

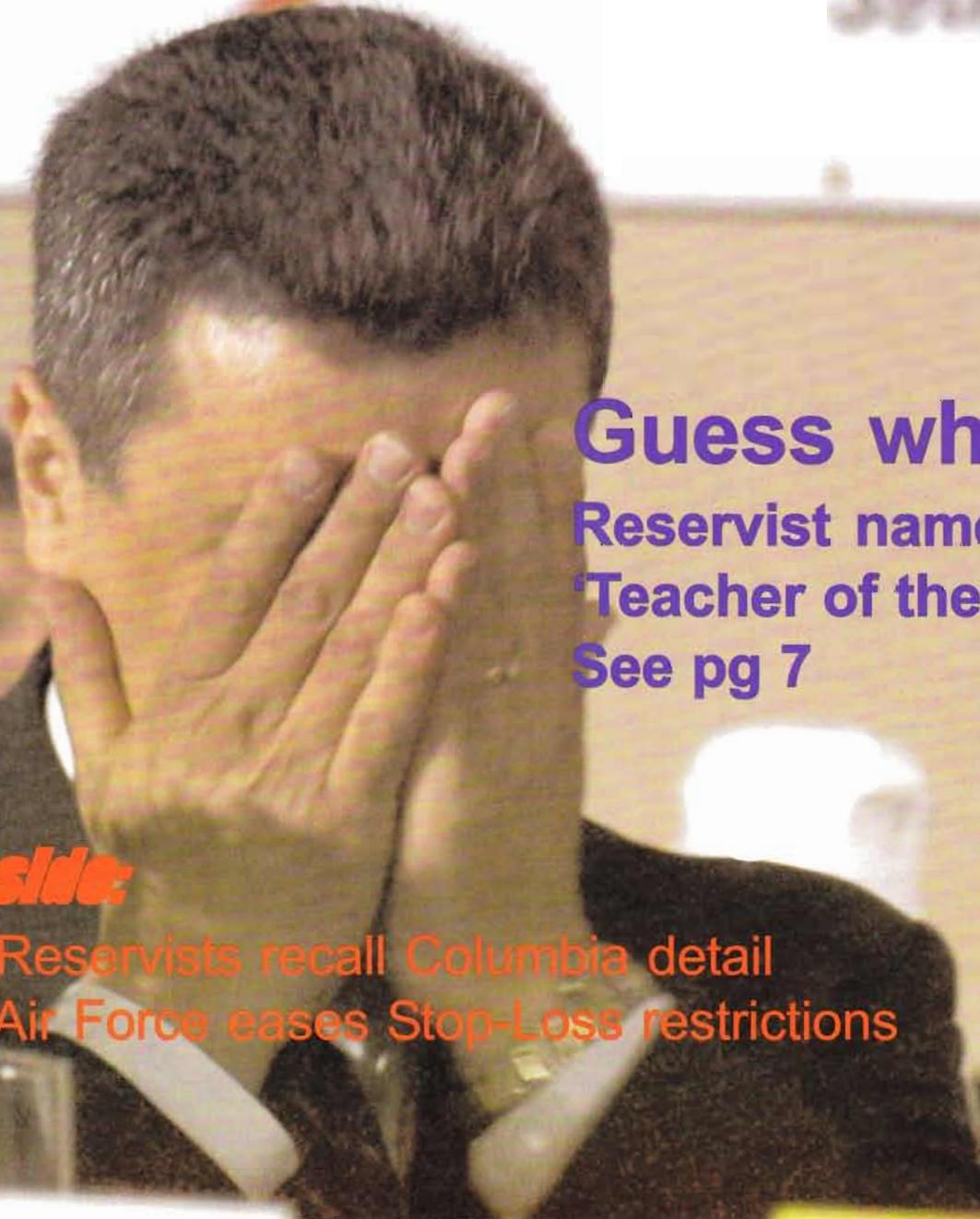


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Blue, silver AEFs get rotations back on track

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

The Air Force is establishing two transitional air and space expeditionary forces, blue and silver, to put the deployment schedule back on track by March 2004 and to bring home deployed airmen as quickly as possible.

"We envision these two 120-day rotations filling the requirements of combatant commanders through spring when we can once again implement the normal steady state AEF rotation," said Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon.

"Additionally, we can expect some aircraft, aircrew and associated maintenance rotations outside these two transitional AEFs as we attempt to get them back to the normal schedule next spring."

The blue AEF will be on call to fulfill mission requirements between July and November, Peppe said. Silver will be on call from November through March.

"The magnitude of the various combatant commanders' continuing requirements throughout the world will dictate the number of airmen that we

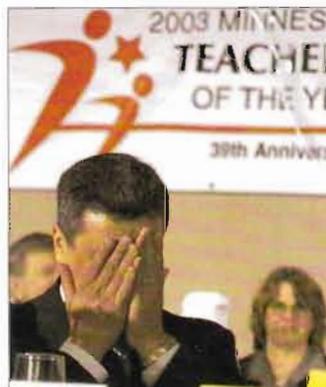
will have to deploy," he said.

According to the general, airmen in AEFs 9/10 and 1/2 who were identified to support Operation Iraqi Freedom but did not deploy will likely be the most vulnerable to deploy with the blue or silver AEFs.

"Ideally, as we go through the process (of matching people to these AEFs), those that have been home the longest from a previous deployment will be matched to deploy first," he said. "There may be some exceptions but I certainly hope not many. We will start with AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to fill requirements."

