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# Minneapolis reservists protect, serve from home

By Senior Airman Stephanie Witty  
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For some 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing reservists, being activated and serving is not necessarily associated with a deployment overseas.

Nearly 300 of the wing's reservists were activated at their home station in March for Operation Noble Eagle, America's homeland defense. They have flown more than 1,350 hours and performed more than 600 sorties.

Besides their homeland defense role they have also fulfilled other important missions, which would normally be performed by active-duty resources.

"We are basically tasked with tactical airlift for the continental United States," said Capt. Daniel Johnson, logistics readiness squadron commander and wing plans officer. "We move personnel and cargo anywhere in the United States following a schedule of alert set up by the Tactical Airlift Command Center."

Since being activated, reservists from the wing have traveled to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, transporting supplies and aeromedical personnel; Keflavik Naval Station, Iceland, hauling supplies; and the Naval Air Station's North Island to provide airlift for Navy SEALs training.

They have also supported the Army numerous times at Pope Air Force Base N.C., and Fort Benning, Ga., with airlift for paratrooper training.

Because many of the Air Force's active duty resources are overseas, the Air Force Reserve has been tasked with the jobs they normally perform.

"As reservists we would not be doing these missions," said Lt. Col. Doug Trogstad, 96th Airlift Squadron commander. "Missions are prioritized A, B, C, and D, and the 934th AW is fulfilling many of the A priority missions, such as the qualification of the Army's airborne paratroopers."

Their responsibility for Homeland Defense is basically to be on alert for any homeland defense issues.

"As far as homeland defense, we are just on alert and don't know when it is going to be over," said Trogstad. "As long as there is not an attack on the homeland we don't have to do anything."

"Our main focus is Bravo Alert with a 12-hour response time," said Maj. Dave Mattson, 934th aircraft maintenance commander. "Our flying schedule changes hourly, but we pretty much have aircraft on alert daily sealed and ready to go."

Despite not being in an area of conflict, reservists performing Homeland Defense are participating in a vital mission. "The mission we are doing is as important as dropping bombs in Iraq," said Mattson. "We are here to protect our family and neighbors and even though we are not going anywhere, what we are doing is important."

Being activated at their home station provides advantages and disadvantages for reservists.

"Being at home is good and bad at the same time," said Trogstad. "It's good to

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**On the cover:** Senior Airman Tyrell Hoyer, 934th Logistics Readiness Squadron POL, catches DCUs while helping prepare and organize for the 934th Airlift Wing deployment. For more information on the deployment, see Page 3. (Photo by Staff Sgt. R.A. Novak)

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be able to have contact with families, but because you're home you have family activities that conflict with work."

Reservists' conflicts are taken seriously and attempts to resolve them are constant.

"We are trying to work with family issues," he said. "These conflicts provide a unique challenge than if being activated in the desert where little choice is available."

Some reservists are still too far away from home to see their families very often.

"I have reservists who are from Duluth, Minn., Grand Forks, N.D., Milwaukee, and Chicago who work out here five days a week and have a hard time getting home," he said.

Even though some reservists face challenges, some effects of the activation are in many ways positive.

"We have been able to get proficient at our skills, we are flying a lot," said Trogstad. "We

have more people on base due to the activation but there has been more tasking, sometimes up to 100 percent of available aircraft and personnel are used."

Not only the aircrews have been doing exceptional work, those who support them have contributed greatly also.

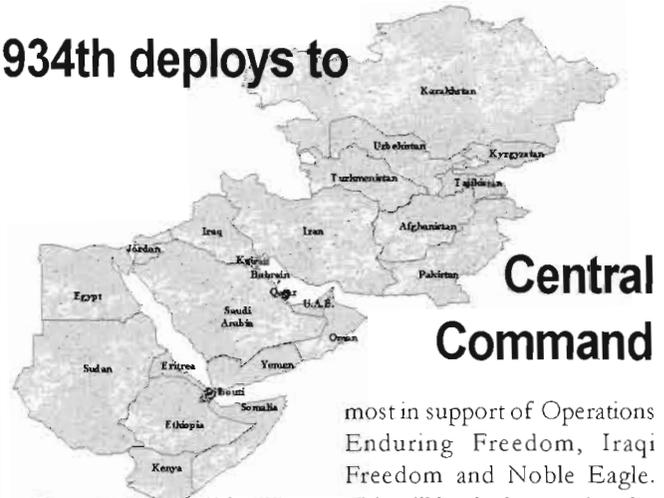
"Our maintenance people are the best out there," said Mattson. "They are working on 40-year-old airplanes and it's a real testimony of their experience and skill."

