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Chaplain (Maj.) Charles A. Perry, senior chaplain, pours a cup of coffee for SSgt. Aaron Fisher, 034th Security Forces Squadron. The chaplain delivers coffee and donuts through the generosity of two local businesses. See the story on Page 13.



**ON THE COVER** — Capt. "Ed", from the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, monitors the intravenous fluid pump for a seriously ill civilian contractor being medically evacuated aboard a Navy P-3 aircraft from a forward-deployed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The local reservist was one of the four activated 934th Airlift Wing medics who participated in the life-saving flight (U.S. Air Force photo)



Members of the 934th Airlift Wing pose next to aircraft number 848, the unit's C-130E Hercules with new nose art dedicated with the words "Let's Roll!" - America's two-word marching order in the fight against terrorism. A copy of this picture is available for downloading by unit members on the vomputer bulletin board. (Photo by SSgt. Stephanie Robinson)

## Coronet Oak deployment

# More than 100 934th AW reservists support Southern Command in Central, South America

More than 100 members of the 934th Airlift Wing deployed to Puerto Rico in three increments beginning Mar. 9 to support U.S. Southern Command for Operation Coronet Oak.

Under the Coronet Oak banner, Air Force Reserve Command aircrews provide Southern Command with logistics and contingency support throughout Central and South America. They support theater mobility, counter-drug efforts, embassy support, search and rescue services, and disaster relief operations.

"Depending on the type of mission we can have light work and relaxing days, or we can work a lot of days with long hours," said Lt. Col. Reinhard Schmidt, 934th Operations Group commander. "We do whatever the command wants us to do in moving people and equipment to where they need it to be."

Just getting to Coronet Oak can be half the battle as it takes a lot of effort from a number of people to get everything in order for the first plane to leave the ground.

The process starts when AFRC negotiates with the Air National Guard for

the yearly rotations. Then AFRC divides the rotation into smaller two-week rotations, which are up-for-grabs at a yearly planning conference.

"We accept rotations based upon our flying commitments," said MSgt. Larry Schyma, 934th AW plans superintendent. "We have to speak up for when we can go, otherwise AFRC will assign us a rotation."

Both the 934th AW and Willow Grove have the only C-130E models in AFRC.

Schyma said it's easier to plan rotations with another unit having the same model of aircraft.

"It's nice to go back-to-back with E-models because you have continuity with crews and supplies," he said. "Quite often it becomes a process of negotiation between wings to sort out what positions are needed and who takes the lead."

Schmidt said the bulk of the rotation goes to the 934th Operations Group and 934th Maintenance Squadron, but other support functions and base agencies participate as well.

Units participating in the deployment

include the 96th Airlift Squadron, 934th Maintenance Squadron, 934th Logistic Support Squadron, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and 934th Security Police Squadron.

"I'm amazed at the volunteerism and the amount of time and effort that the ops group and maintenance squadron put into this mission," Schmidt said. "I'm proud to be a part of them and feel we have the best C-130 organization in AFRC."

Coronet Oak dates back to 1977, when Reserve and Air National Guard units took on the full-time mission at Howard AB, Panama.

The operation was moved to Puerto Rico in 1999, prior to the permanent withdrawal of U.S. forces from Panama and the return of full control of the canal to that country by the end of that year.

The 934th AW was one of the first units to operate out of the new location.

The deployment will be finishing up over the April unit training assembly, and the wing can expect another rotation by the end of the year.

# Enduring Freedom

## Local medics credit unit training with saving patient's life

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Air Force Reserve Command policy prohibits us from using last names, and overseas locations of activated reservists serving outside the continental U.S. Individuals identified in the following story are identified by their rank and first name only. They are serving at Location A. Their stateside units, where available, are identified.*

Critical Care Air Transport training conducted in two 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing medical units paid off when four activated medics joined Navy airlifters in moving a serious ill government contractor from a remote location to a civilian medical facility for further treatment and medical evaluation in early March.

"We couldn't have been more prepared, thanks to the efforts of Capt. Don who was key in setting up the CCATT program for the 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron," said Maj. Sharon. She, along with another medic from the 934<sup>th</sup> ASTS and two from the 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, are deployed from their home units to an Expeditionary Medical Services facility supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Events for them began to take shape when they were notified that a patient in a very weakened state needed to be moved to a referral medical center before he developed respiratory problems.

A Navy P-3 Orion crew flew the patient to a civilian medical center seven hours away from Location A.

Doctors at the EMS said the CCATT is equipped for exactly this purpose, carrying lightweight equipment and medicines. They carry a shoebox-sized ventilator and physiologic monitor, an

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*Sr.A. Elaine from the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Maj. Sharon from the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and Capt. Lisa from the 934th AES, confer during the flight. The three activated 934th Airlift Wing medics, along with Capt. Ed from the 934th ASTS, were on the mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.*

# Local medics provide critical care during mission

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intravenous pump about the size of a compact disc player, a hand-held chemistry analyzer and a wide array of medications and supplies.

They monitored the patient continuously, gave him intravenous medications and had him on a ventilator which provided all his breathing support.

The team put the patient on the ventilator at the EMS, the first time the machine had been used, and prepared him for the medical evacuation.

Capt. Ed ran the ventilator while fellow CCATT nurse Maj. Sharon monitored the patient's condition and administered intravenous medication as needed.

Capt. Lisa and SrA. Elaine, from the 934<sup>th</sup> AES, the flight nurse and aeromedical technician joined the team for transport and care.

Working in the loud and cramped conditions aboard the P-3, the team continued to carefully monitor their patient's condition.

