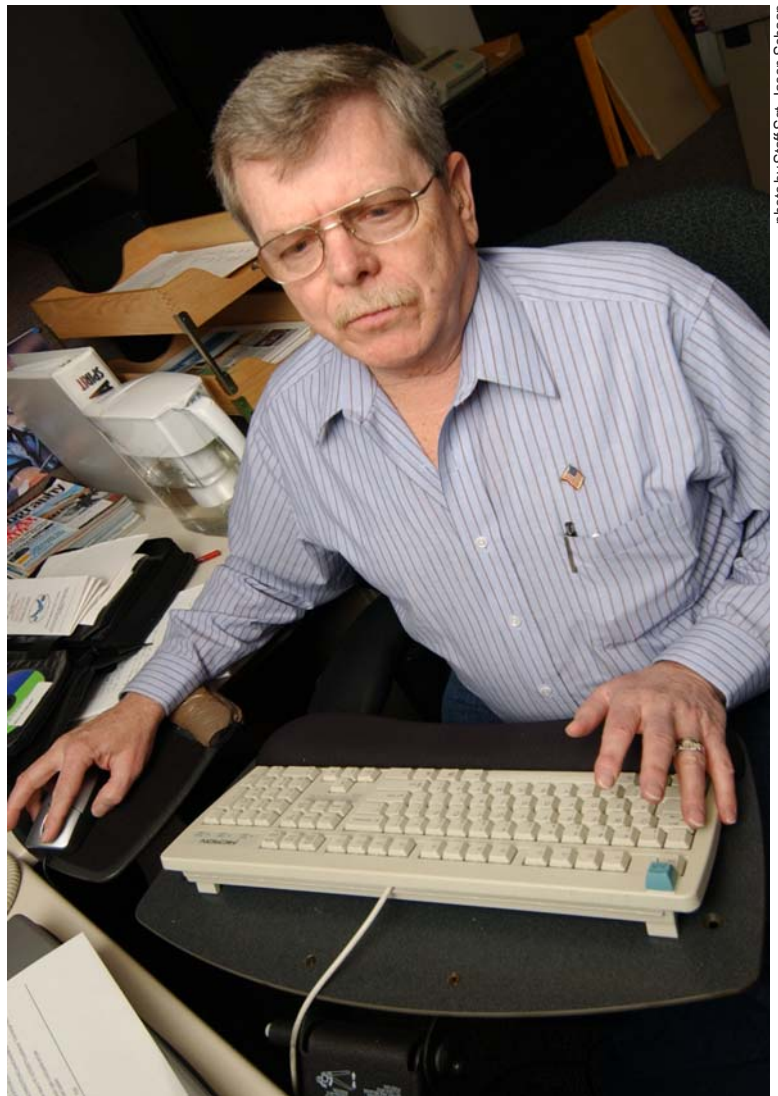


photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap

**Jerry Smith, the Local Area Network Administrator for the 931st, troubleshoots one of the group's many computers. Defense officials are asking civilian employees like Mr. Smith to be patient with the changes associated with the implementation of a new personnel system.**

gress on implementing the system.

Mr. Chu and Secretary England said that the system still is being formed, and few details about how the system would work are available because there is no system yet. Concepts and proposals will change over time and department leaders will do their best to keep employees informed, they said.

Information will be available on the DOD and DefendAmerica Web sites, the Pentagon Channel and local commanders' television programs. The new system also has its own Web site (see below) with news, information and a link for signing up for automatic email updates on NSPS.

**<https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/dpp/dppn/nsps/index.cfm>**



# Reporting employer now mandatory

(Army) Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

*American Forces Press Service*

A new Defense Department reporting system has begun so Reservists and Guardsmen can register their employers.

DOD decision-makers need to know the civilian employers and government agencies of the department's nearly 1.2 million National Guardsmen and reservists, officials said. The database will, among other things, give officials a better idea of who should, and should not, be mobilized for national emergencies, they said.

