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Breaking ground for the future



Busy times ahead for 934th

By Col. Stephen J. DeWerff
934 AW vice commander

I want to start out this month's Viking Flyer by saying thanks to every one of you that make the 934th Airlift Wing the "Best" in Air Force Reserve Command. We have been very busy the first six months of 2006 and the future is looking busier.



I want to update you on what the future looks like for us in the 934th in the coming two years.

Air Mobility Command will be completing their Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit (ASEV) July 12-19. This primarily affects the members of Operations Group. The 96th Airlift Squadron and the 934th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron have been completing

in-flight check rides and taking aircraft system knowledge tests. The ASEV team is here to make sure all our flyers are proficient in their flying positions and reviewing the Wing Flying Standardization and Evaluation Program.

From the July 24-28 the Security Forces and Services Squadrons along with the Bio-Environmental and Anti-Terrorism office will be undergoing an Air Force Reserve Command directed Vulnerability Assessment, a major inspection of these programs.

The majority of the Wing will be involved with the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) that Air Force Reserve Command will administer 10-16 October of this year. This inspection looks at the Commander programs of each unit and the day to day operations of the Wing in general to make sure we are following the guidance of the Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command on how we do our daily mission. During this period the 934 ASTS and AES will be administered a Health Services Inspection (HSI) that will look at all the clinical work that they do and the way they run/administrate their programs. Lastly, the Maintenance Group will undergo a Maintenance Stan Evaluation Program inspection (MSEP). The inspection team will do a very thorough review of maintenance practices and procedures as well as look at paperwork documentation and procedures review. These four inspections will not only thoroughly look at how our wing does its routine business but how effectively and safely we do the work and how we document the results. During the months between the UCI and the ORE we will be conducting war skills training at home station

Starting January through April of 2007 the Wing falls into the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) 5/6 cycle 6. This is our turn in the "AEF bucket" where a number of our base support functions are eligible for voluntary deployment around the world, primarily to the CENTCOMAOR. We are one of a half-dozen wings in this AEF and we have UTC openings for almost 1000 positions in this cycle. We don't expect that many vacancies for the 934th, but we can anticipate 200-300 personnel being needed from the 934th to support Air Expeditionary Forces around the world. We will be requesting volunteers in the coming weeks and if you are able to support the AEF, then your volunteerism and patriotism will be greatly appreciated not only by AFRC but the whole Air Force Community.

While some of us are deployed for the AEF, the remaining senior wing leadership left behind will be preparing for the upcoming Air Mobility Command Wing Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) that is scheduled for March/April of 2008. There are several phases involved in the preparation for an ORI. The whole process takes roughly two years. First we will have Wing senior leaders doing a Command and Control Combat Laboratory with our unit control centers around 25-26 October 2006. This will be done in Minneapolis with the 910th Airlift Wing. The 910AW is tentatively scheduled to be our partners in the 2008 ORI. On the January UTA we will have 22AF visit our unit and everybody will go through War Skills Training. Plan on this training taking the majority of the UTA. Next we will have our command and control leadership doing a functional exercise and site survey at Volk Field, Wisc. March 21-25 2007. Approximately 150 people will attend this exercise. That will be followed by our Wing Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) with the 910AW approximately May 13-20 2007. This inspection will once again probably be at Volk Field. This exercise will include a major portion of our wing personnel, with as many as 500-600 people involved. Finally, the last opportunity to practice for the ORI, in November 2007 we will have a Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV) at a date and location to be determined. All of the dates listed in this article have been posted on the wing calendar accessible on the 934AW home page. The dates on the wing calendar are as current as we know and are updated as soon as we are aware of changes.

Our AMC directed ORI is tentatively scheduled for April 2008. We will be inspected by evaluators from Air Mobility Command and everything involving deployments, readiness, CBERNE, and war fighting skills will be graded. We are currently paired with the 910th Airlift Wing from Youngstown, Ohio as well as the Air National Guard units at St Joe's, Missouri and Reno, Nevada.

So as you can see, we have our work cut out for us. The men and women of the 934th Airlift Wing have always stepped up when given a challenge. You have a long legacy of success. If everyone prepares for these upcoming inspections as you have done in the past, I am confident that we will not only pass the inspection but excel! Hope everyone has a great summer.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Coincidence? I don't think So...

By Chaplain, (Capt.) Steve Svoboda
934 AW chaplain

A few months ago a group of parents in the Apple Valley school district met to form a community initiative to push for a clear schedule on Sundays. It was an effort to reclaim family time. (cf *Minneapolis Star Tribune*; Wednesday, 5 October 2005). How interesting, that it took a group of parents to find courage in a collective voice; not a strong position to be in. The problem is simple enough: we have let outside forces determine for us what is good, right, and important. We become committed to a course with no idea how to sustain it. *We haven't taken seriously the Bible's 3rd commandment in which God sets a law mandating a holy time of rest and recuperation.*

We are not above the law. Strength and the power to endure does not exist in numbers around you, it grows from

conviction within you. I would hope that we could find our voices long before we needed a group to speak for us. Moderating our schedules to include intentional down time, family time, time for worship, time for play is part of this law.

It guards and enhances life. All the ingredients to follow the wisdom of God's law are right here. We have a voice, a choice, and the responsibility to use them wisely. I wonder if this recent article was a sign that we have been passively quiet for too long. It could be a coincidence, but I don't think so.