"Our maintenance reliability has been phenomenal to keep planes running at such a good level for so long," said Trogstad. "It is a great accomplishment."

Overall, reservists are happy to contribute to homeland defense, said Trogstad.

"I think they are glad to be a part of the process, but it's like being a fireman, you are proud to do your share, but don't want to have to use your skills," he said.

## 934th deploys to



The 934th Airlift Wing deployed nearly 175 people and six aircraft to the Central Command area of responsibility in July.

The area includes 25 different nations located throughout the Horn of Africa, South and Central Asia, and Northern Red Sea regions, as well as the Arabian Peninsula and Iraq.

During the past two years, the wing has activated approximately 500 people – some for homeland defense but

most in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle. This will be the largest singular deployment of wing members in the past few years.

"I'm deeply proud that the airmen we are sending are the best trained and equipped that I have seen in the Air Force," said Col. Gary Cook, 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander. "My additional responsibilities to their families will now require even greater focus."

Cook said the deployment is in addition to wing members who are already serving in the region.

# House, Senate eye benefits for reservists

*(Editor's note: The following Air Force Reserve Command News Service article is designed to keep reservists informed about pending legislation that could affect them. Reservists on duty may not lobby or urge others to speak to their congressional representatives.)*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. House and Senate Armed Services Committees completed markups of their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004 recently.

Members of the committees considered several provisions, which could affect reservists in Air Force Reserve Command. These provisions include unlimited use of commissaries and increases in basic pay, hostile fire and imminent danger pay, family separation allowance and hazardous duty incentive pay.

"Congressional committee markups are no guarantee an item will become law," said Wayne Gracie, director of the Office

of Air Force Reserve's Policy Integration Directorate in the Pentagon.

"The House and Senate work out differences in bill provisions and language in conference, where provisions may be adopted, dropped or modified," he said. "If the provision is identical in both bills, it has a greater chance of becoming law when the bill is enacted into law."

"The authorization process is not complete until conferencing occurs and a final version of the authorization bill is reported and voted on by both chambers and signed into law by the president," he added.

Bills were also introduced in the House and Senate, but none were approved.

More information about the House and Senate marks is available at: <http://www.re.hq.af.mil> (AFRC News)

### Provisions in this year's markups include:

- Unlimited commissary privileges.
- Basic pay increase.
- Equal hostile fire and imminent danger pay for reservists on inactive duty.
- Increase in hostile fire and imminent danger pay.
- Increase in family separation allowance.
- High-tempo personnel management and allowance for extended or frequent deployments.
- Reimbursement for lodging expenses.
- Special responsibility pay.
- Hazardous-duty pay for reservist demolition duty and parachute jumping.
- Standardize Ready Reserve's annual training requirements.

# Hard work leads to award

Senior Airman

Jennifer A. Johnson

Editor

Her co-workers describe her as a "bulldog" because of her hard-work attitude, but Maj. Barbara Schacht said that it was teamwork that helped her win the Air Force Reserve Command Medical Officer of the Year for 2002.

Schacht said good news travels fast and that she actually received word about the award from a person outside the squadron.

"I got an e-mail from someone at a different base congratulating me before my own commander even had the chance to open it and find out," said the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron director of medical



Photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Olson

**Maj. Barb Schacht discusses training issues with Capt. Terri Egesdal and Maj. Bob Blome, nurses with the 934th ASTS, during the July UTA.**

readiness and training.

Unaware that a package was submitted for her, Schacht said she was both surprised and flat-

tered. However, she modestly said that she couldn't have won the award by herself.

"I would never be able to get

done what I need to get done without a number of people who work for and with me.

"It's the whole squadron that works at making everything successful. The people here are positive, enthusiastic and enjoy to train, or at least they tell me they enjoy training," she said with a laugh.

The major said she and Tech. Sgt. Gino Marchetti, NCOIC of the medical readiness and training section of the 934th ASTS, try to find a variety of ways to educate members in the unit without making the information overwhelming or tedious.

"We've all been there," she said. "It takes three hours for

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## Twice is nice: 934th ASTS named command outstanding squadron again

Senior Airman Jennifer A. Johnson

Editor

For the second time in a row, more than 150 people in the 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron have bragging rights to being named the best within the Air Force Reserve Command in their category.

The unit officially got word that they won the Outstanding Aeromedical Staging Squadron (100 bed) in early July. However, Maj. Mike Brown, 934th ASTS administrator, said he knew his comrades were cream of the crop long before the award was announced.