"It was so noisy in the plane that I couldn't hear the ventilator working," Capt Ed recalled. "The only way I could tell he was breathing was by watching his chest go up and down. I was also carefully watching his airway, knowing that if we lost it that he'd be in trouble."

Their efforts, according to medical officials there, saved this man's life due to the intensive level of medical attention he received.

After arrival in the distant city, the patient was transported to a civilian medical facility where he was admitted to the intensive care



**Maj. Sharon from the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, administers another dose of intravenous medication to a seriously ill civilian contractor being medically evacuated aboard a Navy P-3 aircraft from a forward-deployed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.**

unit.

The Air Force and Navy worked in an expertly choreographed manner, said Dr. Robert, CCATT physician, to save a patient's life.

"We teamed our CCATT resources with our Navy aeromedical evacuation assets,"

Dr. Robert added. "Our health care professionals were highly trained and functioned solidly as a team. We had a mission and we just did it."

Maj. Sharon credits saving the man's life to training and teamwork.

"Everyone on the team is

trained to the same level, so we can do each other's jobs if necessary," she said. "Also, all the CCATT training and exercises that we've done prior to deployment really paid off.

"The coordinated effort from everyone involved was awesome," she said.

# God offers hope, can change a person's life

by Chaplain (Maj.) Charles A. Perry

There is hope for you too!

To many people this is very good news. I know it was music to my ears.

As I approached 30 my future looked pretty hopeless. I was carrying on an old family tradition, which was work hard and drink even harder.

My parents taught me all they knew about that lifestyle and I was a very good student.

**I** was going nowhere with my life. Self-pity and loneliness were my closet companions.

I didn't think anyone hurt inside as much as I did. I had been hearing the emotional scars inflicted from being raised in a dysfunctional family

Heaped on the top of that was a deep sense of rejection and shame. I felt unloved, confused, like a real outcast.

I wanted to change but just couldn't make it happen.

Through life I tried to change the way I felt about myself by becoming a high

achiever and a people pleaser. Maybe then someone would like me.

As a crew chief on F-100's I was selected for airman of the month twice, safety man of the month and nominated for airman of the year for Pacific Air Forces while stationed in Vietnam.

I had the cleanest plane and the shiniest boots on the flight line. Yet none of this seemed to help. I still felt like a dirty rag on the inside.

In Jan. 1973, I was discharged from active duty and headed to New York in search of happiness. My family was in Wisconsin but I had no real desire to return home.

**I** managed a baseball batting range in Coney Island for more than two years. I used the money I made to travel around the world and all over the US.

In '75 I found myself working in Purdhoie Bay, Alaska on the pipeline project. By this time I had sat in most of the bar stools in the world, kissed most of the girls and done just about everything there was to do.

I still didn't find that elusive feeling of happiness. Instead of changing for the better all of this just made things seemingly more hopeless.

Then in April 1978 something changed my life forever!

I just want to shout right about now so please excuse me for a second. Glory!!

I mean someone really changed my life. His name is Jesus.

I met a man who asked me to church just prior to this and I turned him down. I told him, "I had tried religion and it didn't work. Besides I'm having fun and have a long time to live. Maybe when I am old I will try religion again."



Shortly after that I was in a head-on collision with a truck while on my way to Kenai, Alaska. There was no time to even apply my brakes.

As I stood on the highway that day looking at my truck I knew God had given me another chance.

Within two weeks another man who had lived a life similar to mine asked me to go to his church. He told me it was like no church he had ever been to and how it changed his life.

I did not hesitate one second and assured him I would be there.

**T**hat next Sunday morning I heard the pastor preach as if he had read my book. He told how no life is too far-gone and there was none that was hopeless because God is the God of the second chance.

With God we can start over again and this time He will put our life together.

Oh, I needed that.

Then the pastor asked people to come up front and ask Jesus to forgive their sins and be their Lord. Before he quit speaking I was up front and on my knees doing just as he said.

Then while still shedding tears of joy I jumped up and hugged the pastor and said, "I must go back into the military and tell them about this Jesus I found." I walked away a new man.

Two years later while I was still in Bible College my father and mother went to a church to hear me preach. They were very miserable, hopeless people. Both were still heavy drinkers, smokers, fighters and on the verge of divorce.

That night I preached my heart out and gave an alter call.

Both my father and mother came running to the alter and gave their lives to Christ. They were both delivered from alcohol and tobacco and had been given a whole new lease on life. They both hugged me and told me they loved me for the first time in my life.

The same God that changed my life and the lives of my parents can change your life too. There is still hope for you too! Come and talk with me about it.

## UTA Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Services

Sat: 3:30 p.m.  
Sun: 7:30 a.m. (Confession)  
8:00 a.m. (Mass)

### Protestant Services

Sat: 1 p.m.  
Sun: 9 a.m.

All services are held in Bldg. 865 (northwest door).

Chaplains (Maj.) Charles Perry (senior chaplain), (Capt.) Derek Lauer (Protestant) and (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Tom Wilson are available for personal, spiritual and family concerns, visitation to work centers and recreational area, mobility and disaster assistance.

They can be reached at (612) 713-1226 or 1227.

## Congressmen praise Reserve, Guard at ceremony

A Minnesota congressman was among the two U.S. representatives who praised the contributions of National Guardsmen and reservists in the war against terrorism March 7 during a ceremony at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

Reps. Mark Kennedy (R-2nd District) and Randy Forbes of Virginia presented Craig W. Duehring, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, with a copy of House Resolution 287, which supports the Guard and Reserve.

Kennedy and Forbes, Duehring noted, are members of the Guard and Reserve National Caucus.

"I am proud to be able to honor our National Guard and the Reserves," Kennedy said.