Find your voice. Determine and make time for what is important. Experience the sustaining power of life that comes with the law of Sabbath Rest and rediscover days filled with meaning instead of days that are just filled.

EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JULY UTA – CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES HAVE CHANGED. NEW TIMES WILL BE: PROTESTANT SERVICE - UTA SATURDAYS AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL, ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE - UTA SUNDAYS AT 6:30 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL. BASE CHAPEL FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN BLDG. 725 (NORTH SIDE OF BASE, NEXT TO FAMILY READINESS).

Wing Commander's Hotline

The hotline provides wing members with a direct link to the wing commander to relay kudos, concerns or suggestions on wing matters.

To reach the hotline, call (612) 713-4685. Remember to leave your name and telephone number.

Before relaying problems, be sure to use your chain of command or call the responsible agency first so it can have the chance to help you.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline

Report suspected occurrences of Fraud, Waste and Abuse to the FWA hotline at (612) 713-1180.



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The deadline for all submissions is the Sunday of the UTA one month prior to publication.



Courtesy Photo

Environmental quality

The 934th Airlift Wing received the Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award at a Pentagon ceremony held May 3. The 934th has maintained its spotless environmental compliance record for almost 15 years. The Wing employed effective ways to maintain a 99 percent reduction of Class I and II ozone depleting substances through product and equipment substitutions and modifications. It partnered with their contractors to increase diversion of construction and demolition debris by 73 percent. Through increased awareness training, the 934th tripled annual recycling revenues in 2005, and recycled over 58,000 pounds of universal and hazardous wastes. Pictured from left, Mr. Michael Aimone, assistant deputy chief of staff for logistics, Col. Tim Tarchick, 934 AW commander, Mr. Les Canarr, 934 base civil engineer, Mr. John Marchetti, 934 environmental engineering branch chief, Col. Nancy Brooks, 934 MSG commander and Secretary of the Air Force Mr. Michael Wynne.

Son of 934th member selected for Space Academy

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Five young people whose parents are members of the Air Force Reserve Command have been selected to attend the Space Camp Academy July 31-Aug. 4 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

The camp uses a hands-on approach to introduce youths to space and aviation. More than 100 youths Air Force-wide, ages 12 – 18, competed for one of 64 scholarships to attend the camp.

Among the 32 youths attending the Space Academy, ages 12-14, are Caitlin Briggs, daughter of Maj. Richard Briggs, 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., and Nicolo Mendolia, son of Maj. Colleen Kelley, 439th

Aerospace Medicine Squadron at Westover ARB, Mass.

The other 32 selectees, ages 15 – 18, will go to the Advanced Space Academy. They include Eric Dunham, son of Staff Sgt. Paul Dunham, 934th AW historian; Christine Ortiz, daughter of Manuel Ortiz-Aleman, 482nd Communications Squadron, Homestead ARB, Fla.; and John Youngblood, son of Maj. Mary Jean Youngblood, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Dobbins ARB.

The Advanced Space Academy is a college-accredited program through the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Participants earn one hour of freshman-level general science credit from the university. (AFRC News Service)



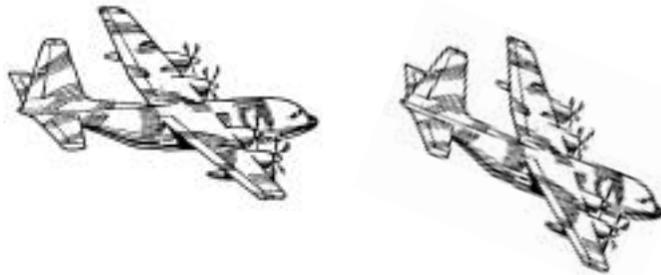
New SGLI rates announced

Effective July 1, the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) premium rate will increase from the current level of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 per month to 7 cents per \$1,000 of coverage per month. This will increase the premium rate for a service member, with the maximum coverage of \$400,000, from \$26 to \$28 per month. (an additional \$1 per month is charged for Traumatic Injury Protection.)

Also, effective July 1, the Family SGLI premium rate will decrease. Members with the maximum coverage of \$100,000 will have the following amounts deducted per month for FSGLI, depending on the spouse's age.

| (07/01/2006) | <u>AGE GROUP</u> | <u>NEW RATES</u> | |
|--------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| | <u>REVISED RATES FOR \$100,000 COVERAGE</u> | | |
| | UNDER 35 | \$.055 | \$5.50 |
| | 35 - 39 | .07 | \$7.00 |
| | 40 - 44 | .09 | \$9.00 |
| | 45 - 49 | .14 | \$14.00 |
| | 50 - 54 | .27 | \$27.00 |
| | 55 - 59 | .40 | \$40.00 |
| | 60 & Up | .52 | \$52.00 |

If you have any questions, please address them to AFRC/A1BB, TSgt Wesley C. Autry, DSN 497-0283, email address is wesley.autry@afrc.af.mil



AROUND THE PATTERN



Lt. Col Michael Maza, Military Equal Opportunity director, receives his retirement certificate from Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, during the June UTA. Colonel Maza retired with 25 years of service.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Martha Grimes

Wear of AFRC patch mandatory Oct. 1

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command is in the process of making the wear of the AFRC patch mandatory on battle dress uniforms and flight suits for unit reservists and headquarters staffers.

These people, who include those assigned to the AFRC headquarters and the Air Reserve Personnel Center, can start wearing the patch now. Oct. 1 is the mandatory wear date.