"We all love this place or we wouldn't be here," he said. "The people at ASTS always go out on a limb to help people."

"Bottomline—it's our people," said Master Sgt. Tim Atchley, 934th ASTS noncommissioned officer in charge of aerospace medicine. "If we don't have quality people doing a quality product, then we don't have a good program."

Both Brown and Atchley agreed that everyone in the squadron continually goes

above and beyond the call of duty, adding that they have countless examples of how people within the unit have stepped up during times of need.

"A good example of this is when another unit couldn't fill their AEF bucket so they needed to shortfall," said Brown, adding that with the snap of his fingers, he had the volunteers for the deployment almost instantly. "I needed four people, made four phone calls and had four volunteers just like that. They do this all of the time."

Brown said he contributes the unit's dedication to caring and having a family-like environment.

Caring and communication is a winning combination for the squadron, said Atchley.

"I think the one thing that we do is communicate," he said. "We don't leave our mission unsupported. Communication and the ability to turn on a dime allows us to shift people focus on getting things accomplished."

Training allows the squadron to be versatile, which is important because they deal

with life or death situations all of the time, said Atchley.

"No matter what rank we are, we are dealing with life or death—period," he said. "We've gone through a lot these last two years and they're still here. I think this exhibits our dedication to what we believe in. That's really what it comes down to."

Brown said that the dedication is seen at every level in the squadron, adding that it comes from the top down.

"Another very important aspect is that we have a very good, strong commander," he said, adding that Col. (Dr.) Jorge Llambes is experienced and diversified. "He's kind of like the glue that hold the whole thing together. People who work for him like him and that's really important."

Brown added that Llambes was prior enlisted, which creates a new dimension for the younger troops.

"For any young airmen, that means a lot when you know when someone has been

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something that should have only taken one hour. We always try to come up with creative ways to train so people don't have to do the same thing year after year after year."

Marchetti said Schacht's impact doesn't just stop at the unit and she is always willing to go the extra mile both on duty and off duty.

"She was working on some display boards for training and another unit found out she was doing them," he said. "Well, they decided to ask her to do that for them. She stayed up until like two or three o'clock in the morning finishing the project."

Marchetti added that he's never seen someone attack a problem like her.

"She gets something, bites onto it and does not let it go until it's done," he said. "She's incredible that way. She gets going, has the energy to do it and masters it."

Schacht will officially be presented with the award at the medical readiness symposium in October, and she will now compete at the Air Force level.

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in your shoes," he said. "He's been there, he's done it, and he's earned his T-shirt."

Atchley added that the commander does a wonderful job at communicating the squadron's needs to people within the squadron as well as outside the squadron.

"We have an awesome responsibility to build trust. I think the commander does a fantastic job of building that trust," he said, adding that the trust allows the squadron to become one of the best in the Air Force.

This award validates all the motivation and hard work that our members have shown over the past year," Llambes said. "The key to our success has been a team approach and continuous mentoring of our members to create a winning attitude. We are also encouraged by the overall success of all the 934<sup>th</sup> units and individual members."

## Congrats to wing's new CMSgts



**Chief Master Sgt.  
Timothy Donnay**

### What do you contribute your success to?

Knowing and doing my job to the best of my ability, treating others with respect and in a friendly manner, regardless of rank. In addition, seek out and be ready and willing to take on additional challenges when the opportunities arise.

### What do you suggest people do to become a chief?

Live up to the core values because you can relate all successes to one or more of the core values. Do your job well and when that becomes easy, take on additional duties and responsibilities, and do them well because you need to always strive to be the best and feel that sense of accomplishment. Don't be afraid of failing because many of life's successes are born from previous failures. Lastly, always be eligible for the next promotion.



**Chief Master Sgt.  
Dennis Mclean**

### What do you contribute your success to?

I contribute my success to leading by example.

### What do you suggest people do to become a chief?

What helped me was to put all the requirements that I needed for chief in a "want to be" folder. As I completed every requirement, I would remove that from the folder. When your folder is empty, then you know that you've done everything that you can. You should set goals as soon as possible and don't procrastinate.

### What is the best part of becoming a chief?

The respect from my peers, the prestige, and the honor that comes from being a chief.