The database, called the civilian employment information program, allows for guardsmen and reservists to comply with the law requiring them to inform the Defense Department of how they are employed when not performing their military duties.

"This program will make it possible for defense officials, including those responsible for mobilizing our traditional Guard and Reserve members, to know who can be called up for active military duty without jeopardizing the civilian forces responsible for safeguarding our

country," said David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Guardsmen and reservists must register 10 specific data fields concerning their civilian employers and job skills to meet three requirements mandated by law.

Mr. Chu said the Defense Department must:

- Give consideration to civilian workers, including emergency responders, necessary to maintain the national health, safety and interests when considering which Guard and Reserve members should be activated.

- Ensure more members with critical civilian jobs and skills are not retained in the reserve components than are necessary to respond to emergencies.

- Inform the reservists' civilian employers of their rights and responsibilities under the 1994 Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

The information could be another tool to help determine which units or members of the Ready Reserve should be mobilized, defense officials said. In-

formation about full-time employers also would make it possible for DOD officials to enhance employer support for the Guard and Reserve, officials said.

The law also requires all members of reserve components to notify appropriate defense officials about any changes in their civilian employment.

Surveys report about 60 percent of the reserve component members work in private-sector firms, 20 percent work for state or local governments, and less than 7 percent are self-employed.

Employees are considered full time if their employer considers them to be employed full time. Self-employed people are considered full time if they work for themselves for an average of at least 30 hours per week.

The program will require all guardsmen and reservists to list their employment status, their employer's names and their employer's complete mailing addresses, Mr. Chu said. They also must include their civilian job titles and their total number of years in the civilian occupations.

The requirement on the part of guardsmen or reservists to provide the data is not a violation of the Privacy Act, Mr. Hall said. The program is the extension of existing personnel-data records and is covered under previous Privacy Act notices, he said.

Unlike previous military-service efforts to voluntarily gather employer data, registering information in this program is mandatory. Guard and Reserve members who knowingly fail or refuse to provide that information, or who knowingly provide false employment-related information, may be subject to administrative action or punishment, officials said.

**Airman 1st Class Luke Mahoney, 931st Security Forces, works for a pizza restaurant in Derby, Kan. A recent law requires Airman Mahoney and all other Reservists to report the names of their civilian employers to the Department of Defense.**



photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap

*IGX, from page 1*

be the 18th Air Refueling Squadron and Civil Engineer Squadron.

According to Maj. Burpo, all of the Group's scheduled participants should now know they will be part of the IGX and use the preceding Unit Training Assemblies to get ready.

"Make sure mobility folders are up to date; tighten up loose ends like completing small arms fire and fitting gas masks," Maj. Burpo stressed.

A practice exercise in Gulfport, Miss., had been scheduled to prepare for the real deal in July, but scheduling conflicts caused it to be canceled. IGX participants should expect a variation of practice some point during the next several UTAs.

"We'll definitely try to get some ground training in," Maj. Burpo said. "Activities will likely concentrate on

checking gear, wearing the MOPP ensemble and going over the most current IGX ground rules."

The 931st is required to complete an IGX every five years. The Group's last exercise was in 2000 at Alpena, Mich.

Unit members who remember the Michigan experience can expect much of the same this year, said Maj. Burpo, with the exception of some new chemical defense procedures (see accompanying story "**MOPP 4 You, Not for Me**" on the next page).

Learning new CONOPS will also be a priority during the UTAs leading up to the exercise. Educating the group's Airmen who have never been part of an IGX will also take precedence.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions even while (at the IGX)," Maj. Burpo advised. "Don't try to fake it. If you don't know, ask."

Group members, new and seasoned, shouldn't experience any

"big shockers" during the IGX, especially since the IG's goal is to get units up to speed and ready for coming changes to the inspection format, Maj. Burpo added. Future IGX's are being designed to be more onsite to accommodate the Air Force's higher deployment rate since 2001.