The new patch policy does not apply to mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and full-time members of the Active Guard and Reserve assigned outside the command.

“Our Air Force reservists are proud to be Airmen in our Air Force today. As we try our best to be an ‘Unrivaled Wingman,’ we are proud of our heritage as Citizen Airmen. Our people want to be

recognized as reservists,” said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander.

“As an Air Force major command, we wear our command patch so people



know who we are,” the general said.” We have been a major command for over nine

years. Our folks deserve to be recognized for the great work they do for our Air Force and our nation. We are ‘One Air Force, Same Fight...an Unrivaled Wingman.’”

The AFRC patch will go on the right breast pocket. Unit commanders may approve the wear of one sewn-on, subdued patch on the left breast pocket, either a numbered air force, wing or squadron organizational patch. That patch will be centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket.

People assigned to the area of responsibility will follow the guidance prescribed by that combatant command.

AFRC officials approved the purchase of the patches last year, and most units have already received funding to buy them. (AFRC News Service)

Viking Voices

What does your civilian boss think about your Air Force Reserve career?

Photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Olson



“They have been really supportive and accommodating when I need to go somewhere.”

Chief Master Sgt. Randy Polansky, 934th CES



“They’ve been extremely flexible during my entire career.”

Capt. Christine Gurnik, 934th AES



“He’s very supportive and proud of my service. He used to be a member of the Air Force Reserve.”

Senior Airman Kathryn Hagemeier, 934th ASTS



“My Air Force ROTC officers really like that I am a member of the Reserve.”

Senior Airman Rebecca Popper, 934th AES



Unit News

Construction begins on two 934 AW projects

By Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
934 AW Public Affairs

Groundbreaking ceremonies for two new 934th Airlift Wing facilities took place June 8. The Security Forces Operations Center will be a 32,000 square foot facility consolidating the Security Forces, Law Enforcement and Combat Arms for the 934th Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, at Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport, Air Reserve Station.

The \$5.2 million building has been designed to accommodate the potential of becoming a joint use law enforcement facility which will be the central hub for all installation security operations for the Air Force Reserve, Army Reserve, and Naval Reserve personnel. This central facility is essential for our military to perform effectively & efficiently, and recognizes the vital importance of joint military operations. Estimated completion is May 2007.



Rendering of Fitness Center with new addition.



The new Security Forces Building is scheduled for completion in May 2007.

Groundbreaking for the \$4.8 million addition to the Joint Services Fitness Center followed the SFS ceremony. This 24,000 square foot expansion will triple in size the existing fitness center facility. All branches of the armed services use the fitness center.

With the extreme winters that Minnesota is known for, indoor fitness training is a priority. Air Force Fitness Centers support a critical component of operational readiness. It provides necessary resources to support and maintain all areas of fitness. Allocating proper resources shows commitment to fitness and our Fit-To-Fight effort. Estimated completion is May 2007.

Both ceremonies were attended by local congressional staff members. Col. Tim Tarchick, 934th Airlift Wing commander, thanked the staffers for helping to make the projects come to fruition. "I have never before seen this much support for a Reserve unit," he said.



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach

Col. Tim Tarchick, 934 AW commander, expresses thanks to congressional staffers at the Fitness Center addition groundbreaking.





Security Forces Ironman



Courtesy photo

Mike Bier crosses the finish line in Brazil after almost 13 hours of swimming, cycling and running.

**By Master Sgt. Paul Zadach
934 AW Public Affairs**

Tech. Sgt. Mike Bier once thought to himself, “I won’t feel satisfied until I have that Ironman Brazil finisher medal hanging around my neck.” The medal is now his, as he completed the grueling test of endurance at the end of May, then returned to complete a week-long training exercise with the 934th Security Forces Squadron where he is assigned.

For those unfamiliar with the competition, the Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and 26.2 mile run all done consecutively. Bier competed in Brazil, which is one of the qualifying events for the championship held each year in Hawaii. Not many people could complete one leg of this test, but to earn the medal, all three must be completed in less than 17 hours. Bier, in his first attempt, crossed the finish line in 12 hours, 51 minutes and 11 seconds. “I did a lot of training in preparation, but since I had never competed in the actual event, I wasn’t sure if I would finish. The swimming was the toughest for me. The ocean swimming was harder than I expected, there’s really no place locally that duplicates actual ocean conditions. I had a goal to finish in less than 14 hours, so I was pleased with my time,” he said.

By his own admission, Bier was not an exceptional athlete during high school and used to be a cigarette smoker. “I ran cross country and track in high school but never got above the junior varsity level. I was a recreational

weight lifter, never ran more than 10 miles at a time and didn’t have much cardiovascular endurance.”

Soon after quitting smoking, he competed in his first triathlon in 1998 at age 29 and was hooked on the healthier addiction of triathlon. The event consists of a 2 mile swim, 17 mile bike ride and 4 mile run. Bier continued to ramp up his training from there. He ran his first marathon in 2000 and in 2003, on a dare, he ran 2003 miles over the year. No money involved, just one man’s determination to live up to his word.

Looking for some assistance and support in improving his times, he joined a local Triathlon club. “I was intimidated at the thought of joining a triathlon club, being surrounded by people on fancy expensive bicycles, wearing the latest high tech clothing who wouldn’t give you the time of day unless you could correctly spell the last name of the top ten finishers of last year’s Tour de France. I couldn’t have been



**Peddling toward the
112 mile mark.**

more wrong. Everyone in the club goes out of their way to make new members feel welcome. From the elite athletes, to the back of the packers, everyone cheers for one another to do their best.”