Airmen selected to support the blue AEF can expect to be notified of their deployment vulnerability over the next few weeks, he said.

"Most of the major command deployment taskings will be made by June 10 and airmen should receive their notifications soon after," he said. "However, if a (major command) cannot fill a particular tasking, the AEF Center (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.) will have to source it to another (major command), which may delay some individual notifications." (Air Force Print News)



On the Cover

Gino Marchetti reacts after being named 2003 Minnesota Teacher of the Year at a banquet in Brooklyn Park, Minn. on Sunday, May 4, 2003. Marchetti is a 4th grade teacher at Lake Harriet Community School in Minneapolis, and a Tech. Sgt. with the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. Story on page 7. (Photo by Janet Hostetter/Education Minnesota)



Air Force eases Stop-Loss restrictions

Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force specialty codes restricted from retirement or separation under Stop-Loss.

After a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were identified for release from Stop-Loss, the officials said.

The Air Force announced March 13 that it would implement Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement. The program also affected deployed airmen, regardless of AFSC, for the duration of their deployment. These moves were aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

"It was not an action that we took lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said service officials have always said that they will use Stop-Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

934th AFSC's released from Stop-Loss

OFFICER AFSC

32EX – Civil Engineer
43EX – Bioenvironmental Engineer
43TX – Biomedical Laboratory
46FX – Flight Nurse
51JX – Judge Advocate

ENLISTED AFSC

1S0XX – Safety
1T1XX – Aircrew Life Support
3E0X2 – Electrical Power Production
3E4X2 – Liquid Fuels System Maintenance
3E5X1 – Engineering
3E7X1 – Fire Protection
3E9X1 – Readiness
3H0X1 – Historian
3N0XX – Public Affairs & Radio/TV Broadcasting
4A1XX – Medical Material
4A2XX – Biomedical Equipment
5J0X1 – Paralegal

"We've reevaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service," Jumper said.

The actual "termination" of Stop-Loss has yet to be determined because the Air Force and the combatant com-

manders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, said Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy in the Pentagon.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force. However, if airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop-Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

"Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of Stop-Loss," Forest said. "We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements."

Additional information regarding the release of certain AFSCs is available at installation military personnel flights. (Air Force Print News)

Parent Pin program recognizes people who support troops

Program to recognize Air Force members' biggest supporters - Mom and Dad

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

The Air Force announced a program May 5 for airmen to honor some of their biggest supporters.

The Air Force Parent Pin program encourages airmen to register on a secure Air Force website – www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com – where they can provide the names and addresses of up to two parents or parental figures.

A personalized letter to the parents from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper will accom-



pany the lapel pins.

The pins are three-fourths inch square and feature a silver letter "P" cradled within the Air Force

symbol.

"The program is designed to recognize people who have significantly influenced airmen's lives," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

"With Mother's Day (May 11) and Father's Day (June 15) coming up soon, the parent pin would make a unique gift this year."

The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II employer flags, which were used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort. The pins are presented on display cards that explain their lineage.

Both the parent and employer pin campaigns are elements of the Air Force's Your Guardians of Freedom program.

"It is in the best interest of our nation to develop public understanding of the Air Force's mission and objectives.

The parents of our airmen might not always understand our mission, but they nonetheless are helping us meet our objectives through their continuing support of their sons and daughters – the men and women serving today and those who decide to serve in the future." (AFRC News Service)

Year filled with observances, celebrations

MEO office urges participation in base activities during UTA's

By Lt. Col Michael Maza
Military Equal Opportunity

During the Sunday afternoon of the May unit training assembly, a member of our wing approached me with a question about Special Observances such as African-American/Black History Month and Women's History Month.

His question was, "Why does the Air Force make Reserve units take time out of their very limited UTA availability to do those 'something or other history month' things?"

It's a question that deserves a serious answer, and since I'm fairly certain that others have wondered this same thing, I decided to take this opportunity to explain the importance of the program.

In the past, the only answer some folks got to this question was, "Because we have to. It's the law!" While this may be true, it isn't actually the best answer.

Most of the Special Observances we conduct are mandated in one form or another by either Joint Congressional Resolutions (which are Public Law) or Presidential Proclamation. However, those edicts are the result of a much broader and deeper purpose.

The underlying purpose of these observances is to "recognize the continuous achievements and contributions of all Americans to American culture and to increase awareness, mutual respect, and understanding." In other words, it's a chance to take whatever time we can to get together, give credit, ask questions and hopefully find out something we didn't know before.

There are women and men of

Special Observance Calendar:

January

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

February

Black Heritage Month

March

Women's History Month

April

Jewish Holocaust Remembrance

May

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage

September-October

Hispanic Heritage Month

November

Native American Heritage Month

many different races, colors, ethnicities, religions, and national origins who have gone before us to pave the way for our continued success. Some have even given "the last full measure of devotion," their lives, to the principles we hold dear.

Special Observance activities can give us a chance to get to know something about them. It might seem like this could become a time consuming process, but it's not. Read on and I'll show you how we can fit Special Observances in to your busy UTA schedule without adversely impacting the wing's mission.

On the UTA of a month in which there is a Special Observance scheduled, you're going to get an email through the base system. I know, we all get a lot of email, but I

promise you this – it will take you less than two minutes to read this message, which will be interesting, and hopefully, I can tell you something you didn't already know.