"I don't think there will be any significant surprises, but that doesn't mean people can become complacent," Maj. Burpo said. "Somebody showed up without their military identification card during our last IGX; it's the stuff you take for granted that jumps up and bites you."

Remembering to bring items like ID cards, he added, aren't the only keys to preparation. When heading into an IGX, "never forget to pack a sense of humor and a good attitude."

**(Below) A transportation Airmen lies "wounded" on the ground during an exercise in Southwest Asia. The 931st is scheduled for simulated warfare during an Inspector General Exercise in July.**



photo by Senior Airmann James C. Dillard



# MOPP 4 You, Not for Me

*Air Force implementing new procedures, equipment*

**Tech. Sgt. David Brumley**  
*931st ARG Public Affairs*

Group members participating in the upcoming Inspector General Exercise should be aware of changing nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare techniques and how they affect Mission Oriented Protective Posture techniques.

“Working with chemical sectoring and split MOPP is a new approach for the Air Force,” said Senior Airman Megan Durkee, Civil Engineer Squadron readiness journeyman.

A dramatic area of change is how a base is sectored out prior to any attacks occurring.

“Following the attack, each (predetermined) sector is told what MOPP level they are supposed to be in,” Airman Durkee said. “The base commander can then set lower MOPP levels for areas that aren’t contaminated and higher ones for those that need to be decontaminated.”

Taking measures to prevent equipment from being contaminated during an attack is another new Air Force approach from past lessons. “The Air Force is pushing to cover equipment with plastic pre-attack,

and being more pro-active in contamination avoidance,” Airman Durkee said. “It’s being pro-active versus reactive.”

More emphasis is also being placed on cross contamination, when contaminated equipment is touched by exposed skin. The Air Force uses

cross contamination,” Airman Durkee said.

There have also been some equipment changes to the protective uniform. A new protective overgarment is beginning to replace the existing charcoal style suit. “The Joint Services suit covering has a protective



photo by Tech. Sgt. David Brumley

**Senior Airman Megan Durkee, Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Journeyman, conducts Chemical Warfare Defense Training during the March Unit Training Assembly. The Air Force is changing some of it’s chemical attack response procedures and gear.**

the 10-foot rule to prevent cross contamination.

“After your vehicle has been contaminated you need to wear protective gear once you get within 10 feet in order to prevent the risk of

coating that will prevent chemicals from penetrating it,” Airman Durkee said. “There is no charcoal lining, and the hood is part of the top so the mask won’t require the hood to be attached to it.”

While the new suit is being phased in, one item that should be replaced immediately is the old black ‘fish’ style overboots, which are no longer authorized to be worn.

Questions about new MOPP procedures and equipment should be directed to the Group’s Readiness Office at (316) 759-5497.