"Since Sept. 11, the National Guard and the Reserves have played an integral role in Operation Enduring Freedom. I appreciate these brave men and women who are serving our nation and putting their lives on the line to defend our freedom."

"These men and women are heroes that work side-by-side with us during the week," the Minnesota congressman said. "Their children go to school with our children.

"On the weekends and when called upon, they go on active duty to defend America."

"Mark and I wanted to work on this resolution, because every place that I go, people have so much that they wanted to say to you, but it all kind of comes together in one encapsulated phrase ...: 'Thank you, from a grateful country,'" Forbes said.

The resolution states, in part:

"Whereas these National Guard and Reserve citizen-soldiers have selflessly performed their duties during the weeks since the terrorist attacks, sacrificing time at their civilian jobs and with their families during the period of their active duty; and

"Whereas these National Guard and Reserve citizen-soldiers serve a critical role as part of the mission of the Armed Forces to protect the freedom of United States citizens and the American ideals of justice, liberty, and freedom, both at home and abroad;



U.S. Reps. Randy Forbes of Virginia (from left) and Mark Kennedy of Minnesota, and Craig W. Duehring, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, participate in a Pentagon ceremony honoring the National Guard and Reserve. Forbes and Kennedy presented Duehring with a copy of a house resolution March 7, 2002, that pledges support for and praises the contributions of Guardsmen and reservists called up to support the war against terrorism at home and abroad. Photo by Gerry J. Gilmore.

*"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the House of Representatives:*

*"1. Honors the continuing service and commitment of the members of the National Guard and Reserve units activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom;*

*"2. Honors the sacrifices made by the families and employers of the members of those units during their time away from home;*

*"3. Recognizes the critical importance of the National Guard and Reserve to the security of the United States; and*

*"4. Supports providing the necessary resources to ensure the continued readiness of the National Guard and Reserve."*

America's citizen-soldiers are called upon to leave home and community "to go off to defend freedom for their country," Kennedy said.

"They really help to bring the commitment that you see in all of our forces home to us in our communities and really help to bind the country together."

Today, "America recognizes just how important the defense of this great country is," he concluded.

# Associations lobby on behalf of military members

by SrA. Stephanie Witty  
staff writer

Reservists, guardsmen and military retirees had an opportunity during the March Unit Training Assembly to hear representatives from two military organizations say that those associations are on their side, they care about them and can provide numerous services for both enlisted and officers.

Both the local Air Force Association and Air Force Sergeants Association chapters co-sponsored the event Mar. 3 to give individuals an idea about the professional associations available to help them.

Command CMSgt. Dale Barton, from 21st Air Force, kicked off the event, by talking about Air Mobility Command and world issues. He also had praise for both AFA and AFSA and they support they give to the enlisted force.

Col. Paul Groskreutz, 934th Support Group commander and local AFA chapter president, encouraged those present to become members of a professional association, whichever one meets their professional needs if they can't join both.

Earlier in the day, retired CMSgt. Mike Carton, AFSA Division 8 president, installed a new slate of officers for the Twin Cities chapter.

New officers for AFSA Chapter 858 include:

President Vicky Kuntz; Vice President Doug Altrichter; Trustees: CMSgt. Dick Grewe; CMSgt. Todd Thompson; CMSgt. Dave Himmer; Chief O'Keefe; CMSgt. Tom Foss; SMSgt. Dave Hammer; MSgt. Lin Davidson; MSgt. Laura Lemaster; retired CMSgt. Clayton Pyle, retired SMSgt. Mark Davidson; and Treasurer



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Bob Hatz.

"AFSA is a non-profit organization that represents the professional and personal interests of 140,000 members, including 80,000 Guard and Reserve members," Carton said.

"We are an international organization dedicated to speaking out on behalf of enlisted Air Force personnel."

AFSA also directs a large degree of activities and funds toward communities, local projects and activities, and the

military establishment.

AFSA's membership is open to Air Force enlistees, both active and retired of all grades, including the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve.

There is also an Auxiliary program for family members of Air Force personnel.

AFSA members receive a wide variety of benefits and services, which are tailored to fulfill member needs.

"The organization is one of the most highly respected

professional military associations on Capitol Hill," according to Carton.

"AFSA provides full-time presence on Capitol Hill including face-to-face representation with elected leaders."

AFSA also has a toll-free Capitol Hill Update Line for information about current issues on capitol hill that affect Air Force enlisted members, retirees, and their families.

AFSA provides Sergeants Magazine, 11 issues per year, including the Enlisted Almanac (a source book of military information). Auxiliary members get 4 issues with articles and features of interest to Air Force family members.

AFSA offers educational assistance to AFSA members and their families. Academic achievement scholarships are available through AFSA and the Airmen Memorial Foundation, along with auxiliary furthering education grants for auxiliary members.

"AFSA works hard for enlisted personnel," according to Carton. "They are currently working for full-year commissary benefits, income protection when called for duty, special pay and same pay as active duty counterparts, VA home loan benefits, full compensation for unused leave, elimination of the annual cap on retirement points, and gray area benefits which would mean that reservists would be able to draw full annuity instantly.

More information, as well as membership applications, is available at locations around the base.

Additionally, those interested can go online to [www.afsahq.org](http://www.afsahq.org) or call 1-800-638-0594.

## Nonvolunteers deploy on AEF for first time

With the call-up of 37 reservists in late February, Air Force Reserve Command is deploying nonvolunteers from support specialties for the first time as part of an aerospace expeditionary force.

The reservists, mostly from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., will be deployed overseas for 120 days and could be extended on active duty after that to support other critical missions. The AFRC commander said that, in spite of these call-ups, volunteerism is still the norm for Reserve integration into operational missions.