We are also going to be planning a few simple displays and activities to allow folks to learn about and interact with other folks who aren't necessarily "just like them." This brings me to an important point – these observances are not just for the folks who happen to be a part of one of the groups we're recognizing - they are for everyone, including friends, family, and the community. These activities won't take a lot of time out of your UTA weekend and I promise they will pay great dividends for the time invested.

Now for the "shameless plug" – we need your help to make this program a success. We need feedback and ideas. What would you like to see us do for a particular observance? We need volunteers. Are you looking for something fulfilling to do while you're activated at home station this year? Are you feeling left out because you're Scandinavian? Don't! We need you. These celebrations are for everyone, especially anyone looking to enjoy new and interesting experiences.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is coming up in October and we're forming the planning committee now. To get involved, or to give us suggestions, call the Military Equal Opportunity office at (612) 713-1221, or email me at michael.maza@minneapolis.af.mil and we'll get you involved in one of the most interesting and satisfying endeavors you've experienced in a long time.

Dining Facility Menu



June UTA

Saturday:

Lunch - Beef Stroganoff, Teriyaki Chicken, Rice
Dinner - Fish & Chips

Sunday:

Lunch - BBQ Ribs, Lasagna

Deadline approaches for Employer's Day nominations

August UTA event gives reservists chance to inform bosses on role, mission of military service

It's that time of year again - time for reservists to thank their boss for all of the support given during the past year - especially during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Employer's Day for 2003 is Saturday, Aug. 2.

Events planned for the day include breakfast and briefings with the 934th Airlift Wing commander and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve officials, along with the orientation flight on one of the unit's C-130 Hercules aircraft.

Activities begin around 8 a.m. and conclude around 2 p.m.

934th Airlift Wing reservists will have the opportunity to show their boss or supervisor how much they appreciate the support they have been given as they finish yet another year of demanding Reserve duty.

Employer's Day isn't just a "reward" for those who

have gone out of their way to support a person's military career. It's also an opportunity to introduce their employer to today's Air Force Reserve.

Any drilling reservist who wishes to nominate their employer for an orientation should complete the form below.

Completed forms must be received by the Public Affairs office in Building 760, Room 250C, no later than the close of business on Friday, June 20.

Forms may be mailed to: **934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450-2100; faxed to (612) 713-1229; or hand-delivered.**

Leaving the form in the unit at the last minute can be risky. Be sure to hand deliver it by COB on Friday, June 20.

Employers nominated for the flight will receive a letter of invitation.

Employer's Day - Saturday, Aug. 2

Invite your boss for an orientation flight with the 934th Airlift Wing. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT VERY CLEARLY. Also, be careful to get the correct name spelling and official title.

Reservist's Rank/Name: _____ Unit: _____

Reservist's Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____ UTA Phone: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Phone Number: _____

Title: _____ Company Name: _____

Complete mailing address: _____



GROUND RULES: Each reservist may submit **ONLY ONE** employer or supervisor - no exceptions! Federal civil service employees of military organizations are not eligible for nomination. You may not nominate family members (even when they are legitimate employers) or anyone who has flown with the wing for any reason. There can be no substitutions once a name has been submitted, even if the person nominated cannot attend.

Completed form must be received by Public Affairs, Building 760 Room 250C, **by the close of business on Friday, June 20.** Forms may be mailed to 934 AW/PA, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis MN 55450-2100; faxed to (612) 713-1229; or hand-delivered. Leaving the form with your unit at the last minute can be risky, so be sure to hand deliver by Friday, June 20. Your nominated boss will receive a letter of invitation.

Reservists reflect on Columbia detail

By Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams
Editor

While the world watched with horror at the breakup of the Space Shuttle Columbia over the blue Texas sky Sat. Feb. 1, seven members of the 934th Services Squadron's port mortuary team were getting ready for another assignment – to process the remains of the crew.

Monday morning, Feb. 3, the seven volunteered and two were hand-selected for the task in a selection process that lasted only six-hours. Maj. Neal Landeen and Senior Master Sgt. Dennis McLean were selected for two of the 13 slots due to their experience in handling the VF-22 Osprey and U.S.S. Cole cases, along with the Pentagon casualties from Sept. 11. Thirty-six reservists volunteered for the Columbia assignment.

"I know that there was an outpouring of volunteers throughout the Air Force Reserve," said Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander. "But Maj. Landeen and Senior Master Sgt. McLean were both chosen because of their extensive experience with mortuary assistance."

The reservists were already in place at the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs before a C-141 Starlifter carrying the remains arrived at Dover Air Force Base, Del., from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., just after 2:30 p.m. Feb. 5. Aboard the aircraft were seven coffin-like cases, symbolizing Columbia's

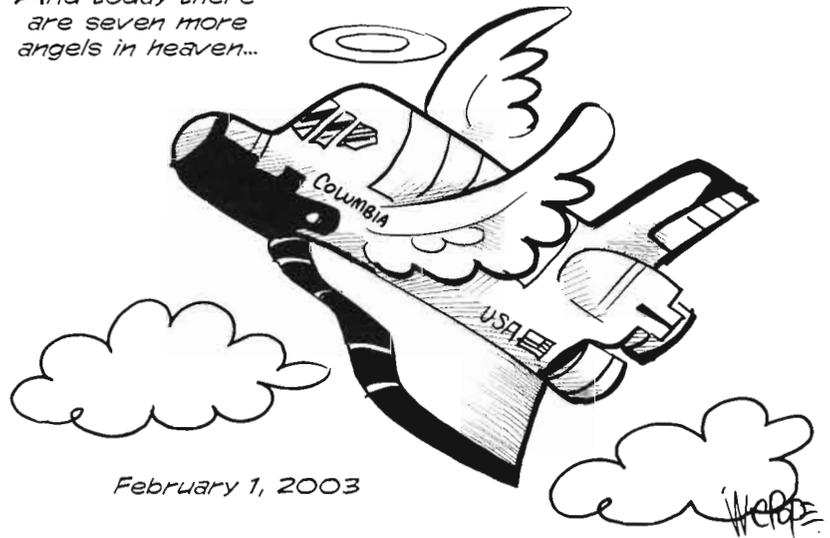
AMC process documents post-9/11 wing activities