## MOPP Reminder

**MOPP 0** – Wear mask carrier and field gear, make individual protective equipment accessible

**MOPP 1** – Wear overgarment, mask carrier and field gear; carry overboots, mask/hood and gloves

**MOPP 2** – Add wearing overboots to MOPP 1

**MOPP 3** – Add wearing mask and hood to MOPP 2

**MOPP 4** – Wear all

# Dog Daze

## of Summer Return

*101 Critical Days start Memorial Day*

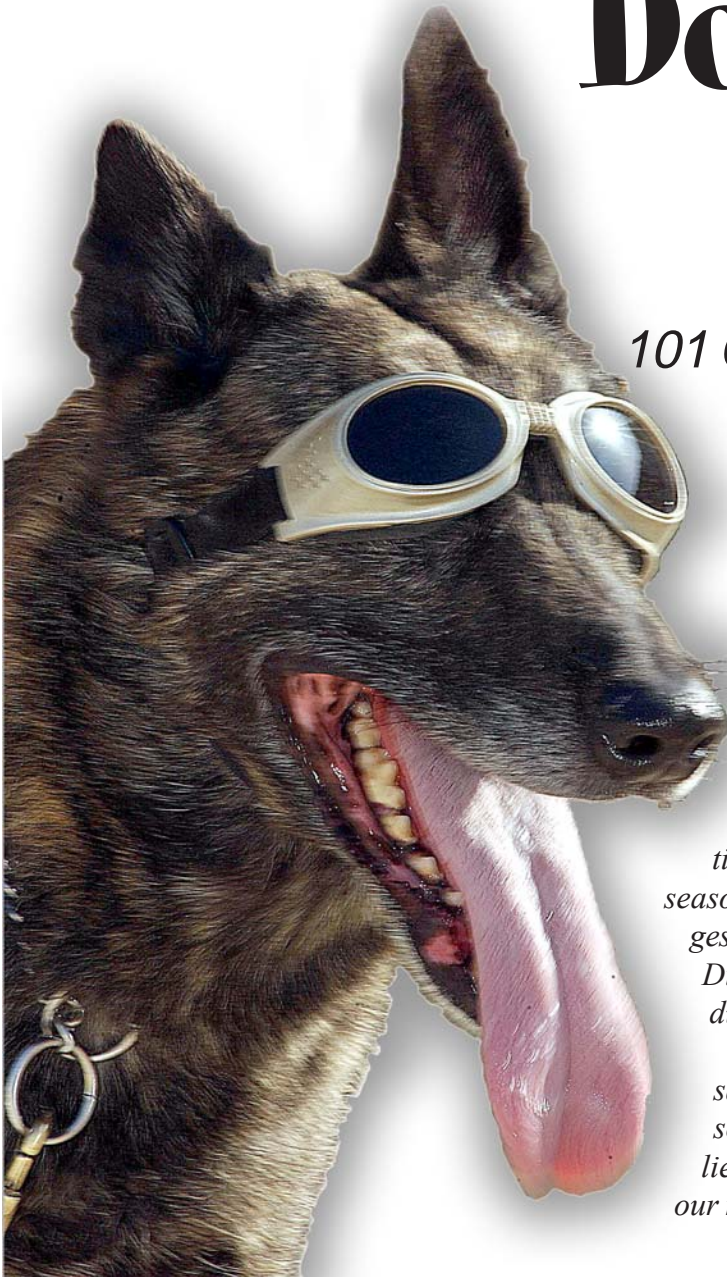
**Lt. Gen. James Sherrard**  
 Chief, Air Force Reserve

*Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, we are much more aware of the need for diligent force protection. We also need to apply that same kind of vigilance off duty in the coming months, as we attempt to pack as much fun as possible into an all-too-brief summer. Memorial Day weekend signals the start of the Critical 101 Days of Summer, a time when off duty mishaps are more likely to happen.*

*Long workdays, coupled with alcohol consumption and horseplay, can spell disaster for even the most seasoned citizen airman. Below is a list of tried and true suggestions from the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Directorate of Safety on how to survive and remain safe during the 101 Critical Days.*

*Enjoy your summer with family and friends, but be safe. Each member of our force is an irreplaceable resource in the war on terrorism. Our nation and our families need us, and I need you to help meet the challenges of our nation and our great Air Force!*

photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Martin



**Alcohol consumption:** Don't drink and operate vehicles, such as automobiles, boats, jet skis, etc. If you drink, do it moderately and always appoint a designated driver.

**Traveling:** Be sober, vigilant and well rested.

**Boating:** Know your craft and the waters you're operating within and use personal flotation devices.

**Swimming:** Swim with a buddy in known waters and don't drink.

**Jet skiing:** Operate with caution staying away from boaters, fishermen, swimmers and others on jet skis.

**Seatbelts:** Use them and ensure passengers do the same. Remember, it's the law.

**Outdoor activities:** Stretch muscles before any athletic activity; don't overdo it; avoid prolonged exposure to the sun; use sunscreen and drink plenty of water; when hiking make sure someone knows where you're going, carry a cell phone.