"We have moved into new territory with these call-ups, but it doesn't change our commitment to remaining the volunteer force AFRC has always been," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of AFRC and chief of Air Force Reserve. "Only after no one volunteered to fill some critical mission support positions did we activate these people. And then, we only called up the minimum that were needed."

The command began calling up aircrews and maintenance people in October 2001 for duties in ongoing operations such as operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. Reservists have given their voluntary participation to the AEF construct since its inception, with typical rotations limited to 15 days plus travel time. That will not change for the bulk of reservists.

In a move designed to meet increased AEF manning requirements and keep call-



*Volunteers from the 934th Airlift Wing continue to support ongoing operations such as Coronet Oak, Northern Watch and Enduring Freedom. In late February, Air Force Reserve Command deployed nonvolunteers for the first time as part of an Aerospace Expeditionary Force.*

ups to a minimum, command officials have moved from a three-cycle to a two-cycle system. While this will mean reservists will be asked to volunteer more often, it should reduce the need to resort to involuntary call-ups, officials said.

Command officials anticipated the increased manning requirement and recently suspended its three-cycle system of 15 months on call and 30 months off, implementing a 15-month on, 15 month-off schedule for AEF rotations.

For AFRC units and their people, the two-cycle system means they will have 15 months to maintain training currency and undergo inspections before the command looks for volunteers again. The new change gives the command 19 to 20 flying wings

from which to seek volunteers as opposed to 12 to 13 using the old system. The increased demand for support personnel in a wide variety of missions is driving these changes.

The need for AFRC support personnel has risen from 800 positions for 90 days to 2,300 positions, and there are not enough volunteers to fill them all. Still, Sherrard wants to rely on volunteer service to support these and other requirements.

"The volunteer concept reduces the stress on our reservists, their families and their employers," he said. "It's the best way for us to operate. I will do everything I can to fill our requirements using volunteers." (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

## Reserve commander testifies before Senate subcommittee

*(Editor's note: The following is taken from testimony by Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve Command commander, to the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel Feb. 13.)*

The Air Force has enjoyed over 30 years of unparalleled Total Force integration success.

Today, Air Force Reserve Command members perform almost every kind of Air Force mission, including those that support the war on terrorism. This is true for airlift



and special operations missions, as well as for bomber, fighter and aerial refueling missions.

The Sept. 11 attacks have brought homeland security to the forefront. Total Force components are being called upon to counter terrorist threats within and outside the United States. We anticipate an ongoing need to augment security forces, firefighters and

home station operational support personnel with both full-time and traditional reservists.

Although the events of Sept. 11 changed the way we do business, we are committed to remaining vigilant and ready for future threats. To do this, we need to continue to modernize our force. As we face new and challenging missions, I remain confident in the tremendous capabilities of reservists to measure up to the task. (AFRC News Service)

**Mar. 1 promotions**

**SMSgt. Sterling V. Meyer**, 934<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron.

**MSgt. Thomas L. Kim**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

**MSgt. Thomas Shultz**, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron.

**TSgt. Donald Albee**, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

**TSgt. Richard Karpinski**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

**TSgt. Mark Ledkins**, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

**TSgt. Timothy Rice**, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron.

**SSgt. John D. Herrick**, 934<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight.

**SSgt. Douglas Kiser**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

**SSgt. Patrick Stevens**, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron.

**SrA. Kevin Hegner**, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron .

**SrA. Allison Fiesler**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aero-medical Staging Squadron.

**SrA. Jennifer L. Hurley**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**SrA. Taphara Ray**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**SrA. Emma Shaler**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**PEP Promotions Apr. 1**

**SMSgt. Jason Velasquez**, 934<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight.

**MSgt. Orin H. Johnson**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

**MSgt. Alan M. McCann**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

**TSgt. Robert A. Ennis**, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

**TSgt. Christopher Coates**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

**TSgt. Matthew Seppala**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

**Medals****Meritorious Service Medal**

**Maj. Douglas A. Kveene**, 934<sup>th</sup> Support Group (second oak leaf cluster).

**MSgt. Rick R. Ensenbach**, 934<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight.

**Wing roundup****Air Force Commendation Medal**

**MSgt. Patricia J. Sahr**, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron (second oak leaf cluster).

**MSgt. Joe Bystedt**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron (first oak leaf cluster).

**MSgt. Larry Schyma**, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (first oak leaf cluster).

**MSgt. Mark E. Stodola**, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

**AF Achievement Medal**

**MSgt. David R. Roach**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron (second oak leaf cluster).

**TSgt. Troy P. Puckett**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron (second oak leaf cluster).

**SMSgt. Bernadette Blackwell**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, (first oak leaf cluster).

**SMSgt. David C. Halverson**, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron (first oak leaf cluster).

**MSgt. Karen K. Poncelet**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, (first oak leaf cluster).

**TSgt. Daniel C. Knox**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, (first oak leaf cluster).

**TSgt. Darrel L. Knox**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, (first oak leaf cluster).

**TSgt. Daniel E. Roth**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron (first oak leaf cluster).

**SrA. Michael D. Duzy**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron (first oak leaf cluster).

**Lt. Col. Raymond L. Kundel**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**Maj. David P. Doroff**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**Capt. Heather M. McCue**, 934<sup>th</sup> Logistic Support Squadron.