By Maj. Bonnie L. Tremblett
Performance Planner

The Air Mobility Command Inspector General (AMC/IG) recently called for data and the wing really stood up to the plate.

AMC recognized the hard work we have done since the dramatic and catastrophic World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks and gave us the opportunity to document and forward post 9/11 activity, by Unit Type Code (UTC), to receive full IG credit and relieve much of the 934th of the requirement to participate in an Inspector Observed Exercise.

*And today there
are seven more
angels in heaven...*



Cartoon by MSgt. William C. Pope

And today there are seven more angels in heaven... Col. Rick Husband (USAF), Cmdr. William McCool (USN), Lt. Col. Michael Anderson (USAF), Capt. David Brown (USN), Cmdr. Laurel Clark (USN), Kalpana Chawla, Col. Ilan Ramon (Israeli Air Force)

seven crew members. Six of the cases were draped with American flags, the seventh with the flag of Israel in honor of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon.

At the Carson Center, the reservists helped prepare the remains for return to the next-of-kin and for final burial arrangements. The remains were inspected, identified and prepared through the use of dental record checks, fingerprints, DNA sampling and bone analy-

sis.

Landeen considers it an honor and privilege to have served on the Columbia assignment, but was intrigued by the international involvement in such a high profile case.

"It was very eye-opening to get the perspective of the Israeli government in this case," Landeen said. "Ilan Ramon was treated with such an incredible

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"It was amazing to learn what all we have done and see it all in print," said Maj. C.J. Lupo, Mission Support Group executive officer.

We submitted 30-plus UTCs for credit and Plans submitted data for Initial Response or those activities which "get us out the door," such as Cargo Deployment Function, Joint Inspection and Personnel Deployment Function.

"If all goes well, the wing will be recognized for the extraordinary effort we put into our daily processes," said Capt Dan Johnson, Installation Deployment Officer.

Col. Gary Cook, 934th Airlift Wing commander, said, "A history of your efforts and accomplishments over this last 20 months is being forwarded to the Inspector General not so we can avoid an IGX in 2004, but to validate our operational capabilities that have been proven time and again in the field.

"With the IG's concurrence our package will all but eliminate a need for an IGX in 2004," he said.

When it is all done, we mailed six large three-ring binders, that weighed 54 pounds, to the Inspector General's office for credit consideration and will wait for their feedback.

Wing member named new state 'Teacher of the Year'

By Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams
Editor

The room was all smiles from both the students and teacher alike.

The teacher, with his commanding voice, receives a lot of earned respect from his 29 attentive third grade students, as he teaches them about geography and current events.



Marchetti

Suddenly, the room breaks out in chants of "Thank you," as the teacher was politely corrected on a state abbreviation miscue. That was followed by more smiles and giggles while a slip

of paper bearing the name of the humiliated instructor was added to the "extra credit" incentive prize jar.

While this may not sound like an ordinary classroom, it is quite ordinary in the world of Gino Marchetti, Minnesota's Teacher of the Year for 2003.

What is remarkable about



Photo by SSgt. Jeffrey S. Williams

Minnesota 'Teacher of the Year' Tech. Sgt. Gino Marchetti assists a student with classwork at his Minneapolis elementary school.

Marchetti is that he is not just an elementary school teacher, but is also a Tech. Sgt. with the 934th Airlift Wing, and the first military member to receive the prestigious award in Minnesota.

When he is out of the third grade teaching environment, he teaches his fellow reservists as NCOIC of the medical readiness and training section of the

Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

Marchetti's dream to be a teacher wasn't realized until 1990 when he taught fifth grade at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Contemporary School for the Minneapolis Public School District, after receiving his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from North Central University. He has been teaching at the Lake Harriet Community School in Minneapolis since 1994.

"This award is a validation of that calling," he said. "It's not about an individual. It's about a profession."

"As I teach," he added, "it is apparent that I have high expectations. The work hard attitude emanates throughout my classroom. My students build a relationship with each other and with me throughout the year. Students get the pleasure of seeing their teacher make mistakes right before their very eyes. And yes, even have me admit it to them with a grin and a joke."

His peers with the ASTS are pleased with Marchetti's award and credit his experience as a teacher as an asset to the unit.

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Lodging's Warren to complete internship

By Senior Airman Stephanie Witty
Staff Writer

The first lodging management intern to be trained at an Air Force Reserve lodging facility will complete her training June 25.

Whitney Warren began her internship at the North Country Lodge nearly two years ago after receiving a bachelor's degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management from New Mexico State University. The internship program teaches students to perform all duties within Air Force Lodging Facilities, from accounting and housekeeping to making schedules and running the front desk.