## Promotions

**Chief Master Sgt.**  
Timothy Donnay  
Dennis Mclean

**Master Sgt.**  
Ruth Beecher  
Mark Flamery  
Michael Gullickson

**Senior Master Sgt.**  
Sandra Dudley  
Douglas Johnson

Douglas James  
Jon Julot  
John Murphy II

Mark Pierson  
Dean Plank  
Steven Priebe  
Earl Robinson Jr.  
Timothy Soby  
Wayne Stierlen

**Tech. Sgt.**  
Brian Barclay  
Roongrote Bennett  
James Endres  
Aaron Fisher  
Patrick Garvey  
Sarah Gonzales

Kathleen Gottschauk  
Thomas Laube  
Rodrigo Merced  
Kristina Puffer  
Douglas Schaller  
Marc Small  
Todd Strom

**Staff Sgt.**  
David Gustafson  
Erik Merritt  
Curt Richter

**Senior Airman**  
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## People a priority for human resources council

By Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Williams  
Staff Writer

The 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Human Resources Development Council represents a cross section of wing members, from senior leadership to first tier airmen, and is designed to assist the leadership in developing a focused strategy for the management of human resources.

The council's primary areas of interest include career development, assignments and promotions, and workforce diversity.

"The mission of the HRDC is to ensure the highest level of military readiness by providing opportunities for all wing members to reach their fullest potential, and develop the leadership necessary to carry the wing into tomorrow's world of

cultural diversity," said Col. Kris Rudin, 934th Airlift Wing inspector general.

The council currently has four committees – recruiting, retention, mentoring and special observances.

The Recruiting committee, led by Lt. Col. Carolyn Lohman, is looking at increasing the wing community outreach programs and improve the recruiting "Get One" program at the local level.

The Retention committee, under the helm of Lt. Col. Doug Kveene, is working with the unit career advisors to fix potential retention problems. The committee seeks volunteers to assist in this effort.

The Mentoring committee, under Maj. Maureen Banavige, is developing and promoting the wing's mentoring program.

The Special Observances committee, organized by Lt. Col. Michael Maza, is seeking volunteers to help coordinate special observances like the upcoming Hispanic heritage observance, at the wing level.

"Our number one priority is to take care of our work force," Rudin said. "People can get involved by bringing their ideas up to their commander or to the wing HRDC."

The council is mandated by Air Force Reserve Command, and meets with other wings at quarterly conferences, like this month's Tuskegee Airmen conference in Denver, Colo.

The command HRDC has a Web site available through a secure military server. For more information, visit <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc>



Photos By Master Sgt. Barry Haukoos

*Tech. Sgt. Jeff Grates and Staff Sgt. Aaron Groskreutz using terrain to orient map for the land navigation course.*



*Security Forces members receive training on troop movements through hostile surroundings.*



*Squadron members sit in on Map and Compass training in a field environment during the July UTA training exercise.*

## Security Forces Practice Skills at Rosemount



# Military Equal Opportunity

## MEO Creating a Comfortable Working Environment

By Staff Sgt. Troy R.A. Novak  
Staff Writer

Some people believe good human relations are essential to understanding and maintaining an organization. The Military Equal Opportunity office, MEO, is attempting to ensure people in the Air Force are treated fairly and appropriately.

MEO assists airmen and officers with discrimination matters pertaining to race, color, sex, national origin and religion. Lt. Col. Michael Maza, chief of MEO, said the office is a "first resource, not a last resort."

MEO creates a comfortable place for handling unlawful-discrimination issues; for example, a job is not given to a person due to race. MEO listens and resolves issues as an unbiased observer and supporter.

Maza said, "We don't investigate, we clarify situations," meaning "our job is not to discipline. We are the honest brokers and a neutral third-party."

Assuring good human relations is a "readiness issue," and lines of communications depend on good

**"We don't  
investigate, we  
clarify situations,"**  
-Lt. Col. Michael Maza

working relationships. When these lines are broken, safety and the mission are jeopardized.

MEO specifically handles complaints of discrimination and sexual harassment, base morale "climate" and educate about human relations, he said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Troy R.A. Novak

**The Military Equal Opportunity office from Left to Right: 2nd Lt. Patrick McDonald, Tech. Sgt. Martha Griems, Master Sgt. Joel Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Dawn Flipp and Lt. Col. Michael Maza**

Second Lt. Patrick McDonald said people freely walk into the MEO office to handle their complaints, adding that problems are not scheduled so the MEO office always has an open door on UTA weekends. During the month, contact Maza at (651) 683-9835 with problems.

Complaints are handled by all staff. The issuer of the complaint has the choice of how to handle the actions of MEO, unless safety or an infringement of the UCMJ is noted. This will incite immediate action, said Maza.

A complaint will follow either an informal or formal route depending on the severity and the petitioner's choice of action. Informal routes are assisting the member on how to use their chain-of-command and help them write letters or talk with the offending party, said Maza. He said the office will assist in facilitating change without advocating for people.