**MSgt. James M. Canniff**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

**MSgt. John D. Kopka**, 934<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight.

**SrA. Stephanie E. Wilhelmi**, 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

**Commander's Coins**

**SSgt. Scott D. Inwards**, 934<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight

**SSgt. James Running**, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron.

**SrA. David Gustafson**, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron.

**Tina Stadtherr**, 934<sup>th</sup> Support Group.

**Reenlistments**

**CMSgt. Richard Grewe**, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

**MSgt. Elizabeth A. Johnston**, 934<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron.

**MSgt. Mike McGuire**, 934<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron.

**MSgt. Scott E. Struss**, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

**TSgt. Ruth S. Beecher**, 934<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight.

**TSgt. Jeffrey S. Dentz**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

**TSgt. E. Marty Dunbar**, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron.

**TSgt. Michael W. Eastridge**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

**TSgt. Kenneth R. Engle**, 934<sup>th</sup> Service Squadron.

**TSgt. Michael J. Gangl**, 934<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron.

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**TSgt. Angela M. F. House**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**TSgt. Kent E. Long**, 27<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron.

**TSgt. Paul A. Oven**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

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**TSgt. James A. Palo Jr.**, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron.

**TSgt. Cory T. Stapelmann**, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**TSgt. Hans C. Vinge**, 27th Aerial Port Squadron.

**SSgt. Scott D. Inwards**, 934th Communications Flight.

**SSgt. Reno J. Stradiotto**, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

**SrA. Anthony G. Blume**, 934th Communications Flight.

**SrA. Shane J.A. Graham**, 934th Maintenance Squadron.

**SrA. Ronald A. Holbeck**, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**SrA. Christopher L. Jones**, 934th Communications Flight.

**SrA. Brian S. Knutson**, 934th Civil Engineering Squadron.

## Newcomers

**Maj Marie L. Jules**, 934<sup>th</sup> Logistic Support Squadron.

**TSgt. Donald Green**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

**TSgt. Richard Karpinski**, 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

**SrA. Taphara Ray**, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

## 934th Services Squadron

The unit was busy preparing for Services Readiness Training and getting the dining hall shut down for this upcoming UTA.

We had **MSgt. Steven Williams** and **SrA. Kristine Maloney** participate with other Honor Guard members in the "Let's Roll!" aircraft dedication.

We are glad to say the past UTA that all members are home and accountable. Everyone coming through the serving line was surprised and happy to see **MSgt. Ruth Duffy**. They all gave her a warm welcome back.

*Submitted by SrA. Kristine Maloney, unit public affairs representative.*

## 934 Civil Engineering Squadron

**CMSgt. Dave Angerman** and **MSgt. Chuck Super** were the recipients of the newly minted Base Honor Guard coin for participation of their first official funeral detail.



## Wing roundup

**SrA. Jonathan Patterson** and **TSgt. Tony Osborne** volunteered for deployments to Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia.

The **electrical shop** worked on setting up electrical support for President Bush's visit to the base this month.

The **equipment shop** started the demolition process for Building 716.

This month's "Chief's Challenge" winner was **MSgt. Thomas Schutz** from the utilities shop. This month's question: "What is the phrase that is being added to one of our C-130's, and where did it derive from?" Answer: "Let's Roll", from the now-famous last words of a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93, just before he and his fellow passengers stormed the cockpit.

**TSgt. Anthony & Vivian Osborne** were married on February 28, 2002. The Osborne's call Eau Claire, Wis. home.

*Submitted by MSgt Mike McGuire, unit public affairs representative.*

## 934th Communications Flight

The communications unit set up a podium used during the "Let's Roll" dedication ceremony Mar. 3.

**TSgt. Ed Cox and his wife** are new parents of a new baby boy Jacob.

*Submitted by SrA. Chris Guthrie, unit public affairs representative.*

## 934th Logistics Support Squadron

One Individual is awaiting deployment for a year to Southwest Asia. Eight people from the unit deployed for Coronet Oak over the three rotations.

**TSgt. Michelle Szydel** and **SSgt.**

**Barb Ostler** received a Certificate of Appreciation on the work they did in U.S. Air Forces in Europe Regional Supply (MICAP), at Sembach AB Germany Jan. 14 - Feb. 1.

**TSgt. Phil Kvamme** received a Letter of Appreciation for accomplishing engine change Feb. 4 - 6 in minimal time on one of our aircraft at Robins AFB.

*Submitted by MSgt. Craig Molm, unit public affairs representative.*

## 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

The squadron is charting a new course by splitting into two sections, Warskills A and B Rotations, on Saturday UTA's.

Warskills A rotation continues to support the wing by providing physical exams, lab work, immunizations, sight and hearing exams, dental exams, and other medical training.

Warskills B rotation leaves the facility for medical readiness training located in a classroom on the Air National Guard side of the base. There they will complete all necessary warskills readiness training in a 4-month rotation, with an additional two-month window for make-up training. Rotation B is halfway through this course.

We had two home-station annual tours this year:

Ten people participated in an Emergency Medical Technician course, Feb. 28 - Mar. 1 and 20 people participated in a war skills course Mar. 4-15.

Four people deployed to Puerto Rico in support of Coronet Oak.

*Submitted by SSgt. Shirley Houin, unit public affairs representative.*

# News in brief

The dining hall is closed during the April Unit Training Assembly. Troop feeding will be conducted at the Enlisted Club during the UTA.

## Wing units win honors

The 27th Aerial Port Squadron was named Air Force Reserve Command's top aerial port unit. They will now represent the command in the National Defense Transportation Association competition. The unit was featured in last month's *Viking Flyer*.

The 934th Logistics Support Squadron was the 22nd Air Force nominee in the AFRC transportation awards competition. The unit will be featured in next month's *Viking Flyer*.