Her internship experience has



Warren

been unique because it has taken place on an Air Force Reserve installation as opposed to an active duty base. "Active duty lodging facilities are a lot bigger and have a lot more support groups," said Warren. "But here, I got a lot of hands on experience."

She said she learned a great deal in her internship experience and believes she is well prepared for life as an Air Force lodging manager.

Warren says that the best part of her job has been the people. "I like

dealing with people," she said. "When people who come to stay here are having a bad day and things go well for them here they feel better."

Warren also enjoyed interacting with her co-workers. "I like working with all of the staff here, I feel welcome and a part of the team," she said. "I wish I could stay, it's like a family here, everyone knows everyone else."

"I feel glad I got the opportunity to take part in this good program the Air Force has, getting people interested and trained in how the Air Force works," said Warren.

When her internship is complete she will be placed in an Air Force lodging facility.

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amount of respect. He was a national hero to them. However, to be exposed to the international community put another level of pressure on those of us in the mortuary.”

Maj. Scott Calvert, 934th Services Squadron commander, was one of those who volunteered but was not chosen for the task.

“These guys were hand-picked, and there is a reason for it,” Calvert said. “Based not only on their experiences, but their leadership in handling previous crises, they were the ones chosen to go.”

The job is usually difficult enough, but the additional pressure made it a harder assignment than most.

“Any time you deal with the traumatic loss of life, it’s very heart-wrenching,” Landeen said. “I just put everything out of my mind except the mission. I go into shutdown mode – I don’t watch television or read the newspapers because I don’t want to know anything about the casualties because it makes my job that much harder. We did what we could and came home.”

McLean said, “When I see the news footage and the funerals, I see an image of the person inside that casket. It’s personal.”

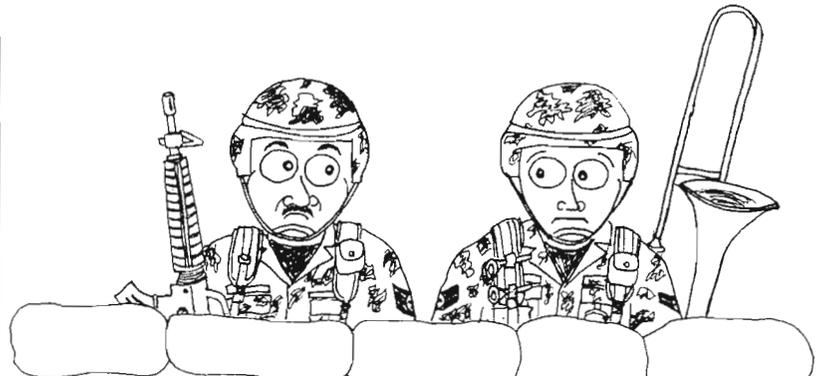
“You get a vivid picture of at least one person from each incident that you work on,” he added. “Usually you can use a chaplain or your spouse as an outlet to describe what happened, but in this case – due to the high security – you can’t. It makes it tough.”

Despite having to internalize the emotions that go with the job, both men know the importance they play in families seeking closure and insuring their deceased colleagues get treated with honor.

After a few moments of silent reflection, remembering the ordeal of the cases he worked in the past, Landeen wiped a tear from his eye and said, “It’s an honor and privilege to lead the mission, but with the loss of life it’s still a tragedy. It’s not a case of one or two of them – you deal with every single one of them. It doesn’t matter what rank the person is, from General to an Airman or even a little girl on an airplane – they all get the same amount of respect.”

OUTSIDE THE REGS

By Senior Airman Nicholas Olson



The Air Force finally decided to add the band to the front lines.

HRDC seeks convention attendees

By Col. Kris Rudin
Inspector General

The Human Resources Development Committee is looking for three members of the 934th Airlift Wing to attend the Tuskegee Airmen Convention in Denver, Colo., Aug. 5-10, 2003.

This is a great opportunity to attend workshops and seminars, along with meeting some of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

The Tuskegee Airmen are members of America’s first all-black

fighter squadron in World War II. Flying P-51 Mustangs, they were responsible for escorting bombing aircraft over the skies of North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

They established the incredible and unprecedented record of flying all of its bomber escort missions from June 1944 until April 1945, without the loss of a single bomber to enemy aircraft.

If you are interested in attending, contact Col. Kris Rudin at (612) 713-1298 or by email by the end of the UTA.

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“He is one of the most enthusiastic NCO’s I ever met, and he genuinely cares about his job,” said Maj. Dennis “Mike” Brown, ASTS administrator. “He’s very deserving of the award. He’s the oldest third grader you’ll ever meet. I just think it’s an honor to know the guy.”

Maj. Barbara Schacht, the director of medical readiness and training for the ASTS, believes his ability to laugh and work around different kinds of people make him special to the unit.

“It’s so special to the unit because of who he is, with his personality and what he brings to the unit,” she said. “Are there any more guys like him? He’s the kind of guy we want.”

She added, “You always know when Gino is around. You can hear his laugh long before you see him – and he’s

always laughing. He also loves to use his third grade class as examples when training us, and tells some of the jokes his students told him.”

His elementary students are usually well-disciplined.

“Although,” Marchetti stated, “you do have to rile them up once in awhile. In a way, my students are a lot like airmen. The greatest accomplishment is to see the excitement in their eyes, to hear the enthusiasm in their voices, and witness their determined actions and efforts throughout the school year.”

He loves his students and his students love him. In fact, one of his top students muttered underneath her breath, “I’d like to be held back a year.” It is a fitting tribute to a good NCO and Minnesota’s Teacher of the Year.