Any communication with the MEO is protected from being used against an individual, said Maza, and being disciplined for talking to the MEO will result in an Inspector General investigation.

A formal investigation consists of letters and documentation from both

sides of the complaint and sent for review to the base commander and the judge advocate, said Maza. At this level, the base commander makes the decision on how to handle the complaint. MEO only acted as a neutral path for the complaint to follow, said Maza and McDonald.

All issues brought to the attention of MEO are reviewed by the base commander, which helps assist in making decisions about the wing and how to handle the direction of the organization.

Assessing the climate of the base is done by talking to personnel around the base on what's called "Out and About's." During one of these visits people will meet: Lt. Col. Michael Maza, 2nd Lt. Patrick McDonald, Master Sgt. Joel Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Dawn Flipp and Tech. Sgt. Martha Grimes.

Educating the wing about human relations is handled by the MEO and specifically covered during in-processing of new comers and first-duty training.

MEO is likely available at all deployed sites. People are also welcome to contact their home stations if it is not available, or if they feel more comfortable with them.





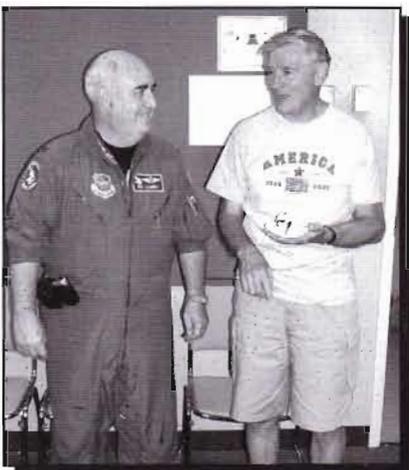
## Wing welcomes 3 home, many still deployed

Pictures: Top left, Tech. Sgt. Jason Rebholtz and wife, Staff Sgt. Mary Rebholtz hug at the party for her. Tech. Sgt. Mary Rebholtz has been deployed twice with her counterparts since December 2001.

Bottom left, 934th Aeromedical Staging Squadron commander, Col. Jorge Llambes and Capt. Don Brock's father-in-law, are celebrating the homecoming of friends and family.

Bottom Right, The returning trio, from right to left Capt. Don Brock, Tech. Sgt. Mary Rebholtz and Maj. Gary Peitzmeier.

## Aeromedical Staging Squadron CCATT Returns



*Photos by Staff Sgt. Troy R.A. Novak*

## Where has your Air Force career taken you?



**Tech. Sgt.  
Stacy Campbell**

"I was stationed in Monterey for a while at the Presidio. It was a lot of fun."



**Tech. Sgt.  
Mike Finstrom**

"I've been stationed at Hahn, Germany, Plattsburgh, Incirlik, Eglin, Robins and many more."



**Senior Airman  
Rick Zenner**

"I've been to Germany and Greece. The people there were overly friendly."

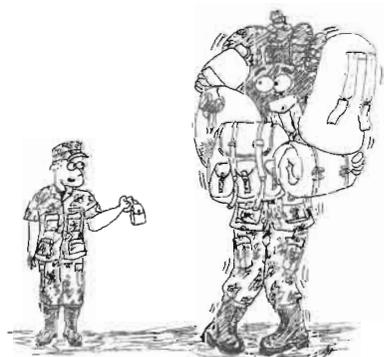


**Maj. Michael Laughton**

"I've been to several places including Germany, Okinawa and Southeast Asia."

## OUTSIDE THE REGS

By Senior Airman Nicholas Olson



Excuse me, is this yours?

## Capturing key to strong foundation

Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Svoboda  
Protestant Chaplain

Amos 7:7-8

*"This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 'And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'See. I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel ...'"*

It has been a long-standing dream of mine to fly.

Recently, that dream became a reality as I began taking flying lessons. I learned early on – and the hard way – the importance of sound navigational data; how errors that may seem small don't disappear.

Instead, they have the irritating tendency to magnify themselves across time and distance. It is embarrassing to admit, but I was able to see firsthand how a fraction of a degree "here" translates into miles off course "there."

In a very real way, that is the logic of God showing Amos the plumb line. Like a vector on a map being the standard by which a pilot flies a course, the plumb line is the standard by which everything is built; even our lives. God shows Amos that the word of God is the line against which our lives are to be measured and lived. This is not easy. We struggle, as did God's people in the time of Amos, to live our lives in a moral, upright and godly manner. That is our challenge.

The real wisdom, however, goes deeper. A plumb line shows not only the defects in

the wall, but also the defects in the foundation beneath.