The low key helpful nature of the club members also describes Bier himself. Employed as a computer technician for the St. Louis Park School District in his civilian job, Bier comes across as humble and approachable, no sense of

the cockiness you might expect at his level of athletic prowess. In fact, he helps his fellow 934th members with advice and encouragement in passing the Air Force fitness test. While Bier scored a perfect 100 on his test, he says the test is hard. “It’s not something you can just go out and pass once a year. In order to be successful, you have to have a fitness program you work on all year long,” he said.

Bier’s desire to do the best he possibly can doesn’t change when he puts on his uniform. “I’m proud to be a part of the 934th. Our officers and senior NCOs demand our best at all times. We know we are expected to work and train hard, and always receive recognition when we go above and beyond. I feel that the better I perform, the better of an example I set for the airmen to follow, which will only make us stronger and more effective as a unit.”

This year’s Ironman was certainly not his last according to Bier. He is determined to do it again, even though financial and logistical hurdles are difficult as well. In order to compete, he has to do it on his own. Sponsorship deals are only available to the very top contenders. “I was told by others who completed an ironman that the feeling you get crossing the finish line is like no other, now I know what they were talking about.”

Flying heroes served before US entered war

By Keith Simpson
934th ASTS KFM

The sun blazed down from a clear blue July sky. In the fields close to the farm, workers were busy cutting the grass and making hay, with luck they may get a second crop of grass. Looking over the fields to the house the farmer saw his wife riding her bicycle down the lane on her way to the hayfield with lunch for the farm workers.

“Okay you lot, time for lunch,” He shouted. “About bloody time too,” grumbled Ted.

Ted always had something to moan about, or so it seemed. He was always quick to help the young school-boys, who were working during the summer holidays. All of them were totally unused to farm laboring. He would give them advice in an off-handed manner, on how to hold a hayfork, or how to turn the grass. It had to fall just right to dry; otherwise, it would tangle into a messy heap! He was careful to always warn them about how important it was to keep clear of the farm machinery.



Really Ted's bark was worse than his bite

Most of these lads come from cities and towns around London. They would be in danger of being casualties of the war, so had been evacuated to places of safety or at least relative safety. A couple of villages away two farm workers and some horses had been killed the week before. A German aircraft had machine-gunned them as they drove down a lane. That had stopped old Ted from grumbling about one thing. He had really moaned and complained when the farmer had made them dig trenches by the sides of all the fields and farm workshops,

“Thought I'd finished with this sort of malarkey when we beat 'em on the Somme in the last lot!” Ted complained.

“Yes Ted,” The farmer laughed, “And that's why we beat them, you dug the best trenches in the Division,” he had been Ted's Company commander in the local Yeomanry Regiment during the First World War.

The workers stopped work resting on their hay forks wiping the sweat from their brows, all across the field lay the rows of cut grass drying in the sun waiting for the bailer to bind it all ready for haystack building.

Everyone had gravitated to the gate where the farmer's wife was laying out lunch fresh bread, cheese, pickled onions, hard-boiled eggs, fresh milk and some buttered scones. Severe rationing in the future would deplete even

this simple fare.

“Look! Look! They're coming, they're coming,” the near hysterical cry from one of the young boys startled everyone, as he stood pointing to the sky.

They all looked up, fear gripped them all, never had such a sight been seen in living history. Marching across the sky coming toward them from the South and East was the largest armada of aircraft, ever to be seen across the skies of Kent. Stacked up flight upon flight, squadron upon squadron there seemed no space between them, on and on they came; no end to them, stretching away into the distance the Germans planes blackening the sky, deafening with their evil noise. Suddenly a higher pitched sound was heard above the drone of the bombers.

Diving from high above the bombers a squadron of British Hurricane fighters flew through the enemy bombers scattering them in disarray, other fighters took on the bombers escorts.

Soon the sky was full of aircraft chasing, spinning, diving, and climbing.

All who witnessed this scene would remember this day for the

rest of their lives.

A sound reminiscent of a woodpecker could be heard, only this brought death and destruction as the guns of attackers and defenders struggled to win the fight.

White contrails scored the blue of the sky as the combatants fought to attack or escape death, huge circles and curves of white trailed each fighter and bomber. Occasionally one of these white trails would end in a burst of black smoke and flame marking the end of friend or foe, sometimes a busting petal of a parachute blossomed in the air, the watchers hoping that it was the enemy and not one of their own young pilots.

One such aircraft plunged down to crash in flames about a mile away, no knowing who it was enemy or friend. Suddenly from the direction of the crash came the snarling roar of a thoroughbred fighter, as it roared toward them, every one dived for the trench, with the exception of old Ted. He stood his ground and waved his hat to the pilot as the aircraft executed a perfect victory roll across the field.

“You stupid! Old sod Ted,” The farmer exclaimed, “That could have been a Jerry.” “Oh no, that's why we won last time boss, I keep up on - my - aircraft recognition, that was a Hurricane!” Ted laughed.

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COMBAT DINING OUT

Tickets are now on sale to the Combat Dining Out, see your First Sgt. to sign up. You will need to pay at the time you sign up. Checks can be made out to "Friends of the Flying Vikings". Prices are below: (Your guest pays the same price as you).