Forgiveness and prayer: Lifting the burdens of a heavy heart



**By Chap. (Capt.) Derek Lauer
Protestant Chaplain**

A teacher once told each of her students to bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes to school. For every person they refuse to forgive in their life's experience, they chose a potato, wrote on it the name and date, and put it in the plastic bag. Some of their bags were quite heavy. They were then told to carry this bag with them everywhere for one week, putting it beside their bed at night, on the car seat when driving, or next to their desk at work.

The hassle of lugging this sack around with them made it clear what a weight they were carrying spiritually, and how they had to pay attention to it all the time to not forget and keep leaving it in embarrassing places. Naturally, the condition of the potatoes deteriorated to a nasty smelly slime. This, in turn, made them unpleasant to be around. It didn't take long for each of the students to figure out that getting rid of the potatoes was much more important than carrying them around.

This is an important illustration of what many of us are carrying around because of our stubbornness in refusing to let go of our

anger. Forgiveness means "to bestow a favor unconditionally," and "To send forth, send away". It means when people have sinned against us and they ask for forgiveness, we should not hold it against any longer.

Unforgiveness is like a bitter root that penetrates in everything we do in life. It sours our outlook on people, poisons our relationships and holds us into bondage. Like the smelly potatoes, people don't want to be around those who have a bitter heart towards others. Instead of letting an offense go, we hold it hostage in our mind. We think we are controlling it, but in reality it is controlling us.

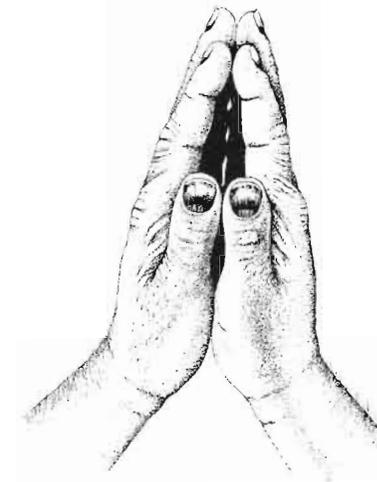
In Matthew 18:21 -35: Jesus answers Peter's question about the number of times one should forgive one another, Jesus remarks seventy-seven times. What Jesus is saying is that we should forgive regardless the number of times they sinned against us. Look at your life and ask yourself, "How many times do I sin against God on a daily basis?"

If you are asking God to forgive you, remember what Christ said in Matt 6:14-15; *"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."*

A sin is a debt to God, which we can't pay. We go into debt with God on a daily basis regardless of how good we are. This is a weighty command that we all must do on a daily basis,

as God forgives us.

I remember a time when I was upset with my wife. The more I thought of anger. Forgiveness means "to bestow a favor uncondiit,



the more I got angry and couldn't think straight. It blurred my concentration on what I was doing and caused me to be unconcerned with those around me.

Who did it hurt when I kept that unforgiveness in my heart? Everyone I came in contact with, and I lost my focus on what God wanted me to do. I carried that ugly, heavy, smelly sack of potatoes with me like a fool. I finally had to get rid of it by forgiving and asking forgiveness from her.

How can we avoid carrying that sack of potatoes? Ask yourself what are the consequences and benefits of your unforgiveness toward this person? Does it draw you away from God and this person, or does it draw you near to them? How is it affecting the way you think

and look at life? Does it solve the problem? Is it worth not forgiving this person?

We have to look at it from a spiritual and logical perspective instead of an emotional standpoint. When we see that it costs us more to remain bitter and angry towards that person, we get a better picture of reality. Forgiveness is a decision and a choice. The emotions may not be there now, but they will come.

Iron out the issues with the person when both of you are calm. In Matthew 5:23-24, we are to go to the one who offended us and make peace. Many times it is a misunderstanding or a different perspective which is quite common in disagreements. When we get angry, it usually means our needs or wants are not met the way we see them.

In Luke 6:28-29 Jesus said, "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Praying for that person allows God to mold you into a loving person, and allows God to change that person too. Without Christ in our hearts, we can never truly experience the forgiveness that we need to give to others.

When we cast all our cares and hurts at the foot of the cross, Christ will do a healing that no one else can.

Officer's Club (612) 713-3678**Sundays:** Closed.**Lunch:** Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**Dinner:** Wednesday -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. Lounge menu available from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tues- Fri, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sat**Mondays:** Dining room closed. Lounge open from 4-11 p.m.**Tuesdays:** Dining room closed. Lounge menu available 11-8:30 p.m.**Wednesdays:** June 4- Five course gourmet dinner (RSVP), June 11 - Beef Medallion w/Cabernet Sauce, June 18 - Double Pork Chop Florentine, June 25 - Mixed Grill**Thursdays:** June 5 - Shrimp Tempura, June 19 - Chicken Fried Steak, June 26 - Chicken Alfredo**Fridays:** June 6 - Broiled Coho Salmon Steak, June 13 - Shrimp Scampi, June 20 - Cold Water Lobster (RSVP), June 27 - Fresh Seafood Market**Saturdays:** June 7 - Prime Rib for Two, June 14 - Father's Day Special Steak & Shrimp Combo, June 21 - Prime Rib for Two, June 28 - New York Roast Sirloin w/ Horseradish.**Special events (RSVP):** June 4 - Five Course Gourmet Dinner, June 14 - Father's Day Special, June 20 - Cold Water Lobster, June 24 - 2-4-1 Special**Enlisted Club** (612) 713-1655

Call Bingo every Friday night from 5 to 7 p.m. Bonanza Bingo is available during lounge hours.