We may put on a good show, looking good and living straight, but unless our foundation is solid, there is no way to meet the standard of God's plumb line.

The answer to the challenge of living a godly life can be found only in Jesus Christ. He is the foundation upon which we must build our lives.

The forgiveness he offers is the great leveler; removing the mistakes of the past. The grace he offers is the solid rock upon which we can build lives that hold true promise and hope for the future. And unlike the people of Amos's day, this grace isn't offered to just a chosen few, it is offered to all who believe.

It's not by accident that pilots are required to learn navigational techniques based on mathematical accuracy and facts. Getting from point A to point B takes more than guesswork. Living a Christian life is not so different; guesswork won't do it. Learn God's word and the truths it contains. Experience God's grace in a worshipping community. On our own, the standard of God's righteous plumb line would condemn us all. But with grace and the power of God working in and through us, we have the hope of God's good word that when it comes time to be measured against God's standard of righteousness, only through Jesus we will show straight and true.

## 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 noon to 11 p.m.; Friday- Saturday from noon to midnight. Lounge menu available 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 4-11 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Dining room closed. Lounge menu available 11- 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Aug 6 - Roasted Chicken, Aug 13 - Top Sirloin, Aug 20 - 2 for 1 Steak Night, Aug 27 - Chicken Cordon Bleu

**Thursdays:** (All month ATWIND Family Night) Aug 7 - Jambalaya, Aug 14 - Turkey Medallions, Aug 21 - Double Loin Chop, Aug 28 - Meat Loaf.

**Fridays:** Aug 1 - Tempura Shrimp, Aug 8 - Crab Legs, Aug 15 - Lobster Thermidor, Aug 22 - Shrimp Scampi, Aug 29- Cold Water Lobster (RSVP).

**Saturdays:** Aug 2 - Pork Porterhouse Tuscan Style, Aug 9- Prime Rib for 2, Aug 16 - NY Strip Steak, Aug 23 - Prime Rib for 2, Aug 30 - Filet Mignon.

Both Clubs participation is requested at special events at the O' Club (RSVP's): Aug 22 - 2 for 1 Steak Night at the O'Club. Aug 19 - Hog Roast, by the Flower & Garden Club. See below for more details.

## Enlisted Club (612) 713-1655

Both Clubs participation is requested at special events at the E' Club - Call Bingo every Friday night - 5 to 7 p.m. & Bonanza Bingo is available during lounge hours. Karaoke Aug 2.

**Sunday:** Closed

**Monday:** Closed

**Lunch:** Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Dinner:** Friday night 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 3-9:30 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; Aug 1 - Walleye, Aug 8 - Baked Cod, Aug 22 - Rib Eye, Aug 29 - Meatloaf.

**Saturdays/Sunday:** Navy "A" & "B" Open for lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. on Aug 9 & 10, and Aug 23 & 24.

\* Club management wants all Enlisted Club members to know they are always invited to eat dinner at the Officers Club Wed - Sat. The Officers Club Lounge menu is available 1- 8:30 p.m.

## North Country Lodge

**Reservations:** Call 1-888-AF-Lodge or (612) 726-9440

Web page [www.afrc.af.mil/934aw/Lodgingweb/lodging.htm](http://www.afrc.af.mil/934aw/Lodgingweb/lodging.htm)

**Question:** "Why doesn't lodging try and keep me in the same room?"

**Answer:** "We do!" If everyone only knew how difficult and challenging it is these days to find rooms on base. As of July 2, Building 707 is completely full of activated personnel and all newly activated people will be staying in Building 711. In the midst of all the activations, we continue to have conferences, training, inspections and more. They all have committed reservations with us.

If a reservist wants to stay at lodging for 7 days and we only have 3 days on base - we always offer the guest the option of staying off base for their entire stay, or moving on base when space is available. We do not decide this for our guests. We want your stay to be as comfortable as possible. Phase III will be completed in September.

## 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.

Closed Holidays

### August UTA Activities:

Tennis Ladder continues, Call Master Sgt. Shawn Ferrin at the Fitness Center for more info.

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

### Golf tourney results:

Closest to the pin: **Jake Majeski**

Longest drive (M): **Scott Sippel**

Longest drive (F): **Amanda Giliotti**

Longest putt: **Jeff Nyhus**

Winning team: **Logistics Readiness Squadron**

**Tom Anderson, John Bruns, Mike King and Gene**

**Olson.** It was a great event and great barbeque. See you on the links next July!

### Discount Tickets

ValleyFair discount coupons

Camp Snoopy discount coupons

Underwater Adventures \$9, \$5 child

Minnesota Zoo and IMAX Theater, 20 percent discount card.