- \$30 Civilians, Captains and above
- \$25 Non-Military Base Employees, Top Three, and Lts
- \$20 E-6's and E-5's
- \$5 E-4 and below

What to wear – Military – BDU's/Flight Suits or DCU's/Desert Flight Suits

Civilian – casual (see T-Shirt sales below)

NOTE: The DCU's/Desert Flight Suits may only be worn to the Combat Dining Out function – they are not authorized as the Uniform of the Day.

T-Shirt Fundraiser – In case your guest doesn't know what to wear we have T-Shirts for sale. They will be available for sale during the July and August UTA's. On Sunday of the July UTA, you can purchase them in front of the BX, Dining Facility, and inside Bldg 760 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Colors are black, tan, and white. For Sat. Aug. 5 only, the black ones will be authorized for wear under the BDU's/Flight Suits. Prices are:

- \$13 – Small, Medium, Large
- \$15 – XL, XXL, XXXL

At the Combat Dining Out there will be a Grog Bowl. What is that? See Grog Bowl 101 for more information. The Rules of the Mess will be published in the Aug Viking Flyer. Punishment for violations of these rules wins you a trip to the Grog Bowl (both leaded and unleaded will be available).

Heads Down!! Are you ready to rumble??? Each Group Commander will be competing for the best bunker and the rights to go thru the meal line first. The groups are: MX Group, Ops Group, and the AW (that includes ASTS). Winner also gets a coveted trophy to display in their Group office.

Stay tuned – more details to come next month...right here in the Viking Flyer.

Grog Bowl-101

The President of the Mess is the final authority when determining who goes to the grog bowl. To start the process, you must call a point of order: "Mr. President, point of order,"

However, remember:

In order to send someone to the bowl,
There is something you should know,
The only way to punish a crime,
Is to make a rhyme.

But, before you show your face,
Please make sure it's in good taste,
If you offend in any way,
You'll drink too; without delay!

Before sending someone up,
Remember you might join them in a cup,
For there is revenge in rebuttal,
As long as their rhyme does not muddle.

Here are the procedures for drinking the grog:

March to bowl promptly, squaring all corners. Upon arrival, the member:

1. Salutes the grog.
2. Fills the cup with grog (at least 1/3 full).
3. Drains the grog from the cup without removing it from the lips.
4. Tips the cup upside down over his/her head.
5. Replaces the cup, again salutes the grog, and returns to his/her seat. The violator is not permitted to speak during this process.

Heroes

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“Did you see him Ted? Did you see him?” One of the boys asked excitedly, “Was it one of them yanks?”

“What! Yanks boy! That’s a British plane, Yanks ain’t in the war.”

“Boy’s right Ted, some sneaked over and joined the Royal Air Force, and others joined the Canadians. I’m told they’ll go to jail if they go back to America. Their government takes a dim view of them fighting for foreigners.”

“Foreigners! Foreigners! We ain’t foreigners were British, and all I can say is God Bless ‘em! Just shows some of ‘em ‘ave good sense even if their

Government ain’t.” July 10, 1940, the first day of the Battle of Britain, and yes even if the USA wasn’t in the war many American men had evaded the Police and FBI, got on to ships or crossed into Canada to join the military in Europe. To fight! For what? - A cause! - For adventure! – Certainly not for money! - Who knows? The facts are that many would die. One would become the only American to Command a Royal Air Force fighter squadron, and later be the youngest Colonel, at 23, ever in the US Army Air Corps.

He finally retired as a Major General, after a distinguished career in the US Air Force.

Nine Americans flew in combat missions during the Battle of Britain. Flying in the Royal Air Force. The

battle would last through a long hot summer from July 10, 1940 to October 30.

Of those nine, two were to die during the battle and five in the months after, the other two I am still researching. In the next few months it is my hope to bring you some insight into the air war in England as fought by the Americans who fought not with, but as Full Members of the Royal Air Force, holding the Kings Commission. They fought in the uniform of a country foreign to them, but all wore it proudly and on the sleeve of their uniform was the Eagle of the United States.

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed, by so many to so few”--Sir Winston Churchill, August, 1940.



A win for the Wing

John Brown, 934 AW command post, connects for a hit and Jeff Grunewald, 934 AW recruiter, slides in for a close play at second during the 934th Airlift Wing’s 10-3 victory over the Air National Guard June 7.

Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Zadach





VIKING VIBES



Holiday hours

The Services Club will be closed July 1 to 4. The Officers' Club will be closed July 2 to 4.

Scholarship

For the 10th year, Air Force Club membership is helping members and their families combat the costs of higher education. Six individuals will be selected to receive up to \$6,000 in scholarship money given away in the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on this year's topic, "Proud to be an American." Only one essay per person. Applicants must also provide a single-page summary of their previous accomplishments and their long-term career and life goals. The summary may include civic, athletic and academic awards and accomplishments.

Essays and summaries must be submitted to the 934th Services Squadron Chief of Services by July 14. Winners will be announced Oct. 11.

Only current Air Force Club members and their families (spouse, son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter) who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or

university for entry during the fall 2006 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible to enter. Grandchildren who are dependents of the club member are also eligible. Applicants must provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter.

Pick up an entry form at any Services facility or at the Services office in Bldg. 852, Room 213. For more information, call Margo Leslie at (612) 713-1119.