## Civilians win awards

Congratulations to Morrie Henjum, Larry Schyma and Dianne Greeman, who were selected as the 934th Airlift Wing's Civil Servants of the Year for 2001.

They, along with civil service award winners from other federal agencies within the Twin Cities, will be honored at a luncheon May 7 at the Bloomington Radisson. The cost of the luncheon is \$21.50 per person.

Reservations may be made by contacting Maj. Bonnie Tremblett at (612) 713-1560.

## Bonus list released

The new Enlisted Incentive Program bonus list for the Apr. 1 through Sept. 30 time frame was recently released, according to MSgt. Laurie Konz, base career advisor.

Specialty codes include:

2A1X7	Elect Warfare System
2A6X1B	Aerospace Propulsion
2A6X4	Aircraft Fuels Systems
2A6X6	Aircraft Elect & Enviro. Systems

2A7X2	Nondestructive Inspection Apprentice
2T0X1	Traffic Mgmt
2T2X1	Air Transportation Apprentice
2T3X5	Vehicle Body Maintenance
3E9X1	Readiness Apprentice Services
3MOX1	Health Services Management
4A0X1	Biomedical Equip
4A2X1	Medical Services
4N0X1	Flying Med Tech
X4N0X1	Financial Management
6F0X1	

Individuals with questions should contact Konz at (612) 713-3756.

## 1st Sgt. position to open

The 96<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron First Sergeant, MSgt. Dave Roach, is retiring in a couple of months, and the squadron commander will be interviewing individuals interested in filling the position.

"The position is a master sergeant slot," said Lt. Col. Doug Trogstadt, squadron commander. "Tech sergeants eligible for promotion to master sergeant are eligible to apply.

They must be promoted to master prior to attending the Air Force Reserve Command First Sergeant Academy.

Minimum eligibility requirements for the position are in Air Force Instruction 36-2113, chapter 11 specifically addresses AFRC.

The individual selected must agree to attend the AFRC First Sergeant Academy within one year from the date of appointment.

Additionally, applicants must have completed a Command NCO Academy, either in residence or by correspondence.

Resumes should be submitted to MSgt. Bernadette Lunde in the military personnel flight by the close of business on May 5," said Trogstadt. "The board will conduct interviews during the June UTA."

## ROA meets Apr. 7

A general membership meeting is scheduled for all members of the Flying Viking Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association on Sunday, April 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the training room of the 934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (Bldg 840).

Pizza and pop will be available for lunch.

Elections will be conducted for the upcoming two years and all officers are invited to attend.

Please contact Maj. Doug Kveene at (612) 713-1291 for more details.

## Lecture series starts Apr. 15

Congressman Martin Sabo will open the inaugural of the Martin Sabo Lecture Series on beginning at 10:45 a.m. Monday, Apr. 15 in the Cowles Auditorium at the University of Minnesota.

The topic of Sabo's remarks will be "A Vision for Public Service."

The Sabo lecture series is a forum for distinguished individuals to address the challenges of public service for our states and nation, according to Ray Morris, executive director of the Federal Executive Board of Minnesota.

While not required, individuals are encouraged to RSVP if they plan to attend. Contact Janice Young at (612) 626-0347 or email here at [jyoung@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:jyoung@hhh.umn.edu).

## Firing range off limits

The 934th Airlift Wing firing range, located on Ft. Snelling grounds, is off-limits to unauthorized people. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous, according to range officials.

For additional information, contact MSgt. Steven Anderson, 934th Security Forces Squadron, at (612) 713-1815.

# Chaplain warms hearts thru business donations

Story and photos by SSgt. Jeff Williams  
staff writer

An old saying goes, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

Those words are dear to Chaplain (Maj.) Charles Perry, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing senior chaplain, now more than ever before – especially in wartime.

Perry spends a little bit of time during three mornings each week delivering doughnuts and coffee to troops who were recently recalled to active duty.

"I made morale trips to visit the troops at the remote locations on the base back in January," Perry said. "I realized that many of these people don't get a chance to get much to eat or drink for a break. I remembered the 'Doughnut Dolly's' during my tour in Vietnam and thought that I could be a 'Doughnut Dolly.'"

Perry then decided to ask a local Byerly's store if they would donate doughnuts for the troops. They agreed.

"I brought it up with Maj. Barbara Dock, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron commander, and she loved the idea.



SSgt. Patrick Haefner, 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, enjoys a donut and a cup of coffee.



Chaplain (Maj.) Charles A. Perry, senior chaplain, pours a cup of coffee for SSgt. Aaron Fisher, 034<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron. The chaplain delivers coffee and donuts through the generosity of two local businesses.

SMSGt. Dennis McLean from the 934<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron asked Caribou Coffee if they would donate coffee, and they have," he said.

Perry's daily routine starts around 5:30 a.m. when he picks up a box containing approximately four-dozen doughnuts at Byerly's, before heading to the office an hour later.

Around 7:30 a.m. he goes to the dining facility kitchen where he makes the coffee and hot chocolate in preparation for his daily route, which takes him to numerous security checkpoints and squadron offices in the course of a morning.

"It's nice to have someone come around with doughnuts and coffee," said SrA. Jason Megleo, security forces fire team member. "It's also nice to see that someone actually cares that we're out here. It is a pleasant little pick me up that breaks the monotony."

While Megleo doesn't drink coffee, he enjoys the hot chocolate that Chaplain Perry brings and is impressed with the doughnut selection.

"They're gourmet doughnuts, so that's good. I like the cherry-filled glazed.

They aren't cheap. I look forward to the chaplain's visits," he said.

The doughnut run has even increased his ability to fulfill his role as chaplain.