**Risk management:** Use common sense, plan ahead and be prepared.



# Raise the ‘Uh-Oh’ Flag

## *Looking out for unsafe acts and conditions*

**Master Sgt. Cody Smith**  
931st ARG Safety Superintendent

**T**he number one causes of mishaps are unsafe acts. Some people argue that unsafe conditions are a significant cause. However, almost every unsafe condition is the result of an unsafe act. Here’s a true-story case and point:

A T-38 Talon flies three sorties before it is realized the drogue chutes for the seats are missing. This is an unsafe condition.

However, a look at the chain of events that could have had catastrophic results shows a plethora of unsafe acts. The repacking of the drogue chutes was scheduled in the weekly maintenance plan. The packers removed the chutes as scheduled.

But when the packers reported the chutes’ removal, the maintenance controller failed to annotate that the chutes were removed. The flightline expeditor was notified the chutes were removed but a lead filling in for the regular expeditor annotated the chutes’ removal with the wrong symbol. The aircraft remained on the schedule to fly three sorties.

The aircraft was preflighted and the missing chutes went unnoticed. Upon completion of the third sortie, the crew chief identified the chutes missing during the post flight inspection. The crew chief reported the finding to the expeditor who in turn questioned the maintenance controller and the packers.

So what was the single most contributing factor in this sequence of events? The human element. Until the human factor is removed from the work process, safety professionals will continue to be summoned to the mishap scene.

Can we remove the human factor? No! The human factor will always exist. Even with robotics, computers, smart bombs and other high tech equipment, the human element is there. Humans conceive the technology, engineer the machine and write the orders, checklists, work cards, and operating instructions. Humans manage the process and turn the wrenches to get the job done. The human is also the one in control of the “Uh-Oh” flag. The Uh-Oh flag should be

used anytime an unsafe condition is identified. The human element failing to recognize an unsafe condition, such as a step missing on a work card or an outdated entry on a grease board, is an unsafe act.

All the participants identified in the T-38 were true professionals in their respective fields. So what caused so many oversights? Was it operations tempo, the desire to get the job done, or perhaps some “back room” management practices? “Back room” management is when security is based on numerous checks built into the system and what a status board indicates, yet follow-up and communication with the other players involved is forgotten.

Tech orders, checklists, work cards, operating instruc-



photo by Staff Sgt. Bennie Davis III

**The pilot of the USAF Thunderbirds number six aircraft ejects less than a second before impacting the ground at an air show in Idaho last year. The pilot ejected after both guiding the jet away from the crowd of more than 60,000 people and ensuring he couldn't save the aircraft. An investigation later determined the crash occurred because of pilot error.**

tions and shop procedures are all things we can’t live without. But there’s always the chance of something going wrong. Why? Because, if it can go wrong, it will. Call it “Murphy’s Law,” complacency, or just dumb luck, they all have a tendency to ruin your day, week, year, or sometimes life.

Take a few minutes when something doesn’t look quite right; make that phone call to confirm the real status of your project. It only takes a few minutes to break the chain of events leading to a mishap, yet it takes hours or perhaps days to investigate one.

## SPIRIT SHORTS

### **Ethics regs guide Airmen in politics**

As employees of the federal government, servicemembers must ensure their participation in political activities does not violate government ethics regulations.

Issues involving federal employees and political activities are embodied in several publications, including the Joint Ethics Regulation. Airmen with questions about what political activities they may participate in or with general questions about military ethics standards can contact the McConnell AFB legal office at (316) 759-3590.

### **Computer-based training available to all**

For Air Force people wishing to further their education, the computer-based training system, located at <http://usaf.smartforce.com>, allows people to supplement major blocks of formal education that may not be a

part of an individual's current curriculum. People do not receive certification for courses offered through the system, but the training prepares students for the certification exams.