Catering

Both the Officers' Club and Services Club offer catering services for special events, such as birthdays, graduation parties, weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, promotions, retirements, awards banquets and conferences. Various room sizes are available to accommodate up to 200 guests. Call the clubs' catering professionals at the Officers' Club at

(612) 767-1960 ext. 202 or the Services Club at (612) 713-1674.

Bike ride

The Riding Vikings will host a bike ride June 17 on the Southwest Regional Light Rail Trail from Hopkins to Victoria. Riders meet at the Depot Coffee House and leave at 9 a.m. The route is 30 miles roundtrip. Helmets are required. No entry fee. Family and friends are welcome. Gatorade will be available. This event is sponsored by Gatorade. No federal endorsement of commercial product intended. Go to www.hopkinsmn.com/depot for a map. For more details, call Ronna Puck at (612) 713-1665.

Membership

Club membership offers exclusive benefits for members, including free birthday meals, discounts on meals more than \$4, membership nights, contests, rewards program and a 10-

Clarification

In the article on the Services award in the June 2006 edition of the Viking Flyer, 2nd Lt. Dennis Davis did not deploy to Kyrgyzstan.

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Senior Master Sgt. Doug Johnson

percent discount on all personal catered events.

Club members also receive a 10-percent discount on rentals at Outdoor Recreation.

The club card is accepted world-wide at all Air Force Clubs.

Pick up membership application at either the Officers' Club or Services Club. Call (612) 713-1680 for more information.

Lounge

The Services Club lounge is open 11 a.m. Wednesdays. The Officers' Club lounge is open 11 a.m. Fridays.

Golf tournament

The 934th Airlift Wing Golf Tournament will be held July 15 at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings. Registration starts 4 p.m. at the clubhouse. Tee time is 4:45 p.m. Shot gun start. The \$40 fee includes cart, food and prizes. Prizes will be awarded for the longest putt, closest to pin and longest drive. There will also be a special Air Force Sergeants' Association competition. Teams must have four players. For more details or to sign up, call (612) 713-1496. Fees are due at sign up.

Mugs

Mug Nights starts 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Officers' Club and 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Services Club. Order a custom-made mug from the bartender. Choose from a variety of designs. Until it arrives, bring in a mug of your choice. Enjoy tap beer for \$1.75 (up to 20 oz.) and brat, sauerkraut and potato salad for \$3.50. Lounge menu also available.

Bingo

Play bingo at the Services Club every Friday starting at 5:15 p.m. Social hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. and players can enjoy free appetizers. For details, call (612) 713-3670.

Lounge and pizzeria

The "Chill Out" Lounge and Pizzeria is open Tuesday to Friday 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and Wednesday through Friday 4 to 9 p.m. for dinner. The pizzeria is open until 10 p.m. during Friday and Saturday UTAs. For more information or to place an order, call (612) 713-1672.

Lodging

Check out the new DVD rental vending machine at the North Country Lodge. It is available 24/7. See the latest movies for only \$1.49 per movie per night! Stop by during a lunch break or on the way home and take advantage of this easy and convenient way to rent movies. No need to be a Lodging guest to use the machine.

Relocation

Due to construction, the fitness center has relocated temporarily to Bldg. 507, at the 88th RSC Army Reserve Center. Its hours of operation are Monday to Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more details, call (612) 713-1496 or (612) 919-5134.

Rentals

The Outdoor Recreation Center, located in Bldg. 778, offers a wide variety of sports equipment, lawn games, camping gear, party supplies, and more for rent. Plaques for retirements and award ceremonies can also be purchased at the center. The center is open Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Call (612) 713-1496 or (612) 919-5134.

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

- Col. Stan Sheley
- Col. Kristin Rudin
- Lt. Col. Anne Jones
- Lt. Col. Neil Anderson
- Lt. Col. Judith Marchetti
- Lt. Col. Michael Maza
- Maj. Michael Erickson
- Maj. Neal Landeen
- Maj. Todd Laughman
- CMSgt. Thomas Foss
- CMSgt. Jeffrey Gustafson
- CMSgt. Michael Zurn
- SMSgt. Willam Rudgers
- SMSgt. Robert Arkulary
- SMSgt. Curtis Henke
- SMSgt. Gino Marchetti
- SMSgt. Robert Linder
- Master Sgt. Anthony Feigum
- MSgt. Brent Haynes
- MSgt. Karl Thorner
- MSgt. Chris Vandenberg



AF Commendation Medal

- TSgt. Mark Patrick



AF Achievement Medal

- MSgt. Timothy Atchley
- Maj. Richard Goodwin
- TSgt. Kristen Maloney



The Science Museum of Minnesota in cooperation with the 934th Airlift Wing's Information, Tickets & Tours office is happy to extend the following special prices for military members and their families for Body Worlds:

Military Rate Admission Exhibits, Body Worlds and Omnitheater. Exhibits and Body Worlds

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------|---------|------|
| Adult | \$22 | \$17.50 | |
| Child (4-12) | \$14 | \$11 | |
| Youth (13-18) | \$17 | \$14 | |
| College Student (with ID) | \$17 | \$14 | \$14 |
| Senior (60+) | \$17 | \$14 | |

* Must present military ID when purchasing tickets

For more information on these rates, call the ITT office on base at (612) 713-1496.

Call ahead to (651) 221-9444 to reserve times, especially on weekends. There is a \$2 reservation fee.