"I just like being out there with the guys," Perry said. "This gives me a lot of exposure. It let's the people know that I'm here and opens up the doors for more ministry.

"Some guys just want to talk and sometimes they have a lot of questions," the senior chaplain said. "I spend most of my time listening to them. The guys are all friendly and I like addressing their questions."

Perry said a typical visit usually lasts from five minutes to a half hour per person at each of the posts he visits.

"I frequently change the units I visit but usually hit the security forces squadron," he said. "I'm trying to get the whole base covered so if anyone wants me to come and I haven't already, give me a call and I'll be there."

Chaplain Perry makes his doughnut runs only Wednesday's through Friday's, and may be reached at (612) 713-1226 or 1227.

## Wing runners declare war on cancer, join fight

Teams of 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing members are assembling to help fight the war on cancer through the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraising activity in July.

The event, in its third year in the local area, will take place at the Lakeville High School football field starting at 8 p.m. on Friday July 19 and goes through 8 a.m. the next morning.

The relay consists of teams of 8-15 participants who walk or run around a track.

Each team member must raise at least \$100 and have at least one member walking on the track at all times throughout the event.

Last year, the local relay event featured 32 teams and raised a total of \$65,000 for cancer research.

The goal for this year is to have 45 teams raising a minimum of \$72,000.

The event also features free food and

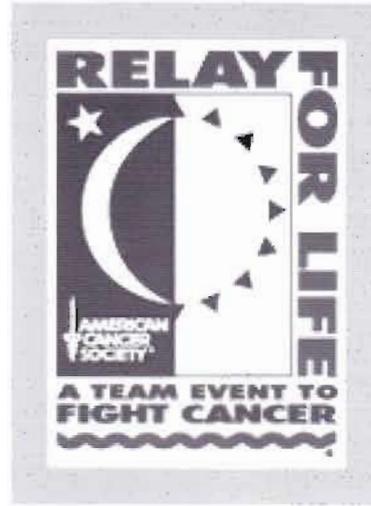
various activities to keep people occupied while not walking.

There will also be several cancer survivors along with luminaria surrounding the track representing those who lost their fight with cancer.

Two members of the 934<sup>th</sup> lost their lives to cancer in recent years.

MSgt. Tim Turner, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs died in Dec. 1999, and Maj. Dan Anderson, 934<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron in Nov. 2001.

The Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, took the



first step of his 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Wash. He logged 83 miles and raised \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society.

Seventeen years later, the relay has spread to more than 3,000 communities in the U.S. and seven foreign countries.

Individuals who would like to join the relay or make a contribution may contact

MSgt. Joe Bystedt at (612) 713-1346 or TSgt. Glen Dahn at (612) 713-3500.

More information maybe found by visiting the [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) website.

## Clubs sponsor college scholarships for members

Air Force Services Agency officials are sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Three scholarships will be awarded to Air Force club members or to eligible family members, said Fred Fried, chief of the club operations branch.

First place is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000.

The scholarships will be presented by Oct. 1.

Applicants need to be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall of 2002 in either undergraduate or graduate studies. Club membership, by June 30, is also needed for eligibility.

To enter, nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, titled, "Air Force Clubs — How To Continue The Tradition." All entrees should be submitted on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins, and typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman or similar font.

Entrees must be submitted to an Air Force club by July 15.

They must include the sponsor's name, last four digits of the sponsor's Air

Force club membership card account number, base and club name, and the entrant's full name and mailing address.

If nominees are family members, they should explain how they are related to the club cardholder.

A one-page summary of the nominee's long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments must also be included.

The summary should include civic,

athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments.

In five previous years, Air Force Clubs has awarded \$50,000 in scholarships.

"This is just another example of some of the great benefits and values club membership offers," said Fried, adding that anyone interested in participating or needing additional information on the program should contact their club manager or go online to AFSVA's Web site.

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### Online subscription

As a service to our readers the Viking Flyer staff is beginning an online subscription service. The service will begin in May. Advantages to the service include earlier-than normal delivery, plus color photos. To begin a subscription, simply complete the following information and mail this coupon to: 934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450-2100.

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# Activities

## Officers Club

**Lunch:** Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Dinner:** Tuesday – Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Lounge:** Monday from 4-11 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Bar food menu available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bar food menu items reduced 20 percent between 2-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

**Sundays:** Closed.

**Mondays:** Dining room closed. Lounge open from 4-11 p.m., and closed Feb. 18

**Tuesdays:** Special in the dining room. Closed Feb. 19. Membership night Feb. 26. Free buffet dinner for club members.

**Wednesdays:** Daily special in the dining room is pasta. Reservations required for Gourmet Night Feb. 26

**Thursdays:** Stir Fry Night in the dining room. Valentines Day special (reservations required) Feb. 14.

**Fridays:** Different seafood special in the dining room. Reservations required.

**Saturdays:** Prime rib for two in the dining room.

**Apr. 6:** All-you-can-eat prime rib and crab legs buffet. Open to ALL club members. Cost is \$14.95 and reservations are required.

**Apr. 11:** Special buffet for Month of the Military Child. Children under 12 eat free; children 12-18 pay \$4.95; adults pay \$9.95. Open to ALL club members.

**Apr. 16:** IRS Special featuring two-for-one steak.

## Enlisted Club

**Breakfast:** Monday-Friday from 6:30-9:30 a.m.

**Lunch:** Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Dinner:** Friday-Saturday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Open to 9 p.m. on UTA weekends.

**Lounge:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-9:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 3 p.m. to midnight.

**Sunday:** Closed

**Monday:** Chefs special for lunch in the dining room. Monday Night football, with chili, hot dogs and pizza available in the lounge.