The CBT program offers more than 1,700 courses encompassing both information technology and business skills including: software development; server technologies; database systems; project management; operating systems; Internet and network technologies; desktop computer skills; and budgeting.

### **DoD establishes sexual assault hot line**

A toll-free telephone number has been established for people who want to contact or provide information to the Department of Defense Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault.

The number, (800) 497-6261, is staffed 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

### **Radar detection prohibited**

McConnell AFB officials are reminding drivers that the use of radar or laser detection devices is prohibited on Department of Defense installations.

### **No Kanza Spirit for May UTA**

This issue of the *Kanza Spirit* will serve as a double issue because of the short time between the April and May Unit Training Assemblies.

### **Don't allow credit cards, identification to be copied**

Air Force members are being urged not to allow individuals or companies to photocopy their credit cards, as well military and other forms of identification.

The Air Force has recently received complaints of such activities taking place at car rental agencies. Photocopies could not only be used for identity theft, but also are considered a threat to security.

## SPIRIT SPOTLIGHT

**This month's selectee is a Lewiston, Idaho, native who has been in the Air Force for nearly 9 years (4 active duty).**

**Job title:** Boom Operator

**Civilian job:** Full-Time Student

**Currently studying:** Psychology at Wichita State University

**Favorite way to relax:** Bubble bath with any book that is not a text book

**What annoys me:** Driving or attempting to drive while talking on a cell phone

**Most influential person in my life:** My younger sister, because she has had to overcome so much

**What I'm listening to now:** Country

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

**If I won \$1 million, I would:** Pay off all of my bills and take a very long vacation with my husband, Duncan



**Tech. Sgt.  
Carla Horner**

*18th Air Refueling Squadron*



## ROUND THE GROUP

**GUN CONTROL**, *from page 3*

have been instructed to immediately retrieve and deny their access to government-owned firearms and ammunition. Air Force policy also states Airmen with convictions are ineligible for weapons training and deployment to positions requiring certification of firearms.

Airmen have 120 calendar days to get an expungement or pardon of the conviction. Contacting the court where the conviction took place is the first step toward expungement or pardon, but subsequent procedures vary by location.

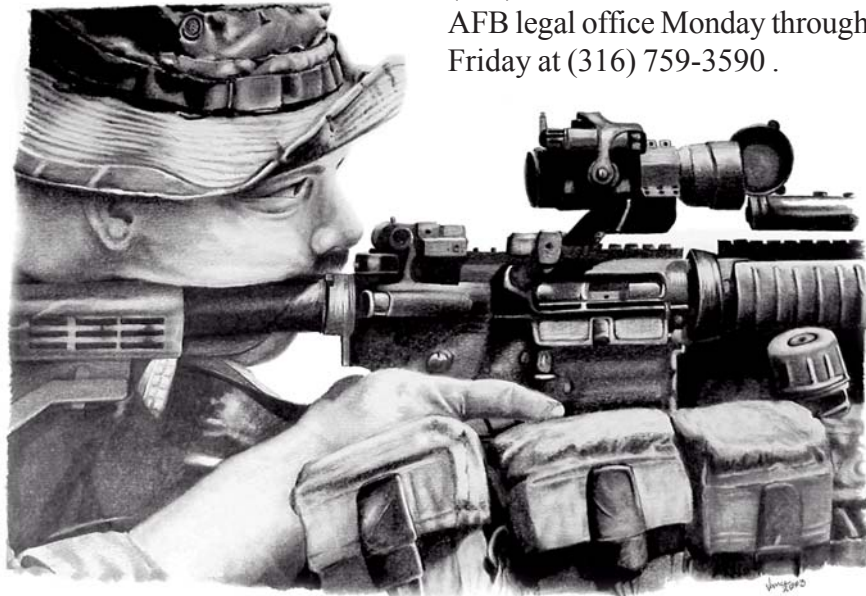
“In Wichita, the original prosecutor is notified and the victim must be given the opportunity to add input,” Maj. Lind said.