After Body Worlds, the military discount will continue. This will be 15% off exhibit and Omnitheater admissions.

Unit update

AES

Congratulations to **Staff Sgt. Lindsey Briggs** and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Jillian Grace, born on May 7.

Job well done to **Capt. Gordon Wix, Maj. Mark Zollinger, Maj Mike Johnson, Master Sgt. Tony Staut, Senior Airman Matt Banyai, Senior Airman Keith Beyer and Senior Airman D. Armesto** on completing a EUCOM mission in May 2006.

Welcome to the 934 AES **Senior Airman Myte Dahl**.

ASTS

The Community College of the Air Force awarded Staff Sgt. Emma L. Shaler and Tech. Sgt Mark A. Patrick their Associates degrees.

Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Patrick is awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal

Staff Sgt. Braden Briggs has a new baby girl in his family. Congratulations!

Services

The Services unit Commander; Major Neal Landeen received the Meritorious Service Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster presented by Col. Nancy Brooks. The Major was noted for his extreme dedication and outstanding service to his unit and the Air Force. Senior Airman Joseph Cervantes was recognized by the first sergeants for possessing and exhibiting Air Force core values and outstanding customer service.

2nd Lt. Dennis Davis was named Company Grade Officer of the Year. Senior Airman Angela Fahey received the AFRC Hennessy Traveler's Award at this year Services Conference. Congrats to Master Sgt. Stacy Campbell for completing her Community College of the Air Force Degree. Two other members received recognition for 90% or better on the end of course testing for CDCs; Senior Master Sgt. Michael McGuire and Staff Sgt. Joel Harrington.

The unit had 17 members deployed for training to Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs located at Dover Air Force Base during the May UTA. Capt. Cory Larsen volunteered for a 120 day deployment to the port mortuary in

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support the Operation Iraqi Freedom. Senior Airman Michael Hotter is completing his intern to obtain his hospitality degree, at Lake Tahoe, Harrahs Hotel and Casino.

Services' welcomes new members Capt. Scott Uselding from the 440 SVS squadron out of Milwaukee, Wisc. and prior Army Reservist Staff Sgt. Sarah Watts.

CES

Unit Information: We said goodbye to our friend and comrade Senior Master Sgt. Bob Linder who retired after 26 years of service to his country. Thank you for your service.

Fire dawgs Senior Airmen Drew Feste Joseph Hillstrom will from hence forth be referred to as Staff Sergeants. Hoo-ah!

Tech. Sgt. James Palo (Equipment shop) returned from his 141 day deployment at Bolling AFB.

Senior Airman Daniel Iastas (Structural shop) was awarded a certificate for achieving an Associates Degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Senior Airman Mason Barland (Readiness) passed his Course 1 test... Nothing but brighter days ahead for this up-and-coming Airman!

27 APS

During the month of May, the 27 APS had 23 unit members return home from their 123+ day AEF tour at Manas AB Krgyzstan.

Senior Airmen Aaron Korthals and Matthew Russell were promoted to Staff Sgt. during the May UTA. Airman 1st Class Nathan VanEngen was promoted to Senior Airman and Airman Basics Jasmine Ewing and William Carlson were promoted to Airman during the June UTA.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Madison, SSgts. Andy Schneider, Kayla Bultinck, Lee Place, and Senior Airman Mitch Brantner performed their last UTAs in May with the 27 APS and have moved onto other Air Force Reserve units.

June 24, 28 unit members departed for Ramstien AB Germany for their two week annual tour with the 723rd Air Mobility Squadron.

Promotions

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| CMSgt. Richard Karpinski | 934 MXG |
| SMSGt. Timothy Atchley | 934 ASTS |
| MSgt. Deborah Edwall | 934 ASTS |
| MSgt. Randall Husser | 934 MXS |
| MSgt. Ivette Young | 934 MSF |
| TSgt. James Burmeister | 934 MXS |
| TSgt. Johnette Frazier | 934 ASTS |
| TSgt. Aaron Groskueutz | 934 SFS |
| TSgt. Wayne Wacek | 934 ASTS |
| TSgt. John Villegas | 934 SFS |
| TSgt. James Erickson | 934 AMXS |
| SSgt. Jordan Anderson | 934 MXS |
| SSgt. Jason Lemire | 934 ASTS |
| SSgt. Joshua Bisch | 934 SFS |
| SSgt. Elizabeth Coronado | 934 SFS |
| SSgt. Drew Feste | 934 CES |
| SSgt. Joseph Hillstrom | 934 CES |
| SSgt. Timothy Hunter | 934 MXS |
| SSgt. Aaron Korthals | 27 APS |
| SSgt. Robert McDonough | 27 APS |
| SSgt. Cameron Muelling | 934 AMXS |
| SSgt. Matthew Russell | 27 APS |
| SSgt. Chayo Smith | 934 ASTS |
| SSgt. Krostopher Tenney | 934 MXS |
| SSgt. Ryan Torgerson | 934 MXS |
| SrA Kristina Martagon | 934 ASTS |
| SrA Nathan Vanengen | 27 APS |
| A1C Roger Gomez | 934 AW |