**Tuesday:** Different specials for lunch in the dining room

**Wednesday:** Different specials for lunch in the dining room

**Thursday:** Different All-You-Can-Eat buffets for lunch in the dining room

**Friday:** Different specials for lunch and dinner in the dining room.

**Saturdays:** Closed for lunch except Apr. 6 and 20. Different dinner specials in the dining room.

Apr. 24: Secretary's Day break special from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Menu includes Quiche Lorraine, blueberry muffins, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$5.95 per person and reservations are required.

## Fitness Center

There will be a three-on-three basketball tournament in April.

For UTA activities

contact SSgt. Debra Hanson at (612)-713-1496.

The Air Force Marathon will be held Spet. 19-21 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The course is a 26.2-mile run that traverses historical places on the base. These include the Air Force Museum, Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Material Command headquarters, the flightline and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

All registered runners receive a t-shirt and patch. Those who finish will also receive a medallion.

For more information on prices, deadlines and to download the registration form, got to the race's website at [www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil](http://www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil).

Outdoor Recreation has a number of items available for rent.

These include EZ-UP party canopies, eight-foot aluminum banquet tables, coolers, a supercooker gas towable grill, beverage servers, and lawn games.

For water sport lovers, fishing boats, canoes and kayaks are also available.

In addition they also have camping equipment and bikes.

Please call 612-713-1496 for more information and reservations.

All Officers and Enlisted Club cardholders receive a 10 percent discount on rental items. Applications are available at the Outdoor Recreation/Fitness Center office, the clubs and other Services facilities.

Current Discount tickets available at the Fitness Center: Camp Snoopy-\$15.95 all

## Fitness Center hours

Fitness Center hours of operation are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. They are closed on Federal holidays.

day pass

Underwater Adventures at the Mall of America-\$9.00 adult, child \$5.00.

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre (discount given at reservation, call the Fitness Center for details).

ValleyFair

Renaissance Festival

For more information, contact either Bill Garside or Ronna Puck at (612) 713-1496

## Officers' Wives Club

The Officer's Wives Club meets for bridge several times during the month.

Individuals interested in playing on the second and third Tuesday at 10 a.m. should contact Germaine Reuter Dahl at (952) 881-0107.

Individuals interested in playing on the first and third Wednesday should call either Roberta Gronemann at (763) 494-3517 or Inez Gugisberg at (651) 481-1983.

The OWC meets for brunch in the Officers Club beginning at 10 a.m. Apr. 18.

## Reservists attend "Let's Roll" dedication

Members of the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing took time out during a busy March Unit Training Assembly to honor America's spirit, dedication and resolve following the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

They were on hand when the wing commander and crew chiefs for aircraft number 848 dedicated aircraft nose art with the words "Let's roll!" — America's two-word marching order in the fight against terrorism.

This particular nose art will be displayed on various aircraft throughout the Air Force as a way of recognizing the heroes and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

The ceremony began with the Base Honor Guard posting the colors.

Master of ceremonies, Maj. Doug Kveene, then told those assembled about the aircraft's history.

"The aircraft was delivered to the Air Force in 1963," he said, "and aircrews flew it during the 1960s and 70s primarily in the Pacific region."

It was assigned to the 934<sup>th</sup> AW in May 1986.

"Since joining the wing, aircrews have flown it in Operations Provide Promise, Coronet Oak and Southern Watch."

The events key speaker, Col. Gary L. Cook, 934<sup>th</sup> AW commander, said, "The words 'Let's Roll' were made famous



Col. Gary Cook, left, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, and crew chiefs MSgt. Gregory Koury, SrA. Katie Sunderland and SSgt. Benjamin Rettmann participate in the dedication of one of the unit's C-130E Hercules aircraft, honoring the American spirit, dedication, and resolve following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The new nose art, which is being applied to one aircraft in every wing around the world, incorporates the words, "Let's Roll," made famous by Todd Beamer, a passenger on United Flight 93 which crashed in Pennsylvania. (Photo by SSgt. Stephanie Robinson)

by Todd Beamer, a passenger on Flight 93. Beamer, a 32-year-old businessman, Sunday school teacher, husband, father and hero, led other passengers in fighting terrorists for control of Flight 93 before it crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania."

He was overheard on a cellular phone reciting the Lord's Prayer and saying "Let's roll!" as passengers charged the terrorists.

"'Let's roll!' has served as a rallying cry for this nation as we go forward in our war on terrorism," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

The passengers of Flight 93 won one of the first victories

in the fight against terrorism. There has been much speculation about the terrorists' intentions for Flight 93, but it is widely believed that either the White House or the U.S. Capitol building was the intended target.

The nose art design depicts an eagle soaring in front of the U.S. flag, with the words "Spirit of 9-11" on the top and "Let's roll!" on the bottom.

"For thousands of years, warriors, such as the Zulus, Native Americans, samurai and many others, have followed a tradition of decorating their instruments of war, said Cook. "The warriors of the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing decorate their

instruments of war with the Flying Viking head."

The Air Force has used nose art throughout much of its history, and for a variety of reasons.

The "Let's Roll!" nose art is being used to continue the remembrance of the events of Sept. 11, spur on the nation's current patriotic spirit and pay tribute to the heroes and victims in the war against terrorism.

Following his remarks, Cook asked the aircraft's three crew chiefs, MSgt. Gregory Koury, SSgt. Benjamin Rettmann and SrA. Katie Sunderland from the 934<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, to help him unveil the new nose art.

Afterwards, those assembled gathered next to the C-130 for a group picture, a copy of which was presented to President George W. Bush the following day when he arrived in the Twin Cities.