Sunday: Closed**Monday:** Closed**Lunch:** Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**Dinner:** Friday night only from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Open until 9 p.m. on UTA Friday. Dinner available at Officers Club Wed-Sat.

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.**Tuesday-Friday:** Daily specials for lunch plus regular menu.**Fridays:** Evening Specials; June 6 - Pasta Primavera, June 13 - Seafood Platter, June 20 - Meatloaf, June 27-Shrimp Alfredo**Saturdays/Sunday:** Navy "A" & "B" Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on May 3 & 4, May 17 & 18.**North Country Lodge****Reservations:** Call 1-888-AF-Lodge or (612) 726-9440. <http://www.afrc.af.mil/934aw/Lodgingweb/lodging.htm>**Lodgings New Initiatives**

☼ Phase III of Bldg. 707 will be opening the end of August 2003, giving the building 251 guest rooms.

☼ Building 711 will remain open until approximately Dec. 2003. Procedures will remain the same, Bldg 707 will be filled first and overflow will go to 711.

☼ Starting June 2003, all reservists sent off base will be in a private room.

☼ Need a quick and easy Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner? Stop by the front desk and check out all of our **new** items for sale and we still offer fresh baked goods every Friday.**Fitness Center** (612) 713-1496**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Thursday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Weekends, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June UTA Activities:

Tennis Ladder and softball. Call Master Sgt. Shawn Ferrin for more information.

The annual Best Ball golf tournament is Sat. July 12th. Sign up by the end of the June UTA.

The Air Force Cycling Program is in full swing at the fitness center. Earn water bottles, golf towels, caps, t-shirts, fanny packs, patches and much more. Register at the Fitness Center front desk.

In view of world events, ops tempo, and stop loss measures, the Air Force Services Agency is regrettably canceling the remainder of the 2003 Air Force Sports and Training Camps Program calendar. The calendar will be re-visited for possible continuation in approximately 90 days if world events warrant.

Outdoor recreation

Anyone wishing to rent a boat must have a Minnesota Watercraft Operator's Permit. The 39 minute Minnesota Boater's video and Boating and Water Safety test is available at the Fitness Center. Please call ext. 1496 for more information.

Discount camper rentals are available at Higgins Camper Rental & Sales. Call them at 651.702.5962, or check out www.higginscamperrentals.com**Space Camp scholarships available**

The Air Force is sponsoring 34 scholarships for youth, ages 12-18, to participate in the Space Camp held in Huntsville, Alabama.

The camp is divided into two age divisions. Ages 12-14 will participate in the Space Academy and ages 15-18 will participate in the Advanced Space Academy

Both camps will be held 2-8 August 03 and are open to all youth that are interested in learning more about space and aviation, and possibly pursuing the Air Force as a career.

Interested youth must have a 2.8 GPA and complete an application form. Two recommendation letters are required from two significant adults in the youth's life (other than parents).

For more information, contact Margo Leslie, Chief of Services, (612) 713-1119 by June 9th.

934th Civil Engineering

Tech. Sgt. James Doll successfully completed his 3-level technical school in the Structures career field.

Staff Sgts. Barton Inks and **Shawn Conway** successfully completed Fire Officer III training at Texas A&M University.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Walz of the unit's Engineering shop was presented with two Community College of the Air Force degrees.

The unit welcomed **AB Joseph Hillstrom** and **A1C Mason Barland** as new members.

Twenty unit members completed their Annual Tour at home station during the past month. They were under the command of **Lt. Col. J.D. Larson**. Some of the projects completed consist of a ramp buildup project in front of the new Family Readiness Center by the Structures shop, a fire life safety project completed by the unit's Electrical and Power pro shops shops, and the installation of a fire detection system in the fire barn.

Thirteen unit firefighters deployed to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., for their two-week annual tour for live pit fire training, crash, rescue and structural training, along with aircraft egress training.

934th Security Forces

More SFS personnel have returned to Reserve status. Members made the rounds accomplishing checklists and equipment turn-in. Others participated in the 3-mile walk and assisted CATM with line instruction at the firing range.

Master Sgt. Scott Kjolvik and **Tech. Sgt. Pat Haefner** are retiring.

Senior Master Sgt. Dave Provo and **Michelle Ingrahm** received wing coins.

Security Forces members raised \$600 for the Cystic Fibrosis walk that took place recently.

27th Aerial Port Sqdn

The 27th APS has been extending its reach around the globe as **Maj. Erik Sutcliffe** has been serving in Turkey, **Tech. Sgt. Tracy Batt** is presently in Germany and **Staff Sgt. Bill Patterson** is on active duty in Virginia.

The squadron has been busy sup-

porting drop zone activities at Camp Ripley and at the Badger drop zone in Wisconsin.

Two members deployed to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., for Operational Readiness Inspection support.

The squadron is also pleased to announce the addition of a future aerial porter, **Victoria Regina Grape**, the daughter of **Staff Sgt. Corey Grape** and his wife **Jessica**, who was born April 26th.

Several members deployed to Pope

934th Maintenance Sqdn

Air Force Base, N.C., from the Aerospace Ground Equipment, Avionics and Fabrications shops, along with five pieces of equipment from the AGE shop.

One member deployed to Spain.

Staff Sgt. Jim Erickson scored 90 percent on his Aerospace Maintenance CDC test.