### Flower & Garden Club News

The Hog Roast is Aug. 19. Social is at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. at the Officer's Club. Call Trudy at 952-941-3527 for tickets.

## 27th Aerial Port

The squadron started the preparations for its move to Building 715. The former Navy building will serve as a temporary home, and the renovations to Building 710 are expected to be complete in spring 2004.

There are still a number of Aerial Port members serving on active duty. Master Sgts. Brad Cooper and Jim Courneya; Tech. Sgt. Tracy Batt and Staff Sgt. Bill Patterson.

The unit graduated 10 members in from the Leadership Development Program, July 13. The members are: Tech. Sgts. Brian Barclay, Alisa Malszycki and Todd Strom; and Staff Sgts. Darren Askevold, Lara Gallegos, Howard Glockzin, Gregg Ott, Pat Sommer and Doug Thorsen.

Wing coins were awarded to Senior Airmen Lee Place and Brad Taplick for their assistance in helping qualify aircrews for night vision goggle capabilities.

Senior Master Sgt. Jay Dalton retired in June. The squadron thanks him for his service.

The newest potential squadron member, Cassandra Sciarra, was born to Master Sgt. Mike Sciarra and his wife May 10.

## Security Forces

The remaining activated traditional reservists that were here for the past 22 months began out-processing from active duty. The squadron spent the July unit training assembly training in the field on map and compass, team movements and other assorted field activities. The squadron is beginning to get back to a normal routine.

Master Sgt. Doug Blair will be leaving the squadron after 10 years. Over the past 18 months, Blair deployed for no less than 16 months in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He will be going to Japan, where he'll work

The following received the Commander's Coin:

**Senior Airman  
Dustin Kruger**  
934th Logistics Readiness

**Senior Airman  
Dustin Huntsiger**  
934th LRS

**Staff Sgt.  
Troy Huna**  
934th LRS

**Tech. Sgt.  
Wayne Nelson**  
934th LRS

**Tech. Sgt.  
Anthony Feigum**  
27th Aerial Port

**Senior Airman  
Lee Place**  
27th APS

as an Air Force civilian. The Security Forces Squadron wishes him the best of luck.

## Maintenance

Tech. Sgt. John Shelton is the new father of a baby girl born May 30. Tech. Sgt. Dave Cadry is also a new father of a baby girl.

## Aeromedical Staging

Two annual tours were conducted in May. A Medical and Dental annual tour at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and an Expeditionary Medical Support formal training course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

The Nellis participants accomplished 90 percent or more of their sustainment training due to the outstanding support of their active-duty counterparts, who ensured the success of the training mission.

The EMEDS participants were the first class of the year in this new course. They reported terrific unit cohesion with the other two participating squadrons. Master Sgt. Craig Haggen, Bio Med repair technician, was the first to get the training section's anesthesia machine up and running.

The following were recognized for outstanding performance: Capt. Cheryl Costello, 1st Lt. Stephen Secraw, 2nd Lt. Jennifer Morgan, Senior Airmen Sean Sanford and Allison Fieseler.

Staff Sgt. James Rudh, pharmacy technician, and Senior Airman Rae Strong, medical admin-

istration, each scored over 90 percent on their CDC tests.

Staff Sgt. Angela Kiblin gave birth to her son, Emory John, who was born June 24.

## Headquarters/ Mission Support

Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Donnay received the Unit Commander's Excellence Award for the month. Staff Sgt. JoVan Birkhofer scored a 97 percent on her 7-level in-residence course. Staff Sgt. Robert Becker is attending technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

## Civil Engineer

Master Sgts. Russell Carnes and Patrick Murphy, along with Tech. Sgt. Tony Feigum, all from the unit's fire department, participated in the Boy Scout Ripley Rendezvous at Camp Ripley in June. Nearly 7,500 Boy Scouts and 1,500 chaperones toured a C-130 and fire protection vehicles on site.

Douglas Johnson was promoted to Senior Master Sgt., Earl Robinson and Wayne Stierlen were promoted to Master Sgt., and James Endres was promoted to Tech. Sgt.

The unit's training session hosted the 2003 AFRC Training Facilitators Workshop last month. A lot of hard work went into the planning and coordination by Tech. Sgt. John Kline, with assistance from Tech. Sgts. Ryan Pierce and Anthony Oswald.

The unit welcomed new members Airman Basic Justin Kevelin and Airman First Class Adam Jurek after arriving from their 3-skill level technical schools. Kevelin has been assigned to the Fire Protection shop, and Jurek went to the Readiness shop.