The Lautenberg Amendment was passed in 1996. Awareness of its relevance to domestic violence, however, doesn’t seem to be high among servicemembers or civilians.

“You would be surprised how many people go to buy guns, get denied and have no idea why,” Maj. Lind said.

Questions regarding the Lautenberg Amendment can be directed to Maj. Lind during UTAs at (316) 759-3804 or the McConnell AFB legal office Monday through Friday at (316) 759-3590 .

“Overwatch,” a Security Forces illustration by Tech. Sgt. Cody Vance



## Newcomers

**Senior Airman Kevin Bouchard**  
*18th Air Refueling Squadron*

**Senior Airman Brian Olson**  
*18th Air Refueling Squadron*

## Graduates

**Staff Sgt. Darin Elliott**  
931st Maintenance Squadron  
*Crew Chief 7-Level School*

**Staff Sgt. Darin Moyer**  
931st Maintenance Squadron  
*JETS 7-Level School*

**Airman 1st Class Marina Coronado**  
931st Mission Support Flight  
*Information Management 3-Level School*

**Airman 1st Class Christie Kirkendoll**  
931st Aero Medicine Flight  
*Aero Medical 3-Level School*

**Airman Crystal Willis**  
931st Aero Medicine Flight  
*Aero Medical 3-Level School*

# Refer a Friend

The 931st ARG has openings in the following specialties:

Aircraft Maintenance

Aircraft Hydraulics

Aircraft Electrical/Environmental

Aircraft Guidance & Control

Logistics Plans

Civil Engineering Power Production

Construction Utility Systems

Personnel

Communication Computers

Health Services Management

Bioenvironmental

Aeromedical Services

Help the unit recruit.  
Refer someone to recruiter

**Master Sgt.  
David McCormick**  
**(316) 652-3766**

# WICHITA WEEKEND

## Beatles

**April 16** – See what Rolling Stone magazine called “the best Beatles tribute show on Earth!” 1964...The Tribute is scheduled to appear at The Cotillion with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$17.50, \$25 at the door. Call (316) 755-7328 or visit [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com) for tickets.

## Shockers Baseball

**April 16** – Wichita State University hosts Southern Illinois at 7 p.m. Call (316) 978-3267 or visit [www.goshockers.com](http://www.goshockers.com) for tickets.

## Shrine Circus

**Apr. 16-18** – The show for all ages comes to the Kansas Coliseum. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. Call (316) 755-7328 or visit [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com) for tickets.

## John Prine

**May 1** – The folk music legend is scheduled to perform at the Orpheum Theatre at 8 p.m. Admission is \$42. Call (316) 755-7328 or visit [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com) for tickets.

## Patsy Cline

**May 1** – Skylark Productions presents “Always...Patsy Cline” at the Century II Convention Center at 8 p.m. Call (316) 755-7328 or visit [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com) for tickets.

## Bluegrass Festival

**April 29-May 1** – Park City hosts its 11th Annual Blue Grass Festival at the Kansas Colliseum. Shows begin at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Visit [www.parkcitybluegrass.com](http://www.parkcitybluegrass.com), [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com), or call (316) 755-7328 for tickets.

# At The Movies



## HIDALGO

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16 7pm**  
**1 hr. 37 min.** Bedouin riders do everything they can to prevent an American from winning a 3,000 mile survival race across the Arabian Desert.

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 for adventure violence, mild innuendo



## STARSKY & HUTCH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17 7pm**  
**1 hr. 37 min.** Based on the 1970s cop show classic, Ben Stiller is Starsky, Owen Wilson is Hutch and Snoop Dog is Huggy Bear.

**MPAA Rating:** PG-13 for drug content, sexual situations

*Movies are shown at the McConnell Air Force Base Theater and are subject to change. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 11 and under.*

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