UTA Schedule

Fiscal Year 2006

June 3-4

July 15-16

Aug. 5-6

Sep. 9-10

Fiscal Year 2007

Oct. 14-15

Nov. 4-5

Dec 2-3

Jan 6-7

Feb 3-4

Mar 3-4

Apr 14-15

May 4-7

June 2-3

July-NONE

Aug 4-5

Sep 8-9



Calendar

| Time | Activity | Location | POC |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| SATURDAY | | | |
| 0730 to 1600 | Newcomers Flight | Per schedule | MSgt Besser, x1755 |
| 0800 to 1200 | Air Force Testing, Appt Only | Bldg 852, room 206 | MSgt Lunde, x1501 |
| 0800 to 1430 | MPF ID Cards Open | Bldg 852, room 105 | TSgt Jorgensen, x1085 |
| 0830 to 1200 | Disaster Prep, CONOPS Refresher | Bldg 760, room 130 | SMSgt Johnson, x1934 |
| 0845 to 1130 | Physical Exams | Bldg 840 | SMSgt Hanson, x1642 |
| 0845 to 1130 | Sick Call | Bldg 840 | MSgt Rebholtz, x1612 |
| 0845 to 1130 | ASTS Laboratory Draws (All lab draws) | Bldg 840 | MSgt Kaufmann, 1633 |
| 0845 to 1115 | Hearing Exams | Bldg 840 | MSgt Rebholtz, x1612 |
| 0900 to 1130 | Immunizations | Bldg 840 | SMSgt Brausen, x1617 |
| 0900 to 1000 | First Sergeants Council Meeting | Wing CC Conf Room | CMSgt Dalton, x1211 |
| 0900 to 1000 | Unit Deployment Meeting | Bldg 760, room 194 | SMSgt Schyma, x1789 |
| 1000 to 1100 | SABC Unit Monitor Meeting | Lodging Mtng Room | Col Llambes, x1616 |
| 930 to 1130 | Medical Outprocessing | Bldg 840 | SMSgt Goetz, x1642 |
| 1215 to 1615 | Certifying HAZMAT | Bldg 745, room 108 | SMSgt Schyma, x1789 |
| 1230 to 1600 | Physical Exams | Bldg 840 | SMSgt Hanson, x1642 |
| 1230 to 1500 | Immunizations | Bldg 840 | SMSgt Brausen, x1617 |
| 1230 to 1330 | Enlisted Advisory Council | Wing CC Conf Room | CMSgt Dalton, x1211 |
| 1230 to 1600 | Hearing Exams | Bldg 840 | MSgt Rebholtz, x1612 |
| 1300 to 1600 | Medical Outprocessing | Bldg 840 | SMSgt Goetz, x1642 |
| 1300 to 1600 | ASTS Laboratory Draws (HIV only) | Bldg 840 | MSgt Kaufmann, 1633 |
| 1300 to 1600 | Sick Call | Bldg 840 | MSgt Rebholtz, x1612 |
| 1500 to 1600 | SMSgt. Strain Retirement | Bldg 821 | SMSgt Gillespie x 1323 |
| 1630 to 1730 | Protestant Service | Bldg 725, Chapel | Chaplain Svoboda x1226 |
| SUNDAY | | | |
| 0630 to 0730 | Catholic Services | Bldg 725, Chapel | Chaplain Svoboda x 1226 |
| 0730 to 1600 | Newcomers Flight | Per schedule | MSgt Besser, x1755 |
| 0730 to 0900 | MPF ID Cards Open | Bldg 852, room 105 | TSgt Jorgensen, x1085 |
| 0800 to 0900 | Awards and Decs Board | Wing CC Conf Room | Lt Williams, x1755 |
| 0830 to 1130 | PME/EOC Testing | Bldg 852, room 206 | TSgt Young, x3542 |
| 0830 to 1200 | Disaster Prep, CONOPS Refresher | Bldg 760, room 130 | SMSgt Johnson, x1934 |
| 0900 to 1000 | HRDC Meeting | Wing CC Conf Room | Col DeWerff, x1298 |
| 0900 to 1000 | Protestant Service | Bldg 725, Chapel | Chaplain Perry, x1226 |
| 1000 to 1100 | SABC Unit Monitor Meeting | Lodging Mtng Room | Col Llambes x1616 |
| 1000 to 1100 | Suicide Awareness | Bldg 840, ASTS | Maj Simpson, x1641 |
| 1000 to 1100 | Chief's Council | Wing CC Conf Room | CMSgt Dalton, x1211 |
| 1100 to 1430 | MPF ID Cards Open | Bldg 852, room 105 | TSgt Jorgensen, x1085 |
| 1215 to 1615 | Increment Manager Training | Bldg 745, room 108 | SMSgt Schyma, x1789 |



C-130s around the world

A C-130 Hercules taxis at Balad Air Base, Iraq, after an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission on Monday, June 12.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Tony R. Tolley

Club Membership Drive (June - July)

**Club members, get a new member to sign up &
you both receive great gifts!**



**You both also get a chance to win a \$1,000 gas gift card!
Club members who complete a customer comment card
get a chance to win a Bose stereo system!**

It pays to be a club member!

No federal endorsement of commercial product intended.

Wanted: Your ideas for the menu at the Services Club

To better serve you, the Services Club is in the process of enhancing its lunch menu & is looking for your ideas.

What are your favorites on the menu?

What new items would you like to be added to the menu?

What don't you like on the menu and why?
Please share your inputs and ideas. We'd love to hear from you.

E-mail the 934th Services Squadron marketing office at cristina.oxtra@minneapolis.af.mil.

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