Senior Master Sgt. Darryl Radford was awarded "Civil Servant of the Year" for 2002.

Promotions

Senior Master Sgt.

Geyen, Dennis A.

934th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Hanson, Rebecca A.

934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Master Sgt.

Boelter, Kenneth T.

934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Cody, Dale B.

934th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Gamboni, Anthony

934th Security Forces Squadron

Klein, Dale P.

934th Maintenance Squadron

Kuntze, Michael C.

27th Aerial Port Squadron

Kusterbeck, Edward J.

934th Maintenance Squadron

Sayre, Christopher

934th Aeromedical Evac. Squadron

Technical Sgt.

Back, Bryan E.

934th Maintenance Squadron

Cogar, Melissa E.

934th Finance Office

Grates, Jeffrey A.

934th Security Forces Squadron

Johnson, Steven W.

934th Mission Support Flight

Littfin, Todd D.

934th Finance Office

Rebholtz, Jason L.

934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.

Rebholtz, Mary L.

934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.

Reichenberger, Julie

934th Finance Office

Staff Sgt.

Foster, Stacy L.

934th Aeromedical Evac. Squadron

Frye, Roger A. Jr.,

934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Fuller, Laurence R.

934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn.

Gallegos, Lara L.

27th Aerial Port Squadron

Graham, Shane J.A.

934th Maintenance Squadron

Knutson, Brian S.

934th Civil Engineering Squadron

Muller, William G.

934th Maintenance Squadron

Linthalath, Dean D.

934th Mission Support Group

Welter, Sally C.

934th Aeromedical Evac. Squadron

Senior Airman

Lawrence, Jeremy M.

934th Airlift Wing

Medals

Meritorious Service

Lt. Col. Lori A. Boyle

934th Airlift Wing

Lt. Col. Reinhard L. Schmidt

934th Operations Group

Maj. Dennis M. Brown

934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn

Maj. James C. Majors

96th Airlift Squadron

Maj. Kenneth C. Rogers

96th Airlift Squadron

Master Sgt. John R. Bruns

934th Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. John D. West

934th Aeromedical Staging Sqdn

Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. William J. Liberatore

934th Airlift Wing

Tech. Sgt. Jason L. Rebholtz

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Tech. Sgt. Janice M. Wills

934th Airlift Wing

Achievement Medal

Due to space limitations, the Achievement Medal listing will appear in the July issue of the Viking Flyer.

Wing members win Civil Servant awards



Michelle Ingrahm

Civil Servant of the Year - 2002

Top Professional - 2002

Michelle Ingrahm works tirelessly ensuring the organization's success. Her diligence and expertise resulted in her recognition as an "Outstanding Performer" during the July 2002 Information Security Oversight Visit; an accomplishment noted as a "First" in Air Force Reserve Command. During the September 2002 Unit Compliance Inspection, she was awarded "Superior Performer" honors. Finally, her outstanding performance was formally validated when named "United States Air Force Security Forces Civilian of the Year" for 2002.

Outside her formal duties, she's a member of the Civilian Welfare Committee, assisting with the annual "Corn Feed" picnic and Christmas party. Michelle helped organize a remembrance ceremony on the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. Michelle is a devoted mother of two and an assistant scout leader in her daughter's Girl Scout troop.

Civil Servant of the Year - 2002

Mr. Darryl Radford has distinguished himself as a true professional. His design and implementation of an extensive avionics preventive maintenance plan significantly increased system reliability and ultimately reduced maintenance discrepancies by 17%. Mr. Radford was also instrumental in successfully attaining certification for his section as a torque wrench calibration site; the certification will save the government over \$5,000 annually. As Munitions Account Supply Officer, his development of innovative shipping and receiving procedures led to a 15% reduction in explosives handling times. Finally, he consistently garnered "Outstanding" ratings for his Communications Security program.

His effort to better his surroundings were not restricted to his primary duties. He selflessly volunteered to be a 934th Paint-A-Thon co-leader - an annual event benefiting disadvantaged members of the local community.



Darryl Radford

Beware of the dreaded 'War Clause'

Officials urge military members to read life insurance policies carefully

**By Staff Sgt. Troy Novak
Staff Writer**

Military members covered by the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance are covered in the event of death in a military conflict. But surviving family members of those who choose commercial life-insurance policies instead of SGLI coverage may not be so lucky.

A "war clause" or "military service exclusion" provision, built into an insurance policy could mean the loss of life insurance coverage for military members while serving duty

in certain military operations.

Insurance companies apply "war clause" policies in order to reduce its risk. These policies tend to be overlooked when reservists opt to drop the SGLI policy for their personal civilian life insurance provider.

SGLI does not have a war clause, but the important thing is for military members — active, Guard or Reserve — to read their policies carefully and maintain insurance for themselves to ensure coverage and benefits during times of conflict, according to the National Guard Bureau's staff judge advocate.

Steve Maytan, 934th Airlift Wing's casualty assistance representative said, "You have to ask the question, 'Are you

aware of war-clause exclusions?' If you have commercial insurance, you may want to check with your private insurance company to check this out. People should be aware there is such a thing, and each member should take the initiative to check this out."

If a member decides SGLI does not cover their estate, choosing to supplement it is not a bad option.

The SGLI policy is designed specifically for military members and covers all aspects of life as a service member as well as covering family members.

For more information on SGLI, contact Senior Airman Paul Kraft at the military personnel flight at (612) 713-1500.