Master Sgt. Scott Leclair was appointed as this year's bivouac camp builder for the training that will be conducted in October at Camp Ripley.

The unit's structures shop, under the direction of Master Sgt. Robert Schabacker, spent the entire July UTA at the Army Ammunition Depot in Arden Hills, replacing exterior walls of 18 buildings on the site.

The unit's HVAC shop continued work during the July UTA on the installation and balancing of the air conditioning system in Building 729.

## Communications

Long-time member Master Sgt. Charles Epps transferred to an IMA position at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

The following members graduated from the Leadership Development Course, July 13: Tech. Sgt. Eric Ortiz and Staff Sgts. John Herrick, David Taylor and Endrell Rucker.

Staff Sgt. Christian Krug scored 100 percent on his 7-level course, and Staff Sgt. Cory Demuth scored 90 percent on his 7-level course.

Master Sgt. Sherrill Beecher participated in a recent "Dome Night" fundraiser.

## Recruiting

The following people assisted in the June Airshow in Mankato, but were inadvertently left off of last month's list. We wish to thank Master Sgt. Dan Pekel and Tech. Sgts. Eric Johnson and Richard Reinhart, all from Maintenance Squadron, for a job well done.



## 934th, 96th attain milestones

The 934th Airlift Wing and 96th Airlift Squadron reached important milestones in their histories. As of July 8, the all-time wing safe flying hours streak stands at 168,388.

The other important milestones are for individual achievement in attaining certain flying hour levels:

### 10,000 Hours

Chief Master Sgt.  
Marc Gilbertson

### 6,500 Hours

Senior Master Sgt.  
John Skarhus

Master Sgt.  
Mark Hartnett

### 5,000 Hours

Lt. Col. James Alexander  
Lt. Col. Thomas Anderson  
Lt. Col. Michael Bladel  
Lt. Col. Richard Gabe  
Lt. Col. Michael Huttner  
Lt. Col. Jay Pittman  
Lt. Col. Timothy Purcell  
Lt. Col. Robert Ross  
Lt. Col. Douglas Trogstad

Senior Master Sgt.  
James Schmidt

### 3,500 Hours

Lt. Col. David Gerken  
Lt. Col. James Jirele  
Major Bruce Besanko  
Major Michael Dargen  
Major James Hayes  
Major Robert Hockman  
Major James Majors  
Major Noel Nistler  
Major Thomas O'Reilly  
Major Timothy O'Reilly  
Major Paul Peterson  
Major Donald Petros  
Major Kenneth Rogers

Major Craig Trammell  
Senior Master Sgt.  
Michael Gilbert  
Master Sgt.  
Bradley Cooper  
Master Sgt. Terry Preusse  
Master Sgt.  
Stephen Taylor  
Tech. Sgt. Robert Mattern

### 2,500 Hours

Lt. Col.  
Donald Fleischmann  
Major Peter Draheim  
Major Richard Larson  
Major Caleb Merriman  
Major James Swartz  
Major Bruce Wiskus  
Major Timothy Wollmuth  
Capt. Mark VonBerge  
Senior Master Sgt.  
William Rudgers  
Master Sgt. Curtis Henke  
Master Sgt. Thomas Kim  
Master Sgt. Tom Thomas  
Tech. Sgt.  
Eugene Eberhardt

### 1,500 Hours

Major Drew Hansen  
Capt. Caroline Campbell  
Capt. Rob Rettig  
1st Lt. Christopher Rieland  
Master Sgt. Orin Johnson  
Master Sgt.  
Randall Lenton  
Master Sgt.  
Shannon Moerke  
Tech. Sgt. Eric DeCamp  
Tech. Sgt. Scott Hellzen  
Tech. Sgt.  
Thomas Reinardy  
Tech. Sgt.  
Matthew Seppala  
Tech. Sgt. Andrew Thomas



Senior Airman Chris Guthrie

### Missed a spot ...

Senior Master Sgt. Clark Johnson, 934th Mission Support Flight first sergeant, washes vehicles during the July UTA Military Ball fundraiser.

### Military Ball Information

Who: 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing  
What: 2003 Military Ball,  
Centennial of Flight 1903-2003  
When: Sat Sept. 6, 2003  
6 p.m. reception  
7 p.m. dinner  
Where: Ramada Airport Hotel and  
Thunderbird Convention Center, Bloomington  
Ticket Prices: E-1 to E-4: free  
E-5 to E-6: \$25  
E-7 to E-9: \$35  
Officers and Civilians: \$45